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JEFF CONNERS ELECTED C.S.P.A. CHIEF

Quality Point Averages Computed; Women Top Men The First Semester

The Quality Point Averages for the 1965-66 semester have been computed. The semester QP for the 1,683 women on campus who are on the four point system is 2.513. For those who are still on the three point system the average is 1.715. The semester average for men is 2.252.

The semester average for 1,379 independent women on the four point system is 2. It is 1.676 for those on the three point system.

The semester average for the Alpha Xi Delta pledges on the four point system is 2.354. The average for the active members on the four point system is 2.719 and 1.890 for those on the three point system.

Delta Zeta pledges on the four point system have an average of 2.625. The active members on the same system have an average QP of 2.792, while those on the three point system have a 1.866.

Kappa Delta pledges on the four point system have an average of 2.620. Those on the three point system have a 3.00. The active members on the four point system have an average QP of 2.551, and a 1.720 for those on the three point system.

The pledges of Sigma Sigma Sigma on the four point system have an average QP of 2.397. The active members on the same system have a 2.614, while those on the three point system have a 1.789.

The all sorority semester QP for those on the four point system is 2.592. For those on the three point system it is 2.410.

The fraternity average is 2.235. The Alpha Chi Rho semester average is 2.270; Sigma Pi,

2.343; Sigma Tau Gamma, 2.072; Tau Kappa Epsilon, 2.111; and Theta Chi, 2.278.

The averages of the fraternity pledges are as follows: Alpha Chi Rho, 2.121; Sigma Pi, 2.105; Sigma Tau Gamma, 2.042; Tau Kappa Epsilon, 2.038; and Theta Chi, 2.141. Average QPs for the active members of Alpha Chi Rho is 2.372; Sigma Pi, 2.486; Sigma Tau Gamma, 2.085; Tau Kappa Epsilon, 2.151; and Theta

Chi, 2.379.

The average QP for the men living in Patterson hall is 2.372. Sentinel Hall has an average of 2.084.

Men's QP averages for the supervised borough houses are as follows: Cooper House, 1.692; Lafayette House, 2.212; Maier House 1.966; McFarlane House, 2.370; Ross Cottage, 1.700; Waggoner House, 2.308; and Winthrop House, 1.850.

Co-op Important For School Life

The Cooperative Activities Advisory Board is appointed by Dr. Robert Carter. Members of the board include Dr. Narciso Gamberoni, president; Dr. Gerald Chesin; Mr. Mark Shiring, press representative; Mr. Joseph Marks; and student representatives Paul Steiman, president of Representative Council, and John Grandinetti, vice-president of Representative Council. Mrs. Virginia Wickersham is the manager for Cooperative Activities.

Cooperative Activities manages the budgets for all activities supported by the \$30.00 activities fee, book store profit, and athletic ticket sales. Any organization which desires inclusion in the Cooperative Activities budget must submit a request to the chairman of the board. (Budgets for the 1966-67 school year were to be presented by March 15. The tentative budget will be finished by April 15, and the final budget by May 15.)

Policy for the operation of the Book Store and the Hut is set by Cooperative Activities. The primary projects for this year have been: the addition of two new station wagons, the switch to permanent ID cards, the sound system in East Gym for the dances, the new method of book sale, and the purchase of bleachers for the football field. Co-op is

considering a new juke box for the Grille and a new ditto machine for Representative Council.

Cooperative Activities was developed as the result of an opinion rendered by the attorney general of Pennsylvania in 1934. That opinion provided that each of the then State Teachers Colleges could organize a student cooperative association which would operate the bookstore, establish and control the financial operations of the athletic program, finance student publications, and provide for a wide range of co-curricular activities not financed by the state, but which are designed to contribute to the improvement of the college program. The engaging of student employees is subject to the approval of the Dean of Students.



Rocket Representatives Attend Journalistic Conference In N.Y.

