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REMEMBER MPA CHICAGO APRIL 28, 29, 30

It isn't too late (but hurry!) to make arrangements to attend the 1955 MPA Convention at the Sherman Hotel in Chicago on April 28, 29, and 30th. You'll find that many papers of interest to industrial psychologists will be presented. That's not accidental; Dr. Lawshe was on the program committee. We had hoped that the Newsletter could announce the election of Dr. Lawshe to the presidency of MPA, but that will have to wait for some future issue.

The disappointment won't dampen (or dry out, as the case may be) our spirits at the convention, however. PAGESIP, as

usual, will have a suite of rooms available for the use of members, alumni, and guests. The room number is not available at this time, but you can be sure it will be easy to find--hidden away in some prominent corner of the Sherman. And, of course, PAGESIP will sponsor its usual party at its regression headquarters. It will start sometime Friday evening, and end sometime Saturday morning, and cost, the committee informs us, \$4.50 per member or alumnus. Personal guests, of course, will be welcomed free of charge--especially if they have any job openings. But, with or without guests, be sure to drop in; everyone else will be there.

COMMUNIQUES FROM DYSPEPTIC EX-PAGSIPPERS

The Newsletter staff was gratified to receive word from many of its prominent alums since publication of the last issue. We, of the ivory towers, were again shocked to hear that the outside world looks askance at the suffixes with which we embellish our signatures and seems to feel that Ph.D.'s still look an awful lot like mortals. If a Ph.D. indicates anything to an employer (check me if I'm wrong), it would seem to be that the recipient of said degree is now capable of working 24 hours a day, of solving pseudo problems in an instant, and of crossing vast desert without food, water, or a pat on the back. All of this is very depressing to those of us who still conceive of the degree as a glorious culmination of much expended energy. At any rate, the sages' comments were as follows:

Jim Ehlers Jim is working on evaluation of the Ordnance training program. He's traveling around the country visiting Navy and Air Force installations (at the taxpayer's expense).

Jerry Ely Jerry reports that he is consulting with Sperry Gyroscope and American Machine Foundry CO. on "military type" problems. He reports that his employers took part in a course in "Engineering of Man-Machine Systems" which was attended by, of all people, a lawyer and a psychiatrist. Jerry says that Warren Griffin is rumored to have gone with Chrysler -- no confirmation.

Rupert N. Evans Rupert is an Assoc. Prof. of Industrial Education at the U. of Ill. and is teaching and developing some proficiency tests for the Air Force.

Quentin W. File Quentin is Division of Industrial Relations Supervisor with Standard Oil and Gas Co. and reports that he is also engaged in demonstration lecturing on

discussion leadership. The writer presumes that Dr. File can attribute at least part of his present job success to the score which he made on "How Supervise?"

Dean E. Hymian Dean informs us that the Personnel Mgr. Newsletter "goofed" in sending a copy to R.G. Magnavox Co. Wells, c/o Magnavox. It Ft. Wayne, Ind. seems the alumni roster may need some revision. Wherefore art thou, Dick Wells?

John Maloney John (Der Kuzik Man) Maloney writes to inform 12 Ashley Rd. Hopkins, Minn. all of the neophytes that the outside world is not a bed of roses. John is with Minn. Honeywell (no, you can't eat their products) and is engaged in a study of the Strong VLB and its effectiveness in doing something or other with engineers.

J.P. Paisios Latest report has it that 64 Birch St. John is SGA Vice President Park Forest, Ill. in charge of commuting. He spends the majority of the day getting to the coop and back home again, with a short stopover at SGA, where he is project director in charge of development and operational use of the Selective Service College Qualification Tests. Also, an addition is expected in the Paisios family sometime in March (?).

Lt. Wm. Saunders Bill is working part 42-A, Ft. Harrison time at the P.O. Indian-Village apolis Extension Center Ft. Harrison, Ind. (teaching job evaluation) and is instructing and administering a test evaluation program at the Adjutant General's School. He has the additional duty of being section chief to none other than Pvt., Lt., Dr. Robt. E. Mainer.

Charles D. Scheips Charley is our "boy psy- 12 Terrace Ave. chologist" consultant who White Plains, N.Y. will hereinafter be referred to as "Old Money-Bags". His note indicates that he is kept busy running from his Park Avenue office to various parts of the country, satisfying

olients and, apparently, reaping the tangible benefits obtainable therefrom.

Joe W. Wissel Joe states that he is a staff psychologist (human Van Nuys, Calif. engineer) with the Missile Systems Div. of Lockheed Aircraft. We would presume that he is investigating the size, shape, and location for the "let-me-outta-here" button to be used on some space cadet marvel. At any rate, I hope he isn't looking for any subjects who would like to take "a little spin or two around the world."

