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The History Of Metric

The Metric Conversion Act was signed into law on December 23, 1975. The stated purpose of the Act is "to coordinate and plan the increasing use of the metric system in the United States" through a process of voluntary conversion.

Impetus for the passage of the Act came from a major study conducted by the Department of Commerce from 1968-1971 as well as increasing metric conversion activity in the period 1971-1975. As part of the Commerce study, an advisory panel of 45 representatives consulted with, and took testimony from, literally hundreds of consumers, business organizations, labor groups, manufacturers, and state and local officials. The panel's report, "A Metric America, A Decision Whose Time Has Come," concluded that measurement in the U.S. is already metric in some respects, that it is becoming more so every day, and that the majority of participants in the study believed that conversion to the metric system is in the best interests of the nation, particularly in view of the increasing importance and influence of technology in American life and our foreign trade.

The U.S. now is one of only four countries in the world not using the metric system (the others are Brunel, Burma, and Yemen). In addition to its inherent advantages (extremely easy conversion among units within the system), the metric system is the universal, international language of measurement.

With conversion already in progress, the question is whether this conversion should be voluntary and planned, voluntary and unplanned, or mandatory? Congress chose the first alternative: voluntary and planned conversion. The Metric Conversion Act created the U.S. Metric Board to coordinate voluntary conversion to the metric

system and to familiarize the public with the metric system through programs of information and education. The U.S. Metric Board has no compulsory or regulatory powers. It consists of a Chairman and 16 members appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. It is truly a "citizen board," composed of Americans from all walks of life selected to represent consumers, labor, industry, government, education, science and engineering. The Board meets bimonthly to establish policy and set direction of the orderly, voluntary conversion to the metric system.

The Board is committed to assisting all interested individuals and groups in the planning and implementation of conversion. Participation in metric conversion is purely voluntary. The Board will assist each section of the economy to develop and execute its own metric conversion plan at the pace that sector considers most appropriate and economical. The Board will provide consulting services in the development of these plans and can arrange hearings to allow public comment on these sector plans.

To better coordinate the pace and timing among the various sectors, the Board will also provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and plans among sectors and will encourage the drafting of new or revised engineering standards.

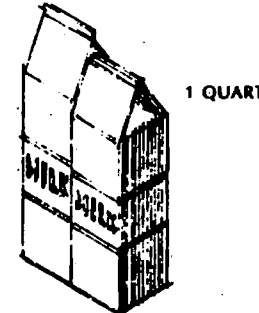
Due to the voluntary nature of metric conversion in the U.S., the Board relies heavily on the programs of public education and information. These programs are directed to specific economic and industrial sectors as well as to the public at large. The goal is to familiarize every citizen with the metric system so that the conversion process may proceed without causing unnecessary disruption or hardship to any industry, group or individual.

Letters

Highland Cavalier's Letters Policy

The Highland Cavalier encourages all persons who wish to express themselves to write a letter to the Editor. All letters must be signed to be printed. Names will be withheld by request, however the original letter must be signed. In addition, the editor has the right to edit and/or reject letters that violate the guidelines as set up by the publications committee. Send all letters to Box 1127 by Thursday, 4:00 p.m. each week.

Let's Go Metric!



Editor: Why should the U.S. go metric? Perhaps the simplest and best answer is, "We should do it for the benefit of our children and grandchildren."

The metric system of measurements is easier and better in many ways, once it is learned and in everyday use. The only hard part is the actual step of converting and even that does not have to be difficult if properly done. "But," is the question is often asked, "is it worth the bother to us?" My reply is, maybe not, but it's worth it to our children. It is one reasonably easy and reasonably

inexpensive way that we can be sure of making the world a better place for our children and our children's children.

In the U.S. we neither expect nor tolerate high-handed decrees from our government about the way we run our lives. Metrication is no different. We should go metric because we want to, not because we have to. Only if everyone is willing to make an honest effort (small though that effort really will be) can the conversion process be done without monumental confusion. When we are reasonably convinced that metrication is desirable in the long run, we will need some coordination, prob-

ably from the federal government in order to do it smoothly. But the desire to make the change must come from individual American citizens.