Jeffrey Connors, editor-in-chief of *The Rocket*, was elected president of the College and University Division of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association at its forty second annual convention. The voting took place in the Americana Hotel in New York City on March 12, 1966. His term of office is scheduled to last for one year.

After the election results were announced, Mr. Connors said, "I am very pleased to have been elected, and will serve the association to the best of my ability." He was the first student of Slippery Rock ever to win that presidency. His opponent was Miss Barbara Fearling of Elizabeth City State College, North Carolina.

Three other *Rocket* staff members also attended the C.S.P.A. convention. Amy Hubler, exchange editor, Sherry Campbell, assistant editor, and Walt Obermeier, news editor, all contributed to and profited from it.

Mr. Edward Walsh and his wife, Frances, also attended the affair which lasted from March 10 to 13. Mr. Walsh conducted an advisors forum which dealt with many common newspaper problems.

One of the hottest issues discussed was the paid newspaper staff. It seems that of the member schools, certain ones pay their journalists. *Rocket* writers work without pay. Different methods for payment are used in other colleges from salaries to credits toward graduation.

Many other topics relating to newspaper work were covered at different sessions. For example, Mr. Connors conducted a roundtable discussion on "The Sports Column," and Miss Hubler

Navy Recruits For OCS

The Pittsburgh Navy Recruiting Station has announced that, contrary to recent rumors, the Navy Officer Candidate School is accepting qualified applicants.

If any male or female students are within one year of receiving their bachelor's degree and are considering becoming Naval officers, they are invited to investigate the Navy OCS. However, those interested are urged to make application before graduation, and in the case of males, at least two months previous to being re-classified as 1-A.

chaired the meeting, "Journalism—Preparation for Living."

The different member schools were all invited to submit their papers for criticism and rating. *The Rocket* took a second place in the educational school division.

While in New York, the Slippery Rock delegates stayed at the Hotel Taft in Manhattan and commuted daily to the conferences at Columbia University. Evenings were all free, and the delegates amused themselves by attending plays, parties, and intellectual discussions.

French Honorary Takes Jaunt To Pittsburgh

Gamma Sigma Chapter of Pi Delta Phi, French Honorary, sponsored a trip to Pittsburgh this semester in order that the members and other French students would have an opportunity to see two French plays.

Thirteen new members plus an honorary member, Dr. John Dearth, were initiated last month. The new members include Mary Alice Atkinson, Cheri Campbell, Joan Degnan, Vic Drescher, Lynne Hager, Lynette Halvorsen, Pat Jurdana, Paula Kromer, Toni LaRosa, Linda Merriman, Sue Newell, June Sherry, and Rita Sinatra.

The initiation took place in the home of Mrs. Ladd in Grove City. Following the ceremony, all the members plus several alumni members had dinner at the Penn-Grove Hotel. Mrs. Alma V. Ladd is the advisor of Gamma Sigma Chapter. Louise Loza is President and Marilyn Franko is Secretary-Treasurer.

"B" Average

Pi Gamma Mu Initiates Two Graduate Students

Pi Gamma Mu, honorary Social Science fraternity, recently initiated twelve into the ranks of membership. For the first time in its history at Slippery Rock, Pi Gamma Mu initiated two Graduate students, Marie Crape and Adolph Scialabba, thereby setting a precedent to be followed in the future.

Others taken in were: John Arnold, Patricia Chernok, Eugene Colarusso, Dennis Czckaj, Anthony Cherby, Jean Kennedy, Richard Kunkle, William McNany, Frank Shields, and Mr. Marc Selman, Administrative Assistant to the President and member of the Social Studies department.

Membership in Pi Gamma Mu for undergraduates requires 20 hours or more of 'B' average work in the social sciences. A 'B' or better average in the social sciences on the graduate level is required of graduate students.

Be It Spring!



Above we see the cold, blank wall completely uninhabited and alone in the winter weather. It is very sad. Next to it, however, we note that the spring course, wallology is again offered and the wall is once more warm and happy.

