

Progress

While Panhellenic Council's rushing code is still complicated and antiquated enough to bring cheers from an anarchist, at least they're making progress.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT in ridding itself of excess formality was the abolishment of "silent periods"—days on end in which sorority members are not permitted to converse with rushees.

The new ruling, which was passed before the Christmas vacation, now limits silent periods only to that time between the end of formal rushing and the ribbonings. It does not interfere with free intercourse between sorority members and its rushees during the formal rushing period itself.

The advantages of abolishing this ridiculous hangover are obvious. The best way for sorority sisters and potential pledges to become acquainted is through talk, and not grimaces.

NOW IF PANHEL will only abolish its foolhardy rotation system of choosing a president, it might really start making substantial contributions to progressive student government.

The matter, while it has been brought up at council meeting, has not yet been carried back to the individual chapters for their vote. This procedure is required on all matters of more than average importance.

Several arguments have been advanced to support continuation of the status quo in regard to selecting a sorority prexy. One is that it's the most democratic method utilized by any campus organization. Another is that it is recommended by National Panhellenic Council, which follows the same procedure.

NEITHER OF THESE arguments holds water. While it's true the present system is democratic, it is equally true democratic institutions can only survive if competent leaders hold office. The rotation system certainly does not make for able Panhel presidents.

While National Panhel does recommend that the rotation system be used, it also states that it is not compulsory. Why shouldn't Penn State's Panhel be progressive enough to snap the hamstrings of a system that is proving inadequate.

The sororities must remember that their president is not only chief of Panhel, but also a member of All-College Cabinet. The least they can do for students who must live up to the measures she helps pass, is to insure a worthy Cabinet representative.

—RED ROTH

On Letters

The editor of a student newspaper such as the Daily Collegian receives many assorted brickbats and bouquets—some aimed at the Collegian but most of them meant for different campus groups. Of course we reserve the right to print what we think is best, but our point here is that letters hitting our desk unsigned have at least two strikes against them.

A Collegian letter-writer, after signing his name, may if he chooses ask that his name be withheld if the letter is printed. But if he fails to sign his name when writing the epistle we can't print the letter, in just about 100 per cent of the cases.

We gotta have names. Otherwise people might accuse us of writing all the letters we print.

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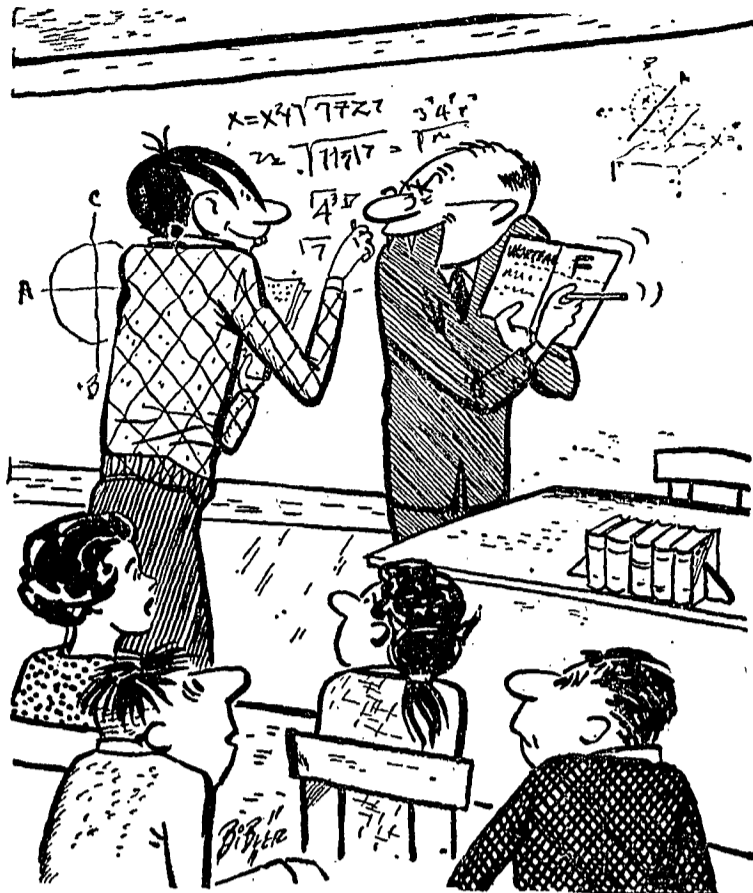
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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Bibler