Americans are being encouraged during this National Metric Week (May 5-9) to learn about the metric system of measure and how a little effort now will make life easier for future generations forever. Let's not let them down.

Yours truly,
(Dr.) William Hooper
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Metric Association

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Biology Seminar

This week's Biology Seminar is entitled "The Function of Myelin Sheathes in the Conduction of Nerve Impulses." Mike Capell will present the Seminar on Monday, April 28, 1980. Background reading available in the Library is the May 1980 Scientific American article "Myelin." All interested individuals are urged to attend.

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"In Spring A Young Man's Fancy Turns To..."

By Jim Collie
Baptist Campus Minister

"In spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love." And many a young woman's, too! Important as these thoughts are, there may be more on your mind right now instead of or in addition to "thoughts of love". Again, I want to borrow from my friend Ron Brown and share with you his list of some of the things college students may be thinking about at this time of year.

April:
-Summer job pressures.

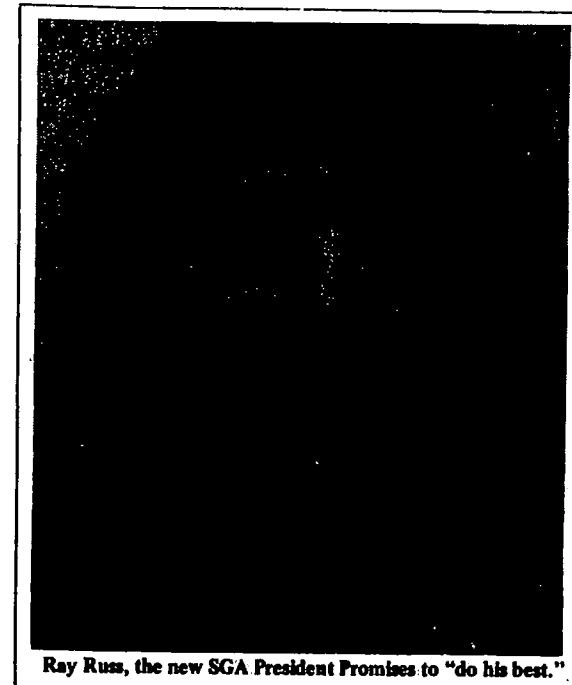
-Selection of a major.
-Papers and exams are piling up.
-Job recruitment (and graduate school) panic.

May:
-Anxiety develops because of the realization that the year is ending and that a deficiency exists in a number of academic areas.
-Senior panic about jobs (or lack of jobs) and ability to finance oneself until the first paycheck.
-Depression over leaving friends and facing conflicts at home with parents.

Wow! Is there no good news? Yee, there is. Each of these concerns can be resolved, if approached head-on with eyes wide open and with the use of all your available resources. This goes for concerns you may have that aren't even hinted at in the above list as well. And don't forget to head your list of resources with God. For it is out of experiences just like yours that the Apostle Paul learned to say, "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13-R.S.V.)

!!Russ Wins SGA Election!!

By: Valeri Jones
The student elections for 1980-81 year were held on Wednesday, April 23. The out-



Ray Russ, the new SGA President Promises to "do his best."

come of these elections left the SGA and the Honor Court with some turnovers in offices.

The office of President was fought for by three candidates. Incumbent Richard Frye and candidate Mike Allen lost by a narrow margin to Ray Russ. Frye had 101 votes, Allen 77, and Russ 105. Three write-in candidates received votes.

Russ was surprised at his victory. "I had questions as to whether I would win or not." Apparently this was the general feeling because of the closeness of the vote.

When asked about what plans he has for next year, Russ didn't want to make any promises. But he does have some promising ideas. Russ wants to check into the possibility of selling the juke box in the lounge and purchasing a stereo system. Also he would like to see more emphasis upon sports other than basketball. This would deal with the allocation of funds.

