

BAKER LETTER

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A PLEA

It seems to us that Baker Letter is fast turning into a weekly pain in the *** containing nothing but social committee publicity and our own editorials. The issues get shorter every week. Writing editorials is fun, and we don't mind stapling this thing once a week, with occasional help, but if Baker residents don't start realizing the publicity value of Baker Letter, and taking advantage of it, we might as well stop writing and let the social committee go back to the Social Pole.

Last year B*L printed an average of six news articles a week emanating from such sources as the Athletic Committee, the Baton Society, and Freshman Council. In addition, there were two regular columns and an occasional letter to the Editor. There is no reason why it can't be as good this year --- start taking advantage of B*L's publicity value.

Since there will be no issue next week because of Thanksgiving, we'd like to thank those people who have helped put out these first three issues ---- Jack Hirsch who typed the first issue; Pete Young, who typed the last two issues; Paul Zilber, the wizard of the mimeo machine, and Alan Marks and Barry Weiss, who have helped staple and stuff. The entire staff wishes you a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Editors et al.

Don't choke on any pinfeathers.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE SPEAKS

From the spectator's point of view it looks as if Junior Prom was a great success. Congratulations.

We here at Baker House are very lucky -- we have an opportunity to put up our dates here at the House in BWD and save the expense and annoyance of using a hotel. What we should remember is that this is a special privilege and that we shouldn't abuse it, or we might lose it. This past weekend two thoughtless Bakerites violated BWD privacy. Incidents like this could easily lead to the removal of this privilege.

The same type of thoughtlessness is evident at Social Committee Parties where a sizeable percentage don't pay the Wishing Well. When Bill and I became Social Chairmen last March we learned that at the last Wishing Well Party (The Christmas Party) the refreshment loss exceeded \$100. Luckily for the House the payments increased for the Ides of March Party. It dropped again for the Tom Jones Party and if it is as low again for this year's Christmas don't be surprised if there is a drastic change in Social Committee policy. We're glad to run parties, we're even willing to take a loss; but we're not willing to have some people in the House (the responsible ones) pay for the refreshments of the others.

To change the topic-- There will be a Master Suite Party this Friday and the 6th Floor is holding an open floor party on Saturday night. It's an ideal place to go after seeing The Gondoliers.

December 10th is the Christmas Party. Please see us with suggestions.

J. & B.

REMEMBER THE WISHING WELL

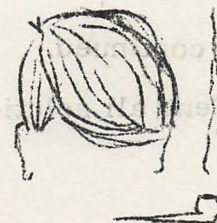
The CAINS sign is sick.

Did anyone notice Martin got scalped??



FOR LACK OF A BETTER TITLE

By Scanlan



FIELD DAY 1966 -- A FRESHMAN'S VIEW

We, the class of 1970, won all there was to win at Field Day. In terms of belated official reports and questionable second decisions (which reveal poor organization and coordination on the part of Beaver Key) the sophomore class was eventually declared winner. Moreover, the class of '69 goes down in the records as this year's victor and future generations will find no evidence to the contrary. But does historical record alone constitute victory? If it does, then I gladly grant the class of '69 the victory and I would not even bother to compete for such an artificial honor. But I maintain that the only victory that can be found in such a trivial and lighthearted contest as Field Day is in the immediate living moment when one class is declared the winner. At that moment only, when the entire force of the two highly spirited classes was assembled there on that friendly and fiercely contested field, at that intensely silent moment on that stark and cheerful autumn day when a solitary voice rang out over the anxious multitude, could there exist any meaningful victory. That is all that will live in our memories and that is all that anyone can really win at Field Day. In winning that irretrievable moment, rightly or wrongly, Freshmen won Field Day. Let the history books relate a different story, let the sophomores cling to their perhaps rightfully won cup (after all, with copper tubing axles on our tank and toy wheels on our bed.....) but in all that Field Day can and does mean, there was only one winner: the class of 1970 who enjoyed the spontaneous celebration of the moment of victory and marched off the field with triumphant bombast.

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Hello fans!!!! Due to the "overwhelming" response to last week's article - no written response to any question was correct - I am not carrying over any of the previous questions. Also #1 was misprinted, so:

- #1. Given $A = (2n - 1)5$, (with n integral), show that if $2A^2 - 1 = B^2$, (with B integral), then B is divisible by 7.
- #2. At billiards, Big Ed beat Minnesota and Spaz; Minnesota beat Willie, Nick, and Spaz; Willie beat Big Ed and Nick; Nick beat Big Ed and Spaz; Spaz beat Willie. List the players in order of ability.
- #3. Evaluate: $(1 - x - x^2 - \dots + x^{99})(1 - x^{10} + x^{20} - \dots + x^{90})(1 - x^{100} + x^{200} - \dots + x^{900}) \dots$ when $|x| < 1$.
- #4. What do the letters "O. N. T." stand for on a spool of thread??
- #5. What is the longest exact (i. e., not a geologic term of indefinite length) unit of time in usage???

Last Week's Answers:

- #2. 125/3 #3. 5 #4. 6 #5. :on the reverse side of the Great Seal of the United States(hence on \$1 silver certificates of 1935). (cont. next page)

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Send all solutions to me or my mailbox. Same prizes again.

Andy Egendorf - Room 538

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Martin:

I would like to exercise the right to use B*L as a forum for exercising my opinion on a certain matter affecting some of us in the House: namely the reading of newspapers at the Desk.

It is vaguely irritating to come downstairs and have to push your way past the flotsam piled around the Desk to get your copy of the paper on weekdays and weekends. The N. Y. Times have been paid for in advance and are the property of certain people in the house. In this respect, or in any other, they are not out for general inspection.

On Sundays the situation is especially bad in that there are a few people who make a regular habit of entrenching themselves at the desk, pulling apart the many sections and leisurely browsing thru the paper. Not only do they effectively blanket the whole desk, but their attitude seems to be one of resentment when you try to get your own paper from underneath: almost as if they were Robin Hoods of the Times. The person who gets the last of the fairly small number of Times ordered has the dubious satisfaction of knowing that his copy has been read through, taken apart, and, if he is fortunate, reassembled intact.

A little less thoughtfulness on the part of a few would go a long way.

Peter Young
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