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What's Next Step?

We commend the Senate Committee on Student Welfare for the forethought and involved consideration which it displayed in approving, with restrictions, Panhellenic Council's proposed first semester rushing code.

Although first semester rushing has obvious inherent disadvantages, it seems to be the best solution to the problem presented by the possibility of three new freshman classes each year.

Because pros and cons of first semester versus delayed rushing have been presented innumerable times, it seems useless to reiterate them. The problem is apparent. We need a solution.

First step toward a solution was the Senate Committee's action. But details of no minor importance remain unsettled. Desirous of safeguarding time and energy, needed by freshmen for orientation and by upperclass women for study and activities under the accelerated program, the Committee requested that Panhel submit additional information, including definite provisions for limitations on time required of freshmen both before and after pledging.

Suggestions are in order. Perhaps it would be better to postpone for a week or two the initial week of informal rushing, tentatively scheduled for the first week new coeds are on campus.

We must remember that new frosh will have no Freshman Week as such but will be going to classes as well as taking placement exams and attending mass meetings. This suggestion would involve no drastic changes but would simply delay the start of rushing.

We liked the Committee's request for limitations on time after pledging as well as before. Panhel, it seems to us, is already endeavoring to cut actual rushing activities to the minimum.

But can't something be done to conserve time and energy after rushing is over, after freshmen are pledged and subject to the rules of individual houses? Could pledge training be reorganized to include only essentials? Could meetings be scheduled less often and pledge duties kept at a minimum? Is "Hell Week" a justifiable activity during a national emergency?

We realize, of course, that chapters have national requirements to meet. But national rulings were made for normal times. If this proposed conservation of time, energy, and money should violate national rules, we feel that chapters should petition their head organizations to waive pre-war requirements.

Sorority activities, like everything else, must be readjusted to meet demands of the emergency. We feel that efforts towards this goal have been commendable but accomplishments still remain inadequate.

—L. M. F.

The Lost Chords

"For the glory of Old State, for her founders strong and great."

Those were the words which were supposed to echo at the annual inauguration ceremonies at the Old Main gate yesterday afternoon. Rather than condemn anybody for not knowing the words to Penn State's foremost song, we want to commend the handful who did sing when the Blue Band played the Alma Mater.

In case they've been forgotten, here are the words to the first verse.

For the glory of Old State,
For her founders strong and great,
For the future that we wait,
Raise the song, raise the song.

After the many times the words were sung at football games last Fall, at certain mass meetings and during Freshman Week, the Alma Mater should be known well by every Penn Stater. Then too, won't it seem queer to attend four terms of college and still be unable to repeat the words to the school song?

A new class of freshmen will soon take up abode at Penn State. Let's brush up on the old song so the 1942-43 class of Penn Staters can...



Through The Needle's Eye

A little gypsy just came over and swatted us on the back with a wilted petunia and shouted: "The third semester's gonna getcha, ef ya don't watch out!" And watchin' out is our specialty. Of course, we won't be able to see until we wipe the sweat out of our eyes (or is it snow?) but one thing we can see coming is that summer semester. Brother Jones, pass the talcum powder and an aspirin.

We think a summer semester is fine, for them as what need one, and that includes just about everybody in the Penn State student directory, except a couple of freshmen who sneaked in when they were sixteen. But, somehow, we kind of hanker after the idea that it at least be a semester, or anyway, at least a reasonable facsimile. (Just tear the top off Russ Clark and send it with \$75-worth of cancelled stamps to the bursar's office.)

This third semester is a fine way to help people adjust to the draft, but we don't like the idea that we might suffocate. Come April 26th and this town will go on Daylight Saving Time. Add that to Eastern War Time and you have one helluva headache for Margie Sykes. Now she's a pretty nice kid, and it's not her fault that the girls elected her Judicial head, and, for every ten o'clock curfew in the girls' dorm just at the time dusk is starting to settle, she's going to need another bottle of aspirin.

Now, if we're going to treat our wartime college lassies like children and tuck them in every night, maybe we'd better use child psychology. Our favorite text says that if children want to do something, and you forbid it, they'll do it anyway, but they won't let you in on the secret. And guess what happens? Aw, you guessed it. You lose any chance you ever had to control them in that particular problem. For example, when a parent says: "No, children, you can't have an Easter vacation; you stay home and do your lessons," you've got trouble.

Rules are made to be intelligently broken. But, you can't even break a rule if it's not in existence. Now WE think—you knew we'd get to it!—that Dean Ray and her henchmen might as well get busy now, and call off those ten o'clocks while Margie Sykes still has an average and the rules haven't been broken. We think a third semester is necessary, but we at least want it to be a semester, and if that means adapting the rules, then somebody had better throw out their rulebooks while they still have what our Chinese allies call "face."

—GABRIEL

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY:
Special evening Mother's service. Reception following. Hillel Foundation, 7:15 p. m.

The LaVie junior board holds its annual banquet at the Allencrest, 7:30 p. m. All members of the board are requested to attend. Annual Spring party of the Wesley Foundation in the Foundation gym, 8 p. m.

Baseball with Gettysburg, 4 p. m.

Freshmen Mass Meeting Committee, Hugh Beaver Room, 4 p. m.

TOMORROW

Coeds and their mothers are invited to play bridge during Mother's Day Open House in White Hall from 3 to 4 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Invitations and announcements for graduation exercises may now be obtained by seniors at Student Union.

Cinemanania

Bud Abbott and Lew Costello reach a new hilarity high in their highly explosive comedy, "Rio Rita," which opens at the Cathaum Theatre Saturday. Balance is supplied by Kathryn Grayson and John Carroll furnishing the romance for the show.

Does Your Tennis Racket Need Repairing or Restringing?
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