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Panhel: Stimulate a Stagnant Group

Panhellenic Council is weak on this campus and accomplishes almost nothing of importance.

The council's two main functions are to control rushing and work with Interfraternity Council on the IFC-Panhel Sing and IFC-Panhel weekend.

Panhel does not exercise enough influence over rushing.

IFC does most of the work for both of the joint functions and relies very little on Panhel. Attempted mixers between the two groups have brought little success, mostly due to the lack of respect IFC holds for Panhel.

This condition is not necessary.

Panhel could gain the respect of the sororities in rushing rather than making themselves appear as a nuisance factor. Sororities could be controlled more and given more incentive to have a good attitude towards each other during rushing.

At present punishments are not strong enough, and Panhel lets many violations go without punishment. Perhaps these are never reported according to the necessary manner, but the system should be changed if violations are occurring without punishment.

Panhel could also work for closer fraternity-sorority relationships, which would certainly be advantageous to sororities since they do not have houses. Panhel could attempt to make mixers with IFC more respected on both sides. Introducing new ideas would create more interest in the mixers.

Some joint function between sororities and fraternities either prior to or following the IFC-Panhel sing would create closer relationships. Having the IFC-Panhel sing held in Schwab Auditorium would add prestige to the event and the fraternity set-up.

Most important, Panhel could work for better sorority relationships by promoting friendly rivalry and competition as well as a cooperative spirit. Panhel functions in which all sororities would take part would further this aim.

Several campuses have punch parties sponsored by Panhel in which all the sororities take part. These help the spirit between the individual sorority members and Panhel.

Panhel could also do more than they do at present to create scholastic competition among the sororities. At present it has a scholastic rating list and a trophy for the sorority with the highest average. The honor could be emphasized by presenting the trophy at a banquet.

To accomplish these aims Panhel will have to get representatives from the sororities who are interested in the sorority group as a whole and its position on campus. Too many of the representatives are interested in their sorority only.

These representatives could do a lot more for their sorority by working cooperatively with other sorority representatives.

Panhellenic Council can and should become an active and important organization at the University instead of a stagnant group.

—Sue Conklin

Will FEPC Work

Pennsylvania finally has a much needed Fair Employment Practices law. After many stormy years of debate, the State legislature passed an FEPC law Monday night, making this state the 11th to have such a law.

Although Pennsylvania employers have never been tagged with the "discriminatory" label, there has been much feeling in the state that a large number of businesses discriminate when hiring workers.

The law, which makes it illegal when hiring to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin, is a fine thing. It reflects the very principles upon which our democracy is based.

But merely saying something is illegal is not sufficient. There must be an agent which will actively enforce such a law—a group of men who are not afraid to deal with what is definitely a touchy subject.

The FEPC law provides for such a commission. Under the law, the commission would be bipartisan, composed of nine members, with not more than five from one political party. It will be the commission's duty to investigate suspected cases of discrimination. Penalties will run from \$100 to \$500, a 30-day imprisonment, or both.

However, commissions in 10 states with FEPC laws have had trouble enforcing fair employment practices.

Pennsylvania took a step forward with the passage of an FEPC law. The legislature has recognized a growing need for such legislation. We hope enforcement of the law will be as emphatic as was the 44-5 vote in favor of the law's passage.

—Larry Jacobson

Improvement at Last

Men's hat societies took a long step Monday night toward regaining student respect.

By approving a new system of tapping which will replace the application method in effect for several years the hat societies did much to lift their prestige.

Under the new system men interested in hat societies will fill out a card listing their activities, All-University average, and hat society preference. Hat societies will refer to these cards when selecting new members and make their selections on the basis of the listed information.

This plan will eliminate the need for a man to ask to become a member of what should be honorary service organizations. Therefore, it will eliminate much embarrassment from the selection process and perhaps some of the behind-the-scenes skulduggery of which some hat society members have been guilty in the past.

Skull and Bones, senior men's hat society, which proposed the plan to Hat Society Council, deserves credit for making a concrete improvement in the tapping method.

Coming from a senior hat society, this plan reflects the disgust of those who have been interested in University activities the longest with the methods by which their efforts have been recognized.

We hope that this is only the first of many improvements in the men's hat societies which will be made this year.

Perhaps at long last the air of indifference surrounding the hat society system is wearing off and members will do something to make their organizations more than just walking advertisements for the hat industry.

—The Editor

Gazette...

