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## Steps Taken Toward Freshman Rushing

This is the first of two editorials dealing with Panhellenic Council recommendations. Tuesday's article will deal with the proposed sorority houses.

This week Panhellenic Council approved a recommendation from the rushing revisions committee that second semester women be eligible for sorority rushing.

Contrary to "campus talk," this does not mean the recommendation will be effected. It indicates the council is in favor of the general direction the revisions committee has taken in its revamping of the present rushing program.

Should the recommendation in essence be incorporated into the Panhellenic system on campus, it would greatly alter the rushing program for both rushees and sorority members. It would mean, first of all, that formal rushing would be held in February, instead of September as is now done. According to University stipulation, only one formal rushing period may be held during an academic year. Freshmen, of course, would not be eligible to rush in September—during their first semester—and because of this the formal period would be moved back to the beginning of the second semester.

Such a program was in effect three years ago, when second semester women were eligible to rush. The procedure was discontinued for various reasons: because it was felt freshmen had not been on campus long enough to distinguish wisely between sororities; and because a February rushing period interfered to some degree with the academic calendar.

However, the University has been one of only two campuses in the nation which exclude freshmen from the rushing program.

Further alterations in the present rushing system, should the recommendation be effected, would involve the number of women rushing in relation to the number of rushees from each class to receive bids. If rushing is opened to

second semester women, and thus to several hundred additional rushees as compared with past years, the number of upperclasswomen for whom sororities do not have room would be greatly increased.

Such a situation could of course be remedied, or at least modified, should the proposed flexible quota system be adopted by Panhel.

The only actually controversial part of the recommendation seems to be the specified All-University average required of rushees. Council members have protested the stipulation that freshmen be required to have a 1.5 average and have asked that it be lowered to a point between a 1.5 and a 1.0.

Essentially, protests centered around the fact that a student's first semester average is not an especially good criteria by which to judge. Scholastic records, either high or low, compiled during this period often are not exemplary of future records for several reasons. High averages are frequently the result of leniency and grace on the part of a professor who is aware of the problems of adjustment a new university student is facing. A professor, when determining a first semester student's final grade, will more often tend to give that student the benefit of any doubt rather than a lower grade.

Relatively low first semester averages are often the result of a combination of slow adjustment on the part of the new student and a lesser degree of understanding from the professor.

Thus council has felt that by modifying the scholastic requirements of freshman rushees, these factors can be controlled so far as inclusive sorority averages are concerned.

Council has indeed shown initiative in undertaking such a revision. With the enthusiasm of all factions of the Panhel system on campus, the proposed plan can be completed to a workable rushing program.

—Peggy McClain

## Safety Valve—

### On Debate Ban

TO THE EDITOR: May I say "amen" to your editorial in Thursday's Collegian on the debate ban. My heartiest congratulations go to the Penn State debate team and the Forensic Council for taking the position they did on not banning the topic.

... To take away our right to debate is denying the very principles for which America stands.

Letter cut

—Carolyn Allen

## Gazette...

CHECKER CLUB, 8 p.m., TUB  
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main

Monday  
FROTH AD STAFF, 8 p.m., 6 Carnegie  
4-K CLUB, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Students interested in working in Altoona during the Christmas vacation should apply at Student Employment, Old Main.

### UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

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## On Reputation...

Spokesmen for the University administration have stated there is no fear the conduct by students attending Saturday's football game in Pittsburgh will be anything but good.

This new attitude is a result of the commendable conduct of the student body at the Penn-Penn State game on Oct. 30. In the month and some days that have elapsed since then, no complaints have been reported by the University. This is in direct contrast to the adverse reports following the previous year's game.

Students have clearly demonstrated they are capable of bringing no discredit to the University through their conduct. This weekend will be another test. The administration officials are hopeful the lesson has been learned, but the fact that any statement was issued concerning conduct shows they may be doubtful.

If the conduct at Pittsburgh is similar to that in Philadelphia, the students will have proved their worth. They will even be able to use this as the basis for the request that an annual football half-holiday be once again placed on the University calendar.

Metal on Nov. 22.  
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## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



## Fignewtons and Sourgrapes

By WILLIAM PETE

### A Controversial Author

Philip Wylie, noted author and cynic, is one of our more controversial writers competing in the market of the rolling presses today. Paramount in his writing are the holes he tears in our basic conceptions and prejudices.

A person reading one of his works, such as "Generation of Vipers," will discover one failing—Wylie straddles the fence and shoots his verbal darts at both sides. You, the average reader, will vastly appreciate the way Wylie attacks the dogmas and misconceptions of those individuals you know to be wrong; at the same time you will react violently with righteous indignation when he tears into your own special misconceptions.

This invades the right of privacy—everyman's misconceptions are his own. Wylie does not observe this last rule; that is one reason why he is so controversial. The reading public wants to know about somebody else's failings; its own are not the author's business.

It is difficult to judge a man like Wylie, who writes science fiction and Florida fishing stories on the side. In attributes he is something between Bertrand Russell and Westbrook Pegler. Take Alighieri Dante, who had his best friends writing in the Inferno; Don Quixote, with a wicked typewriter instead of a lance; Billy Sunday, who bellowed out hell-

fire and damnation; and George Sokolsky, a self-righteous old journalist; combine a few traces of each of these men, and you have Philip Wylie.

It is possible and desirable to have a detached attitude while reading Wylie. And those comparatively free of bias, struggling through one of Wylie's chapters such as the one on Momism in "Generation of Vipers," might come to the conclusion that Wylie is biased. How many other authors would write, "And if you do not enjoy this book, the devil take you?"

In all, Wylie is interesting reading. And don't worry if you are biased against some of his assertions. For every bias the reader has, Wylie has one of his own in answer.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

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8:30 Marquee Memories  
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