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Fidelitas Out Tomorrow Night; Plan for Next Year

EXTRA—First distribution of the '54 Fidelitas will be made at 11 p.m., at the Fraternity Ball.

Wait 'till you see the '54 model Fidelitas. We think you'll think it's pretty sharp. Or will you?

This is the wrong season for Monday morning quarterbacks, but it is the perfect season for Thursday afternoon editors. If you don't like our shade of green on the cover, or the unique arrangement on the page showing the Senior Class officers, or the somber dignity of our division pages—then come out Thursday evening, May 13th at 6:30 in the Library — and sound off. If you think the book is really O.K., and would get a charge out of being part of a publication of as permanent value as the yearbook, then we will see you, too, on Thursday evening.

There is an opportunity with Fidelitas of doing the type of work that best fits your publications interest. Whether it be photography, layout, art, literary, or business management that most interests you, there is a spot—and a need—for you on the yearbook staff. Even if you have no specialized interest, but have an idea to help Delhi bring home the Institute Yearbook Trophy (you ought to see it), come out for the staff.

Though we have a full year before the distribution of the '55 Fidelitas, there are decisions for the new staff to make now—not the least of which is to meet with representatives of competing publishing houses.

During the school year, Fidelitas meets every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 in our own rooms on Wall Street, plus an occasional meeting to work out a special problem.

At our meeting next Thursday, the new editorial staff will be chosen, and the old and new staffs will be able to talk shop, to exchange ideas, and to lay the groundwork for an even better Fidelitas in 1955.

There is room on the staff for everyone who wants to exchange a little creative work for a lot of fun, comradeship, and the tremendous satisfaction of being part of a big job well done. Come and help spend \$2700.00 in the Library, Thursday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.

THE 1954 FIDELITAS STAFF.

South Sea Island Resort Theme of Fraternity Ball

Searching for a theme for the Spring Week-End Fraternity Ball became an endless job because of the limited supply of props and available materials. After an exhaustive search of the old D. A. building, the cellar of the Administration Building and other possible sources, we visited the gym with these materials fresh in our minds. We then realized that we had nothing but past left-overs on which to base our theme. We decided that we'd throw away all the old decorating ideas—orchestra on stage, tables and chairs around the dance floor, same old lighting, etc—and substitute new decorating plans in their place. We think we've done this successfully and are confident you'll be pleased when you bring your date to the Big Ball Saturday night.

The decorating and planning committee is headed by Rolf Schmalzer, Ralph Swan, Bill Koppenhafer and Walt Widmer. This committee has been aided by a small army of enthusiastic fellows and girls, too numerous to mention.

We know you'll be dying of curiosity as to what our Ball theme will be and we suppose we should give you a hint. Well, all we'll say is that we envision it as a South Sea Island resort—sounds stupendous, doesn't it? We think it is and we know you'll think so, too. Don't let anything keep you from being there Saturday night — we know you're really going to like it and have a wonderful time. See you!!

Home Ec Girls Ready for Battle

HINT SECRET WEAPON

We're gonna slaughter 'em! That's the cry of the Home Ec girls. Even if we haven't had any practice. Those secretaries never have any classes so they gather outside their door on the field and practice their softball.

But WE have the best member on our team. A person of great renown on the campus, through honest effort and tireless work, much of which is around the cafeteria — Elmer. Of course if THEY refuse to let him play, he will cheer patriotically for the best women—The Cooks!

It is very unfortunate, we

Tomorrow Night's The Night



Tom Brown's Band from Hartwick College will supply the music for the dual fraternity ball, Friday, May 8. Arrangements have been made for a full variety of dance music and a fine evening of dancing is assured for all who attend.

Throughout the evening refreshments will be served by the committee under the direction of Bill Iaione and Jim Moran.

Coat room facilities will be avail-

able in Room One, Administration Building.

Tickets for the dance may be obtained at the Administration Building or from individual members of Tri-At or Theta Gamma.

Tom Ward or Walt Castro are the boys to see if you still haven't taken care of rooming accommodations for your date.

We'll see you all at the big Fraternity Ball Saturday night!!

Girls Gird for Tug-O-War

Onward, patriots! We must fight for our rights! Never must we allow ourselves to be dragged against our will. Prove your power of standing firm and pulling your share. Each must do his part.

The Home Economics girls will proudly show their firm belief in the battle of wits. AGAIN they will outwit the Secretaries and pull them across the line.

