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## Hell Week Code: No Hatchet, But Patch It

We sense that the Interfraternity Council pre-Initiation code practices committee is returning to the road to reality in its revisions of the useless code which was presented to IFC on Monday night.

Changes in both the spirit in which the code was given and taken and in the provisions in the code are sorely needed if the code is to be a workable and useful document.

A statement that the code will be enforced by IFC's Board of Control is necessary. Without this, the code can be adopted and forgotten. Indications are that such a provision will be included in the final draft, which will go before presidents of fraternities on Monday night. They will be able to suggest changes from the floor.

The suggestion of Wilmer E. Kenworthy, director of student affairs, to outlaw practices which ignore the basic principles of human dignity—practices which are widespread in Hell Weeks as they are now conducted—is another essential provision.

An obvious loophole which should be plugged is the stipulation that "all pre-Initiation practices, not ritualistic in nature, shall be conducted at all times within the individual fraternity house." What is "ritualistic in nature"? Will it be possible for fraternities to carry on as usual simply by pleading that what they do out of doors is old established custom? Obviously, this clause in the code needs sharpening.

The fourth provision of the code would have the name "Work Week" substituted for "Hell Week" in "all written documents." A change in nomenclature does not mean a change in fact. A "Work Week" can be as vicious, sadistic, and undemocratic as Hell Weeks of old.

We will urge that a three-day limit be placed on Hell—or Work—Weeks or any other period of intense pledging.

Ignoring studies for any extended length of time can be dangerous for any student. Pledges who fall out of school do no good for themselves or fraternities. Many men do fail or do make the lowest averages of their college careers during pledging.

Intense pledging periods, therefore, are unfair to pledges. And they are stupid if fraternities desire to keep their pledges. Time limits to Hell Weeks are necessary.

A final suggestion for the committee's consideration is to require fraternities to register their Hell Weeks with IFC. This would have the effect of reminding fraternities, when they launch their Hell Weeks, that there are boundaries within which they must stay.

Registration of Hell Weeks should make enforcement by the Board of Control more feasible. Presently, when an indignant townsman calls up the dean of men's office complaining about "those fraternity men" singing songs in the street at 4 o'clock in the morning, nothing can be done about it. No one knows what fraternity should be disciplined. As a result, criticism piles up against all fraternities. If this continues, all fraternities may someday have to answer to the accumulated criticism of townspeople, faculty members, students, and persons in the administration.

But if fraternities were required to inform the IFC when it starts its Hell Week, action could follow complaints. One out-of-line fraternity would not make all fraternities suffer. If registration is required, penalties for failure to register should also be considered.

Even more important than a new code is a new attitude on the part of fraternities. They must realize that thoughtlessness sometimes catches up with the thoughtless. Very often, Hell Week is enforced by a sadistic few who want to take one last whack at a pledge before they are graduated. Fraternity members who have doubts about the value of Hell Week all too often are willing to let their doubts go unexpressed and let the few who want Hell Week carry on.

We hope that all fraternities and all fraternity men will re-evaluate pledge policies in their houses. We hope they ask themselves what the purposes of Hell Week are and whether they are being best accomplished under present policies.

If this were done in the past, we doubt if a Hell Week Code would be necessary today. Self-control is always the best form of control but it was often lacking in the past.

Likewise, self-control on the part of IFC is better than control on the part of the administration. We hope that on Monday night IFC doesn't adopt a code so weak that control will still be lacking.

—The Editor

## Less for Less

The Greek's big weekend is almost here. The annual IFC-Panhel Ball with Les Elgart playing will kick off the fun at 9 tonight in Rec Hall.

But unless fraternity men and sorority women get behind IFC and Panhel and turn out well to the dance the annual affair may have to go by the boards in the future, according to Edward Pollock, assistant to the dean of men and advisor to IFC.

The dance has been a money-losing proposition for too long and unless it at least breaks even this year it may have to be discontinued, thus eliminating one big weekend from the University calendar.

In an effort to encourage attendance tonight the sponsors of the dance have discouraged the giving of corsages to lighten the financial load on those attending.

This is a good idea and one long practiced at many other colleges and universities. We would encourage the sponsors of other dances to take like action.

The IFC weekend should continue. It costs three, four, or five dollars less.

—Mike Miller

## Gazette

INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 105 Old Main  
NEWMAN CLUB Party, 8 p.m., Student Center  
NEWMAN CLUB Station of the Cross, 7 p.m., Church

University Hospital  
James Crouse, William Fox, Robert Kneis, Sanford Lichtenstein, Mimi Lyon, Eugene Mitchell, Joseph Popadics, Gerald Reed, Nathan Russo, John Sideravage, Samuel Valentine, Paul Weaver, and Carl Burmeister.

Student Employment  
The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service, 112 Old Main. Please sign up in advance for an appointment.

CAMP LENORE, Massachusetts, March 26  
CAMP KON-O-KWEE, Pennsylvania, April 6-7  
CAMP CARIBOU, Maine, April 7  
CAMP CONRAD WEMER, Pennsylvania, April 19  
CRADLE BEACH CAMP, New York, April 14

## Safety Valve

### Perpetual Griping Won't Keep Pledges Alive

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to commend you for the wonderful services you are providing the University and its student body as editor of The Daily Collegian. There are, I am sure, very few college editors with as broad a background in the many diversified fields into which you delve. Your soul-searching "Evaluation of a Demagogue" was, without a doubt, a very enlightening expression of opinion. Even better was the very intelligent evaluation of the recent sales tax. "The power to tax is an essential power of any government." Bravo! That is a profound statement. And with the knowledge you have of court systems I firmly believe it would be a great service to the student body if you were to present more editorials on legal theory and court establishment. No use hiding yourself under a bushel. After all, we are interested in the letter of the law, not the morality. That's what courts are for—right?