Russ feels he will be able to work with the SGA next year. He wants more students to get involved. "I really would like to see a lot of student input." This year Nancy Kinsey and the Student Life Committee has brought in a lot of input. Russ would like to see the Student Life Committee and the SGA working together.

More support to fraternities and sororities is foreseen by Russ. They are the main source of student entertainment on campus and they need support.

Input to the students from the Chancellor needs improvement. Russ feels he would like to see a bi-weekly or a bi-monthly letter to the Highland Cavalier concerning student affairs. For example, a letter concerning the Student Union Building or the proposed dorm.

Russ promises to do his best. "That sounds typical, but I mean it."

The office of Vice-President of SGA was battled between Ann Noel and Mark White. White won the race by a large majority, 170-116. There was one write-in vote.

The office of Secretary of SGA was blank so write-in votes determined the winner. Marcia Adams won with 38 votes. There were 35 other write-in candidates.

Rick Davidson will be Treasurer of the SGA next year. He was the only candidate on the ballot and had 203 votes. There were 6 write-ins for this office.

The representatives for the SGA from the sophomore class will be Terry Kilgore with 62 votes, Bruce Gibson with 58 and Zachary Cochran with 55 votes.

Junior representatives for the SGA are Brian Dolsen with 51 votes and Steve Lovell with 33 votes. Tim Austin and Dan Cronin tied with 1 vote each. The Senior representatives for the 1980-81 year are Mark Cronin with 44 votes, Lyndon Powers with 49, and Mark King with 3.

The Honor Court representatives for the Sophomore class are Valeri Jones with 63 votes, Jerry Kilgore with 61, and David Jennings with 40. Wade Turner is the alternate with 39 votes. Junior Honor Court representatives are Mark Mullins, 47 votes, Renette Huff, 44 votes, and David Lumpkins, with 34 votes. Mary Beth Yarbrough is the alternate, with 33 votes. Senior Court representatives are Mark Poteet and Mark Schiffen, 44 votes each, and Kim Matney with 42 votes. Wayne Stewart is the alternate with 34 votes.

292 people voted in the election.

Examination Schedule

Spring, 1980

BLOCK	EXAMINATION DATE	TIME
I	Tuesday, May 20	9:00-12:00
II	Friday, May 16	9:00-12:00
III	Tuesday, May 20	1:00-4:00
IV	Thursday, May 15	9:00-12:00
V	Wednesday, May 21	9:00-12:00
VI	Saturday, May 17	9:00-12:00
VII	Monday, May 19	1:00-4:00
VIII		
IX	Thursday, May 15	1:00-4:00
X	Monday, May 19	9:00-12:00
XI	Saturday, May 17	1:00-4:00
XII	Friday, May 16	1:00-4:00
XIII	Wednesday, May 21	1:00-4:00
XIV	Saturday, May 17	1:00-4:00

