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## Sorority Houses: Basic Decisions

This is the second of two editorials about Panhellenic Council recommendations. Friday's article dealt with freshman rushing.

Announcement of Panhellenic Council's approval of the proposed sorority housing plan has created various responses among women students on campus, chiefly one of confusion. Judging from general conversations heard, many think that plans have progressed to the point of laying a cornerstone to the new buildings.

Clarification is needed on just how far council and the administration has progressed on the proposal.

It was presented to Panhellenic Council last week, not for a final vote of approval or disapproval of all details involved in the project, but for a straw vote indicating favor or disfavor with the idea itself of sorority houses.

Council voted approval of the project and thus indicated it was in favor of the general idea and willing to cooperate with plans for further research into all details involved, such as type of construction, finances, and location.

Several research steps have been taken so far by the administration. Several members visited university campuses with sorority houses to note particular types of construction and operation, and financial aspects involved. These reports are currently being studied by Dr. Eisenhower and his associates in conjunction with a committee of townswomen affiliated with Panhel.

The first basic decision that must be made is the financial aspect of the project: whether individual sororities shall build their own houses or rent University-owned buildings. The former would be feasible only if the houses were located off campus; opinion so far has more strongly favored building the houses on campus.

This proposal—that sororities rent University-owned houses—would have distinct financial advantages for sororities. Buildings constructed by the University would be tax-free because this is a state institution. Under such a plan

sororities would be concerned chiefly with the expense of interior furnishings, which could be completed at the option and convenience of each group.

The University, too, would benefit from such a plan; if for any reason sorority housing would be discontinued some time in the future, as was previously done at the University, the houses could be converted to University use without the expense of buying deeds and transferring property.

To be decided along with the financial aspect is the type of buildings to be constructed: individual houses or quadrangle-type units. Individual houses would almost necessarily be in order should the project be financed completely by sororities.

However, should the program be sponsored by the University, a quadrangle-type arrangement would lend itself to community arrangements (such as a common dining hall and laundry). It would be far less expensive for individual sororities and would remain within the financial scope of the University.

Final plans formulated along these lines will be subject to the approval or disapproval of the Board of Trustees; should the University finance the program, the year of construction will have to be determined by the General State Authority in Harrisburg.

As has been pointed out to Panhel, studies being made now are on the basis of a long-range time element. Because of priority construction already approved by GSA, such as the new classroom building and infirmary wings, sorority building could not be started for at least a number of years.

Meanwhile, sororities can use this time element to advantage in planning annual budgets and savings accounts with an eye toward financing furnishings and operations of possible houses.

The "cornerstones" have by no means been laid; but if the enthusiasm of Panhel and the administration can be used as a criterion, they are quite definitely in the future.

—Peggy McClain

## Safety Valve— Oppose Food Service

TO THE EDITOR: . . . When a student misplaces or loses his meal ticket, he is entitled to one meal in the dining hall before buying a new meal card. For this meal he must fill out a white slip and use it later in purchasing a new meal ticket. This slip automatically nullifies the old ticket number and forces you to buy your new ticket before the next meal in the dining hall, even if you should find your original card.

. . . To make a student pay a dollar for his mistake (misplacing a meal ticket) seems grossly unfair. Students losing meal tickets before dinner cannot be admitted to breakfast because they do not have their new cards. Likewise students having full days of classes and unable to get to the bursar's office are forced to eat off-campus until they have time to get the new ticket.

. . . Why is it impossible to see those who are in authority to make and change rules? WSGA has been trying since the beginning of the school year to see someone who will listen to suggested plans to correct present faults. It seems all the students are aware of the bad conditions, but no one is quite sure whom to see and to whom to complain so it will eventually do some good.

Letter Cut

—Harryette Gerhart

TO THE EDITOR: The standard practice at the Pollock dining hall has been to refuse admittance to students arriving after the closing times designated for meal hours. In order to effect this, dining hall personnel lock the entrance from the inside with a key.

. . . A lock has been added to the door which makes it impossible to open without a key once it has been locked. . . . This is the only exit for the rear of the dining hall. In case of a fire, after meal hours, students may attempt to leave by this door and find it locked.

Fire Underwriter's codes in many large cities do not allow locking of fire doors from the inside.

