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## Committee Votes Down Lion Plank

A controversial Lion party plank concerning a proposal to establish a non-profit, student-run book store was unanimously stricken from the party's platform last night by All-University Elections Committee.

Following the decision, Robert Spadaro, Lion party clique chairman, said that should the party's advisory board see fit, he would assume the responsibility of presenting the plank before the student body as a part of the Lion party platform.

After one and one-half hours of debate between Lion party clique members and representatives of the Book Exchange, the Committee, in private, voted to remove the plank because it concerned a matter which would "initiate a problem to the student body rather than offer a solution to one which already existed."

**'No Suitable Reply'**  
Following the Committee's decision, Spadaro said, "As I stated in yesterday's Daily Collegian, I expected a suitable reply from the Book Exchange officials. After extensive debate tonight I feel that the answer is still not forthcoming. The purpose of a political party is to answer the needs of the people it represents. I believe that this plank is feasible and more important—necessary."

"This being the case, all possible criticism of this particular plank shall be stricken out in order to meet the pressure which occur when a controversial issue, despite its feasibility, is brought up by an evaluation of these pressures. I shall submit this plank once again to the Lion party advisory board. If the board again feels that this plank is a valid issue, as clique chairman, despite Elections Committee violations and various pressures, I shall assume the responsibility of running it."

**May Violate Code**  
Should Spadaro follow through with his statement, a violation of the All-University Elections Code may take place.

Article II Section 7 of the Code states: "The Elections Committee reserves the right to act upon any campaign method which it considers to be a violation of the spirit of the Election Code." The penalty for such a violation, since it would involve the entire Lion party, is a fine of not more than \$25 and, should the Elections Committee see fit, a forfeit of not less than 10 and not more than 100 votes on each of the nine party candidates.

**Kenworthy's Note Read**  
At the outset of last night's meeting, Paul Hood, chairman of the Book Exchange board of con-

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## Dishonesty Rules OK'd

### Senate Adds Three New Rules to Code

The University Senate yesterday added three new rules on the handling of academic dishonesty cases to the Senate Regulations for Undergraduate Students.

They became effective immediately.

The most important of the new rules requires any incident of academic dishonesty to be reported to a student's dean and referred to a committee on academic discipline in his college.

After hearing the evidence, the committee would decide on the student's guilt and fix a penalty. Any action taken would be reported to the student's instructor and the dean of his college.

The committee of each college would be composed of three faculty members and two students, appointed every year by the dean. One of the faculty members will be chairman.

**This rule would clear up three issues that have been troubling faculty and administration members. It would assure the instructor that any incident he reported would be acted upon; that the faculty and students of each college have a greater part in these procedures, including the fixing of penalties, and that the instructor concerned is notified of the action taken.**

The three new rules, as well as a recommendation for the creation of a new Senate subcommittee—the subcommittee on academic discipline—were contained in a report on academic honesty procedures by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

A second new rule allows a student found guilty of dishonesty by one of the college committees on academic discipline to appeal the decision to the subcommittee on discipline of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

An appeal must be made within 48 hours of the college committee's decision. Then the discipline committee would review or rehear the case as to evidence, guilt, and penalty.

**The Senate Committee on Student Affairs believes an appeal procedure advisable since there are 10 college committees and they will be hearing cases**  
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## Hell Week Practices Change Over Years

The proposed Interfraternity Council "Hell Week" code may bring to an end over 50 years of criticism and complaints from outsiders who frown upon the various hazing practices afforded to fraternity pledges.

The path of the fraternity pledge was a stormy one even in the early 1900's, when the practice of taking a pledge out in the woods during Hell Week, and losing him was a common occurrence, according to John H. Frizzel, professor of public speech at the University from 1902 to 1918.

Most of the fraternities employed the paddling system during the '20's, according to Harold R. (Ike) Gilbert, assistant director of athletics, and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. Paddling was very vicious during the entire pledging period, and especially during Hell Week, he said. There was no interference with the educational program, however. Pledges did not miss classes because of pledge trips or lack of sleep, he said.

**Hell Week 'Embarrassing'**  
In 1930, when Hell Week was becoming embarrassing to the point of disgrace, and "not becoming to persons of mature age," according to James Coogan, as-

stant director of public information, and, at that time, editor of The Daily Collegian. He launched a campaign against vicious Hell Week practices.

As a result of the crusade, the presidents of 27 fraternities banned paddling. By March, 1931, 16 fraternities had banned Hell Week practices entirely. Pre-initiation practices were on their way out at this time, so it seemed.

**Vets Start Again**  
Immediately after World War II, many returning combat hardened veterans began the surge towards brutal Hell Week practices again. Paddling was re-instituted, and a severe strain, both mental and physical, was placed upon the pledge. Hell Week lasted anywhere from four days to three weeks.