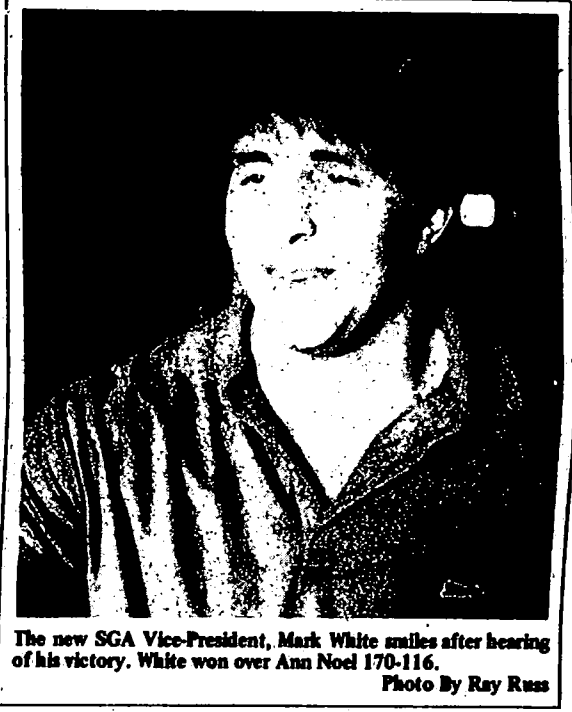
Evening Classes
Off-Campus Classes

Regular meeting time during week of May 18-21

Classes End Tuesday, May 13, 1980

NOTE: For an instructor to change the time of an exam on an individual basis, it is required that he/she secure the recommendation of the chairmen of the division in which the course is located, and the approval of the Dean. Similarly, for a student to change the time of an examination from that which is scheduled, he/she must have the recommendations of the instructor in the course and the chairmen of the division of the course, and the approval of the Dean.

All requests must be made in writing with reason given for the request.



The new SGA Vice-President, Mark White smiles after hearing of his victory. White won over Ann Noel 170-116.
Photo By Ray Russ

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'Ladies In Retirement' A Review

By Mark Poteet

London theater past. Michael Starcher portrayed Albert, a London dandy who attempts to blackmail his aunt for murder. Mr. Starcher was a natural for the role and his performance was convincing and enjoyable. Lisa Hamilton as Sister Theresa added amorous touch to the play. And Kathy Andersen, as Lucy the maid, gave an enjoyable performance. Miss Andersen peeped through key holes and listened at doorways as expertly as a real English maid.

The Clinch Valley College Theatre, under the direction of Mr. Charles Lewis, recently presented "Ladies in Retirement," a gothic-type drama. The play dealt with a group of English spinsters living in a country house near London in 1885.

Vicki Roop as Ellen, a companion-housekeeper, gave an excellent performance. The part allowed Mrs. Roop to run the gamut of emotions from loving sister to calculating killer.

Rosemary Meacham and Pam Elswick portrayed the two doty sisters with an excellent blend of eccentricity and childlikeness character.

Elsie Kiser, as Leonora the aging grande dame, performed beautifully capturing the demure charm of an English country lady and that of her

As usual, the set and costumes were superior. These included an onstage rainstorm and beautiful period dresses and hats.

The acting was good, the costumes were good, and the sets were good so how could one help but enjoy "Ladies in Retirement."

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Metric Week

May 5-9

Dock Boggs Festival Set For May 3

On May 3 the Eleventh Dock Boggs Memorial Festival will be held at Clinch Valley College from 1:30 p.m. until dark. This festival honors two of Wise County's musicians. Moran Lee "Dock" Boggs and Kate Peters Sturgill. Performers at this year's festival will include Marion Sumner and Lee Sexton, Rich Kirby, Dexter Ramey, John Hunsucker, Beth Vanover, the Reedy Creek Band, the Sorghum Lickers, Charlie Beverly, and the Sugarcane Cloggers.

Born in Norton in 1898, Moran Lee "Dock" Boggs developed an unorthodox banjo style. His recording of "Pretty Polly" in 1927 brought him to the attention of folklorist Alan Lomax and musicologist Charles Seeger. Later, Dock appeared at the Newport Folk Festival and at Carnegie Hall.

Dock's style combined mountain picking with the blues and has been preserved primarily on Folkway records made in the 1960's.

Katherine Peters Sturgill was born in 1907 and spent most of her life at Josephine near Norton, Virginia. She spent many years creating songs about family, home, and heaven. Although her music arose within the Appalachian musical tradition, it shows heavy influence of the Victorian sentimental ballad.

One hour of the festival will be set aside for talent contests, one in banjo and fiddle and the other in flatfoot and clogging. Prizes (including trophies) will be given. There will also be awards for the best mountain crafts that are displayed, and everybody is encouraged to enter quilts, dolls, and other craft items.

The Country Community Center of Josephine will serve a supper of soupbreads and cornbread beginning early in the evening, and cokes and popcorn will be available all through the program.

Admission will be \$2.00 per person. Everybody is encouraged to come out, have fun, and help honor "Dock" and Kate.