Yes, Mr. Feinsilber, we are a fortunate lot. What would we do without you to keep things at Penn State in their proper places. I will have to say though, I do feel sorry for Mr. Bullock and Mr. Land. The two "crack-pot logicians."

Those two guys might have been going around today feeling they had made a step in the right direction had you not straightened them out. You fixed 'em, didn't you? They did ignore that one simple fact. "If an 'accident' happens, a pledge may be dead." (If I walk across the street today, I may be a dead brother. And brothers have been killed crossing streets.)

Do you really think these two "crack-pot logicians" believed a mimeographed paper would satisfy aroused public opinion? Does this code not create a hook on which to hang offenders?

No one has said the adoption of this code or any other code will exclude accidents from happening. Accidents will happen and people will die contrary to the idealistic dreams of college newspaper editors. No one wants to kill anybody. Still, why allow a few very unfortunate incidents start a conflagration which might well result in the total destruction of the fraternity system. Who is going to rake from the coals the few glowing embers that remain? You? If tradition is wrong (we all seem to agree that it is wrong in this case) why must we burst headlong into some drastic actions which none of us know will help. The foundations have been laid. Contrary to what you may think the thorns in your side, Mr. Bullock and Mr. Land, will not be around to corrupt the IFC. Who knows, maybe some young man may come along patterned after the great Mr. Feinsilber who will be able to, at long last, put an end to the deaths of pledges. I do not mean to treat this matter lightly. It is serious, but your perpetual griping surely is not going to alleviate this situation.

Instead of meandering around in a continual void, why don't you try some constructive criticizing. Support the campus leaders once in a while. After all, they are not endowed with the foresight and brilliance to which our editor seems to be.

—Phillip E. Howes

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"This builds fraternity spirit?"

—Look Who's Talking . . .

## About Weekends

Jackie Hudgins

For those who think a "Big Weekend" is necessarily the best of all possible weekends we'd like to say—first of all, you're wrong.

Just count the girls who will be sitting in because the boy they've been dating for almost a month suddenly announces there's a girl back home.

Coeds don't often revolt but one Big Weekend six of them put down the socks they were knitting to work on an 'I Hate Imports' poster. They hung the sign on one of their bulletin boards and enjoyed it over a dozen or so hands of Bridge until they heard the clatter of evening slippers in the hallway. Some of these high heels belonged to imports, of course. So right around 2 a.m. they taped the poster to a second floor mirror where the visiting girls would be sure to see it.

It didn't do much good, though. The imports just giggled and stayed until Sunday afternoon.

Another type of "Big Weekend" tragedy centers around the girl whose date does not have a girl back home, but also who does not have enough money for the big Friday night dance. They realize they just couldn't go to the movies on a "Big Weekend", so they don't go out at all.

The third category contains the girl who has been dating a fraternity man whose house is having its pledge formal on Saturday night. She is expected to go to two formals in a row, look radiant two nights in a row, and dance gracefully three hours in skimpy evening slippers two nights in a row.

She's sure to have one favorite dress for the IFC Ball, but she probably will have to borrow a formal for the pledge dance. Of course she could wear the same dress both nights, but her date might say something. Even if he didn't say something he'd surely notice. At least we think he'd notice.

Just because we've started out with the girls in this discussion doesn't mean we think the "Big Weekend" is any easier on the boys.

For weeks IFC has been suggesting to the boys that they needn't spend all that money for flowers, and now the local florists are pounding our ear telling us that a corsage for her dress is more than a nice gesture, it is customary, expected, and is noticed if missing. Who is the boy to listen to?

More than likely he'll wait until the last minute to decide. Then he'll hurriedly order a half-dozen pink roses without even thinking his date's dress is a bright shade of red.

## TIM OK's Constitution Revision

Town Independent Men voted approval of the revised TIM Constitution as read Wednesday night at a meeting attended by more members than any previous of the semester.

One article concerning election of officers was committed to parliamentarian James Goodwin for further study.

TIM President Robert Cole said he and several other members made 112 phone calls to town independents before the meeting in an attempt to increase attendance.

Cole reported talked to 15 or 20 men and leaving messages for additional 30 to 40. He estimated that the calls increased attendance by only four or five.

### Reaction Varied

Reactions to the calls varied, Cole said. One student said he had moved downtown to get away from politics and campus organizations, Cole continued. Others, he said, seemed willing to attend but failed to appear. One student resorted to abusive language, Cole said.

Fred Mauk, recently appointed TIM Representative at Large to the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors, and Charles Heiny were appointed to aid the University Christian Association's committee on race relations.

The committee met last night. Mauk and Heiny will aid the aid the group in determining which town rooming houses are available to Negro and foreign students, Cole said.

Attendance Increase Sought  
Raymond David, Paul Rosenberger and James Goodwin were appointed to serve on the membership committee under chairman Lash Howes to investigate methods of increasing attendance at TIM meetings.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
7:15	Sign On
7:20	News
7:25	Sports
7:30	Just for You
8:30	Weekly News Round Up
9:00	Light Classical Jukebox
10:30	IFC Ball; Les Elgart
12:00	Sign Off