Rocket Members Head East

Jeff Connors, Eileen Byrne, Marion McClure, and Dave Evans will represent the *Rocket* at the Pennsylvania State College Press Association Conference, held March 26 thru 28, at California State College.

Accompanied by Mr. Edward Walsh or Mr. Mark Shiring, the representatives will travel to California by automobile. Under

the direction of the California newspaper staff, meetings and workshops will be conducted following registration, Friday at one o'clock.

Composed of the thirteen state colleges, the Pennsylvania State College Press Association works to unify policies and to help solve the problems of the schools involved.

Haps and Mishaps of Teaching Create Valuable Experiences

By RON SERAFINE



R. Serafine

Not long ago we mentioned an article written by a first-year teacher and discussed a few of his mistakes. A more recent article—this one by a young female teacher—in the same magazine (*The English Journal*) runs along the same lines and, in fact, repeats some of the problems and cautions mentioned in the first article.

The author tells of several aspects of teaching which she thinks should have been told to her in college. One of these concerns student behavior about which she makes the discouraging statement that "practice teaching does not prepare one

for controlling a class." Where then, does one learn about class control? Surely we need not wait until we obtain a teaching position to learn about these things—or do we? Are you getting any guidance in discipline techniques in your educational psychology class? If not, you might suggest discussions on this to your teacher, for not every student can or may take advanced psychology courses to learn these techniques.

A very important statement is made in connection with discipline: "High school students expect to behave and do what they are told." It has long been this writer's contention that a student must have the feelings of security and "wantedness" which adult-made rules and principles afford him. Giving a child or adolescent carte blanche to behave as he pleases may cause him to think that no one cares enough about him to be concerned with his actions.

Mentioned also in the article are the two books which all teachers have: the daily planbook and the class record book. The former is considered an official document which may be examined periodically by the principal or department head; the class record, or more simply, the grade book is the teacher's inventory record. In this he must keep accounts of what the students know, how much they know, and through analysis of these, what the students need to obtain. The records must be legible, neat, and exact. It is very wise to keep a copy of records in case of loss or fire.

These are only a couple of the points covered in the article called "Why Didn't Someone Tell Me?" More could be included and some personal ones could be added but we will leave that for another time.

stripes for first place finishes, not green ones. And what is the steel rings competition?

"The Rocket", (sic) though, should be congratulated on such "morale-building" statements as "no one talks about Rocket basketball in a happy tone of voice" or losing "in a typical Rocket game." (Feb. 25.) And why not print junior varsity scores and outstanding performers? Surely freshman basketball exceeds intramural basketball in stature!

Another suggestion—why not make the "Sports Capsule" section a congratulatory column for outstanding performances of the past week, such as a track, gymnastics, or pool record, a wrestler's pinning an opponent, or the like? Is it important to know what the wrestlers pick from their teeth or which swimmer wears nose plugs? I'm sure this column could be made much more invigorating with a little time and effort!

Slippery Rock is supposed to be nationally-known for its athletics and school spirit—at least

FRATERNITY NU'S

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Tau Kappa Epsilon

The brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon are proud to announce the names of new brothers Bob Begg, Chuck Digruttello, Doug Show, Mike Fischer, Ed Ritz, Gary Strellec, Lou Gaurdino, Skip Boyer, Gill Milne, and Nick Homziak who were installed as brothers on Saturday, March 5.

Congratulations are in order for brother Tip Dabrowski on his recent pinning to Kathy Gibson.

Newly-installed TKE pledges include: Pat Walsh, Ralph Butera, Ken Hagelganz, Walt Cooper, Bob Horowitz, Andy Alcorn, Pat Dougherty, Mike Amantea, Phil Conte, Bill Hagmaier, Ron Holtzer, Dale Arbusch, John Santilli, Gary Bailey, Jack Doloughy and Mike Wagner.

