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Crack-pot Logic Produces a Whitewash

Whitewash was spread slick and thick at last night's Interfraternity Council session.

The whitewash was in the form of a document—the proposed "Hell Week Practices Code"—which was introduced to IFC last night by Robert Bullock, president, and Daniel Land, chairman of the committee created to come up with a code.

The issue before IFC is this: What shall we do about Hell Week and other pledge-treatment excesses which threaten the well-being of pledges and the existence of the fraternity system?

How was the issue met? By evasion. Let's adopt a fine-sounding code, IFC's members said in effect. Then we can ignore it.

This is IFC's reasoning, as explained last night: As things now stand, if an "accident" such as the one that happened recently at M.I.T. happens here, the General Assembly and the Board of Trustees will be unhappy. Then the University administration will be unhappy. Then IFC will be unhappy. Finally, the fraternity involved in the "accident" will be unhappy.

But, IFC leaders reason, if the code is adopted and an "accident" happens, IFC can tell the University, which can tell its trustees and the legislators in Harrisburg: Look, we have a Hell Week Code. This wasn't supposed to happen. Clearly it was the fault of the individual fraternity, which ignored the code, that this unfortunate incident occurred. Don't blame us; blame the fraternity.

This is screw-ball logic if we ever saw it. This is irresponsibility at its worst. And this is intolerable.

For IFC's officers—at least those responsible for this code—ignore one simple fact: If an "accident" happens, a pledge may be dead.

There is no reason to believe that a pledge death can't happen here. The fraternity practice which killed Thomas L. Clark at M.I.T. was one which is common here. Many other practices which are also common here are more dangerous than the one which killed Clark.

Bullock and Land apparently ignore this fact, too: if a pledge dies or is seriously injured at Penn State, an aroused public opinion will not be satisfied by a sheet of mimeographed paper.

The purpose behind this code is to pacify public opinion after a pledge death.

Isn't it obvious that in adopting this code, IFC is shirking its responsibility to take measures to prevent fraternity excesses—over-enthusiastic hazing which someday may result in tragedy?

The five-sentence code submitted to IFC last night is doubly inadequate for that purpose. It is so general that its enforcement is impossible. And the announced enforcement procedures are unworkable and, in fact, are not intended to work.

Bullock told IFC by innuendo: Well, don't worry, fellows. We'll never enforce this code. It is intended to look pretty on paper. And to prove it, no penalties have been provided to enforce the code.

If this is the best IFC can do, we think it is passing its responsibility to the University administration. On Feb. 21, we observed: "It would be a sad commentary on IFC if it should choose to ignore the excesses carried on in the name of brotherhood building and merely await administrative action."

The proposed Hell Week Code is a sad commentary on IFC. Perhaps it is time for the University to act.

—The Editor

'We Can Do Anything Better Than You'

The political campaign which comes to a feverish finish today has followed the usual pattern—with one exception.

In the past, while the usual quota of empty phrases was bandied about, the candidates and their parties reserved their epithets to their opponents and the campaign "issues."

But this spring a new line of attack, or more appropriately detract, has been interjected. Many aspirants to office have been casually greeting groups and individuals with remarks to the effect that "As we all know student government is on the way down" or "It is evident that student government has reached its lowest ebb."

We wonder how these "experts" reached their conclusions? Of the 18 candidates for offices, 13 were never actively associated with student government prior to their nomination March 11. Yet sometime between that night and noon the following day when they first spied off they became authorities on the worth and accomplishments of the present student government.

Either they can evaluate performance at the

drop of a hat or they picked up the hat and are talking through it. We choose to believe the latter.

In their quest for the almighty vote the candidates are tearing down the very structure they promise to better. Their charges, in effect, slander and insult the present All-University officers and members of Cabinet.

Those presently active in student government will be the first to admit that there are serious shortcomings in the present set-up, but they would be justifiably indignant at hearing such "experts" characterize student government as being on the way down or at its lowest ebb.

The fact of the matter is that Penn State student government is in far better condition than those of most other colleges and universities. And consistent improvement has been noted, no matter how slight, due to the efforts of a relatively few hard-working people.

Admittedly, much remains to be done but those who pick up the reins in a short time will not be starting at the bottom of the ladder—unless they fall down themselves.

—Mike Miller

Safety Valve

Critic Confuses Purposes

TO THE EDITOR: The (Cabinet Committee on Sunday Night Recreation report, which was misinterpreted in an editorial in the Collegian on Saturday, was submitted as an answer to a request by the College of Physical Education—that request was to study the problem of the program and offer ways to correct the situation.

It was the committee's aim to help the College of Physical Education to establish a successful program. It was not the purpose of the committee to evaluate the program or decide what should be done with it, but to study it, show its limitations and offer ways in which it might be a success. It was with this in mind that the committee submitted its report.

The committee felt that there was no need for the program, and intimated the fact in its report, but offered recommendations to be considered which might make it successful.