What Is A SOL?

By Sam Chapman
For the past few years students from the college have helped acquaint new students with the campus when they arrive in the fall. This year a group of students (Student Orientation Leaders—SOL) will be in charge of that program. One orientation session will be held in the spring and another in the fall. This year's program will do more toward helping the new student than any other program thus far.

This year's Student Orientation Leaders were chosen in several different ways. Applications were taken from interested students. Nancy Kinsey, associate Director of Admissions, held interviews with many of the applicants. Some of the leaders were chosen because they expressed personal interest in the job.

Some of the activities planned for the incoming students are tours, a dance, skits, and schedule planning.

Nancy Kinsey commented on this year's leaders and activities, "I am very pleased with the students. They will have more responsibility for conducting the orientation program. They will meet more frequently with the freshmen than in previous years. They will be strongly encouraged to continue contact at least through the fall semester."

There are two returning seniors who will be leaders this year, Donna Norstel and Mark Potest. In the junior class the leaders are John Bauer, Vera Hale, Rosanne Letson, Frank Webster, Mary Reilly, and Mike Capell. Sophomore leaders are Ed Stables, Steve Powers, Renette Huff, Judy Gooden, Judy Cole, Gustavo Munguia, and Susan Jordan. Freshman leaders will be Terry Kilgore, Jerry Kilgore, Zachary Cochran, Sam Chapman, and Allen Chadwell.

K. Suzanne Adams



PERFORMING ARTS SENIOR EXHIBIT

Selected works include:

paintings — drawings — sculpture — crafts on display at

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0.001 = milli	1 millimeter = 1000 micrometers

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1000 grams = 1 kilogram	1000 milligrams = 1 gram
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WEATHER UNITS: FOR TEMPERATURE: degrees Celsius. FOR PRESSURE: kilopascals (kPa) or millibars (mb). FOR WIND SPEED: meters per second (m/s) or kilometers per hour (km/h).

ETS Says— Its Computer Crisis Is Over

PRINCETON, N.J. (CPS)—A foul-up in an obscure Educational Testing Service (ETS) computer that delayed admissions decisions for perhaps thousands of law school applicants has reportedly been solved. Law school admissions officers, however, are not sure how many students' chances of getting into law school were affected by the computer problem.

"The backlog," according to Mary Churchill, "is back to where it was last year at this time." Bruce Zimmer of the Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) confirms the "problem is largely behind us."

At its worst in January and early February, the crisis involved transcripts and test scores going to wrong schools, and students being unable to find out the fate of their applications. "Any language I would use would be too strong for publication," Gonzaga University law professor Vern Davidson told the National Law Journal.

For example, ETS sent Law School Data Admission Service sheets—one-page summaries of applicants' undergraduate careers, grades, and test scores—intended for Pepperdine, on the other hand, were delivered to Gonzaga.

Such mix-ups inhibited future planning for many students. Tom Pickart, a senior at St. Louis University, applied to seven law schools. Three were "prestige schools that I'm a borderline case for," and four were law schools to which he felt he could easily get into.

Two of the "easy" law schools have accepted him, and want him to commit himself to them by May 1. He has yet to hear from the other schools, one of which apologized that admissions decisions had been delayed because of the computer foul-up.

"It's conceivable that I'll have to recommit myself to go to a less-prestigious school because I won't hear from a prestigious school in time," he grieves. The LSAC's Zimmer says, "It's very difficult to tell how many students were affected." Some law school admissions committees were some eight weeks behind in processing applications because of the delay in getting the summaries from ETS.

Zimmer says there were about 70,000 applicants to enter law school next fall. ETS' Churchill says her organization had prepared and distributed some 375,000 data summaries by March 20, the last date for which she has statistics.

She traces the problem to a new ETS computer system programed under the admission council auspices. "The new computer wasn't delivered in time, so it wasn't operational until December 1. There was not time to get the kinks out" before the annual deluge of law school applications began.