"Thank you, Worthal, for pointing out to the class just where and how I was wrong—I really appreciate your help."

The Gripes of Roth

By RED ROTH

In addition to pleasing a capacity audience at Schwab auditorium Wednesday night, I think Carl Sandburg's successful appearance here proved a point which the top brass who arrange next year's Community Forum series might do well to take into account.

THAT POINT IS, give the people what they want. Personally, I think the choice of forum speakers this year was poor, except for Sandburg and Dr. Ira DeA Reid, who will speak at Schwab March 30.

Men who were selected to address audiences on various topics, with but few exceptions this year, are not experts in the fields they waded into.

Of the three scheduled speakers who have already appeared, only Sandburg could be legitimately called an authority on his subject. It might be just coincidence, but Sandburg's talk was also the only one which has been sold out so far.

DR. UREY, the first speaker, is undoubtedly a top man in his field, which is chemistry. But rather than talk on atoms and molecules, he chose to give his views on politics—Atlantic Union in particular.

Very few, if any, realistic political science experts would go along with Urey's views on the subject of an Atlantic Union. The idea is just not feasible at the present time. But the Nobel chemistry prize-winner wanted to talk about politics, so he did—to a house that was only slightly more than half-full.

The second Forum speaker, Hanson Baldwin, military analyst of The New York Times, knew whereof he spoke, but on a subject like "Security in the Atomic Age," might it not have been better to select some government official, preferably from the State Department or the Military, who is in a position to give the government's view on the matter?

IN THIS PARTICULAR instance, Baldwin can be only a theorist. Students, I am sure, are more interested in what the semi-official view, at least, is on the topic of atomic security.

Our next speaker, Senator Styles Bridges, is scheduled to address a Schwab audience on the topic "Are We Edging into Socialism?" The honorable Sen. Bridges is a Republican, who has consistently opposed President Truman's so-called "Fair Deal" program. Need anyone ask what his view will be?

Without even attending the address, most students will probably be able to hazard a good guess as to the content of his sure-to-be biased talk. Not that he doesn't have a right to air his views. He does. But this type of unobjective speaker is just the kind the students will probably avoid in droves.

Give the students what they want, and perhaps the cry that Penn State's won't support programs like the Community Forum series will become but a dim echo lost among the Nittany hills.

Safety Valve . . .

Frowned Upon

TO THE EDITOR: The most lasting memory that many future alumnus will have of his alma mater will concern a dreamy night when he took a lovely coed in his arms, drew her close, lowered his lips to hers, and was met by a warm, embracing cloud of cigarette smoke. When are our coeds going to learn that their smoking, while being quite dramatic, is frowned upon by the majority of the men?

If coeds must have their cigarettes, let them have them in their rooms, not on the dance floor. Often what appears to be a gentlemanly gesture of making room for a girl as she moves through a crowd is merely the man's effort to protect his clothing, because she leads with her cigarette.

My roommate and I have long shared the opinion that the coeds here smoke more than the men. Fearing that this was perhaps the product of our imaginations, and wishing to be fair to the coeds, we conducted a short poll at the **TUB** with the following results:

| | No. Smoking | Buying |
|-------|-------------|--------|
| Men | 22 | 2 |
| Coeds | 15 | 0 |

In case the coeds are alarmed about the brevity of this survey, I would like them to know that we had enough faith in them that we did not stop counting after the first six girls to enter each purchased a pack. As you see in the end the coeds did come through with only a little over half the buying.

