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Panhel Should Reconsider Election System

A rotational system for the election of a Panhellenic Council president that seems superior to the system used at the University, has been instituted and is receiving praise on the campuses of several large universities.

The system groups sororities in threes for the purpose of electing the Panhel president. The groups rotate and the group at the top of the list in any given year submits a slate of three (or six) candidates—one (or two) from each sorority in the group—to Panhellenic Council for election. The elected candidate becomes Panhel vice president for that year and succeeds to the presidency the following year.

An obvious advantage of the system is the more rapid rotation—each sorority has a crack at the Panhel presidency three times as often as it does under a plan in which sororities rotate individually. Another advantage is that Panhellenic Council is given a choice of three candidates, each considered by her sorority to be the best qualified in her sorority for the Panhel presidency.

Under the system now employed at the University, sororities rotate individually. The sorority at the top of the list in any given year selects three candidates to be interviewed by a Panhellenic Council screening board. If the board considers the qualification of all nominees inadequate, the second sorority on the list submits three names to be screened.

If candidates of the first sorority are rejected, the sorority gets another chance the following year. If it doesn't succeed in having any of

its candidates selected that year, it must go to the bottom of the list and wait for its turn, which comes up 22 years later.

Another advantage of the group rotational system is that it adheres more strictly to regular election. Panhellenic Council chooses from the slate of three submitted by the three sororities in the group. Thus disgression is not left to a screening board to accept or reject a candidate's qualifications. It is to be quite logically assumed that from one of three sororities in any year can come a candidate qualified to lead Panhel.

One disadvantage to the group rotational plan is the possibility of dominance of a particularly strong sorority within a group from election to election. Such a possibility could probably be avoided by varying the sorority grouping in such a manner that strict rotation might still be followed.

This would be possible in the situation that exists on this campus where there are 22 sororities—a number not evenly divisible by three. The three sororities on the top of the list in a given year would submit their candidates. Elections would be held and the three sororities would then take their places at the bottom of the list—not as an actual group but simply as three sororities, following the order in which they appeared at the top of the list before election. In this way the grouping would be different the next time the three sororities neared the top of the list.

—Nancy Ward

Happy Birthday!

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Today marks the fourth day of the Pennsylvania State University's year-long Centennial birthday. It was 100 years ago, in 1855, that Pennsylvania took advantage of the Morrill Land Grant Act to establish a state educational institution with the aid of federal funds. Since then the institution has progressed through stages as the Farmers' High School, the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania State College, with the latest step, that of University status, being achieved in 1953.

So far the Centennial celebration has been very mild, not like the 1905 birthday. Then on the event of the mid-century observance, things started off with a bit more of a bang. The University, then College, bell was rung at midnight, scattered shots were fired, and several members of the band marched about playing popular songs. All this may have been just a welcome to the new year but it also marked a step in the school's progress.

This year 1955 and the 100th birthday observance have begun much more calmly in State College and at the University. The greatest visual evidence of the centennial mark mentioning the event on local mail. The events of the year have been so planned to spread evenly over the entire year.

What is there to show for all these years of existence and growth? There is the change in status and name from a glorified high school to the University; there is a constant building program which has resulted in more than 100 major buildings on the campus; there is evidence of the great growth in enrollment in the University now rated ninth largest; there are the millions of dollars that have been poured into developing a satisfactory educational program; there are the many outstanding graduates who have studied here.

Greater than this, however, are the hundreds of average people who have educated themselves at the University. They are the backbone of an advancing citizenry, which has fanned out from the school through the community, the county, the state, the nation, and the world. These people, who have learned in and out of the classroom over the past 100 years, are testimony to the University's greatness.

The record, as reproduced above, is something in which all members of the Penn State family can rejoice this 100th birthday.

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Gazette...

TODAY

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 26 Mineral Science
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 316 Sparks
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 6:45 p.m., Collegian Business Office
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, SENIOR BOARD, 8:45 p.m., 9 Carnegie
ED STUDENT COUNCIL, 7:30 p.m., 204 Burrowes
FRESHMAN COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., Commuter's Room, Woman's Building
PENN STATE CLUB, 7 p.m., 411 Old Main
SOPHOMORE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 8:30 p.m., 105 Willard

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Jeanette Kohl, Alice Thornton, Katherine Dickerson, Pamela Kingman, Jay Johnson, Lawrence Mayer, John Schofield Jr., Thomas Deminy, Howard Slothower.

Safety Valve—

Skating Fee Questioned

TO THE EDITOR: . . . Does the University honestly believe these prices fair (for the outdoor skating rink?) The prices are 25 cents for students, 50 cents for faculty and staff, and 50 cents for local residents. . . We are paying indirectly through taxes and our tuition, and the alumni have contributed toward this facility. Must we pay twice? . . .

While I would like to see students admitted by matric card only, I know this idea would probably not pass the management's approval. So 10 cents or at the most 15 cents would be more reasonable for the students.