- Today
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, 7:30 p.m., 1 Main Engineering
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF (sophomore and junior boards), 6:30 p.m., Collegian Business Office
 - DELTA SIGMA PI (business meeting), 7 p.m., Kappa Sigma
 - HILLEL CULTURAL COMMITTEE, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 - HILLEL GOVERNING BOARD, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 - HILLEL INTERFAITH COMMITTEE, 6:30 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 - INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, 8 p.m., 317 Willard
 - NEWMAN CLUB BASKETBALL TEAM, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center
 - NEWMAN CLUB CHOIR PRACTICE, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
 - NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
 - PENN STATE CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
 - PERSHING RIFLES CO. B-5 (active members and pledges), 7 p.m., Armory
 - PHI SIGMA IOTA, (open meeting), 7:30 p.m., McElwain Main Lounge
 - ROD AND COCCUS CLUB, 7 p.m., 205 Patterson
 - SCROLLS, 12:30 p.m., Student Activities Room, Hetsel Union
 - T.I.M. MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 7:30 p.m., 216 Hetsel Union
 - THETA SIGMA PHI, 6:30 p.m., Grange Playroom
 - WEEKLY NOVENA, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
- Tomorrow
- HILLEL LIBRARY COMMITTEE, 4 p.m., Hillel Foundation
 - NEWMAN CLUB DAILY ROSARY, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
 - MIXER, 7:30 p.m., HUB Ballroom
 - OPENING OF PSYCHOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER, 10 p.m., University Hospital
- Rosemarie Asquino, Albert Balke, Raymond Carpenter,

Safety Valve...

Extends Invitation

TO THE EDITOR: . . . I always wanted to have some of my old friends from school come over here to visit my place. You people were nice to me when I was in Penn State, and it is indeed a pleasure to have the opportunity of having some of you over here.

If anyone from Penn State decides to tour the Caribbean, make it a point to stop in the Dominican Republic. Write me ahead of time and I'll be glad to show you the town. Beginning on Dec. 20 the World Fair of Peace and Brotherhood of the Free World will take place here in Ciudad Trujillo. Any time after that date and all through the year of 1956 will be a good time to visit this country . . .

Hoping to see some of the Nittany lions and lionesses in the near future, I remain

•Letter Cut

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Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Come on now—which one of you guys have our 'Classic Comics'—we gotta study for a Lit test tomorrow."

Through Dulles' Efforts

West to Present United Front

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

I can't recall any occasion when an American Secretary of State has devoted such strenuous effort to behind-the-lines unity as has John Foster Dulles in connection with the foreign ministers conference which begins tomorrow.

Dulles has spoken personally to the representatives of at least 36 nations in addition to a large group of American con-

gressional leaders, explaining and trying to insure their support, or at least their silence if they disagree, for the Allied program at Geneva. The matter certainly will come up during his visits to Austria and Yugoslavia.

Every American and European nation with which the United States is allied has been consulted, and there seems to be an unparalleled unanimity. Dulles made a special trip to Italy just to demonstrate the concern of the Big Three for their opinions, despite the fact that the Allies are not inclined to complicate things with Russia by including the wartime enemy in the formal Western line-up for peace discussions.

It is noticeable but not particularly significant that these pre-Geneva consultations have been with members of America's two great Western alliances, NATO and the Western Hemisphere pact, and not with Southeast Asian or other Oriental allies. So far, the United States is moving very deliberately with regard to policy in that area.

Aside from clarifying the Allied program and heightening the appearance of Western unity as the Big Three meet the Russians, the pre-Geneva explanations also serve to give advance warnings of the known difficulties to be faced.

The Allies realize they aren't offering Russia much in return for German reunification, which they have coupled with an all-European security pact as the chief topic of the conference. They are saying: "You give up East Germany, and we'll see to it that the unified Germany never attacks you."

Russia is very likely to say: "Why give up East Germany when, as long as we have it, we can see to that ourselves."

In that case, the Allies have made it clear they intend to trade no principles, no part of their own strength such as West German affiliation with NATO, for a dangerous facade of peaceful-looking but nonmaterial settlements.

By clarifying all this in advance, the Big Three hope to avoid the disheartenment among their Allies which might follow the failure of Geneva to produce any real progress.

Ed Council Sets Russel As Adviser

Education Student Council has voted to accept Dr. David W. Russel, professor of education, as council adviser for the coming two-semester period. He will succeed Dr. Ralph O. Gallington, professor of industrial arts education. The council also approved the appointments of 12 members to three committees. They are:

Coffee hours committee: Katherine Dickson, Barbara Easter, Frances Cox, and William Tucker. Elections committee: Gail Rolle, Vincent Carlone, Virginia Leary, and Nancy Scholl.

Outstanding students committee: Patricia McLaughlin, Barbara Cox, Diane Edelman, and Nancy Peterson.

The coffee hours committee will look into the possibility of sponsoring coffee hours designed especially for the curriculum in the college.

The Outstanding student committee will investigate the academic and extracurricular activities of students in the college. Several students will be chosen by the council as eligible for appearance in the outstanding students section of LaVie.

Spring Student Teachers

Elementary education students who plan to do student teaching in the spring semester will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in 216 Hetsel Union to receive their teaching assignments.

Chess Club to Meet Tonight

The Penn State Chess Club will meet at 7 tonight in 7 Sparks.

Tonight on WDFM

- 91.1 MEGACYCLES
- 7:16 Sign On
 - 7:20 News
 - 7:30 Marquee Memories
 - 8:00 Behind the Lectern
 - 8:30 Music of the People
 - 9:00 Music - BBC Weekly
 - 9:15 News
 - 9:30 Virtuoso
 - 10:30 Sign Off