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New WD Room Plan: Too Much Chance

Upperclassmen who want to live in the West Dorms next year will have about as much chance of being assigned there as they would in winning on the proverbial slot machines.

Under the new room assignment process, students will be given numbers which will be placed in a box. Then the allotted number of rooms will be drawn by a representative of the Association of Independent Men. In other words a less fortunate student could spend his entire three years in Pollock, even though he might have a straight 3.0 All-University average.

This modified game of chance has replaced a system in which students who applied first were assigned to the West Dorms first and the others were put on a waiting list, to be moved up whenever any vacancies occurred.

Room assignments are made on the basis of the grade standing of the student. Seniors who have an All-University average of 1.0 or better will have their names put on the waiting list for the West Dorms. Similarly, juniors with an All-University average of 1.5 or better and sophomores with an All-University average of 2.0 or better will have their names put on the waiting list. A total of 100 seniors will be assigned to the West Dorms. Seventy juniors and

70 sophomores will be assigned to that area and the remaining space will be opened to the incoming freshman class.

However, incoming freshmen have been saved the fate of 'gambling' for their rooms. The room assignment process for the new freshman class will remain the same as it has been in the past. Freshmen who apply first will be given first chance to live in the West Dorm area.

The main reason for changing the room assignment process seems to be that it was felt unfair that students who stood in line for hours waiting to get their names on the top of the list did not get assigned to the West Dorms. If this is the basic reason for the change, it is a very weak one.

The housing department has changed a room assignment method in which the student had better than a 50-50 chance of being assigned to the West Dorms in his four years at the University, to a system in which the student may never see the West Dorms.

The inadequacies of this system may not be apparent at the present time—but possibly by the time the present freshmen are seniors the housing department may be hearing some complaints.

—Don Barlett

Stiff Competition

If everything goes according to plan, the Association of Independent Men will hold its Spring Dance March 18 in the Hetzel Union Building (which is to have been open for three days) by that time and the Jazz Club will sponsor Dave Brubeck in a concert in Recreation Hall.

Sounds like a nice Friday night for music lovers who will be able to afford \$1.50 per person for the concert and \$2.50 per couple for the dance.

1. But we wonder why two big musical events were scheduled for the same night.
2. And how the Jazz Club is going to make out on proceeds?
3. And how many independents will bypass the AIM dance to hear Brubeck?

AIM arranged over a year ago to have its dance in the HUB, but it wasn't until about a month ago that the Jazz Club was sure Brubeck would play here.

The last three jazz concerts that have been held in the State College vicinity have lost money — from \$5 to \$600. Max Kaminski, Woody Herman, and Duke Ellington were all poorly attended.

AIM is doing something new this year—it is celebrating National Independent Student Association Week. A well-attended dance to climax the week's activities would go a long way to make Independent Week a success. But the competition is going to be pretty stiff.

—Jackie Hudgins

Coeds Only

The "stacking" of offices for All-University elections—designating each as fraternity or independent territory—has drawn a fair amount of criticism in the past.

However, a recent statement by the Elections Committee clarified an even finer point. The committee said the senior class secretary-treasurer will be a woman—either an independent or a sorority member.

Notwithstanding that women have usually held secretary-treasurerships, it is little short of ridiculous to designate an area as female stamping ground and rope it off for coeds only.

Even if a rule is not involved in the matter, terminology should be more carefully considered. Designation of an office as "for women" implies that other offices are men's domain.

All-University elections are restricted along roped-off lines more than seems reasonable. If the independent-fraternity set-up is here to stay, must we go further to take care of people's feelings and to curtail competition?

As parties seem to find increasing difficulty in placing candidates along the required lines, even terminology should not seemingly assign women to a category of their own.

—Nancy Ward

Gazette...

HILLEL, Sabbath Eve Ser. (8 p.m.), Hillel Foundation NEWMAN CLUB, Daily Rosary, 4:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, followed by open house at the student center.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Anne Beebe, Evelyn Benson, James Byrne, Myron Cole, Daniel Coll, John Cranos, Richard Davis, Edwin Eckl, Thomas Eyerly, Maurie Fox, Elizabeth Iffert, Irene Jacob, Nancy King, Lois Korona, Donald Lamaster, Lois Masket, Paul Mastroianni, Jan M. Ross, Rolfe Ross, Ronald Saffler, Fred Shoyer, Nicholas Spangher, Leo Thierwechter, Barbara Trachtenber, Isaac Vambler, Thomas Vieira, Dale Welker, Robert Wenner, Thaddeus Zalewski.

Safety Valve— Poor Sports...

TO THE EDITOR: It has been brought to my attention by several members of the administration and faculty that conduct at Wednesday night's basketball game with the University of Pennsylvania was in very poor taste.

Needless to say, I have been aware of displays of poor sportsmanship in a few instances throughout the year. However, I have tolerated these displays and rationalized that they were the acts of an over-enthusiased group of Penn State fans.

