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Student Conduct Causes Red Faces

What do you do when four college students are charged with misconduct because they were apprehended squirting shaving cream and throwing water during a dormitory roughhouse? This is a question that bothers both the University administration and the Daily Collegian.

In the case reported in yesterday's paper the four culprits were sent to the Association of Independent Men's judicial board of review. After hearing the case, the board recommended disciplinary probation but the students appealed decision, feeling the penalty was too harsh. The disciplinary subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs reviewed the case and reduced the penalty to office probation.

The problem which faced the disciplinary subcommittee was not one involving the severity of the misconduct of the students—in fact the small amount of permanent damage done hardly warranted more than a reprimand. Causing the stern handling of the case was the complete disregard for the reputation of the University displayed by the students in their immature behavior.

We imagine the faces of those sitting on the subcommittee became very red as they listened to the four renegades tell of braving raging torrents of water swirling through the dormitory halls as they exchanged squirts of shaving cream in a pitched battle. Then running to the rescue came the counselors who broke up the duel and booked those involved. Nice conduct

for students who have high school educations and are in college.

Undoubtedly these four students were not the first to engage in this sort of foolishness and we know they will not be the last. Nevertheless, every time it happens, it causes the ire of many of the Penn State family to rise. Is it any wonder they were penalized so harshly for such childish action.

Then the information of the decision of the subcommittee was passed along to the Daily Collegian. It is not regular news because it is not the actions of college students. There is the feeling the story should be forgotten because anyone who would get into such trouble must know no better and because of the reputation of the University. The latter is considered because the paper is seen outside the Penn State family.

However, the story is printed as all the other similar ones have been—about the boys who blew up the lavatory with a firecracker, about the students who shot skyrocketers at workmen repairing a roof, and about the theft of a couch from a dormitory lounge. They embarrass us, the University administration, and the majority of the student body. It is hoped other students will read of this nonsense and not repeat it.

It is a poor reflection on the University and the caliber of the students enrolled here when such deeds as the shaving cream battle are committed. We urge students to think twice before they do those things which may be to the discredit of the University and may redden the faces of anyone connected with Penn State.

Silence: Nuisance

Panhellenic Council will do away with a needless nuisance if they decide to abolish the strict silence period during rushing. A recommendation that the strict silence period be replaced by a more liberal one was given to council Tuesday night. Final approval of the recommendation will put sorority rushing on a much more natural and sophisticated level.

The strict silence period was effected by council several years ago to do away with "dirty rushing" as much as possible. However, the term "dirty rushing" is rather hard to define and thus the effectiveness of the imposed measure can hardly be gauged.

For all practical purposes, "dirty rushing" could probably be said to involve putting undue verbal pressure on present or prospective rushees with the hopes of influencing them in favor of a particular sorority. But because it would be impossible to interpret just what is "undue" influence, council has forbidden any conversation at all between sorority women and rushees.

The measure has reduced any pressurized tactics to a minimum. But it has in the meantime defeated any good effects it might have had by putting sorority rushing on an artificial basis on which rushees must judge sorority women, not by their expressed attitudes, values and opinions, but by such limited criteria as dress, where they are seen, and how they stand out in a crowd.

The tension between sorority women and rushees has grown entirely out of proportion during the formal rushing period. The enforced silences are awkward, extremely unsociable, and in many cases downright rude. The only way in which it prevents one sorority from gaining an influential advantage over another is by keeping all sororities from showing rushees just what qualities and characteristics they possess as a group and as individuals.

The restriction has indeed kept tight reigns on sorority rushing. But in so doing it has put a noose around any friendliness that might otherwise prevail and produced, during the

Safety Valve—

On Campus Chest

TO THE EDITOR: During the last week, University students have been asked to donate a dollar each to the Campus Chest. We did not contribute to the Campus Chest this year.

We feel that freedom of choice is denied us by being unable to designate the organization to which our money shall be given when we contribute to the chest. Thirty five per cent of the money contributed to the Campus Chest will be divided among the University Christian Association, the Newman Club, and Hillel Foundation, while only 23 per cent is divided among eight specific welfare groups.

Thirty-seven per cent goes to educational or scholarship funds. We would rather give to an institution which we feel will benefit many people, rather than to those specific organizations which directly benefit only a relatively small group of people, such as the various religious groups on campus. We also feel that religious organizations should be supported by private contributions or by designation by each giver, because of individual preferences.

Letter cut

—Lauranne Wiant
Ruth Frankenfield
Doris Thiessen

Gazette...

Today
CHECKER CLUB, 8 p.m., TUB
DAILY NOVENA, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
NEWMAN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY, 8 p.m., Catholic Student Center

past few years, an uncalled for amount of misunderstanding between sororities and rushees. Council has come up with a much needed recommendation. We hope their wisdom in this matter will carry through a vote of final approval.

—Peggy McClain

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"It's only Ed's sister with his laundry."

Inside the UN

Red Delegate Says Soviet Wants Peace

By INEZ ALTHOUSE

The Soviet Union wants peace and believes that Americans and other peoples want peace, Nikolai P. Emelanyov, a counselor of Embassy, Permanent Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations, told a group of students from the University Saturday.

The students, members of the three-day UN seminar held in New York last week, visited the Soviet mission. They were received by the Russian diplomat and his interpreter, G. I. Stepanov, a member of the secretariat of the permanent delegation, in the same large council room where Andrei Y. Vishinsky was laid in state after his sudden death three weeks ago.

"The Soviet Union has been a member of the United Nations from the very beginning along with the United States," Mr. Emelanyov said.

He said the Russian people lost considerable property during World War II and therefore want an international organization to insure peace so they can continue building up their country.

Emelanyov criticized the American press for printing articles in the light that the Soviet Union is preparing for war. This is not true and is misinforming the American people, he said.

Two questions on which the Soviet Union was misrepresented, he said, were disarmament and peaceful uses of atomic energy. He said Russia supported disarmament and a resolution suggested by them was unanimously adopted. He also assured Russian support of peaceful uses of atomic energy and expressed the belief that weapons as destructive as the atomic bomb should be prohibited.

"The main difficulty between the position of the Soviet Union and some Western powers is that

we want the declaration on prohibition of atomic bombs and weapons of mass destruction," Emelanyov said. "The United States and the United Kingdom don't want such a provision for the time being."

Emelanyov said it is necessary to reduce international tensions at this time and said he felt there are no outstanding problems that could not be settled by negotiations. But, he said, some of the Western powers do not contribute to reducing international tensions.

Emelanyov said the Soviet thinks the activities of the American fleet in the Formosa strait and the alleged violations by American planes of Russian borders do not contribute to the improvement of relations between the United States and Soviet Russia.

He said some people think Russia has been making concessions recently because of weakness. This is not true, Emelanyov said. Russia is strong and is just facing reality, he said. In speaking about rearmament of Western Germany, (Continued on page five)

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7:25 Sign On
7:30 Starlight Serenade
8:30 Marque Memories
9:15 News and Sports
9:30 Master's Palette
10:30 Sign Off

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NEWMAN CLUB CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

PARTY DANCE
TONIGHT - 8 P.M. MONDAY - 7:30 P.M.
G.S.C. TUB

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