It is our destiny! Cheer the best team on to victory — the Home Ec. girls.

know, that we have not been able to practice but I doubt if they would allow a professional team to compete. We decided that we DID want to play FAIRLY.

Hay Ride Tonight Leaves School at 8

The hay ride for the spring weekend will be held as planned with the trucks furnished by Delhi Lumber Company and the Institute.

The ride will start in the school parking lot at 8:00 p.m., and will go to Andes and return. We are sorry that there will be no bonfire due to legal technicalities. We learned of Village Board ordinances too late to try and secure permission for the bonfire.

The tickets are on sale now, 30c single and 50c a couple. We are hoping to have a good crowd and a pleasant time for all.

The hay ride will be featuring a new G. M. C. hydromatic drive truck furnished by Robert H. Lewis & Son and driven by Mr. Newell Jones of the Delhi Lumber Co., to whom we are deeply obligated. Mr. Albert Bailey of the Institute farm will drive the state truck.

Hope to be seeing you all Friday night at 8.

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Campus Speeding

As the weather gets nicer we all want to get off campus as soon as possible. Well, this seems to bring up a problem. Speeding has become very noticeable since the start of nice weather. It was good all winter but is bad now. There are also more people who are likely to be strolling along around one of these curves now that it's nice. You cannot see around some of these curves on campus, so slow down so you can stop if need be.

We've had a good record for campus safety so let's keep it up. After all it's always better to be safe than sorry.

Alumni Dance Big Success; Many Attend

Alumni Day reached a brilliant climax with a ball in the Gym. The unusually beautiful decorations made by architectural drafting students with the help of Mrs. Lowenstein, Mr. Vetter and Mr. Merritt created an atmosphere that was most favorable for the happy reunion of former students of the Institute.

The theme of the decorations was a rainy day at the Institute. Posters showed the various activities which go on "rain or shine." White streamers hung from a false ceiling simulating rain. At the end of each streamer observant alumni found candy kisses. (The hanging of the decorations could not have been completed without Dr. Krochmal, whose well-known pleasure in physical labor was exploited to the extent of having him hang the candy kisses.) Colored lights shown through the gloom of the cloudy "sky" while in the center, a giant rose blossomed, appropriately illuminated and suggestive of spring.

Among the students who aided in the arranging of the decorations were Barnhart, Rassmussen, Altieri, Miglianti, Smith, Miller, Tontarski and Loope.

Week-End Chairmen

Following are the chairmen of committees for the various activities of the Spring Week-End:

Faculty Chairmen:

Mr. Sommers.
Mr. Waite.

General Chairmen:

Dave Rogers.
John Nichols.
Robert Gates.

Publicity:

Pete Altieri.
Walt Widmer.

Rooming Accommodations:

Tom Wood.
Walt Castro.

Food Stand (Field Day):

Dave Rogers.
Bill Goldstein.

Picnic:

Donald Tweddle.
Richard McCoy.

Dance and Decorations:

Ralph Swan.
Walt Widmer.
William Koppenhafer.
Rolf Schmalzer.

Refreshments:

Bill Iaione.
Jim Moran.

These committees have all been assisted by hard working fellows and girls who have gone all out to make this the very best Spring Week-End of all times. Display your good will and college spirit by attending all of the week-end activities.

Just a Junior Reports

By Jane Mostert

On short notice but with high spirits, the Home Ec. girls quickly prepared for their demonstration day visitors.

The junior girls, as a main plan, prepared lunch for these visitors. In the Davis House, Eleanor Hertsch was cook, Phyllis Piasecki, waitress and Pat Veen was hostess. They entertained five guests. In the Home Ec House entertaining five guests were Joyce Horton, cook; Patti Wegman, waitress, and Dana Dubben, hostess. The largest meal, a buffet lunch for fifteen, was prepared by Wanda Dewitt and Marie Colliton, cooks. Phyllis Guldenstern, waitress and Frieda Sander hostess.

With the help of Smith's Jewelry Store Jane Mostert gave a demonstration on table settings. Choice of china, glassware and silver, linens and centerpieces. Marjorie Woodford assisted her.

Dana Dubben and Joan Pomeroy gave an interesting demonstration on the use of small gadgets. There were such things as a small wire egg beater, onion chopper, French knife and many others.