NEW PAGSIPPERS 1954-1955

East, West, North, South--from all points of the compass--those with a yen to master the mysteries of industrial psychology have thronged to Purdue. The following are the newest additions to our illustrious (?) ranks:

Monte Householder came to Purdue in June from Oklahoma. Monte did his undergrad work at Washburn in Topeka, Kansas, and took his M.S. in general and experimental at Oklahoma.

From Long Island's Hofstra College came Bill Campbell and Mike Fischl. Bill earned his B.A. and M.A. at Hofstra. Mike originally from New York City, did his undergrad work at N.Y.C. and took his M.A. at Hofstra.

Originally from Winston-Salem, N.C., Bob Pfferkorn came to Purdue via Duke University and Iowa State College. (He also earned his DaDa degree in March, 1955).

Bob Bolda, who hails from Detroit, earned his B.B.A. at the G.M. Institute. He guesses that his next stop will probably be the Army (but not before increasing the population by one--too bad his daughter didn't arrive in time to be a tax deduction either).

Lew Albright, originally from Chicago, did his undergraduate work at Northwestern. He earned his Master's in experimental at the U. of Missouri.

Ed Hackett, from St. Louis, received both his B.S. and M.S. in general psych. from St. Louis University.

Lionel Mosing is from Redwing, Minn. (He insists that he did not attend the boys' "school" there.) He did his undergraduate work at Carleton College and took his M.S. in applied at Iowa State.

Marcha Johnson, who calls St. Paul, Minn. home, received her bachelor's degree at the Miami University (in Ohio). She insists that she is partial to Hampsters.

Gene Chapman hails from Oklahoma city. He did his undergrad work in psych. at the U. of Oklahoma.

Weld Prevratil took his B.S. in business administration at Oklahoma A. and M.

Terry Hudson who earned his B.S. in psych. at Oklahoma A. and M., is also from Oklahoma City. Terry expects to enter the Army on June 13th.

Al Yriart, originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina, did his undergraduate work in psychology at the University of Texas.

John Hinrichs, who came to us after his undergraduate work at Johns Hopkins, calls Baltimore his home.

And Duane Kasten tore himself away from his bucket of suds at Milwaukee long enough to get his B.S. from the U. of Wisconsin.

NEWSLETTER STAFF

Robert Bolda

Rosemary Hayes

Duane Johnson

Marcha Johnson

Duane Kasten

Warren Seibert

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Art Work: Kay Inaba

PHD RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

In response to requests received from various or our more illustrious (and fortunate) alumni, the PAGSIP editorial staff has agreed to include in this issue a brief listing of PhD research in progress at the present time. The following list is by no means complete; a highly stratified sampling method was employed in obtaining this information; namely that each PhD candidate appearing in the Psych. Dept. offices between 1:00 and 3:00 PM on the deadline day was attacked and forced to divulge the topic of his work. The list follows:

Jim Briggs: The design of an efficient work area (Kephart)

Roy Dunlap: "A reading test for Industrial supervisors" (Tiffin)

Mike Fischl: A human relations test for supervisors (Tiffin)

Lionel Mosing: Perceptual preference for design (Kephart)

Dick Rosensteel: "A study of the training needs of general foremen in a farm tractor plant" (Lawshe)

Jack Sawyer: "Self insight and supervisory performance" (Lawshe)

Warren Siebert: Investigation into adolescents' knowledge and attitudes concerning economic policies, practices and principles (Remmers)

Dave Winnick: "An investigation of the group tachistoscopic method of evaluating magazine advertisements" (Tiffin)

Those of you who are or will be in the PAGSIP area on May 14th should make it a point to attend the PAGSIP Spring Picnic. It will be held at the Hills, and, since Bill Ward is chairman of the committee, a good (and "wet") time is assured.

