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New Rushing Schedule Should Solve Problems

Panhellenic Council's revisions to the formal rushing schedule promise a high degree of success for this year's program. The changes improve rushing in general and the September, 1955, season in particular. It seems the main purpose of last year's program was to finish in as short a time as possible. But complaints were heard from all sides so changes have been effected.

The switching of the whole program from mid-September to the beginning of the spring semester is the most far-reaching alteration and the most progressive move on the part of Pannel.

The beginning of a woman's second semester is the time she is most interested in learning about sororities as individual groups, according to the Greeks who suggested the earlier rush. And it is then she should be introduced to the social organizations recently publicized through the charitable and fraternal activities of the holidays.

A rather flimsy argument in opposition to having women as young as freshmen rush has been that they have not been independent long enough to make a fair judgment of how they wish to spend the rest of their years here.

If any comparison can be drawn, we should like to cite regulations as they exist among the men.

They are allowed to become pledges during their second semester, and it is generally held that for a man to pledge a fraternity is more significant than for a woman to pledge a sorority. This is not meant to minimize the impor-

tance of sisterhood bonds. But the fact that men in a fraternity house actually live closer together from a physical standpoint than women in a sorority suite does suggest the physical difference.

If men are ready to take this "important" step when they are freshmen it seems reasonable to believe women should be ready also.

The two afternoons of pre-rush coke dates should help to cut down on the stiffness of the first open houses. A specific complaint of September season was that there was not adequate opportunity for sisters and rushees to meet on an informal level. Both groups felt personalities were too often hidden beneath cocktail dresses and party costumes.

Unlike last year's hurried-up schedule, open house will not be held in the evening on Sunday.

To replace the rather boring "at homes" of two years ago and still have rushees in the suites enough times to get to know sorority women individually a Bermuda Junction Party is planned for the second Sunday of the season.

The party routine has been altered so that sisters are not allowed to call for rushees nor see them back to their rooms. Not only was this childish transporting of rushees awkward but it sometimes caused whole sororities to be late getting back to their own quarters.

The combination of all these improvements will give each organization a chance for a more successful season than in the past. The rest is up to the sororities.

—Jackie Hudgins

Smile Awhile—Break Time Is Near

When Provost Adrian O. Morse revealed to the University Senate Thursday that the administration is considering allotting more time between semesters it surely must have brought smiles of relief to the faces of the faculty members.

And students must certainly have heaved sighs of relief yesterday morning when they read the news account of the provost's remarks. The last days in January at Penn State are the most hectic of the year for most of the student body and teaching staff. Students must wait long hours to see advisers who are overwhelmed with demands on their time by advisers.

Hurried schedule-planning by students and subsequent hurried advising by overworked instructors has often resulted in grief for students who find early in the spring semester that they have scheduled courses which either do not fit their needs or which they are ill-prepared to learn.

As Provost Morse said to the Senate, as it stands now students just do not have sufficient time to prepare their schedules for the spring semester.

This results in an injustice in four ways:

- 1) The student must drop the course and thus lose three credits unless he can arrange an add.
- 2) The student must attempt to struggle through a course which either holds no interest for him, does not fit his needs, or which is ill-equipped to complete.
- 3) As a result of drops, vacancies exist in the

course but students who did desire to take the course but could not because of scheduling difficulties, can not now add the course because they already carry a full schedule.

4) Instructors must bear with disinterested students or empty seats as a result of drops.

More time between the end of final exams and registration would at least partially alleviate these injustices. Students and advisers would have adequate time to give thought to the courses desirable for the student and drop-adds at the beginning of the spring semester would decrease as a result.

But, of course, if additional time is to be provided between semesters time will have to be cut from either the summer vacation or other vacation periods.

This would be necessary because the University must offer a course a certain number of hours a semester in order to be a properly accredited institution, hence the shifting of meeting times at the end of this semester so each course will meet the same number of hours.

But we are sure that neither students nor faculty would protest sacrificing a bit of time from other vacation periods in favor of a longer break between semesters. The problem is so acute on both sides that such a move could meet only with favor. And, after all, almost everyone needs a vacation after final exams.

We wholeheartedly endorse the administration's tentative solution to the problem and urge that it be arranged for the 1956-57 school year.

—The Editor

Gazette...

Today
UNIVERSITY PARK PROMENADERS ROUND AND SQUARE DANCE, 8:30 p.m., Hetzel Union ballroom

Tomorrow
HILLEL CHOR REHEARSAL, 6:30 p.m., Hillel
HILLEL FOLK DANCE GROUP, 2 p.m., general session; 4 p.m., advanced workshop; Hillel
HILLEL GRADUATE CLUB MEETING, 8 p.m., Hillel lounge
LAVIE SENIOR BOARD MEETING, 8 p.m., 412 Old Main
LOX AND BAGEL BRUNCH, 11 a.m., Hillel
PENN STATE ENGINEER CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., 212 Hetzel Union
VSPERS, 6:30 p.m., Lutheran Student Association

Monday
ALPHA PHI OMEGA, 7:30 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union

BEGINNER'S HEBREW CLASS, 7 p.m., Hillel
CENTENNIAL LECTURE ON RELIGION, 8 p.m., 121 Sparks
CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW CLASS, 7 p.m., Hillel
PENN STATE ENGINEER GENERAL STAFF, 7 p.m., Mechanical Engineering
PENN STATE ENGINEER MANAGING BOARD, 6:30 p.m., Mechanical Engineering
'PROSPECTOR', 7:30 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries

University Hospital
Patricia Chernay, James Foyle, Claire Ganim, Robert Hanson, James Henry, Carl Keim, Elaine Kloures, Eleanor Marr, Richard Moore, Richard Phelan, Thomas Powers, Carolynn Quarles, Sandra Scott, and Elaine Shaffer.

