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## Sorority Phones

With each new semester, numerous adjustments must be made among students themselves, between students and faculty members and between students and administrative officials.

This semester marked the opening of "a new era for Penn State women," to quote Dr. Pearl O. Weston, dean of women. This era seems to have been ushered in on a wave of serious differences between the coeds and the dean. These conflicts should be settled as soon as possible to alleviate the friction that has developed.

The major controversy concerns private outside telephones in sorority suites. A College regulation supposedly prohibits outside telephones (those not on 6711 or 9051) on campus. Sororities were exempted from this rule about 1940 by Miss Charlotte E. Ray, then dean of women.

This privilege was granted in about 1940 because there were freshmen living in town dorms, and every time a sorority wished to contact them it had to pay a 5c phone toll. As more sororities located on the campus, this privilege was extended to them through the courtesy of Dean Weston.

Now, with the increased dormitory facilities, members of the administration feel that sororities should forfeit their privilege of an outside phone. This action was taken without any notice or consultation with sororities. Through the years a private phone has become a necessity for sorority business.

Members must contact alumnae in town, as well as merchants and business men. Long distance and personal calls must now be made in public hallways. It is very inconvenient to always hunt for a nickel before making a call, and only being allowed to call until 10 p.m. It is equally inconvenient to be unable to receive calls after 10 p.m.

Before summer vacation many sorority officers requested Bell Telephone Company to relocate their phones in their new suites. They paid for the phones during the summer, but the dean of women's office countermanded the relocation orders.

The sorority girls in the new dormitory appreciate the administration's kindness in having phones placed in every room, but in Grange the suites have one hall phone to about 18 girls.

The girls feel that certain privileges go with being sorority members, in view of the fact that they pay dues to such an organization. They firmly believe it is most essential for them to be allowed their own private phone, which they themselves pay for.

—Frances Keeney.

## Edit Briefs

Registration figures reveal an all-time high enrollment at the College. With prices also at such a high level, how can its academic excellence be long maintained without corresponding increases in legislative appropriations?

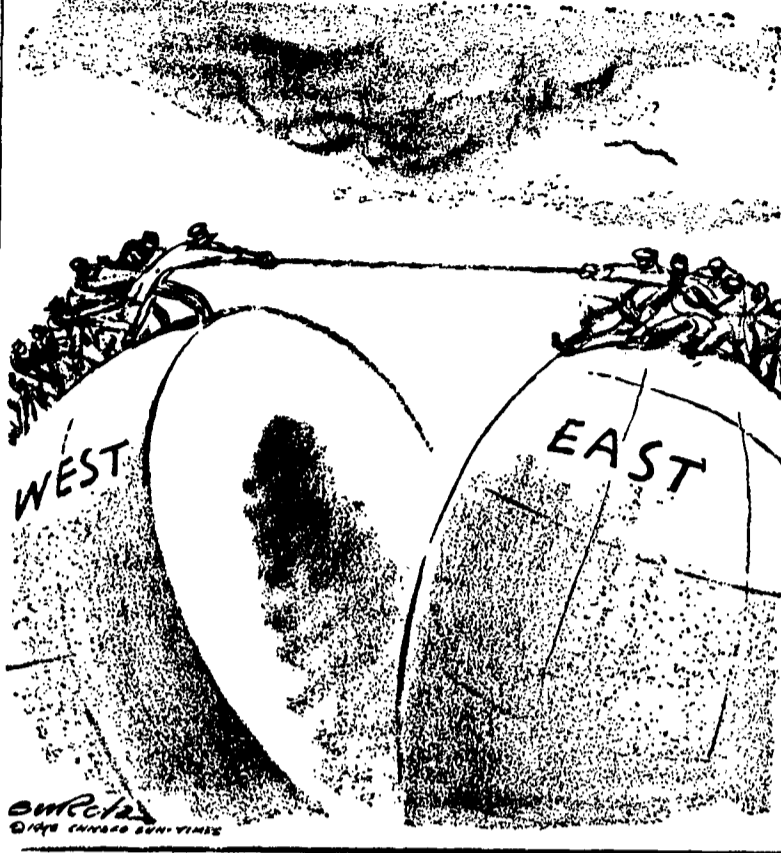
## COLLEGIAN GAZETTE

Brief notices on meetings and other events must be submitted to The Daily Collegian office in Carnegie Hall by 2 p.m. of the day before the issue in which it is desired to appear.

