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## OK Panhel, Now's the Time to Change

Now that the Dean of Women's office has decided the University can support two more social sororities it seems a good time to start making plans for a more realistic method of electing Panhellenic Council officers.

The method now used is to allow each sorority to supply the president for the Council in the order of the sorority's founding at the University. For instance, there are 22 sororities here. The newly elected president of the council is a member of the 20th one founded, next year's president will be a member of the 21st founded, and the following year a member of the most recently founded sorority will be president.

So if two more groups are established before 1959, which will in all probability happen, representatives of these also will be in line for the presidency for the 1959-60 term.

The addition of two more sororities will present no problem if Panhellenic Council is satisfied with its elections code and feels it is the best method by which to elect its two top officers, but if there is any question at all that a revision should be made, certainly now is the time to effect a procedure change before new sororities are actually established here.

The present procedure has been attacked over the years as being unrealistic mainly because it is not the way to elect the best qualified women for office. The only thing it guarantees is that the most promising woman from a particular sorority is put into top position.

Defenses of the rotating system include such things as:

In every sorority is found at least one woman who is capable of holding the office.

If the rotation system were not used one or two top sororities would always win the post. Providing the Panhellenic Council president helps to strengthen the individual sorority.

But our rebuttal to these arguments is: The best sorority woman on the campus, of

necessity, is rarely ever the president.

A rule stating one sorority could not hold the presidential post more than once in three or four years would serve to break up any potential monopoly.

It is not Panhel's purpose to strengthen any individual group at the risk of weakening itself.

The one good argument is the one that insists upon fairness to the sororities. Advocates say it is only right to let every group have a chance at the presidency since most of them have already, and only a few remain that have not. We go along with this, but unless some official action is taken the line of "groomed" candidates will be endless. Unless Panhel puts a stop to this unrealistic practice before Sigma Kappa or any other group becomes founded there will be no limit to sororities who will legally claim a right to the presidency.

—Jackie Hudgins

## We're Graceless

This newspaper does not intend to contribute to the shortage of newsprint, the paper on which newspapers are printed.

Therefore, we have made a drastic, bold, dramatic decision.

It will shock Philadelphians among our readers. It will deviate from the precedents set by every other newspaper in America we've seen in recent weeks. It may be worth a footnote in the grand and glorious History of Journalism. Nevertheless, our decision is final.

This newspaper does not intend to run another word about Miss Grace Kelly or her fiance.

We will not report what she ate for breakfast. We will not tell you how many children the Raniers intend to have. We will not reveal where they intend to honeymoon.

We said it and we're glad.

—The Editor

## Safety Valve

### An Aroused Public Opinion: the Marines Have Landed

TO THE EDITOR: We want to thank our editor for informing us of the appalling state of training of the U.S. Armed Forces. The rigorous training the Armed Forces use to instill spirit and discipline in recruits might turn them into ferocious killers. It would be simply awful if such nasty training turned recruits into men capable of fighting this country's enemies in times of war.

It would be well for the editor's "aroused public" to bear in mind the record of the U.S. Marine Corps before advocating any change in training methods.

Accidents can and do happen in both civil and military life. Perhaps S/Sgt. McKeon was wrong in judgment, but we do not have the courage to call him or the Marines or the U.S. government responsible for murder. This is a serious charge and one no other paper we have read has made.

Those who think discipline is too strict in the Armed Forces should watch the ROTC cadets "marching" some afternoon. These boys are of higher intelligence than many members of the Armed Forces, but their drilling does not reveal it. They are not instilled with the same brand of discipline.

Our editor's last paragraph of his April 12th editorial reminds us of an amazingly similar paragraph in his editorial concerning fraternity hazing. While he was correct concerning fraternity kids, we feel the editor is entirely wrong in his treatment of military discipline.

—George Hafer, ex USA and  
●Letter Cut Jim Brann, ex USMC

TO THE EDITOR: Through the eyes of our distinguished authority on military matters, i.e. the editor, we have been shown his ignorance of military discipline by his condemnation of the government in one fell swoop for the Parris Island incident. Furthermore he has the affrontry to call this incident murder which indirectly places all our high brass including the president, who is Commander in Chief of all the armed forces, in the category of murderers. To date with all the facts given (which are very few), how can he call this murder?

Since he has given us a diagnosis, he must have a cure. But has he? Has this paragon of the press enlightened us as to how we may stop such incidents from happening? Has he shown us how a happy medium of discipline can be maintained? Surely he has some ideas.

We, who have experienced military discipline, have come to the conclusion that this unbiased individual has yet to face military service and must be hoping that public opinion will soften his forthcoming life in the service.

—Charles Reigel, Elmer Greim, Harlan Berger, Joseph Ott, Howard Lewis, Hall MacMannis, and Dale Weller

TO THE EDITOR: It seems that there is no limit to the Editor's righteous indignation. Calling the drowning of the six Marines at Parris Island murder is as misguided a statement as can be made about that tragic accident.

The Marines have thrived on such "disciplinary measures" since their founding and have produced indispensable fighting forces with them.

Despite the blusters coming from Washington, D.C., a short talk to any former Marine will confirm this.

Murder is a premeditated act. McKeon the sergeant in charge of the men that were drowned did not do what he did in a fit of sadistic estasy. He did it in performance of his duty as a drill master. That of course is only an opinion, just as the editor's was an opinion. And since opinions such as this are unfounded in fact it is much better to reserve judgment until all the facts are known.

But to imply that the death of these six men is indicative of grave failings in the military administration of the country is rather far fetched. At most it means that a better site for a training camp is in order.