It must be remembered that the College of Physical Education asked the All-University Cabinet to form this committee to suggest an

answer to its problem, not to judge its program.

With the foregoing information being kept in mind, may it be suggested that Mr. Klimcke be thoroughly familiar with the facts and circumstances before he makes his criticism.

—Richard Schriger, Chairman, Committee on Sunday Night Recreation

Cameras for the Lectures

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to a recent lecture given in Sparks on the Dead Sea Scrolls, I would like to point out that 121 Sparks was really crowded.

Why couldn't our television crew by a readiness for such event (if needed) go to work and make it possible for more people to attend this or any other lecture in the future.

Most people had to stand or walk away. Can something be done?

● Letter Cut

—Joseph M. Perusic

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Guess you didn't know — Prof. Snarf can read lips."

Ron Walker on assignment

Inside The Sick Ward

Our percentage of colds caught in one winter is amazing. We usually get two a year—one in December and the other around the middle of March. For a while we thought we had it beat this month, but true to fashion, the virus sneaked up on us again last week.

So, we made our way over to the dispensary the other day, took our coat off (mainly because a sign said so), and waited for Florence Nightengale to do her duty.

"Stick this in your mouth," the nurse told us, referring to a thermometer she pulled out of hot water bottle. Across the aisle a guy was getting a hypodermic and seemed to enjoy every minute of it.

"What's it this time?" she asked us, knowing full well we couldn't say a thing with that piece of glass in our mouth. But the temptation was too much.

"Cancer," we told her, "and they expect me to die tomorrow."

She mumbled something about "you college boys are all alike," stuck the thermometer back in our mouth, and went on her way. We had a tremendous urge to put a cigarette lighter to the end of the thermometer and really shake her up, but we figured enough was enough.

Pretty soon a doctor came along and motioned for us to step into a booth, and among other things, say "ahhhh." We did, and after getting middle way through the ahhhh we felt a sneeze coming, but our sense of propriety held it back.

"Just a little cold you have," the doc told us.

He wrote something down in Arabic, directed us to the pharmacy window, and that's the last we ever saw of him.

The pharmacy man gave us something that looked surprisingly like aspirin, although we are told not to believe it. We also got a bottle of nose drops which we promptly broke slipping on the ice outside.

So, we're just sitting the thing out. Our cold, if anything, has worsened, and what with the awful snowstorm over the week-

end, no relief is anywhere in sight.

DEPT. OF CONFUSION
Our city editor reports having heard the following weather forecast over WMAJ last Thursday night:

"Cloudy and colder and less Wednesday Thursday."
Give the news, Fishbein, just the news, please.

"ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT TO PRINT"

One of the reasons we like The New York Times concerns its full and comprehensive coverage of sports. Every day we thrill to The Times' reports on British soccer scores, cricket results from Australia, who-beat-who in squash racquets at the University Club, and how Devonshire's rugby team did over the weekend.

Yesterday, we noted, in true Times fashion, the following item buried at the bottom of the last column on the third sports page:

PEE WEE HOCKEY National Tournament (Championship)
East Houghton (Mich.) 5, Boston 3

Coaly Society to Meet

The Coaly Society will meet at 7 tonight in 216 Hetzel Union to make final selection of next year's members and to ratify its constitution.

Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:15	Sign On
7:20	News
7:25	Sports
7:30	Invitation To Relax
8:00	Phil Wein Show
8:30	Decision
9:00	Agriculture News
9:15	News
10:30	Sign Off

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HELP WANTED
EDUCATION SOPHOMORES vote James Goodwin for Education Student Council on March 21 or 22.

WORK WANTED
EXPERIENCED MACHINE desires all Penn State students to try it out by simply pulling some levers. See it in the HUB game room between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on March 21 and 22.

WANTED
PIANIST FOR Combo. Rock and Roll and Pop. Call AD 8-8108.

WANTED: ALL students interested in good government at Penn State next year! For information, come to the HUB game room March 21 and 22 from 3 a.m. to 5 p.m.!

LOST
TAKEN FROM Coffee Spot one Harris Tweed topcoat. Have one just like it except larger. Would like to exchange. Call AD 7-2159 Jon Innes.

TYPING
TYPING DONE, accurate and reasonable. AD 8-8796—call anytime.

FOR RENT
ROOM AND Board for one person, 243 S. Pugh St.

RIDE WANTED
RIDE FROM York and vicinity to State College Fri., March 23. Call AD 8-6035.

MISCELLANEOUS
WHEN YOUR typewriter needs service just dial AD 7-2492 or bring machine to 633 W College Ave.

DID YOU see that Student Floral Agent taking corsage orders for the I.F.C. Ball last nite between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.? He'll be there through Thursday—be sure and contact him: by the West Dorm post office and Nittany-Pollock dining area!

MISCELLANEOUS
THILL TO the adventure of using an automatic voting machine. Come to the HUB arch 21 and 22!

FURNITURE REPAIRS, upholstery and refinishing. Free estimate. Call AD 7-3693.

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