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Explorer Bradford Washburn Lectures On the Conquest of Mount McKinley

Tested Arctic Gear For Army in Wartime

By John Stewart

On Feb. 7, Bradford Washburn, director of the American Museum of Natural History, told the story of his second trip to North America's highest mountain in a lecture entitled "The Conquest of Mount McKinley." Mr. Washburn has made the ascent of Mount McKinley twice, the second time accompanied by his wife, Mary, the first woman ever to climb that peak.

Mr. Washburn has been climbing mountains ever since he was an usher boy at Groton. A large majority of his ancestors were made in Alaska where he was the first man to reach the summit of at least six peaks. In 1922 he made his first climb of McKinley. During the war he served with the Army testing cold weather equipment in Alaska and the Arctic.

Mr. Washburn opened his lecture by pointing out why Mount McKinley is so difficult to climb even though it is relatively small compared to such mountains as Everest. He gave two reasons. One is the climate and the second is the ice. First, it is the highest mountain in the sub-Arctic region, and second, the mountain is located in a very bad storm track which deposits eighty to one hundred tons of snow a year.

Next Mr. Washburn told of the war work that went into the preparation for the expedition.

Slides and Films Used

The remainder of his talk was illustrated by a number of slides which, by themselves, would have made an interesting presentation. Mr. Washburn described how the party of thirteen men reached their goal. They had flown to the South in a single engine aircraft. They learned the base camp was established in McNully Pass between the two peaks of the mountain at an altitude of about 13,000 feet. The party consisted of about forty men and the scientific studies they made while there at the last camp were covered completely along with the flight for survival, (the way to withstand the cold), and the scientific studies of Mount McKinley. These studies they made while there at the last camp were covered completely along with the flight for survival, (the way to withstand the cold), and the scientific studies of Mount McKinley.

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DERFERRED RUSHING . . .

There isn't much time. The stampede for a Greek brother is unusually strong. It is necessary for freshmen to wear their rooms day and night. There are dinners, and parties with beer. Hundreds of names and faces appear and disappear. Strangers become brothers in a matter of minutes.

This method of selecting a fraternity brother is superfluous. It is unfair to the freshmen, both from a social and from an academic viewpoint. There is no real chance for a freshman to investigate or to discriminate.

It is an important transition period between preparatory school and college is damaged by the diversion of fraternity. The first division is lessened, but not removed, when pledging is completely finished.

A plan for deferred rushing has been submitted by the Associated Students. The post-pledge fraternity party will be held to be the biggest.

On campus pledging, a prohibitive bug-a-boo, is not as serious as thedie-hards would have us believe. A freshman who is genuinely interested in selecting the right fraternity, will resist or at least listen with tongue in cheek, to those who retell and try to impress him with a scar. Freshmen would be notified of the new system during orientation week, and advised of the possibility of devise and sooner pledging.

B. R. R.

DORM THEIVERY . . .

This is a very painful editorial to write. First of all we would like to say that it is an important warning to all freshmen and for their own protection. There is on campus a thief who has increased from petty nuisance pilfering to planned stealing.

Dean Clarke estimates the loss to students as being between $500 and $1,000. This is a tremendous offense.

Dean Clarke and has made the following excerpt.

"The chances are that many Trinity alumni and undergraduates were observed in the telephone booth just outside the Tripod office whispering sweet nothings into the mouth-piece and affrontively forming the photograph of a fair damsel who must have been on the other or the end of the line. This, combined with a throbing naggin and the remarks of an alumnus the previous night, all serve to prove that the Junior Prom weekends are still as interesting as they were in the days of yore. Consequently being about of material and at the same time, near the Tripod, the remainder of this column is written only through the courtesy of some intrepid reporter connected with the Tripod in 1911. The Junior Prom of that year apparently also was a tremendous success and is described in the following excerpt. "Alumni Hall was splendidly decorated in red and blue, the class colors, and a novelty this year was an enormous sign suspended over the stage, and the class members in large frosted electric lights...in previous years, supper was served downwards in the gymnasium at twelve o'clock...the men's programs were handily bound in brown leather and the ladies in blue watered silk...music was furnished by the Foot Guard orchestra...including such popular selections as 'The March of the Priests' from Aida, the 'Chocolate Soldier' waltzes, 'Under the Yum-Yum Trees', 'Vision of Solitude', and 'Birth of Passion'."