Tomorrow evening the brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon will continue their spring party program with a pajama party at the TKE house.

Theta Chi

Congratulations to Lofty Lucas who was elected the most valuable pledge of the delta pledge class. This award is given after each pledge period to the person who does the most for the fraternity as a pledge. Theta Chi took first place in the intramural competition, a trophy will be presented in the near future for the victorious brothers.

Congratulations to brother Jim "Crow" Grande for being elected IFC president.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Editor's Note

The letter on page two is a well written attempt to say something which the co-authors evidently have a fear of expressing in clear, honest language.

As it stands it expresses almost nothing and is nothing except a cute little story.

If a grievance is sincere and well presented, let it be said here and now that the ROCKET will print it and defend it if need be.

Dear Editor:

In recent issues of "The Rocket", (sic) the sports staff has been doing an insufficient job of handling college athletics. It seems strange that news of intramurals or billiard pocket tournaments should have preference on the sports page over varsity athletics, namely wrestling and track. (Feb. 18 and Feb. 25) The staff is doing a gross injustice to other sports too.

The gymnastics team surely appreciates the action pictures of members of their squads, but undoubtedly Ron Sopata and Norman Brown would enjoy seeing correct captions under their picture instead of someone else's names. (Feb. 11 and Feb. 25.) Also, the gymnasts earn white



Lambda Chi Alpha Brothers—1st Row: John Bechtol; Dave John; Chuck Costello, Secretary. 2nd Row: Gerry Dahler; Tom Gallagher, Treasurer; Mike Gameller. 3rd Row: Tome Demme; John Mangieri; Dave Weigel. 4th Row: John Cooper, Vice President; Mr. Donald Geiss, Advisor; Rod Geist, President. MISSING: Mr. Charles Shaw, Advisor; Bill Rickert; Pat Sullivan; Don Michel, Pledge Trainer.

Lambda Chi Alpha Installed As Most Recent Fraternity

On Saturday, March 5, 1966, sixteen men were installed in Lambda Chi Alpha, men's national social fraternity which became the sixth men's social fraternity on Slippery Rock's campus.

The four hour installation ceremony was held in Sheehy Theater and conducted by twelve Lambda Chi Alpha brothers from Washington and Jefferson University. Among the sixteen brothers installed were Mr. Charles Shaw of the history department and Mr. Donald Geiss of the audiovisual department.

At the present time there are sixteen brothers, including Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Geiss, and nineteen men who are currently pledging the fraternity.

Following the installation ceremony the brothers, their wives, dates, and parents, attended a dinner-dance at the Castleton Hotel in New Castle. The guests that evening included Dr. Robert S. Carter, President of the college; Mr. Joseph Marks, Dean of Students; Mr. Lewis Prine, Dean of Men; Mr. George W. Spasyk, Service Secretary of Lambda Chi Alpha was the guest speaker for the evening.

On Thursday, March 17, the Slippery Rock Roller Rink was the scene of a mixer between the brothers and pledges of

Lambda Chi Alpha and pledges of Alpha Sigma Alpha.

The brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha would like to thank all those who helped them become established and installed on our campus, and a special thanks to all who have extended best wishes and congratulations.

Various Indian Religions Discussed By SR Professor

By DR. MOHAN SHARMA

Editor's Comment:

Dr. Mohan Sharma, former resident of India has been asked many questions about the religions of India. He hopes that this summary of his views of the religions will answer these questions. This summary was written from notes which was used for talks on Eastern Philosophies and Religions to the American Peace Corps Volunteers at Ohio State University.

The article will be continued in future issues of the Rocket.

Religion has always had a powerful hold on India. Perceptive men, among others, Hegel, Max Muller, Schopenhauer, Emerson, Thoreau, Twain, Roman Rolland, Einstein, Aldous Huxley, Rilke, Koestler, Toynbee, Lin Yutang, etc., have commented on its effect on India's culture.