Law schools, she says, were kept well informed about the records delays. The admission council, which is an independent group, has advised law schools to push back the deadline by which students must commit to schools from the normal April 1 to May 1. The biggest adjustment the law schools have had to make, Zimmer says, was to accommodate "the uneven flow of information" about applicants.

The schools "make certain projections of how faculty time will be used" to process applications, he explains, "and they had to re-adjust all that."

He speculates that "most" law schools have caught up now, though "I wouldn't want to say that people are thrilled about it."

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Notices

Physics Lab Assistant Position Open For 1980-1981

The position of physics lab assistant is open for next year. Anyone interested should see Dr. Hooper before May 13.

Exam Library Hours

The Library will be open until 11:00 p.m., Sunday, May 11, through Friday, May 16, and from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 17.

Library Has Book On New Strip Mining Laws

The Library has on reserve the Permanent Regulatory Program For Surface Mining and Reclamation Operations (7 vol.), which contains the new strip mining laws. These are for Library use only.

College-Community Symphonic Band

The recently-organized College-Community Symphonic Band meets each Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 in the Band Room of the Wise Middle School. About thirty persons are meeting weekly for rehearsals, but additional personnel are needed, especially those who play clarinet or saxophone. If you are interested in playing in the band, please join Director Lucier. Prizes on Tuesday or see Mike Donathan in the Music Department at the gym.

Resident Assistant Positions Available

Applications for the position of Resident Assistants in the College's dormitories and mobile homes are now being taken. Applications are due no later than Friday, May 2, 1980.

Applications may be obtained from the Housing Office or the Emma McCravy Hall dormitory office.

Each application must be accompanied by a completed Financial Aid Application Form. Financial Aid forms may be obtained from the Financial Aid office.

Wednesday Night Movie At CVC

On Wednesday, April 30 at 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. LOLITA will be shown in the auditorium of the Science Lecture Hall.

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Spring Clean-Up Scheduled

On May 10, 1980, Bonnie Blosser, Chancellor Smiddy and the SGA will sponsor a spring clean-up. Among the activities will be trash clean-up, tree and shrub planting, painting outdoor structures and grass trimming. The clean-up will be from 8:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Afterwards there will be a picnic for the participants. All interested groups please see Neal Ward who is in charge of the clean-up.

Outpost Organizing

The CVC Outpost is now organizing for next year. A number of staff positions are still vacant. Students interested in helping re-create a year in the life of the College through a yearbook should indicate their willingness to help to the new editor, Rick Davidson, the new assistant editor, Rita France, or the new business manager, Fran Tomlinson. If you can't find them in a hurry, see the advisor, William Maxwell. The Outpost offers wonderful opportunities for creative work! Your skills, talents, and ideas are needed. Don't miss a chance to do some useful and rewarding work.

SGA Meeting

There will be an SGA meeting on April 30 at 6:30 p.m. in A128. No other meetings will be held except for emergencies during the month of April.

Need A Tutor For Summer School?

If any students feel they need a tutor for summer school, please contact Jean Gaukel, Z-114. Students planning to attend summer school or who plan to be in Wise for the summer and would like to tutor should contact Jean Gaukel, Z-114.

Campus Nestle Boycott Pick Ups Steam

AMHERST, MA (CPS)—The University of Massachusetts-Amherst has become the third school in recent months to join a national boycott of Nestle, Inc. products in protest of the Swiss company's marketing of infant formula in underdeveloped countries.

UMass Auxiliary Services Director Art Warren ordered Nestle products—which carry Borden, Beecham, Glaxo, L'Oreal, Cosmetics as well as the Nestle brands—removed from university stores, dining halls and vending machines.

Student groups at the University of Pennsylvania and at Wake Forest have also recently endorsed the boycott. Mary Swenson of INFAC (Infant Formula Action Coalition), which has been organizing boycott activities for the last two and a half years, says student groups and food service operators at some 25 colleges and universities have resolved not to use the company's products. Officials at Nestle's American headquarters in White Plains, N.Y. refused to comment on the UMass Boycott for the time being.