Froshnation

By Jacques Hopkins

We are glad to announce that we have lived through another party weekend. It was rough going, we will admit that. All day Saturday we spent trying to find the best method to lessen the uncomfortable throbbing in our head. We finally found it if we held our head so that our chin pointed down towards the floor. We were more than satisfied, however, that the occupants of the room cared little whether it was painted or not. The rumor of free beer sent us scurrying to Theta Xi along with about forty other thirsty men and their dates.

The parties Saturday night were quite successful. We must compliment Alpha Delta Phi on their flashy "Daisy Room." Equally popular at AD was the adjoining room which was so dark that we could not make out the color scheme. (We were assured, however, that the occupants of the room cared little whether it was painted or not. The rumor of free beer sent us scurrying to Theta Xi along with about forty other thirsty men and their dates. When we arrived it was so crowded that we didn't want to mix our drinks anyway. By the time we arrived at Psi Upsilon no one was left "but the 'darker corner set" and we so left to continue our journey. Alpha Chi Rho and Sigma Nu were nearly deserted when we arrived so we strung out for another party. The sidewalk leading to the Deke house was moving from side-to-side so fast that we couldn't make it to the steps.

We staggered into Delta Phi in the wee hours of the morning and made a valiant attempt to organize an expedition to the Washington Diner. This plan was met with violent opposition and was soon dropped. After gorging ourselves with left-over devilish sausages and raspberry tarts, we felt strong and brave enough to negotiate the treacherous trail up to Jarvis'. Pacing Psi U, we were hailed as a "crummy guitar players" and we shouted back that our conversation was nothing but a "punk ukulele players." (We removed this incident because it was so ridiculously incomprehensible).

As it is now time for our hourly dose of aspirin, black coffee, and sulfa, we must close this column until next week when we may have sufficiently recovered from the Junior Prom weekend.

R. H. W.
Hilltoppers Smash Middlebury 51-30 After 15-14 Advantage
Watson Gets 13 As Trin Notches Sixth

By Dick Sanger

Before a large crowd of spectators, the Hilltoppers defeated Middlebury by a score of 51-30 to cap President Funston's Birthday program. The game, President Funston made a few remarks about construction of the newly-constructed field house and pointed out its great versatility. The crowd was quite responsive during the game due to the fact that only a few of the members of the Hilltoppers were present while the rest were special guests of the college and administrators and the construction fund.

For the first six minutes of the game, no points were scored by either team but instead, Bill Pitkin and Bur­dett, the towering Middlebury center, took turns blocking out rebounds of attempted shots. Finally, however, Joe Pearson broke through with two free throws and moments later tossed the ball straight. The team split out and the teams left the floor at half time with the score 10-10, favor of Trinity.

In the second half, Trinity proceeded to make a comeback. Ron Watson got away in three successive fast breaks and gave Trinity the lead back to 13 points. Finally, Watson, who has recently been living up to some of his possibilities, put the Black Panthers to rout.

Watson, starting for the first time this season in place of Jack Kirholder, justified expectations by putting nine points during the final half.

Trin, in turn, was another story. The Trin score was 15-14 in favor of Trinity.

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Trin Fencers Second in ThreeWay Meet Won by Wesmen

Pacing a four-hour-long triangular match with Wesleyan University and Bowdoin College late last Saturday afternoon, the Trinity squadmen went from a quick start to a lucky end game, in turn being rounded up by Wesleyan. The final score was a win for the Hilltoppers, 15-6, 15-7, 15-5. The Hilltoppers were idle, but maintained a lead of two games over their nearest competitors. The J-Sox, however, won their seventh straight, pounding Tri­angle XIII by a 94-44 margin.

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SAINT VERNON STREET became apparent as early as Tuesday evening, when Brother Jim Brown, for his hearty nature, enabled us to celebrate a basketball win over Wesleyan. Lawrence won a swimming race, which survived a class speech, and Heppenstall took a squash match, the days went on. Although each of those was a pleasant surprise, the general feeling was that no one was warranted. On Saturday afternoon, Brother Tom T. and Don Farrow and Sarah, hunted scavengers better than the Pat U's. Then Deacon Charles came back to see us, and truly, they really gate rolling. I won't say it was a good party, but I don't think that anyone concerned would object to something better, again. Harry Yarrow and Dick Kiefles were back for the weekend, and must have envied no college kids a little. After it was all over, we like Willie Pep, a little more for your wear, although a winner all the way. (F. J. B.)

ALPHA DELTA PHI: I trust that you had an enjoyable weekend also... (ed.)

ALPHA CHI RHO was last weekend, as usual, the Mecca for beautiful charming and gifted females who lightened hearts and heads. Brent Harries found the "perfect gifts," horse races and the mouth-watering blonda Vivian. The Black Maria, our new hotel sized steve, did yeoman service in sending forth steaks and lamb with Mrs. B. grandly at the helm.