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Review

## Players Present 'Thirteen Clocks'

By TED SERRILL

Any children going to see "The Thirteen Clocks," as presented last night by Players, may be amused and entertained, but they probably won't be fascinated, or enchanted, or spell-bound.

The children's theater play, adopted from a short story by James Thurber, has been written for children in particular and as adopted by several dramatists, including dramatics instructor Cameron D. Iseman, has proven a success many times.

But Players has taken a beautiful fairy tale and moulded it into a dull, humorless tale that lost much of the life, character, and sparkle inherent in it.

Robert Kokat, as Golux, the bouncy little man with magical powers, and Derek Swire, as Xingu or Zorn, the dashing, good hero of the play, are on stage much of the time and should uphold the dashing and enchanting theme of the tale.

**Kokat Captures Role's Essence**  
Kokat captures much of the essence of the role as he twirls, and jumps, portraying an odd elf-like man who befriends Swire, a prince from another land masquerading as a troubador. Kokat seems to get a "kick" from his actions and so imparts much of it to the audience.

However, Swire is superbly miscast. He looks more like an unsure youth than a heroic prince in search of great deeds and beautiful women. Fautering and speaking in almost a deadpan, he strolls through his role much like a nine-year old boy.

**Fuller Meaning Portrayed**  
Joseph Conaway as the Duke, evil and hideous owner of the dark and dreary castle where he is holding the beautiful Saralinda, his false "niece" prisoner, perhaps lends himself to a fuller feeling for his role than any one else. Evil he seems, with his eyepatch and leering face. He should get plaudits.

The play was directed by Robert D. Reifsnnyder, professor of dramatics, who imparted to the play a hesitateness and slowness which often made the audience laugh at parts that weren't supposed to be humorous.

**Minor Paris Show Vitality**  
More credit for amusing and likeable performances can be offered to those who had the minor parts, who looked and acted their roles with a vitality lost to the "stars."

The first scene in an inn where Swire learns of the sad Saralinda's predicament is the best. Innkeeper Walter Vail, traveller Mark Wallace, and Sandra Grotzky, the Woman, gave the play a beginning boost which didn't do

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## 30 Students Take Grad Medical Plan

More than thirty graduate students have submitted applications to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield insurance plan with benefits becoming effective April 1.

The plan is direct pay and non-group, and was available to all graduate students enrolled at the University. A special rate plan was sought, but was unable to be established because of the difficulty of appointing a person to coordinate the plan on campus.

Blue Cross, sponsored by the hospitals, is the non-profit plan for hospital care which provides services, most of which are without charge to Blue Cross patients.

Blue Shield, the doctors' plan, is a non-profit community service endorsed by the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania which provides benefits in the form of medical and surgical services.

Literature and application forms explaining the medical-health service were distributed to all graduate students.

The plan was brought about by the concern of several graduate students who have faculty assistantships but are not able to benefit from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield programs set up for University employees.

Although programs are still on a proposed basis, present plans call for the system by which individuals wishing to take part in the programs will be billed at the direct payment rate. If an affiliation with a group is obtained later, those taking part in the programs will be entitled to the group rates, which are lower.

## Snow Turning to Rain Predicted for Today

Snow, turning to rain and moderately windy with a possibility of clearing in the afternoon is forecast for today by students in the department of meteorology.

The expected high today is 40 degrees.

## Senate Stops Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, March 8 (AP)—The Senate today defeated a Democratic drive to have cotton, corn and peanut crops supported at 90 per cent of parity. It was a major victory for President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The vote on this key section of the election-year farm bill was 54-41.

All 95 members of the Senate (there is one vacancy) were on hand for the test. Sen. Millikin (R-Colo.), who has been ill for several weeks, showed up in a wheelchair to vote with the administration forces.

Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson want Congress to retain the flexible system of farm price supports

established in 1954. This permits the government to support basic crops at from 70 to 90 per cent of parity, according to supply conditions.

Murray Snyder, presidential press aide, described President Eisenhower as "delighted" by the Senate vote. Secretary of Agriculture Benson said he wished to "commend the Senate highly."

With the question decided for three of the basic crops, the Senate was expected to act quickly on similar moves to knock out high, rigid supports for wheat, rice and dairy products written into the farm bill by the Democratic-controlled Agriculture Committee.

Just before the vote was taken, Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D-Okla.) told the senators that if they re-

jected 90 per cent supports "you tear the very guts out of this bill as far as any benefit to the individual farmers goes."

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) said Benson had been lobbying the Senate for the administration's flexible support system. He accused him of offering "special deals" on cotton, corn and other farm products, and said:

"I charge he is guilty of unprincipled actions."

Forty-one Republicans and 13 Democrats voted for the amendment by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-NM.) to knock highly pegged price supports for cotton, corn and peanuts out of the omnibus bill.

Thirty-five Democrats and six Republicans opposed the amendment.