

A Fairer Way

The 19 sororities on campus each elect two representatives yearly to Panhellenic Council, their supervising and coordinating body. While intended to be the executive head of Panhel, that body's president is actually more.

BEYOND BEING, in name at least, at the head of about 500 sorority women, the Panhel president holds a seat on All-College Cabinet, the highest student government body which expends annually about \$12,000 of the "man on the Mall's" money.

Because she has one vote in deciding how Cabinet is going to spend money that belongs not just to 500 sorority girls but to over 10,000 students, it should be imperative that a topnotch sorority woman fill the job.

This same condition of course applies to other women's groups represented on Cabinet—Leonides, which represents independent women; Inter-fraternity Council, the Association of Independent Men, Women's Student Government Association, Women's Recreation Association, and others. Presidents of all these groups—Panhel included—vote on Cabinet.

But there is a difference. To assure a good selection, Leonides, WSGA, AIM, WRA and IFC elect their presidents from the entire field of Leonides women, WSGA women, AIM men, WRA women and IFC men. Panhel does not do this. The Panhel presidency rotates from sorority to sorority in the order they were admitted to the Council. That means every 19 years a particular sorority is handed the presidency of Panhel.

No sorority-wide election is held. The only election staged is within the particular group—say Alpha Zoo Zeta—that will have the Panhel presidency in the following year. This girl automatically assumes the Panhel vice-presidency, then automatically moves up to president the next year. Then the next time Alpha Zoo Zeta will have a Panhel president is 19 years later.

KEEPING IN MIND that this system has produced this year a Panhel president who well represents her group, it could not always happen that way under the rotation system. Electing a Panhel president from 40 persons in one-nineteenth of the Panhel group does not afford the desired latitude in finding the best available sorority-wide woman for the post.

Chances of having the best possible sorority woman as Panhel president would be increased 19-fold if all 19 sororities were to help equally to choose her. It would be fairer for the sororities, fairer for Cabinet, and fairer for the "man on the Mall."

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Exchange News, Views

By HI RYAN

SYRACUSE DAILY ORANGE, Syracuse University: Possibilities of a permanent Fieldhouse Foundation organizational set-up is being considered by a special committee of campus leaders.

The Fieldhouse Foundation would be set up on a ten year basis with a goal of raising \$1,000,000. Its main purpose would be to obtain funds for the fieldhouse through solicitation and other money-raising projects.

It would be set up like other campus organizations with leaders and members. During the year various money-raising campaigns as student manning of concessions, a carnival in the Old Oval and intersquad football and basketball games would be conducted.

Another proposal presented to activities leaders was the adoption of an over-all fund raising drive that would cover Campus Chest, Fieldhouse Foundation and other organizations that depend upon solicitation. This would alleviate continual fund raising drives on campus that would be competing with each other.

Also under consideration is the possibility of procuring a more distinctive class ring that would be less expensive than the present one.

The blame for the most part is with the students . . . There is an overcrowding that might account for some of the sloppiness. But, the administration is certainly doing its part. Janitorial service is provided in all these lounges. They are cleaned as thoroughly as possible. Janitors report that no sooner are the lounges cleaned than they have to be gone over again . . .

And while we're on this subject, we feel it is necessary to mention another sort of uncleanness, much more serious in import. We refer to the vulgarity displayed in defacing lavatory walls.

It is difficult to imagine supposedly intelligent college students participating in such a debasing activity.

In this case, then, as in others, because of the actions of a few, all of us are under suspicion. All of us must take the blame for their obscenity.

A little self-analysis on the part of the "defacers" (Collegian would like to term them "degenerates") would, we feel, convince them of the undesirability of their actions.

It is to be hoped vulgarity will be replaced by common sense, consideration and college-level behavior. Otherwise, sooner or later, their own boorishness—for that is what it is—will trip them up somewhere along the line. Vulgarity becomes a pattern; and in the places where they will have to earn their livelihoods, nothing is rejected as quickly as vulgarity and boorishness.

Safety Valve . . .

Mommy's Boy?

TO THE EDITOR: We are writing in reply to a letter which appeared in Saturday's Collegian headed "Where Does It Go."

What sort of mommy's boy is he that feels his fellow students have no concern for poor little him. Maybe if he would let go of his mommy's apron strings and associate with a few of his fellow students, the little Interested Enigmat may find that out in the big world people are not so cruel after all.

Obviously he just came on campus and if after such a short period of time is so embittered he ought to know that he can have free consultation at the psych. clinic. If they can't help maybe the V.A. Hospitals can, or if these two can't help there is a place in India where he can withdraw himself completely from all contact with people.

If 10,000 persons' faces are disgusting will he please come out of his hole and give us the privilege of viewing such a beautiful face as his must be.

—Jerome J. Perry
 —Joseph B. Schutz

Poor Hort Woods

TO THE EDITOR: Poor Hort Woods! The ax men are in there again, tidying up the place. Last year they lopped off lower branches to make a stand of pines at the northern corner look like a bed of telephone poles each with a Christmas tree on the top. Lately they've taken to cutting the saplings from wide swaths along the paths.

Two wacks of an ax toppled a sassafras whose leaves have provided the first vivid spot of autumn color; a few more accounted for some locusts that used to perfume the air in blooming season. I suppose underbrush is poisonous to landscapers with neatness fixations, but it belongs in the woods.

Suggestion: If those fellows must chop, turn them loose on the dummy wooden columns that clutter up the entrance lobby of the College library. Good firewood there, boys.

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 Professor of Fine Arts

• Ed. Note—Better still, why not let them go to work on the viburnum sie bolli bushes, those outstanding Penn State specimens located between Sparks and Carnegie Hall which raise such a stink when it rains.

Gazette

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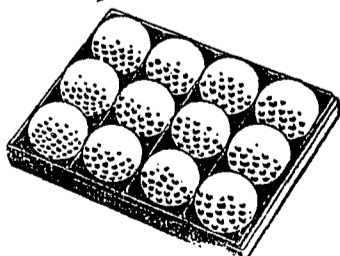
COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information may be obtained in 204 Old Main. Arrangements for interviews should be made immediately.
 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.

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