Letter Cut

—Dan Mullen

## Temper, Temper . . .

TO THE EDITOR: Thursday's edition (Daily Collegian) included an article on the Food Service problem. . . . Under this subject, Mr. Dennis, president of the Association of Independent Men, had the audacity to mention the hopes of stop-gapping the quick tempered veterans living in the Nittany-Pollock area.

I would like to point out several fallacies in Mr. Dennis' statement about us.

1. The individuals who were involved in the fight were not veterans, but other students living in the same area.

2. Most of the veterans who are attending school here are more intent on getting an

## Students or Imports?

What is the status of a student teacher? Student or import? The answer is neither.

A rather unique and unfair status of half-and-half falls on student teachers. They are under University regulations, yet they must pay room and board fees like an import.

Coeds who go student teaching and wish to return on weekends must pay the one dollar and 50 cents a night guest rates for a place to sleep. They must eat downtown. However, they are under University regulations, and thus are forbidden to stay in a room downtown as imports may do.

Yet, as students they have paid for athletic books, entitling them to attend University football games. School spirit has always been encouraged. They are reminded that they are still students. But, if they come back to school for a game, they must pay three dollars to get in the dorms.

Because they must sign for a bed before four o'clock and their schools do not let out until three, most student teachers find they sleep on couches in sorority suites. But they still must pay the \$3, even if they do not get a bed.

Student teachers who are out the first eight weeks of the semester must pay for room and board when they return to school on the Friday before their classes begin.

Women returning last Friday had to sleep on the floor or on couches and eat downtown until Monday, although they had already paid fees for the second eight weeks. Yet, students who come to school for registration do not have to pay extra fees before classes start.

Perhaps, in drawing up plans for next semester and following years, consideration will be made that if students want to return for weekends they should be treated as regular students of the University. If meal tickets and dorm space can not be given them for weekends, they surely should be allowed these privileges when they return for the weekend before classes begin.

—Dottie Stone

## Gazette . . .

Today  
NEWMAN CLUB, 7 p.m., Catholic Student Center  
PHI MU ALPHA, 9:15 p.m., Rushing Smoker

Tomorrow  
EPISCOPAL STUDENTS, 7 a.m., St. Andrew's Church

### UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

William Adair, John Bashista, Barbara Brainerd, Francis Dugita, Richard Ferrari, James Garrity, Willard Hughes, Ronald Liu, Harold Mathias, Naomi Mermel, Sheldon May, James Modliszewski, Deborah Peck, Lyle Perton.

education than losing their tempers over some minor matter. This point can easily be proven by their grades, which on an overall basis excel those of many other students.

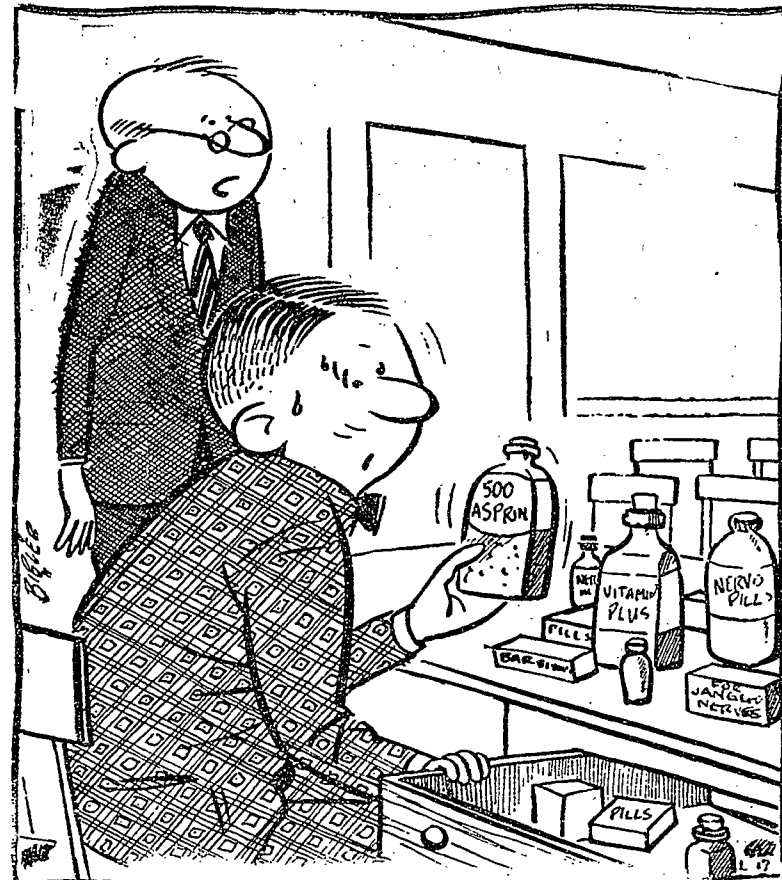
3. Without any doubt, the halls in which the veterans live are much quieter for studying, and there is less damage if any in these halls.