Mahaney Proposes Probe Of Westinghouse Riot

HARRISBURG, Jan. 6 (AP)—Sen. Rowland B. Mahaney (R-Crawford), Senate Republican floor leader, tonight proposed a legislative investigation of what he termed "violence in the Mercer County area" connected with the Westinghouse strike.

In a statement Mahaney promised to ask the Legislature to make an investigation if the violence continues.

Labor Solution Advanced

WASHINGTON (AP)—The problem of the nation's depressed labor areas can be solved, Sens. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.) and Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) testified today, with the aid and coordination of the federal government.

Navy Attempts Recovery Of Destroyer From Mud

NOFOLK, Va., Jan. 6 (AP)—The Navy will try again during the middle of the night to pull its 3,000-ton escort destroyer Basilone from the mud off the Cape Henry beach near here.

Today was spent in freeing the distressed vessel of 120 tons of ammunition and 120,000 gallons of fuel oil to lighten her and reduce her normal draft of 19 feet about two feet. She blew aground from her anchorage in high winds yesterday.

More Vaccine Released

HARRISBURG, Jan. 6 (AP)—The State Health Department today authorized the release of nearly 60,000 shots of Salk antipolio vaccine for injections of residents of 21 counties.

Democrats Delay Listing Of Senatorial Candidate

HARRISBURG, Jan. 6 (AP)—Gov. George M. Leader and other Democratic leaders reached no agreement today on whom to slate as the organization candidate for the Democratic nomination for U.S. senator.

The two top candidates are former Mayor Joseph S. Clark Jr. of Philadelphia and Rep. William J. Green, Philadelphia Democratic chairman.

Strike Settlement Urged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Director Joseph Finnegan of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service today urged Westinghouse Electric Corp. and the International Union of Electrical Workers to "consider every possible avenue" for settling their 12-week strike.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



British Press Agrees

Ike's Foreign Aid Is What's Needed

By J. M. Roberts

Associated Press News Analyst

The Eisenhower administration's new foreign aid policy fits right in with what many Britishers think is needed to meet the Russian challenge in the Middle East.

The British press has given this part of the President's State of the Union message a warm welcome, both as a potent weapon in the cold war and as an aid to continued Allied unity, through its contribution to long-range policy.

It is taken as reassurance that budget-balancing will not be permitted to interfere with American leadership or her determination to fight the cold war as long as it needs to be fought.

The President's pronouncement struck coincidentally with a conference of British officials on Middle East problems at which they are reported to have agreed on the need for a joint economic effort, building up the Baghdad Pact as a vehicle for preventing a Moslem lineup with Russia.

The Allies want no situation in which the Moslem attitude toward Israel is extended even farther than at present toward the West in general, with inevitable leaning toward Russia. To prevent that, Britain would like to join with Washington in a common economic aid program, coordinating and increasing the work now being done through various agencies.

The London Times expressed another feeling which has also been widely prevalent in this country, that America and the Allies are too prone to react to pressure at specific spots and times dictated by Russian measures, instead of applying an unremitting pressure of their own.

"This would seem to mean going ahead with an extended economic program for all underdeveloped countries while trying to avoid day-to-day shifts in the quantity and quality of aid as the Communist threat to each country blows hot or cold," said the Times.

This relates, as Eisenhower also related his program, to recognition that the cold war cannot be won quickly, or by defensive measures. It also represents evaluation of Russian policy as one of economic and political warfare, with shooting war held in reserve in case of failure, or employed only between smaller nations for purposes of general disruption as may be possible now in the Middle East.

Christian Science Group

The Christian Science Monitor Youth Forum will meet at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Home Economics Living Center to elect next semester's officers. The meeting will also include a song-fest and refreshments.

London Relieved As Fog Lifts

LONDON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Britain's worst fog in three years lifted from London tonight, but the smoke-laden pall still drifted over 25 English counties.

Government scientists started analyzing samples collected by 450 "smog tasters" who prowled the grimy capital yesterday to find any hidden dangers in the reeking fumes.

Britons have been specially smog-conscious since 1952, when a choking yellow fog claimed the lives of 4,000 sufferers from chest and heart diseases.

Hospitals reported the current fog, which set in three days ago, also brought an increase in breathing troubles, but nothing like the big one.

Traffic disruption, however, looked worse this time than in 1952. The fog spread wider and trains and trucks in eastern and midland districts tonight still were kept down to crawl.

Socialist Criticizes Faure Government

PARIS (AP)—The outlook for formation of a new French government became gloomier today with a Republican Front alliance rebuff to overtures by Premier-Edgar Faure for a wide center coalition.

The recently formed Republican Front is led by former Premier Pierre Mendes-France, who heads one wing of the Radical Socialists, and Socialist leader Guy Mollet.

This Weekend On WDFM

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7:15	Sign On
7:20	News and Sports
7:30	Musical Marathon
8:00	HIFI Open House
10:35	Sign Off
Tomorrow	
7:20	Sign On
7:30	Third Program
10:35	Sign Off
Monday	
7:15	Sign On
7:20	News and Sports
7:30	Musical My Friend
8:15	As You Believe
8:30	Showcase
9:00	Man on the Mail
9:15	News
9:30	Symphonic Notebook
10:35	Sign Off