Swenson says INFAC believes infant formula is "an inappropriate technology" in Third World countries, "where the water supply may be contaminated, where there isn't enough refrigeration, where mothers may be illiterate and can't read the label instructions, where people are too poor to buy enough formula to avoid overdiluting it, where there's not enough fuel to boil the water and the bottle."

The result, she says, is that infants can become malnourished and susceptible to disease. Dr. Derrick Joffe of the Public Health Service estimates up to ten million infants have died in underdeveloped countries because they were inefficiently bottle-fed with manufactured baby formulas, instead of being breast-fed.

The World Health Organization also has asked the formula manufacturers to stop promoting use of the formulas in the Third World. Nestle sells about half of the manufactured formula sold in underdeveloped nations, under brand names of Nestle, Lactogen, Nestoban, and Pelargon. Three American firms also sell manufactured formula in the Third World. American Home Products sells BMA through its subsidiary Wyeth Laboratories. Abbott Ross sells Similac through its subsidiary Ross Laboratories, and Mead Johnson, a subsidiary of Bristol Myers, market Infamil and Olac.

INFAC, though, is not calling for boycotts of the three American firms. "We are working through stockholder resolutions on them," Swenson explains. INFAC is also lobbying for a bill recently introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill requires that American companies marketing baby formulas overseas demonstrate their formulas can be safely used in often-primitive conditions. If the companies can do so, they would get a license to export their products.

Several University of Minnesota student groups have already endorsed the boycott. Since September, student groups at Cleveland, Macalester, Brown and Community College, University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire, Cal State, Arkansas, and UCLA have urged their administrations to ban Nestle products from campus facilities.

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Men's Tennis Team Wins

On April 22 the Men's Tennis Team of Clinch Valley College took on Pikeville College and won by a score of 9-0.

In other matches played recently, the CVC men beat Pikeville College 8-1 in a match played in Kentucky, outscored Cumberland College 6-4, and defeated Tusculum College 9-0. To date Clinch Valley has lost only three out of nine matches played in the 1980 spring season. All three losses occurred at the beginning of the season. Their biggest victory was over Cumberland Col-

lege since Cumberland has dominated the conference for the last several years.

Team members are Mike Rowland, Rick Davidson, Robert Isaac, Tim Prater, Kenny Beverly, Brian Rolly, Eddie Ledbetter, and Benny Ratliff in order of ranking. The team is coached by Professor Zouqul Chowdhury with assistance from Professor Van Daniel and Athletic Director Frank Harrell.

The CVC team plans to participate in the KICAC tourney at Berea on May 1 and 2.



Shirley Kegley warms up while Jody Matthews "Belts One" out to left field.

Photo by Ray Russ

CVC Men's Baseball Team vs. Pikeville, Wednesday

Hazing Claims Its 13th Victim In Two Years

ITHACA, N.Y. (CPS)—At 8 p.m. on April 1, 18-year-old Ithaca College freshman Joseph Parrella joined his 12 fellow pledges at Delta Kappa fraternity for a round of initiation activities. There'd be some exercising, a written test, oral quizzing, and still more callisthenics. Parrella could take only about four hours of it. Eight hours after it started, he was dead.

All concerned attribute the death of Parrella, whom preliminary autopsy reports call a victim of hyperthermia (or heart stroke), to hazing.

Parrella's demise, according to University of Alabama assistant counsel Gary Blume, was the ninth hazing death in 15 months. An anti-hazing group called CHUCK (Committee to Halt Useless College Killings) says Parrella was the 13th student nationwide to die in initiation-related incidents during the last two years.

But stopping hazing is not easy. Parents' and administrators' efforts are often stymied by greek secrecy, tradition, and even greeks' standing in the community.

"Let's face it," Blume urges. "Fraternities and sororities are primarily for the children of wealthy families, people who have a lot of influence in the community. They (often) look upon an anti-

hazing program as being 'out to get them,' like the proletariat rising."