After last night's performance, I think you will all agree that we not only disgraced our University in the eyes of the visiting team, but we disgraced ourselves and a Penn State tradition of hospitality as well; we also made a rather unhappy evening for Dr. Eisenhower and other University officials, who have been among our strongest supporters throughout the years.

It is my strongest desire that in the coming events, either at home or away, Penn State students will not perform in such a manner detrimental to all of us at the University.

I had to apologize to the players and coaches of the Penn team Wednesday night for our poor display to sportsmanship; I assured them this would never happen again.

In this light I am asking your support to curtail the necessity of any future apologies.

—Jesse Arnette
All-University president

Death Knell?

TO THE EDITOR: We've been reading here in Cambridge (Mass.) of the many changes at the University during these past few months...

One item in the Feb. 24 issue (Daily Collegian), however, wasn't in keeping with the "steps in the right direction"; the article concerned the transfer of the classics department to the romance languages department.

The article stated that the "personnel and functions of classical languages have been transferred," which seems to imply that the department of classics has lost its identity as a functioning department of the College of the Liberal Arts.

By this step, the death knell of classics at the University probably has not yet tolled. But the fellow who rings the bell approaches, and pragmatism threatens to win again—as we tolerate the present, worship the future, and ignore the past.

And yet this was no doubt the outcome of treating the department as an ornament of the University, rather than as a necessary component of the Liberal Arts.

... We sincerely believe the University will inevitably lose by not trying hard enough now to find a Latin and Greek scholar of Dr. Dengler's caliber to devote his full time to a classic department.

Why minimize—pursuant to extinguishing—a study that intellectually gives so much: the beginnings of practically all the present sciences, the very roots of the languages and literary styles we use, the source materials for history and philosophy, and intellectual discipline in the entire undertaking.

It is universally a truism that the Classics need no defense. It is quite revealing that at Penn State they do.

—Barbara Lock Goodman
(Class of '55)
Leonard Goodman
(Class of '54)

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Boys, we've simply got to get rid of this new 'Forority'. They've been getting new members daily and some of our own men are dropping out of the old frat."

The Desk at...

The Philing Station

By PHIL AUSTIN

I've been cleaning out my desk.

Fortunately, I'm past the Robert Benchley stage of desk cleaning. But just the same, there are a few things good for discussion before being dropped in one of the waste baskets gracing the Daily Collegian office.

The biggest group of news releases received has been from the United Nations. Judging from the number of press releases I've received, they're winning the peace with paper.

Moreover, it looks from the material included in these releases like the social and educational activities of the UN are doing the trick and diplomacy is secondary.

Unfortunately, education can be good or bad, depending upon the culture in which the process is applied. This doesn't mean the world won't be better because of education. Nor does it mean the UN can automatically do the trick. After all, we've tried co-ordination in student government too.

The next gob of materials I pulled were releases from the U.S. Information Agency. These concerned government radio propaganda programs on Voice of America.

While writing this column I received a new one, about a show which was aired on Tuesday, "A Man Named Joe." No, McCarthy hasn't taken over the V of A. The program is the story of freshman congressman Joe M. Kilgore of Texas, and apparently is intended to explain American government in action.

However, the V of A, possibly, is missing the boat. It may be all right for the V of A to explain the American system of government in 37 languages (besides English) to persons throughout the world. But, perhaps the American system of government should be explained to the American people first.

Next, I'm coming to material from the United States Steel Corporation. Now I'm really fighting (?) something bigger than myself. I must admit, however, the U.S. Steel Quarterly is a much better publication in terms of content and format, more interesting, and more informative than either the releases of the UN or the U.S. Information Agency.

Maybe I'm just a sucker for good, sharp, newsy pictures. Maybe it's because it contains nothing I can disagree with. After all, neither the U.S. government or the UN can offer income from stock.

Well, I now have cleaned my

desk—partly. Time to prepare for the next round of releases from the UN, the U.S. Information Agency, and the U.S. Steel Corporation.

Grad Student Wins Award

Peter Grever, graduate student in College of Business of Administration, has been awarded the National Association of County Officials fellowship at the University. Grever graduated from Alfred University and has been enrolled as a graduate student since last fall.

The fellowship was recently established in the College of Business Administration with a \$1250 grant from the NACO. Its purpose is to provide for a study and report in rural road finance problems affecting counties and townships. The work is to be done by a graduate student in business administration.

Honors Sought By Flower Team

The University will seek new laurels tomorrow when its flower judging team compete in the intercollegiate flower judging competition at Columbus, Ohio.

Coach Peter B. Pfahl has chosen for his team Edwin Angstadt, Margaret Fleming, and James Skyrn. Russel Neff will be an alternate.

All are eight semester horticultural majors. Approximately a dozen other colleges and universities will participate in the annual meet.

Lotz to Play in HUB

Flip Lotz and his Elves, a student combo, will provide the music at a sophomore class social on March 19 in the Hetzel Union Building.

The social will be held from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sophomore students may attend.

Tonight on WDFM

81.1 MEGACYCLES
7:25 Sign On
7:30 Starlight Serenade
8:00 Weekly News Roundup
8:30 Light Opera
10:30 Thought for the Day