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The Trouble With Flash Cards

If a successful flash card system is instituted this football season in Beaver Field its founders will deserve no end of praise.

Because if this proposed flash card system is a success it necessarily will have to have scrambled over a great many obstacles. By the way it seems as if these obstacles are mounting in numbers every day.

Last night the first meeting of the future freshman flash card wielders was held in 121 Sparks. Whoever scheduled the meeting room must have been expecting to meet the quota set by Hat Societies Council.

However, 121 Sparks was not filled with 304 enthusiastic frosh. Only 149 freshmen showed up to meet with the Hat Societies representative. Half a flash card section will not look too impressive to the fans.

Also other problems concerning the flash cards idea have been coming out.

One is that the flash cards have not yet been ordered and that there is some confusion as to exactly what kind of cards to order. This may definitely slow down the schedule of progress of the project.

Another thing which is impeding progress is an alleged rift between the cheerleaders and the Hat Society Council which has fostered the flash card idea from the first.

It seems that the hatmen and women are a little resentful that the cheerleaders are establishing themselves as the persons to conduct the workings of the flash card system on the field. We hope that this difference of opinion does not break into open rebellion on either side. If this happens the flash cards idea, which has been making a valiant comeback struggle, may flop harder than last year's attempt to oust compensations.

Go Away Noisy Bands!

A great number of classes are disrupted several times a week because of the multitude of marching bands which parade over campus.

These bands are a first class nuisance. We assume that the University is first of all a place of academic learning. We therefore assume that this should be given first consideration. This does not seem to be the case.

We do not wish to undermine the importance of military courses. But it would certainly be easier to move the students practicing marching than it would be to move the classroom buildings where academic classes are taught.

The sound of marching bands does not mix well with classroom lectures at all. Something should be done to separate the two.

For three years we have seen professors straining to compete with the loud music (?) from outside. This should be unnecessary. We are surprised at the somewhat complacent attitude of professors toward this nuisance.

This flash card idea seems to have a good chance of succeeding. The way it is to work almost insures that no major mistakes can be made. The only trouble will lie in getting experience and polishing up the imperfections in holding up the cards, etc.

One possible drawback come to mind when one thinks of next year's flash card section is that the people who work hard this year to get pretty professional with the cards will be sophomores next year. If each new freshman class is given the job of having the flash card section no class will have the benefit of a year's experience.

But the main concern we have right now is with the freshman volunteers—or the lack of them.

During customs the cry was heard far and near from the freshmen that the upperclassmen were killing customs with their lackadaisical attitude. Now when the freshmen have a golden opportunity to show that they really have the spirit and are interested in bolstering student spirit during football games they are muffing it.

Without 304 interested freshmen a flash card system is doomed to failure. Since the cards have not yet been ordered maybe the order should be held off. It would be better not to have a flash card system than to make a half-hearted attempt at one. This would not only disgrace Hat Societies Council in the eyes of the rest of the University but it would make the University look bad in the eyes of the many visiting fans.

So frosh, it's up to you. A definite improvement is needed in the turnout of volunteers. The Hat Societies can only provide the leaders, the stadium seats, and the flash cards (we hope). The rest is up to you.

—The Editor

A few semesters ago sound cars were outlawed during class hours. Complaints were made to the effect that they interfered with class lectures. They may now be used between classes and during the lunch hour.

Are sound cars any more disturbance than military marching bands? No. Why should the bands remain?

It would be impractical to say that the military classes be held during lunch or between regular class hours, but why can't these practices be held in some vicinity other than those surrounding classroom buildings? We understand that the Penn State Blue Band practices on the golf course. Other places which might be available are Beaver Field and the University farms.

The military marching bands have about as much rapport with classroom lectures as the cows which are kept on the farms. We suggest that the bands stay as far away.

—Sue Conklin

Safety Valve

Panhel Action Defended

In answering Miss Conklin's charges in yesterday's Collegian concerning the dropping of sorority quota limitations, I would like to defend the right of women to change their minds . . . especially when that change eliminates an outmoded rushing regulation, and is in the best over-all interest of sorority groups and rushees. Why should Panhel wait for several semesters before changing a rule when the need for its revision is more than apparent right now?

Panhellenic council set up for the former sorority class system in November, 1955 (not last Spring—as stated in yesterday's editorial) for last semester's formal rushing period. Its main objective was to facilitate the change from sophomore to second semester freshman rushing without under- or over-balancing either class within a particular sorority. To do that, an arbitrary class limit of 15 was set. Experience from last year's formal rush period proved that this quota was inadequate to effect the change-over; but since that time, the cumbersome complications resulting from transfer affiliations, inactive, and mid-year graduates make the continuation of such a quota a burden to every sorority.

The sororities are aware that only a well-balanced group is a strong one, but it is unfair to assume that each year each sorority will find the exact number of 15 girls. Under the former limitations both sororities and girls were being penalized by an arbitrary number (which would force sororities into automatic cutting of girls not in certain classes.)

The elimination of the class quota was not a "railroad" measure. It was first introduced to the council this fall at the Sept. 25 meeting—following a recommendation from last year's council. Panhel representatives were asked to take the proposal back to their respective chapters for their approval or disapproval. Before the vote was taken the floor was opened to

Civil Rights Breached?