Individual Meals

During these past few weeks many of the Junior Home Ec. girls have been planning and preparing individual meals. Each girl asks another to be her waitress but only set the table and serve the meal. The manager or hostess, whichever you wish to call her, prepares the whole meal. This is to gain experience in planning and preparing a meal so that one person can complete it and serve it on time. All the meals have turned out very well. Keep it up, girls!

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Dolls Doll Up For Big Dance

Spring Week-End is looming high in the minds of the junior girls. Entertainment, worry and hopefulness is shown in the faces of all.

Joyce Horton is extremely happy. Frankie is coming down to see her. For her this Spring Week-End is going to be a memorable occasion, especially her new white gown.

Dana has a beautiful new gown, a light violet one. Jim and she will have a delightful time, we know.

Charlotte and Bob have planned to take all the events in. A complete whirl from the hayride to the picnic. Margie and Eddie will be seen around too. Going from place to place with that happy look on their faces. I believe they enjoy each others company!

Wanda and Harold will be spending an eventful Saturday. See you at the barbeque!

Ralph took time from his many pressing duties, Eleanor and he will make a nice couple at the dance. Her gown is a heavenly yellow. Pat Veen is starry-eyed with anticipation. Her escort of course, is Bob. We just took it for granted that you would know.

Jane is extremely excited because Skip is coming down from Cornell for the Week-End. She also is the proud possessor of a new gown, ice blue in color.

Now that the long-awaited week-end is almost here, it is heartening to see the enthusiasm. Cooperation and participation with the program helps to make it grow and become better each year.

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Main Street Art Show

As a result of the Adult Education program carried on over at D. A., Delhi now has a "Main Street Art Show" in progress. There are pictures displayed in almost every store window.

There is one in particular that is really quite realistic. This is in the radio store window and is a picture of Fitches Bridge. It looks almost as if it could be a colored photograph.

The others are all equally as good. Several people here at school have entered these classes, among them Pat Morgan, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Sommers.

3-Legged Race Big Test

In a "Lover's Battle" on Spring Week-End, various couples are going to prove their skill at "battling," the volleyball, and "serving" each other.

Perhaps this will be the test. How do you know if your girl will cooperate with you? Just drag her on the field for a try.

Will she "go along" with you? Enter the 3-legged race. One sure thing, if she trips you up you'll know it's time to stop hindering yourself. If two can't go as one then better to be independent.

Think it over! Try it out! Best to know now than make a mistake!

Derr Wins Science Award Medal for '54

Dr. Arnold Krochmal, Science Instructor, announces that Clinton Derr, B.C., is the 1954 winner of the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award Medal for being outstanding in science work during his course at Delhi A&T.

The selection of the winner was based upon scholastic achievement in science subjects, with incidental consideration of general academic standing, qualities of leadership, and extra-curricular activities.

The Honorary Science Award Medal was instituted in 1932 and is presented in 5,500 schools throughout the country.

B. C. Instructor Publishes Articles

Milton D. Lowenstein, archeologist and architectural designer of the Building Construction faculty, is writing a series of articles for the "Journal of Architectural Historians" which deal with his years of research among the lonely peaks of the Pyrenees Mountains in southern France where he reconstructed the ruins of unknown XI and XII century monasteries. His wife aided him in making the drawings and the search for ancient documents.

B. C. Active Demonstration Day



Surveying instruments are demonstrated to the visitors by Clinton Derr, honor student of the Building Construction senior class.

Spring Concert May 20th, In Gym

One of the big events of the season, the Spring Concert, is yet to come.

At 8 p.m., Thursday, May 20th, the Mixed Chorus will present its annual Spring Concert in the gymnasium at the Institute under the direction of Mr. Eugene Wieand.

This concert is the high point of the choral activities, and represents the culmination of many hours of practice.

The program to be presented will include group numbers, some old and some new, with solos interspersed to give variety to the evening.

There will be no admission charged and it is expected that many residents of Delhi will attend, as they have in former years.