Fears of offending powerful alumni with anti-hazing programs are compounded by alumni tolerance for at least limited hazing.

"The most opposition to hazing reform comes from older chapters and from alumni," Fred Yoder, a national Sigma Chi official told College Press Service last year. "There's an attitude of 'I did it, so they should, too.'"

Current fraternity and sorority members, moreover, will respect house rules for secrecy even in extreme situations. Blume had "a very difficult time" investigating a recent Alabama hazing incident because "we couldn't even get the victim to testify."

The secrecy is vigorously enforced. At Alabama, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon active allegedly tried to knock a cone-shaped object off a pledge's head with an axe handle, missed and sent the pledge to the hospital with a concussion. The pledge and one of his pledge brothers were ultimately dismissed from SAE for "divulging secret rituals" after their fathers wrote letters concerning hazing to the SAE faculty adviser.

The university put SAE on social probation in March, but Blume received another com-

plaint about the fraternity a week after the probation began. New disciplinary hearings will begin later in April.

Ithaca's Delta Kappa was also under probation when Parrella died, according to College Relations Director Walter Borton. But Borton added that house members had acted reasonably under terms of the probation, at least until April 1.

Determining exactly what happened then has been hard because fraternity members have declined comment "as a practical matter," according to sheriff's office investigator Edward Hall.

Members did prepare a joint statement for law enforcement officials.

A copy of the statement obtained by the Ithaca College journalist says Parrella, along with his pledge brothers, was made to start jogging at his own pace at about 9 p.m. At 10 p.m., he took a written exam, and then was taken to a room on the third floor of the fraternity house for further questioning about the house's traditions.

If they gave a wrong answer, the pledges had to do callisthenics. Most of the time in the attic, according to the statement, the pledges were standing, singing songs.

Parrella, recalls one Delta Kappa brother, "showed no signs of

fatigue." Just before 1 a.m., Parrella reportedly told his "big brother" he "was feeling fine."

Yet shortly thereafter Parrella collapsed while doing push-ups. "Parrella felt awful, and asked to be excused," one brother remembered. "He went to lie on the floor." When other Delta Kappa brothers asked how he felt, Parrella at one point said he was "sucky."

Worried, the brothers called a graduate student—a former Delta Kappa active—for help, according to college officials. The student, who was not identified, called the campus police at 1:16 a.m.

An ambulance got Parrella to Tompkins County Hospital at about 1:46 a.m. He died at 3:48 a.m., April 2.

The cause of death was conditionally listed, pending the results of a toxicology report, as hyperthermia. College officials explained that hyperthermia involves an elevated body temperature, and can be induced by extensive exercise.

Callisthenics, of course, are a standard part of initiation ac-

tivities at many fraternities, and have been involved in several hazing deaths.

Three years ago University of Pennsylvania sophomore Robert Bazile died after "natural diseases of the heart" were aggravated by an Omega Psi Phi initiation exercise session. In February, 1979, a North Carolina Central student collapsed under the strain of continuous, forced exercise in "extremely cold temperatures," and died of "previously-undetected sickle cell anemia."

Alabama Blume, who along with an Alabama undergraduate is conducting a national study of hazing, says that "far and away most hazing incidents are alcohol-related."

But other kinds of accidents can happen. Last year Theta Xi actives at Louisiana State University "dropped off" their blindfolded pledge class far from campus, requiring them to find a way back to campus on their own. Six of the pledges were hit by a car. One of them died.

Delta Sigma Phi brothers at the University of Missouri-Rolla left pledge Randy Heller far from campus during February, 1979 initiation rites. Heller was later found severely beaten, and in a coma.

"There is never any malicious intent," says Blume. "Usually it's just 18- and 20-year-olds getting caught up in the fun of a moment. The fun gets out of hand very quickly, very suddenly, without anyone wanting it to."

Ithaca College's Borton says the college won't take any action until the autopsy report is complete. "For the results to be admissible as evidence," Borton explains, a state-approved laboratory in Albany must make a toxicology study of Parrella's tissues.



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