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## Haste: Disastrous

Today the revised constitutions of the two campus political parties will be presented to the Senate subcommittee on organization control. We strongly urge the committee, headed by Ross Lehman, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, to examine these closely and not to hesitate in tabling final action until careful consideration can be given them.

Sources who have seen these constitutions have warned against immediate chartering of the parties, Lion and State. We are forced to rely on these sources since both parties have been unwilling to release their constitutions, and, thus, an air of caution must be maintained when one is ignorant of the facts. Better a delay than a hasty acceptance.

These sources point out the constitutions they saw were improvements over the original ones presented to the subcommittee and were not of the crude character which should have denied the earlier ones the title of constitutions. The new ones, however, are still classified as "smooth" and, as such, can be manipulated by the parties and their leaders.

We are inclined to think the action of the parties in not releasing their new constitutions speaks for itself. Failing to allow all interested and particularly those on the subcommittee to examine them before the meeting indicates only one thing: the parties want to push their constitutions through before they can be evaluated.

A hasty chartering would be disastrous. It is our feeling that chartering will give the parties a considerable degree of permanency and the work involved would tend to deter amendment. For the sake of acting, it would be undesirable to approve rigged constitutions.

The parties are eager to push their constitutions through today and it would seem to be in the best interests of student government to weigh them more than just an hour this afternoon before acting on them. The secrecy surrounding their revisions points to possible rigged constitutions and, before they are made permanent by Senate chartering, they must be thought through.

## Beaver House: OK?

When is a fraternity not a fraternity?

That is the question several fraternity men asked John Carpenter, Interfraternity Council president, at Monday night's IFC meeting. The question arose during discussion over the propriety of admitting Beaver House as a member of the group.

A minority, judged thus by the fact Beaver House was admitted in the final vote, centered their anti-admission argument about the fact there are boarders who take their meals at the house but are not members of the organization. The fraternity also advertises for these boarders in newspapers in a very non-fraternity sounding way, critics said.

Commenting on this, Mr. Carpenter said Beaver House agreed to stop taking these boarders, presently numbering 12, as soon as possible and conform to IFC practices. He added he would urge them to take this step but pointed out it could not be done immediately without seriously affecting the house's financial stability and causing a great and rapid rise in house bills.

In additional comment, Mr. Carpenter pointed out that Beaver House, in coming into IFC, has accepted all the rules and regulations of the system and is going to engage in all fraternity events: social, athletic, and philanthropic. Actually, it may be the group is making more adjustments in joining IFC than IFC is in taking in a house that, while having irregularities, boasts a history, financial soundness, and alumni support.

Beaver House is the fraternity that is not a fraternity. But it has the makings of one and is even a good bet for a national group wanting to settle at Penn State. All needed are some hard work and changes to conformity by Beaver House and much help and understanding by the IFC and its other member houses.

## Rushing Code: Good

The amended sorority rushing code looks like a good improvement over the old program since Panhellenic Council amended it Tuesday night. The changes made are also going to mean a slightly different rushing program in the fall than the one coeds have been used to.

Probably the most important is the fact that second semester women having a 1.3 All-University average will be included among rushees. This change alone is one long needed on campus.

Another much needed improvement is the modification of the silence period during formal rushing to a semi-strict silence period. This means, actually, that sorority and non-sorority women may talk with each other about anything except sorority. Not only will this modification help break the tension between actives and rushees, but it will give all concerned a much better chance to become acquainted outside the sorority suites.

The new code will mean more work for sororities. Two formal rush periods—one in the fall and one in the spring—will go into effect in September. This is chiefly to take care of those women who do not become second semester students until the spring semester. Added to this will be an informal rush program one week after each formal period; this however, is no heavier schedule than the informal program now in effect.

Council's final amendment—that all women rushing informally register in the Dean of Women's office—rounds out a good code. Under this change, sororities will have access to a list of all women rushing and rushees, in turn, will have the chance to be invited to all sorority suites.

Council has provided women students with a much more sophisticated rushing program than it has had in a long time. If taken advantage of, it will mean more natural sorority-rushee relationships.

—Peggy McClain

## LA Course Needed

A compulsory course to orient Liberal Arts students to their college, as is now being discussed by the LA student council, could become a valuable asset to the University.

The Liberal Arts college is somewhat unique from other colleges. Rather than entering it to train for a particular occupation (as for example in engineering or business) students frequently enroll in Liberal Arts to "find" an occupation. As a result they tend to wander aimlessly through at least two of their years here, neither understanding nor particularly caring just what the Liberal Arts are.

A course such as suggested, if made a thought-provoking and concrete sort of thing, could answer many questions students have about what education (Liberal Arts especially) and for that matter their lives, are all about.

However, the course must not be allowed to become one of the much joked about "snap" courses. If established at all, it must be one of the very basic requirements of the college, and it must deserve to be so.

—P. M.