Bob Herbert lost his card in the stilt, claims that the automatic on. Brother Frank Eblin discovered or evolved an astonishing mixture lead lined bottles for Eblen's answer rested and is experimenting with the to play the organ Sunday morning, Paul Stewart was last weekend, President W. Donnell, the Bad entrance of the deem most sacred, Mac) was quite all the brothers and even some of the scavengers dusting and readying the house for the entrance to the brothers and pledges was St. Valentine's Day and countless books and their hands to their thinnish throughout the house.

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DELTA KAPPA EPSILON spent a very enjoyable weekend (to say the least). However, prior to said "w.e." all the brothers and even some of the pledges spent their time mopping, dusting and rearranging the house for the entrance of the "w.e." Brother McDonnell, the Bad One, (with all you deem most sacred, but most proud) put enthusiastic over the decision of the fight.

THE TRINITY TRIPD

Friday night, while Brothers Frank and Patterson were for some strange reason in a complete state of dejection. Oh well, such is life. Those who attended the Junior Prom had a very "w.e." including Brothers Hull (W. still can hear a slight echo, big.) and Young who were committed committee. Then during the weekend the bands was visited by incomparable brothers from Yale, Brown, Kenyon, and Middlebury (and how!), not to mention the numerous alumni who appeared upon the scene from out of the blue, and the many members of the faculty and those who disregarded our well worn doorway. Thanks especially must go to W. Cow... (pardon me) Bill Quortrup, our social committee for marvelous manners in which the entire "W.E." was managed. Laurels also must be stressed before Bros. Ma Simpson (Ma was, by the way, unanimously re-elected as the House Chairman last week) and Bill Kearns his assistant, for the fine condition of the house throughout the "W.E." All together it was an "E.W." for every one et al. Happy Birthday, Bill. (T. R. plane et al.)

PSI Upsilon is very sorry, Brother Byers, but we have decided not to

switch to Clarion? Anyway, thanks for the effort. Now that the house- party weekend has ended and the hellos have returned to their various points of habitation, brothers and pledges alike are putting their eyes to their books and their hands to their chasmic wallets. In passing and of probable interest, there is an excellent partnership on Park Street between Row and Washington! Following the re- decoration of the halls of Beta Beta and a week of further unpopularity, on last weekend evening, February 9, the following men were initiated into the Brotherhood: Raymond M. Belrose, Robert S. Cornell, Maurice Fremont-Smith, R. Houston Hale, F. Murray Hastings, Bertrand B. Hopkins, Richard E. T. Hunter, Charles R. Medford, James D. Robins, and Ed. R. Spread. Welcome to the Beta Beta and congratulations! (J. W. C.)

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Del. Ri. Carden, Treasurer; King Howard, Cor-responding Secretary; Grant McEntist, Steward; and Bob Richmond, House Manager. (R. W. C.)

SIGMA NU welcomes into the broth­ erhood Chuck McElvy, Bill Moreo, Jack Nettle, Bob Sparkle, Dan Rab- bone, and "Chip" Valles. After the initiation Wednesday night two of the new brothers checked on some stories they heard about Indian Ale. Jake came through with the prise statement of the evening when he said, "Come on Chip, before we make fools of ourselves." Saturday afternoon Bob Compton engendered a cocktail party followed by informal dance at which time we chrected our caller. "Checkbook" has caused of the party one interested in pictures please see your "Uncle Jim." It seems that Bill

Jette and Dick Warner went to a lot of trouble to take their fingerprint as a radiator valve but they did say the job.

DELTA PHI enjoyed one of the most successful weekends of the weekend. The party Saturday night with the climax of the pledge week which found pledges wishing for fear that they could not get all of their unique work done and brothers really was lost but lest they could not have enough work to keep the pledges busy. However, as a result of an un­ enexpected effort, the house was put in a respectable condition for the arrival of a shipment of La femmes, particularly of course the dedication of Esten Hall for the Field House there ensued a cock­ party over which Brother Hadley pre­ sided in noble fashion. The cocktail party was followed by the Feast of the Emu­tion, a fabulous buffet with delightful goodies to satisfy any bird-like appetite from a group to an ostrich. Adjourning to the Field House we watched Doctor Watts who administered the needle to the Mid­ bury team. Until the festivities came to an end, the remaining activities centered in the shadows of the guns men which had been recently awarded seals and cartoons by Brothers Bruegge and Greenwood. (R. P. B.)