

Confusion

While granting 2 o'clock permissions to all women students for the Junior Prom last year, Senate—the legislative body of Women's Student Government Association, set forth a rule that had been apparently in practice for years. In print, the rule stated:

"Each college year, all women students are allowed four 2 o'clock permissions for certain occasions. These occasions occur on a big weekend when a nationally-known orchestra is playing for a dance to which all College students have been invited."

Although the Mil Ball is considered generally as not an all-College affair, WSGA Senate threw out its own rule in 1947 when it did grant 2 o'clocks for the 1947 Mil Ball. That made five late permissions in 1947 for women at the College—Mil Ball, Senior Ball, Junior Prom, IFC-Panhel Ball and Soph Hop.

THEN LAST YEAR Senate reversed itself, refused late permissions for the Mil Ball on the grounds that it wasn't all-College, and instituted in print the "rule of four"—four late permissions for four big dances in one year. These were supposed to be the Senior Ball, Junior Prom, IFC-Panhel Ball and Soph Hop.

WE ASSUME SENATE plans to adhere to it's "rule of four" this year and grant late permissions to upperclass women for four big dances—dances that are all-College and have nationally-known bands. By refusing late permissions to upperclass women for this weekend's Mil Ball, Senate implies that—to fill out the "rule of four," late permissions will be granted for the Soph Hop on Dec. 16.

But the Soph Hop this year will neither be all-College nor have a big-time band. It will be a closed dance for sophs.

Therefore, if four late permissions are to be granted upperclass women this year, the closest thing to an all-College dance with a national band—after Senior Ball, Pan-hel Ball and Junior Prom—is the Military Ball this weekend. Soph Hop this year lacks both all-College status and a big-time band. Mil Ball lacks just one of these.

By granting two 12 o'clocks instead of a 10 and a 1 o'clock to freshman women for this weekend, Senate half-way admitted that the Mil Ball rates consideration for over-all late permissions.

If it's going to uphold its own rule, Senate should reconsider its refusal of late permissions this weekend to upperclass women. With Elliot Lawrence's band in the saddle, Mil Ball on Friday rates late permissions before, or in place of, Soph Hop.

Dorm Space

Regardless of the benefits of the policy which the administration has decided to follow of allotting space in the new men's dormitories to freshmen, it can seem nothing less than an injustice to upperclassmen.

A policy which makes privileged persons of 1000 students to get them off in college on the right foot at the expense of others IS unjust. Until virtually all of the students who would have normally spent their freshman year on campus can return, and suitable housing can be provided for everybody, it would seem to be wiser to leave all freshmen in centers.

The advantages of the Penn State "farm" program of the post-war years are likely to be overlooked. Small college life was a useful transition period for students on their way from small high schools to the confusion and impersonality of a large university. Instruction in many cases is not inferior to that received here. Classes are smaller on the whole. Friendships are formed among other Penn State freshmen which prevent the student from being a total stranger when he arrives at State. We don't deny the disadvantages, but we think the plan does have its better aspects.

THE PRESENT UPPERCLASS MEN are students who have spent their freshman year in centers, their next year or two in Pollock Circle, Nittany Dorms or boarding houses. Now these same students are told that only a small number of them are to be admitted to the modern palace being constructed between Pollock Road and Rec Hall, because the freshmen must get off to a good start.

If their reaction is something less than righteous indignation they wouldn't be human.

—Stan Degler

Muddy Mess

Needed: one macadam walk from Temporary classroom building to Pollock Road across Holmes Field. A black stripe would look much better than that muddy brown one.

"How Would You Like An Airplane For Those Trips?"



Tracking Down Tales



With The Staff

The life of a football player isn't always a matter of being mauled and mangled on the field, as a visitor to the Infirmary noted recently.

Fran Rogel was observed entering for a check-up on his injured ankle and before many minutes passed he was again seen, this time manicuring the nails of the X-Ray technician. When he left he was delicately waving a brightly polished nail in the breeze.

The only humorous touch in the tragic Oklahoma dormitory fire was reported by the New York Times. The Times reported that many of the war veterans who jumped from their windows in their GI shorts clutched GI subsistence checks, which they had received only the day before.



The trials and tribulations of a sorority president were illustrated by Kappa Delta's Kay Doner when she rushed away from her official duties to an evening class. When she arrived she discovered that instead of her sociology text she was clutching "American Fraternities"—the book we mean.

Seems the much brooded-over subject of sex is still in the lime-light here at State. When a notice captioned "SEX" appeared on the Bulletin board in Osmond Lab a large crowd collected immediately.

The fortunate few who were close enough to read the fine print below, found the words: "Regardless of sex, we'll be glad to type your term paper."