John Henry Berry
Warren Lee Cooper

A Chat With A.R.W.

This is the second in a series of columns by Arthur R. Warnock, Dean emeritus of Men. "A guy can chase a gal only so long before she catches him,"—that is a twisted aphorism that bobs up now and then in newspaper columns. I saw it recently in Ollie Crawford's witty column in the Philadelphia Inquirer. I don't know who said it first—probably some wit who had been caught by the girl he was chasing.

I became a college freshman in 1901. In every one of the next 49 years I have lived on or near a college campus. Thus I have seen a lot of campus boy-girling.

It has been going on for a long time, and most of the more or less austere faculty teachers of present-day students on the campus engaged in it at some time. Probably only a few of them, however, caught or were caught by the first girl they rushed. That is, campus boy-girling has involved a lot of it—not just the "boy pins girl" kind. I think that's all to the good.

Speaking more seriously as a dean of men of many years' experience I may say that campus boy-girling at times made official headaches for me, but those headaches were not as serious or perplexing as some problems made by some students who were suffering from too little boy-girling, or who shunned it entirely.

Though it didn't come in my time as a Penn State dean of men, I hope that at some time in the near future this campus will have comparatively adequate recreational facilities for providing all students with a temperate amount of rational, diversified social life.

Normality in adolescence helps to make normal society later on.

—Arthur R. Warnock

Gazette

Friday, January 13

PENN STATE BIBLE Fellowship, 405 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Further information concerning interviews and job placements can be obtained in 112 Old Main.

National Lead Company, Jan. 20. February and June grads at Ph.D., M.S., and B.S. levels in Chem, ChemE, and Metallurgy interested in research in field of titanium chemistry. High scholastic standing is essential.

The General Electric Atomic Energy Plant at Hanford, Wash., Jan. 18, 19. February and June grads in Chem and ChemE for development work. Applicants must have 1.8 or better average.

Dupont Co., Jan. 18, 19, 20. February and June Ph.D. candidates in Chem, ChemE, ME, Bact, BioChem, and Phys.

The General Electric Co., Jan. 16. February grads with accounting backgrounds, for their business training program. Applicants must have 2.0 or better average and be between 21 and 26 years of age.

North American Insurance Co., Jan. 19. February grads in AL, CF, ME, EE, and ChemE.

McMillen Feed Mills, Jan. 17, 18. February and June grads in Ag courses or any men with farm backgrounds, for sales positions.

June grads in IE who are interested in general industrial engineering work with The Armstrong Cork Co. should report to 112 Old Main at once to fill out preliminary applications.

June grads in ME and IE who are interested in sales engineering positions with The Industrial Insulation Division of the Armstrong Cork Co. should report to 112 Old Main at once to fill out preliminary applications.

The Fidelity Mutual Co., Harrisburg Agency, Jan. 13. February grads for careers as life agents in counties around Harrisburg. Interviews can be arranged for other dates if necessary.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Wednesday: Allan Gibson, Mitchell Epstein.

Admitted Thursday: William Keblish, William Bridge, William M. Erbe, Kenneth Shengold, Sara Lee Hausman.

Discharged Thursday: Nellie Mae Davis.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—Bagdad.
 NITTANY—Neptune's Daughter.
 STATE—Hasty Heart.

Going to Funeral

In Louisville, Kentucky, a man was brought up before special Judge Neil Fink and charged with drunken driving. He was hitting the road at 70 miles per hour and pleaded that he had to get to Nashville in a hurry in order to attend a funeral.

Two Forestry students were overheard talking by a naive coed. Said the first, "Heard you shot somebody's mother on Saturday."

Before the startled coed could catch her breath the second replied, "Yep, she was nice and plump—real good eating."

So ended hunting season, ad nauseatum.

Criptic disapproval was literally showered on the Chapel Choir as they rehearsed in Schwab one Sunday. Someone opened the trap door above the stage and the baritones and tenors were surprised with dribblings of very dirty water.