Christianity has been called the most poetic (Chateaubriand's epithet) of all the world religions; Hindus like to say that their ancient faith is the most metaphysical and philosophical. Perhaps the high Himalayas have something to do with these tendencies. At any rate, they make the Indian look up and fly high spiritually rather than materially.

Hinduism

Hinduism has no one historical founder, no single sacred scripture, and no fixed dogma or doctrine. There is a diversity of beliefs so that there is some truth implicit in the joke which says:

One Indian religion, two Indians philosophy, three Indians chaos.

Hinduism, however, is unified by some fundamentals. These are:

1. Belief in Karma
2. Rebirth and transmigration of soul
3. Caste

Karma is the relationship of cause and effect for the ordinary

ATTENTION STUDENTS

If your I.D. card photo looks at all like you, or tends to flatter you in any way, please return the same and make an appointment for a re-take. No one is allowed to carry a facsimile of himself which would allow for easy identification and access to any social or sporting event.

Thank you,
I.D. Photog

PLAYBOY'S UNABASHED DICTIONARY DEFINES CALL GIRL AS A NEGOTIABLE BLONDE.

The ELK, a national magazine reports. What is the sports staff of "The Rocket" doing to build this image?

Sincerely,
Sam Ebersole

P.S. There's an appropriate place in "The Rocket" for fraternity favoritism — but the sports page is not it!!! Try "Greek Nu's"!

Editor's Note . . . With reference to the third paragraph of this letter, it will be noted that the quote "No one talks about Rocket basketball in a happy tone of voice" or losing "in a typical Rocket game" was taken out of context. The article was actually written as a boost to the Rockets noting that even though they may have lost, they made an excellent effort and oftentimes they lost by only a few points and were "Never out of the reach of winning." (Feb. 25.)

Around the Rock

By SHERRY CAMPBELL

Dateline Slippery Rock, Pa. . . . Would you believe that after the original spring thaw Slippery Rock's campus is buried under two tons of debris? You wouldn't believe it huh? Well would you believe it's hidden under one ton of candy wrappers, coke cups, cans and discarded cigarette packages, etc. Believe it or not, something must be done about this unsightly situation.

Even though these campus extras are a SR tradition and complementary to the unmarried lawns, we must not be greedy and keep these lovelies only for ourselves. It is our duty to collect this surplus and store it in large barrels or gather these goodies and export them to the nearest deserving dump.

Since there is such an overabundance this year, many workers will be needed to reap what we have sown. Perhaps organized campus groups could take this goodwill mission upon themselves as a spring service project. This would certainly be a credit to them on campus. Of course this is a big job which should perhaps be attacked by more than one group.

It will indeed be disheartening if the little bird of apathy flies over Rock State and prevents students from seeing the benefit they could be doing their campus by helping to keep the campus uncluttered and by removing the debris which has slipped from hands on Slippery Rock.

person with the baby soul, but for the intelligent one it operates on many planes, physical, moral, intellectual, spiritual. Action leaves a subtle impression ("sanskara" in Sanskrit) on the psyche. The chain of Karma can be represented as action-sanskara-action, going round and round through birth after birth. Since sanskaras continue in the next life, one life is obviously inadequate for attaining perfection. Benjamin Franklin said he wouldn't mind reliving his life if only he could re-edit it. The Hindu would go along with him but would modestly add that in the language of the Upanishadas, the way to perfection and salvation is difficult. It is like moving on the razor's edge.

Eventually, man can outgrow Karma. So long as he doesn't, he passes through a series of births, not necessarily human. Even the gods are subject to Karma, a grim doctrine vis a vis that of Grace in Christianity. The ascetic Hindu never seeks relief or rewards from his heavenly Father but welcomes suffering (so-called) and a life of contemplation. Action must result in catharsis in the sense Empedocles used the term in Purification on the religious plane rather than aesthetically as Aristotle did later.

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