Rumors are beginning to drift in of a veterans revolt at Phi Sigma Delta. After several days of blowing taps, holding drills and turning the dining hall into a Army mess hall, the vets not only won the point for which they were campaigning but also succeeded in voting themselves a veterans bonus!

The first snows found ambitious lads and lassies all over campus building snowmen. A slight difference of opinion developed between the MacAllister Hall coeds who were building a snowman on their front lawn and a group of busy engineers who had some surveying to do on that exact spot.

After a short battle, the engineers helped finish the snowman. However, the completed product turned out to become snowlady of Junoque proportions—indicating that the engineers must have been the victors after all.



The Daily Cardinal from the U. of Wisconsin reports that 400 students recently got a practical lesson in "Social Disorganization"—the title of their sociology course.

There was standing room only in the room where the required movies "Shoe Shine" was in progress. The first step in their social disorganization—two groups had reserved the theater for the same time.

Suddenly the lights went on and a speaker told the 400 students that he had reserved the room for his class of eight students to rehearse a play. So the movie goes tried the other two auditoriums on campus and meet with more disorganization in the form of lectures in progress.

Complete disorganization—the movie was cancelled and the class dismissed.

Safety Valve . . .

Want Fair Deal

TO THE EDITOR: For the past twelve years, the Penn Haven Club has been an active member in affairs, both social and athletic, of the Independent Men and Women Organizations. We have been a member of the original IMA and many of its founders lived here. We are at present, members of the newly formed AIM.

We have always been dealt with fairly by all college sponsored organizations and for the past several years our club picture has been in the La Vie. By some misunderstanding, we were not entered in last year's book. Now it seems, we are out altogether. This does not appeal to us as a "fair" deal. To a house containing 12 seniors, it is not easily understood.

We are told we are independents and therefore cannot be entered since there is no section for independents, yet certain other independent units are having their pictures in since they are recognized by I.F.C. This statement seems to indicate that unless you are a frat, you just don't have any college recognition. We have nothing against fraternities; it is just the principle of the argument.

Secondly, La Vie may argue that there is no room in the book. It seems to us that we each pay \$10.75 for this "our" book, and by approximately a 3 to 1 majority, the student body is composed of independents. A few pages could certainly be added to insert pictures of independent groups who so desire.

—The Penn Haven Club

Signed by 21 members

Ed Note: Letter cut—The book cost \$12, not \$10.75. We have contacted La Vie and suggest that your president see Ray Saul, editor of La Vie, personally, not by phone. Although we think some of your arguments here are sound, there may be other considerations. We are not equipped to speak for the La Vie editor.

Gazette . . .

- Wednesday, December 7
COLLEGIAN SOPH EDITORIAL Board, 8CH, New Members, 7 p.m. Old Members 7:30 p.m.
HOME EC Club, 14 Home Ec Bldg., 7 p.m.
PENN STATE CHESS Club, 4 Sparks, 7 p.m.
NEWMAN Club Discussion Group, Church basement, 7 p.m.
WRA BOWLING Club (advanced), White Hall, 7 p.m.
WRA DANCE Club, White Hall, 7 p.m.
WRA OUTING Club, 1 White Hall, 7 p.m.
WRA SWIMMING Club (beginners and intermediates) White Hall, 7 p.m.
WRA DANCE CONCERT Group, White Hall, 8 p.m.
WRA BADMINTON Club, White Hall, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Monday: Joseph McLoughlin, James Fink, William Funk.
Admitted Tuesday: Aviva Sare.
Discharged Tuesday: Miriam Stute, Glenn Wommer, Dolores Colaluca, Mary Jane Slifer, Charles Houseman and Donald Sorber.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information may be obtained in 204 Old Main. Arrangements for interviews should be made immediately.
Armstrong Cork Co., Dec. 8. February grads in Chem, ChemE for research work; arts and letters, C & F, Econ ages 20 to 26, for sales work.
DuPont Co., Dec. 12 and 13. February grads in Chem, ChemE, ME, MineE.
Westinghouse Electric Corp., Dec. 13. February grads in IE, Ceramics, EE, ME for (1) openings in sales; (2) possible opening in highly technical engineering requiring outstanding analytical ability. Grade of 2.0 required for the latter position. No openings in production, manufacturing or service eng.
Smith, Kline and French Labs., Dec. 13. February men grads in LA, C & F, Science, Pre-Med, Ag-Bio-Chem, Commercial Chem, ChemE, IE, ME for their training program. Applicants must have 1.95 average or better.

AT THE MOVIES

STATE—Farewell to Arms
NITTANY—Mickey
CATHUM—Everybody Does It

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