Thursday, September 30, 1948

WSGA, WSGA Room, White Hall, 6:30 p.m.  
 CHAPEL Choir, Schwab, 7 p.m.  
 KAPPA PHI, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.  
 WRA, Outing Club, organization meeting, 2 White Hall, 7 p.m.  
 BLUE Key, 415 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.  
 COLLEGIAN, sophomore editorial board, 8 Carnegie Hall, 8:30 p.m.

## Tug of (cold) war



## Unchaperoned Dating

Certain segments of the student body are seething about the recent ruling of Dr. Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, restricting sophomore women from unchaperoned dating in fraternity houses.

This action circumvents the Interfraternity Dating Code, ignores the jurisdiction of the Senate Committee on Student Welfare and was taken without previous discussion with the presidents of IFC, Women's Student Government Association or Panhellenic Council.

These student governing bodies, representing students they believe most directly concerned, resented the fact that they weren't consulted before the action was taken. They feel that a satisfactory solution could have been reached short of such a drastic measure.

A serious problem unquestionably exists. Anyone acquainted with fraternity dating practice, as distinct from the code, recognizes the existence of a problem. It has existed ever since there have been fraternities, and will exist as long as they do, and as long as grains are fermented and men and women are mutually attracted.

Dean Weston's actions were based on what she termed non-conformity of a majority of fraternities to the two sections of the IFC Code for Unchaperoned Dating, adopted January 21, 1947. These sections are:

3a. "Women guests will not be allowed above the first floor or in the rooms of men, excepting in special situations approved by the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women."

3c. "It will be understood that alcoholic beverages will not be served to or used by members and women guests while participating in dating under this code."

Dean Weston indicated her willingness to lift her restrictions if IFC shows evidence of its serious and sincere intent to enforce its own unchaperoned dating code.

So if IFC does not choose or is unable to govern itself, it may lose the dating code which was ten long years in the getting. For Dean Weston will certainly attempt to convince the Senate Committee on Student Welfare that it has no other course than to terminate unchaperoned dating.

## Safety Valve

Letters to the editor must be signed for inclusion in The Safety Valve, although names will be withheld on request. Telephone numbers and addresses must be included to facilitate verification of authenticity of signatures. Letters exceeding 200 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations. Letters should be addressed to the editor, Daily Collegian, box 261, Boro.

### Can't Make It

TO THE EDITOR: After two days of classes, it is time the Nittany Dorm dining hall supervisors realize that a student with an 8 o'clock must eat breakfast by 7:30 in order to get to class on time. Yet, they refuse to open the doors before 7:15, and with several hundred students in line, it is impossible for all to be fed and still get to class by 8 o'clock.

Why don't they wise up and open the doors at 6:45 or even 6:30, if possible?

Many moans were heard from the Pollock Circle men last semester, but even though we eat from plates now, I'm sure the majority of the men don't like having fancy trimmings.

I'll cite one day's dinner, for an example, which consisted of one hot dog, a small quantity of baked beans, two slices of bread, a pint of milk, and one peach. No seconds! Maybe they think that we are all on a diet—but it certainly is not enough for us to survive till supper time.

Also, the Pollock Circle men must walk to the far end of the mess hall and the Nittany Dorm men come to the end nearest Pollock Circle. If that's management, I'm the queen of Sheba!

Why not a little sensible thought on the part of whoever is in charge of this set-up?

—Lester Musser, Jr.

• Doors to the dining hall are now opened at 7 o'clock for breakfast, according to Miss Hazel Fall, supervisor, who added that there was no line at 7:40 yesterday morning. The mix-up about who enters which door has been cleared up, according to the secretary of William Gross, supervisor of men's dorms.

### At the Movies

CATHAUM—Pitfall.  
 STATE—Tap Roots.  
 NITTANY—The Big Clock.

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