## Gazette...

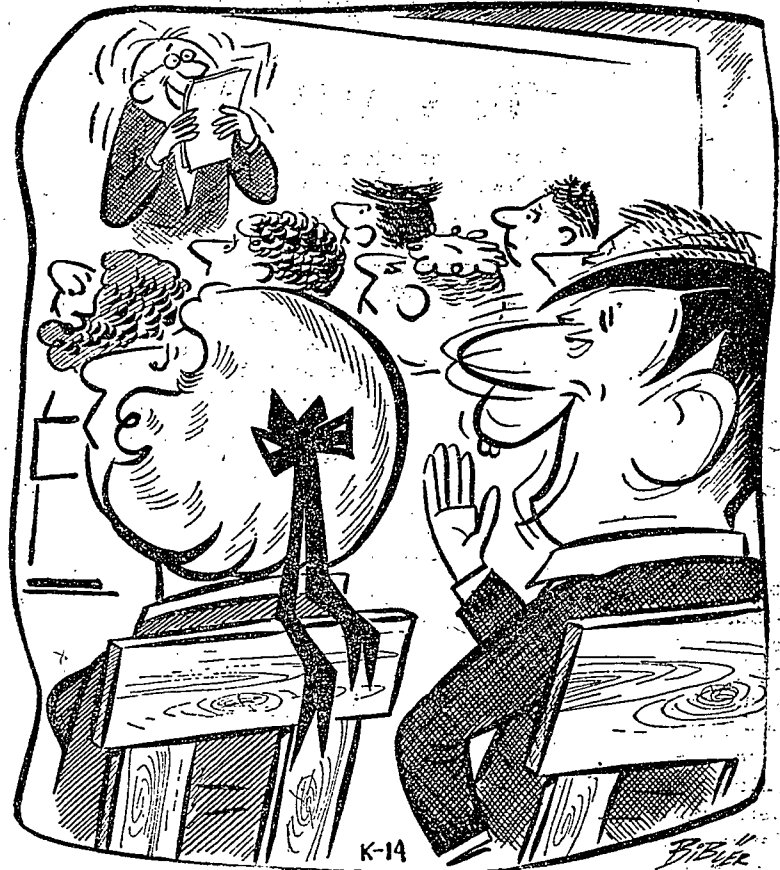
Today  
 CORONATION COMMITTEE, 8:30 p.m., Grange Dormitory  
 FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., North Corridor, Recreation Hall  
 METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries  
 OUTING CLUB, FIELD AND STREAM, 7:30 p.m., 317 Willard  
 SPEECH AND HEARING HONORARY, 7:30 p.m., 1 Sparks  
 William Achenbach, Donald Cartwright, Thomas Davis, Frederick Diehl, John Harlan, Carol Holbrook, Anita Horvitz, Charlotte Kippel, John Kuntz, Harriet Learn, Jules Levine, Alfred Massi, Philip Mullen, Gwen Neiditch, Arthur O'Connor, Joan Rapoport, Elizabeth Savidge.

Knowledge of human nature is the beginning and end of political education.  
 —Henry Brooks Adams

To see the right and not to do it is cowardice.  
 —Confucius

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"One big advantage in having to take this course over is I know when I'm supposed to laugh."

## Marcie Beaucoup

By MARCIE MacDONALD

Have you noticed they're clearing up around the HUB? They, meaning the workmen and those in charge of workmen, are shoveling away the mud, scraping paint and putty off the windows, and even bulldozing away the man-made mountain behind it.

It's beginning to look like a building instead of a Frank Lloyd Wright nightmare. And with the change, about 900 student leaders are anxiously awaiting their office assignments in the structure. Almost all of these 900 will be sadly disappointed. Not all are as important as they think.

In like fashion, every group on campus that holds one or more meetings per semester has planned the first dance to be held in the ballroom. This could create a rush on the dance fundamentals classes during registration.



Marcie MacDonald

One very favorable aspect of the HUB's particular architectural specie was pointed out by a freshman descending Ag Hill the other day. Said freshman remarked that from some spots on the hill one can see straight through the monstrous windows and is hardly aware that there's a building there at all. And that's something for a million dollar edifice.

During the afternoons lately very official looking groups have been seen meandering through the interior, delicately shrinking from dust and dirt and stepping over the myriad of things carpenters can leave lying around. Purpose: unknown.

From the back the HUB looks like a scene from the "Red Shoes." Lovely iron railings enclose spacious patios and porticos and balconies. Would anyone venture to wager all doors leading to these romantic and lovely spots will be

kept locked at all times? Just like the little balconies on the fronts of McElwain and Simmons. The death penalty accompanies their use.

What's more, there will probably be stiff regulations regarding use of the lounges; students will only be allowed in by appointment. The cafeteria will only be open when most students are in class; there will be no fish in the fishpond.

But what does it matter? At last we'll have our much-needed place to go.

## Boyer to Be Speaker For Pi Lambda Sigma

Benjamin F. Boyer, dean of the Temple Law School, will be guest of honor at a banquet sponsored by Pi Lambda Sigma, national pre-legal honorary fraternity at 6 p.m. tomorrow in the Beaver Room of the State College Hotel.

Following the banquet Boyer will give a talk on law in general at 8 p.m. in 217 Willard. The talk is open to the public.

Members of Pi Lambda Sigma should be at the banquet room at 6 p.m.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES  
 7:25 Sign On  
 7:30 Adventures in Research  
 7:45 As You Believe  
 8:00 Concert Cameos  
 8:30 Just Out  
 9:00 Guest Star—Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians  
 9:15 News  
 9:30 Symphonic Notebook  
 10:30 Thought for the Day

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