Student Government Association Holds Picnic At “Ghost Town”

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Spencerian students visited a ghost town June 29th and they didn’t have to go out west to do it.

After a short drive of twenty minutes, everyone was ready for action as they pulled into the parking lot of “Ghost Town on the River” near Shawnee Park on Southwestern Parkway.

“Lazy Louie” (the porpoise) is another attraction at “Ghost Town.” Louie is actually his name, but the adjective “lazy” describes him well. He doesn’t like to work hard for his fish treats, but the trainer forces him to. If he doesn’t jump high enough, he doesn’t get a treat.

The can-can girls at the Red Dog Saloon was one of the male students at Spencerian didn’t want to miss.

Afterwards a gunfight was staged in the streets of the ghost town, after which the bystanders retreated to the “Sweet Shoppe” for a sundae.

The trip to “Ghost Town on the River” was sponsored by the student government at Spencerian.

Planning for the trip began in May, and tickets were purchased and maps printed beforehand and handed out the morning of the trip.

Students were encouraged to “dress down” on that day; that is, to disregard the dress code and to wear whatever they wanted.

School was dismissed at 10:45, and an estimated three-quarters of the student body were off to a pleasant and enjoyable day at “Ghost Town on the River.”

“Ghost Town,” is on the old site of “Fontaine Ferry” which closed several years ago. The cleaned, repainted, rebuilt, remodelled and generally improved old amusement park, is a pleasant surprise.

Students seemed to enjoy themselves as they tried their hands at the carnival games, stuffed themselves on hot dogs and popcorn, and rode the rides.

Prominent members of the Spencerian faculty, primarily in the shorthand and typing departments, were even seen skipping delightedly around trying to decide which ride to try next.

On the Merry-go-round, these same ladies broke into a chorus of “The Old Gray Mare” to add to the carnival atmosphere of the old carousel, which lacks a music box.

Another notable ride at “Ghost Town” is the roller coaster. One student had to frantically pin down her afro-puff hairpiece before feeling secure enough to chance the rapidly-moving ride.

Congress Recognizes Business Schools

June, 1972, was a landmark occasion for the proprietary business school students in the United States. For it was on that day that these students were included as equals with all other university and college students.

Beginning July 1, 1973, students attending the nation’s business schools will be eligible for financial aid of all types and in equal participation along with other university students. For years the United Business School Association has worked for equal recognition and finally the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 bring this to the business college student.

This means that students attending Spencerian will not only be eligible for loans and government-sponsored part-time jobs, but also the various educational grant programs.