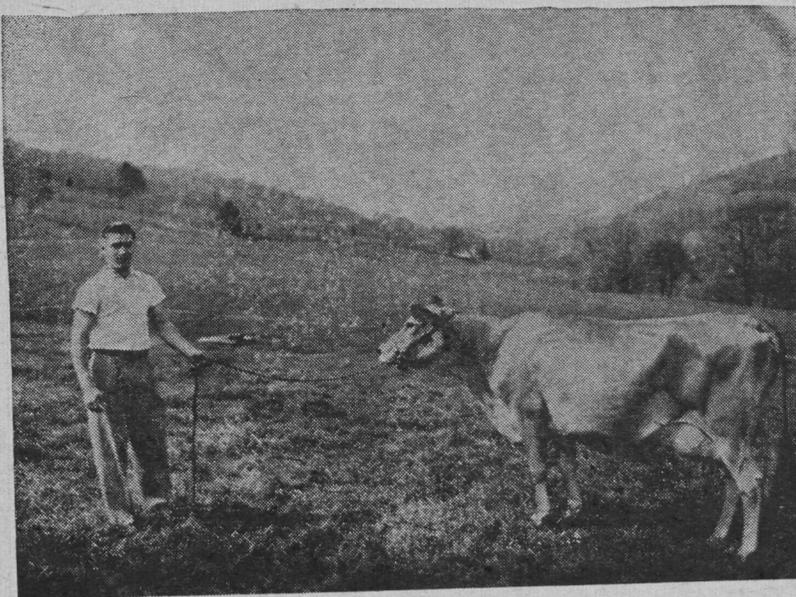
The members of the chorus and their director, Mr. Wieand, join in extending to the entire student body and to the general public an invitation to attend this Spring Concert on May 20.

The intricacies of small house design and construction were explained by a picked squad of senior and junior students from the Building Construction department on Demonstration Day last week. Escorted by their student hosts the visitors were first shown the drawings made by this year's architectural drafting classes under Mr. Lowenstein. The "Dream House," senior competition drawings were also on display and were greatly admired for their fine draftsmanship and artistry. Opelt and White had an interested audience as they explained the many details that had to go into an architectural drawing.

In the materials testing laboratory Scopoletti demonstrated the use of some of the equipment which had been installed recently under the direction of Mr. Peter Clifford, instructor in Physics and Strength of Materials. Masonry walls, skillfully constructed under the supervision of Mr. Frank Maier, were examined with great interest while the techniques were illustrated by senior students.

Mr. Edmund Clark's star student, Clinton Derr showed the use of instruments for laying out foundations and the preliminaries to construction. In Mr. Tom Hutchinson's class, where the walls were hung with exquisitely wrought models of building frames, a student discussed the techniques of measuring and cutting such complicated structural members as roof-rafters.

Negus Champ Showman at Dairy Show



At Saturday's 24th Annual Little National Dairy Show, sponsored by the Horn and Hoof Club, Merle Negus walked off with first honors as Champion Showman. Merle showed the Jersey, "Orpha." Bill Ostergren was adjudged Reserve Champion, showing the Holstein, "Pearl." Bill Goldstein, showing the Holstein "Regal" took third place. Brad Chadwick showing "Martha," a Jersey and Tom Fitzpatrick showing the Holstein, "Joan" took fourth and fifth places respectively.

Mr. James Beiermeister, owner of Van Horne Farms, Van Hornesville, N. Y., acted as judge.

The show, one of the most successful in its 24 year history, was under the direction of Mr. Sheldon R. Merritt, faculty advisor of the Horn and Hoof Club.

Yearbooks Out

Mr. Griswold, faculty adviser of "Fidelitas" has announced that Yearbooks will be distributed Saturday at 11 p.m., during the Fraternity Ball intermission, in the library, and again Monday at 11 a.m., also in the library.

SPRING WEEK-END PROGRAM

May 7, 8, 9, 1954

FRIDAY

9:00 P. M. — Hay Ride, Bonfire

SATURDAY

Concession Stand on lower campus

9:00 A. M.—Girls' Soft Ball

10:30 A. M.—Boys' Relay, B. C. and Ag.

11:00 A. M.—3-Legged Race. Boy and Girl
Girls' Relay

1:00 P. M.—Boys' Soft Ball

2:30 P. M.—Boys' and Girls' Mixed Volley Ball

3:30 P. M.—Boys' and Girls' Egg Race

4:00 P. M.—Tug-o-War, Girls, 2 out of 3
Tug-o-War, Boys, 2 out of 3

5:00 P. M.—Bar-B-Q by Chanticleers

9:00—Fraternity Ball, sponsored by Theta Gamma
and Tri-Atelier

Year Book presentation during intermission

SUNDAY

1:00 P. M.—Picnic at Reservoir Park. Rides furnished.

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