INTRODUCING PAGSLIP

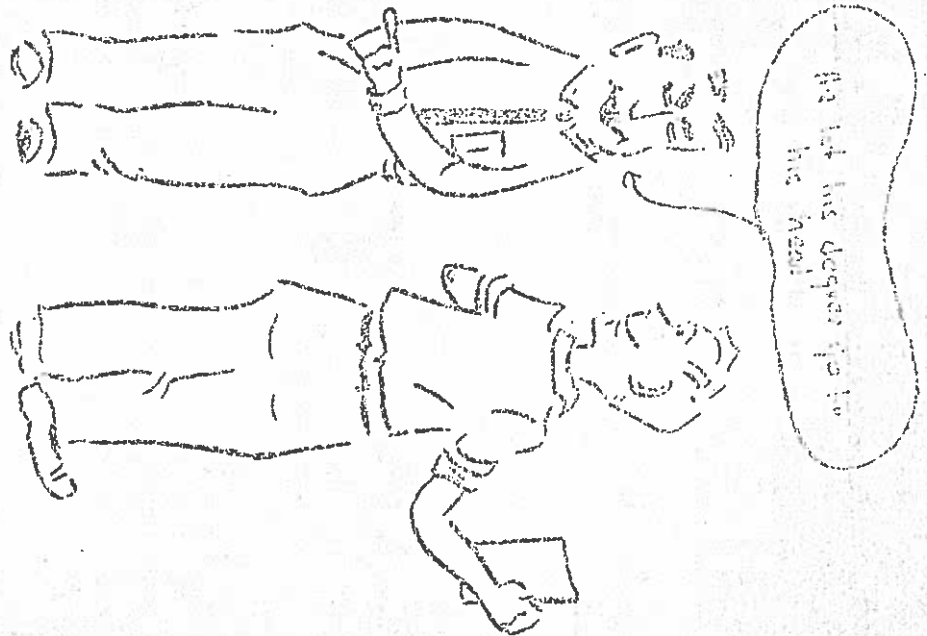
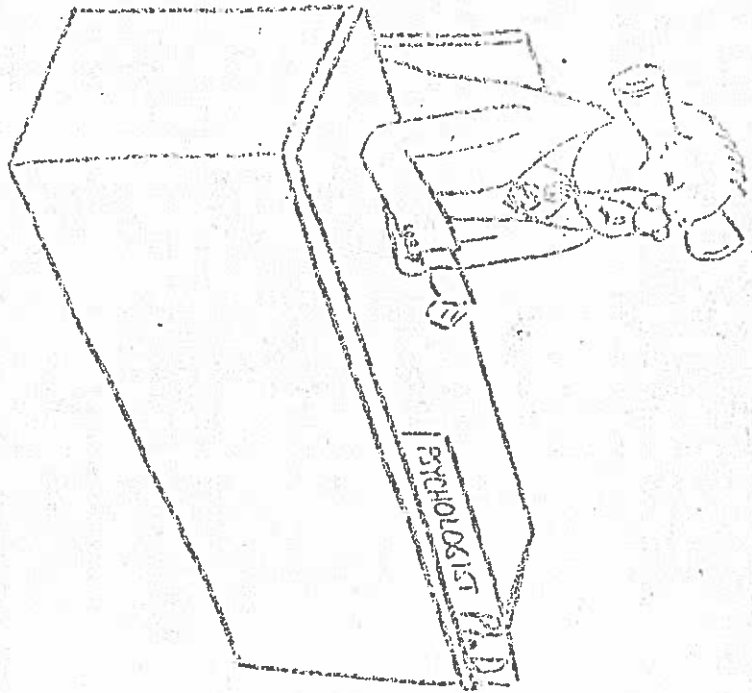
This fall saw the creation of the new and active organization of PAGSLIP (the "L" stands for "Ladies"). Related to PAGSIP by marriage only, the group was formed to give the wives of industrial psychologists an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with each other. Four meetings have been held this year, and a fifth (meeting) is scheduled for May. The meetings, in the homes of the members, have been quite informal with entertainment ranging from "just talking" to a talk by Dr. Cleo Fitzsimmons of the Home Management Dept. Dr. Fitzsimmons chose as her topic, "Time for Everything" and centered her talk on the general area of motion economy in the home. No officers or committees have been elected, and, rumors to the contrary, PAGSLIP does not plan to attend the MPA Convention.

DEFINITION OF A STATISTICIAN

A statistician is a person who passes as an exacting expert on the basis of being able to turn out with prolific fortitude, infinite strings of incomprehensible formulae, calculated with micromatic precision from vague assumptions, based on debatable figures, taken from inconclusive experiments and non-representative surveys, carried out under abnormal conditions, with instruments of problematical accuracy, by persons of doubtful reliability and questionable mentality, for the avowed purpose of annoying and confounding a hopelessly chimerical group of crazed fanatics referred to, if they are mentioned at all, as psychologists.

(Stolen from somewhere)

If any of you are having trouble getting your names published in the more (or less) reputable journals, try the Newsletter. Let us know what you are doing and how you are getting along. We'd also like to get your reaction to our dittoed, envelope-less format. The reaction to the cartoon in the last issue was heartening--see the last page for another.



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