Letter Cut

—Leonard Phillips

More on Rink Charge

TO THE EDITOR: . . . Is it altogether fitting and proper to charge an admission rate (to the outdoor skating rink), nominal as it may be? This surtax is being levied on University property which falls under the "incidental" provision of the student fees. It is obvious that funds have been allocated for this project, as workmen have a bad habit of demanding payment for their services, not to mention the cement, pipes, stones, and wood.

Why not charge an admission rate to Sparks or Main Engineering? Better yet, demand a small admission to basketball games in Rec Hall with a higher rate for non A-block holders.

Having just finished paying for a yet-to-be-dedicated student union building, perhaps the "bottomless" Penn State pocketbooks deserve a rest.

—Priscilla Street

Editor's Note—To clear up the confusion existing over the reason for the fee charged for the use of the new skating rink, it should be noted the University and not the state of Pennsylvania has built this \$200,000 project for student recreation. State funds are used only for teaching facilities and the University itself must handle all other construction including dormitories, and recreational projects like the rink and the Heitzel Union Building. The fee, which is required of only those interested in using the ice and not non-skaters, will be combined with the income from concessions to pay for the initial cost and to provide for the rink's upkeep.

Cheering Wanted

TO THE EDITOR: Penn State's basketball team is really terrific this year. Where are the cheerleaders?

—Al Cassell, James Yacabucci and Lynn Davis

Editor's Note—Bruce Coble, head cheerleader, advises us there have been at least three cheerleaders at each basketball game so far this season, excepting the Saturday before Christmas vacation. Could be the student body is not vocally supporting them in the cheering and not making it evident someone is leading.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Boy, you fouled him THAT time."

Holiday

Impressions

By DIEHL McKALIP

GREETING CARDS—

This subject gives me a chance to say a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

Never have I had such deplorable luck in compiling my greeting card list. Better I should not have sent any. My batting average seemed to be about a startling .250. Next year, it may be best for my friends to send a stamped, self-addressed return greeting with each sent out.

At least, however, I did not have the terrible luck of the one chap who carefully addressed 125 envelopes and meticulously stamped them and affixed several assorted fund seals. They were dropped off at the post office but the postmaster did not even bother to forward them. Our conscientious friend had forgotten to put greeting cards in the envelopes. Worse than the habitual offender who fails to sign his name.

Probably the most novel and meaningful card we saw was a mimeographed greeting sent out by the Bradford, Pa., Community Chest, that town's version of our faltering Campus Chest. It depicted scenes of the activities of the Red Feather agencies and at the bottom had this conversation between two little angels:

"What, give again? I ask in dismay. Must I keep giving and giving away?"

"No, said the angel, looking me through. Just keep giving 'til the Master stops giving to you."

CHRISTMAS THANKS—

A chap in my home town has developed a thriving business in manufacturing outdoor Christmas displays. It grew from a hobby of making his own decorations each holiday season until today he sends them from Smethport, Pa., throughout the world.

He feels a high point in his career of helping Santa Claus came this past Yule when he took part in providing the decorations for the Pageant of Peace held in the park across from President (Ike) Eisenhower's home in Washington. He supplied a mechanical Santa Claus, sleigh, and eight reindeer. A motor causes Mr. Claus to snap his whip as the reindeer bound over the snow.

The satisfaction of contributing toward a project like that was very rewarding, he said. He also got a lift from an observing policeman who, on learning the displays had all been donated, said, "You mean somebody is actually giving the government somethin' free?"

As additional compensation for his display, he was given three ornaments from President Eisenhower's 1953 Christmas tree.

100 NEW YEARS—
Penn State almost got into the act in a Centennial way on New Year's day in addition to Don Bailey and Jim Garrity's fine work in the East-West charity football game.

George Donovan, director of the student union, was watching a telethon that was attempting to raise money for March of Dimes over the Altoona television station and several area radio stations. As donations were taken by phone the announcer would praise the donor.

The idea, as George had it, would be to donate a \$100 to the drive, "one for each year the University has been in existence." George had an idea, but he did not have \$100.

However, as he later pointed out, because of the amount that would have been donated, the nature of the donor, and the 100th birthday involved in the donating, the announcer certainly would have spent considerable time praising the school over a rather far reaching network. Also, five minutes of comparable time bought outright would cost upwards to \$500.

PERSONALITY—

The personality involved is a Penn State Christmas bird and one who was hot in two ways. He probably would have been hot in a third had he reached the pot for a Yule dinner.

He was found in the 25-foot deep pit in the locked building that is to house the reactor, the pit being meant to handle the hot nuclear materials.

A hot bird he was too, for, when found by the Campus Patrol the week before Christmas, it was not known who had gotten him away from his home at the University turkey farm or how they had gotten into the reactor to hide him away.

Graduation Invitations

Seniors who will be graduated in January may pick up their invitations or announcements this week at the Student Union Office. A receipt must be shown.

Sophomore Committee

The sophomore advisory committee will meet at 8:30 tonight in 105 Willard, Samuel Wolcott, sophomore class president, said yesterday.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES
7:25 Sign On
7:30 Sports Roundup
7:35 One Night Stand
8:00 UN Story: "No Ordinary Airport"
8:20 Progressions in Rhythm
9:00 Spotlight on State
9:15 News
9:30 Symphony Hall
10:30 Sign Off