Letter Cut

—Jim Bealer

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Oh, it's your desk—the former teacher didn't take time to empty it."

Many More

## Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—

Last Saturday during the Pittsburgh game we were again asked whether it were not true all the football games in the 1955 season were to be played in Beaver Field. In addition, the inquirer wanted to know whether we were playing nine or 10 games.

This has been a common misunderstanding for the three years

we have been at Penn State in spite of numerous attempts to put the record straight. The source of this trouble lies in the fact that next year is Centennial Year and, therefore, anything is possible.

To once again attempt to clear up the confusion we are listing below the nine-game schedule, which offers four games at home and five away. We suggest you clip it out and paste it on the back of your matriculation card or meal ticket. The schedule:

- Sept. 24 Fordham—home
- Oct. 1 Army—away
- 8 Virginia—away (at Richmond)
- 15 Navy—home (Homecoming)
- 22 West Virginia—away
- 29 Pennsylvania—away
- Nov. 5 Syracuse—home (Band Day)
- 12 Rutgers—away
- 19 Pittsburgh—home

So, we have a fine schedule with two teams, Army and Navy, who have not been around for some time and should be pretty stiff competition. We also have Pittsburgh traveling to the Nittany vale for the first time in some years.

Talking to Ike Gilbert, assistant director of athletics and business manager of the Athletic Association, we find it would be impossible for Penn State to obtain an all-home schedule and have the competition listed above. Primarily it is a matter of money. The University can not afford to offer the financial incentives to draw nine teams away from their home fields or the city stadiums.

Other considerations are that neither the community nor the University could handle crowds of Homecoming Day proportions each weekend. Also it must be remembered every team has its own fans to consider and so would not be so willing to play the Lions on those terms.

Yes, dear readers, next year is Centennial Year but the football schedule will be little different from any other except that Pitt will come here instead of playing in the shadow of the Cathedral of Learning. Tell your friends and stop the misunderstanding.

### OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBING—

In our mail bag we receive many letters which do not get into print because their importance to the student body does not warrant our limited space.

One such letter comes from one H. Lamington, who signs his misle "yours faithfully." We could

not find him listed in the student directory, the faculty directory, the telephone directory, or the University catalog. This does not mean he does not exist, however.

H. Lamington says he has climbed Mt. Nittany and wonders if he does not have a record time for the round trip. He says it took him 21 minutes 20 seconds to reach the top after starting at the Lemont railroad station. The return trip took 11 minutes 30 seconds. He does not say what time of year this was, what the weather was like, or whether the trip was made by day or night.

We do draw the conclusion that it is faster to go downhill. We wonder, however, if this is the best time?

### ON HARD COAL—

Another letter comes from G. L. "Gerry" Maurey, a former wrestler for Penn State. Written on yellow paper in pencil was the question "Since when is Penn State in the hard coal region?"

Considerable research uncovered the statement which he was referring to. In the last Wednesday issue, mention was made of the coal scuffle, the emblem of football supremacy between Pitt and Penn State. It said, "The scuffle was chosen to symbolize rivalry between the soft coal school, Pittsburgh, and the hard coal school, Penn State."

We too have looked, Gerry, and can not find any hard coal in State College either. Except, that is, in the cellars of several coal burning homes.

### PERSONALITY—

Watching a friend reading a book recently, we noticed the title was something like "The Complete Golfer." This reminded us of an experience we had had with Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs and an ardent and adept golfer.

It was the spring of our sophomore year and just before the scheduled visit from President Eisenhower's brother. He was scheduled to play a few rounds of golf at the Centre Hills country (Continued on page five)

## Tonight on WDFM

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| 7:25  | Sign On             |
| 7:30  | Scott's Unabridged  |
| 8:00  | Behind the Lectern  |
| 8:30  | Music of the People |
| 9:00  | Informally Yours    |
| 9:15  | News                |
| 9:30  | This World of Music |
| 10:30 | Sign Off            |