—Tom Werner

## AIM Nomination: It's Easy

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to the editorial appearing in Thursday's Daily Collegian concerning officer elections to the Association of Independent Men, the statement that an independent must be "in the know" with someone on the AIM board of governors in order to receive a nomination is not true.

I am an independent, and the meeting of AIM on Wednesday evening was the first I have ever attended. Due to working in the evenings, I have never attended a TIM meeting either. Therefore I did not know anyone on the AIM board of governors. I merely walked up to a man sitting at the table and asked if he was nominating anyone for office of president of AIM. He said that he was, but referred me to another man who was not, and I was nominated.

Let us give credit where credit is due. I can honestly say that I have never been received better by any group than by AIM members. After the meeting, at coffee call, I became acquainted with many of AIM's board of governors, and because of them have decided to take an active part in student government. I honestly believe that anyone could have, merely by attending the meeting, received a nomination for office in the Association of Independent Men.

—James Tipton

## Gazette

Today  
ALPHA DELTA SIGMA Spring Rushing Smoker, 7:30 p.m., Lambda Chi Alpha  
NEWMAN CLUB GRADUATE STUDENTS, 8:30 p.m., Old Church Hall  
NEWMAN CLUB TV Party, 8 p.m., Student Center  
WOMEN'S CHORUS Practice, 2 p.m., 117 Carnegie

Tomorrow  
HILLEL Lox and Bagel Brunch, 11 a.m., Hillel Foundation  
IDEAS OF GOOD AND EVIL IN GREAT LITERATURE Series, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation  
LUTHERAN STUDENT CLASS, 9:30 a.m.  
LUTHERAN EXCHANGE DINNER, 5:15 p.m., Roger Williams Fellowship  
JAM SESSION, 2 p.m., Theta Kappa Phi

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"GEE, ERVIN, WHY DIDN'T WE THINK TO BRING A HAMMOCK?"

### President's Dilemma

## Odds Are on Ike Vetoing Farm Bill

By J. M. Roberts

Associated Press News Analyst

President Dwight D. Eisenhower's dilemma over the farm bill is close kin to one faced by Gov. Averell Harriman of New York recently.

New York's Republican controlled Legislature handed Harriman a measure providing for a horizontal cut in income taxes. He didn't like it. His financial advisers advised him that the state was not able to stand it.

His political advisers told him he'd better sign, in this election year. He did.

In one way, Harriman's decision was easier than Eisenhower's because Harriman is not opposed to tax cuts in principle.

Eisenhower is opposed to rigid farm price supports in principle, preferring to try to get the farmers back on a sound business basis through the "soil bank" and other adjustments reducing production, with flexible price supports to meet emergencies in the meantime.

The Democrats originated the rigid support idea, opposed its abolition in principle, and in addition saw a wonderful chance to put Eisenhower on the spot politically. They were joined by some farm belt Republicans who couldn't face the thought of killing any prospect of money for farmers during a period when farms aren't doing so well, and the farmers are making up their minds how to vote.

Eisenhower has called the Democratic bill a bad one, but hasn't indicated whether he will veto it, sign it, or let it become law without his signature. He has ten days in which to make up his mind.

There has been a good bit of talk of veto. This is heightened by a report, not yet verified, that he will make a speech to the public when he decides. That sounds like an explanation of a veto.

A veto would be very unpopular with most farmers, though it would have some appeal to city folk who are paying both taxes and artificial food prices. The city folk, however, enjoying the greatest period of prosperity ever, are not intense on the subject, and the farmers are.

A veto would also practically guarantee that Eisenhower's soil bank program, included in the bill, would not get under way this year.

What he calls a sound economic approach would be that much delayed.

With this in mind, the President would have something to explain to the public either way. But the odds now seem to be on a veto, with an appeal that Congress hurry up with what he thinks would be a better bill.

### Women's Chorus to Practice

Women's Chorus will practice at 2 p.m. today in 117 Carnegie.

## Froth Promotes Business Staff

Frank McFaden and Robert Gellman have been promoted to Co-business Managers on the Froth business staff senior board. They and Business Coordinator Richard Dollinger will replace the present Business Manager Sanford Lichtenstein.

Paul Kauffman, Maurie Fox, and Jay Tolson will take the positions of Nancy Kishler and Dave Hubert as Advertising Directors.

Thomas Hollander and Harry Neuman will be the new Circulation Directors replacing Frank McFaden and Robert Gellman.

Arthur Cohen and Jane Wicheiser will replace Phillip Wein as Promotion Director.

Rina Kaplan and Suzanne Spencer will be Exchange Directors, and Steffi Barad and Mickey McMillan will be Office Managers.

## Indie Skating Party Will Be Held Tonight

A skating party for independent students will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight tonight at the Coliseum Roller Rink.

The party is sponsored by the Association of Independent Men and Leonides. It is the last of several events held by the organizations in observance of National Independent Student Association Week.

## This Weekend On WDFM

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Tonight	
6:45	Sign On
6:55	News, Sports
7:00	Jazz Club
7:30	Hubzapoppin
8:00	Musical Marathon
9:00	Special Events
9:30	HiFi Open House
11:00	Sign Off
Tomorrow	
7:25	Sign On
7:30	The Third Program
10:30	Sign Off
Monday	
6:45	Sign On
6:50	News, Sports
7:00	Pattee Lecture Series
7:45	News, Sports
8:00	Music My Friend
8:45	As You Believe
9:00	Showcase
9:30	Poetry, Short Stories
9:45	News, Weather
10:30	Symphonic Notebook
11:00	Sign Off