TO THE EDITOR: I was stopped by a man without a full uniform and told to move my bag back from the highway, while hitchhiking in State College on Wednesday. I moved the bag back as he demanded, then I asked him to tell me who he was. He said, "you are under arrest." I asked him what for. He replied, "disorderly conduct." I was taken to Guy Mills, justice of the peace, where I paid a fine of \$5 and costs of \$9.

The man who arrested me is designated a special policeman in State College. How many of these so-called "special policemen" there are in State College I do not know. Of course, I did not do anything disorderly; I just asked the man to identify himself because he only had a policeman's cap and showed me the badge when I asked him who he was. He was dressed in civilian clothes. For asking that information I was arrested for disorderly conduct. When you read this you might think it does not matter to you, but it is significant, because if this could happen to me it could happen to you.

To ask a man for his identification under those circumstances should be a civil right of everyone. Incidents of this sort are not supposed to happen in the United States. At least theoretically incidents of this kind are not supposed to happen in this country.

Do you like that kind of justice?

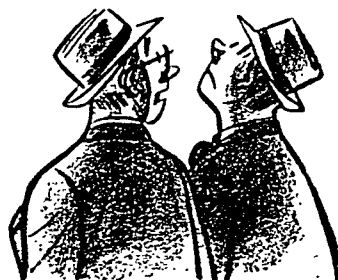
—Jack Shipley

discussion, objections, or recommendations. The few "interested groups that railroaded" the decision numbered 20.

Although Panhel welcomes constructive criticism, I think it only fair that Miss Conklin attend council meetings (which are always open) and become more familiar with pertinent issues before writing her editorial.

—Barbara Nicholls
President,
Panhellenic Council

"I Don't Know If He's Running Scared, But He's Not Running Sacred Any More"



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On Other Campuses

Drive It or Park It—But Where?

by evie onsa

Universities all over the country have been faced with the problem of increased enrollment and, along with this, the traffic and parking problem.

The University has relieved the growing pains in other areas by building new dormitories and classrooms, but no immediate solution is in sight for the parking situation.

Borough authorities are willing to purchase lots and even tear down buildings to make more room, but this won't help the student or faculty member who wants to park on or near campus.

Ohio State University, approximate enrollment, 22,000, is going underground in an effort to solve the problem. Its first underground parking lot will be in use soon.

Ohio State has delayed banning freshman cars on campus because of the inconvenience, especially to commuters. Instead letters were sent to parents asking them not to send students to school with cars unless it was absolutely necessary.

Associated Press columnist Hal Boyle, commenting on the nationwide traffic and parking problem, suggested banning all cars from cities and making them pedestrian havens. Gruen, designer of one of the world's largest shopping centers in Detroit, is going to redesign downtown Fort Worth. According to his ideal plan, pedestrians would have the streets entirely to themselves except for slow-moving electric shuttle cars for the ill, the crippled, and the downright lazy.

This idea of no cars in the city is hard to picture but it certainly would be good for the nerves. No horns, screeching brakes, and city smells. I can't quite see Americans slowing their pace so much but it's nice to think about anyway.

Temple University attacked its parking problem in a novel way—by converting a cemetery into a 260-car lot. The lot is for faculty members only. It will be protected, illuminated and self-supporting. Membership will cost \$2.50 a year and the plan will be broadened later to include students. Many students and faculty members have formed car pools, thereby lessening the number of cars to be brought into the Temple area.

SAFETY FIRST: A safety automobile believed capable of bringing passengers safely through a 50 mph head-on collision has been designed by Cornell University safety experts. The driver sits in the middle of the front seat in a padded harness and steers with levers instead of a wheel. Passengers sit on either side of him. Three sit in the rear one of whom faces backwards.

If this car is ever put on the

market, parents will be able to sit back and relax when the kids take the car for the evening. It will ease their minds when they are playing "chicken" and "fender bender."

On The Lighter Side: Daffinitions from the Ohio University Press—Convocation—campus-wide coffee break, Cramming—intellectual overeating after a long period of starvation, C—grade given when professor loses grade book, Infirmary—legal class cut.

January Graduates To Order Gowns

Seniors graduating in January who will be student teaching during the second eight weeks of the semester must order their caps and gowns between Oct. 15 and Oct. 20 at the Athletic Store.

Seniors must give their cap size and a \$5 deposit when ordering. Invitations and announcements are 10 cents each and can be ordered at the Hetzel Union desk on the same days.

All other seniors and graduate students who graduate in January must order their caps and gowns from Nov. 26 to Dec. 1. The deposit for the cap, gown, and hood is \$10.

Senior in Journalism Receives Promotion

Anita Lynch, senior in journalism from Palmyra, N.Y., has been named assistant local advertising manager, a new senior board position, of The Daily Collegian.

The appointment was made last night at a meeting of the business staff senior board.

Mardi Gras Deadline

Today is the deadline for all groups planning to participate in the Mardi Gras, Nov. 2, to sign up at the Hetzel Union desk.

Tonight on WDFM

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| 7:00 | Contemporary Concepts |
| 7:50 | News |
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| 9:30 | Light Classical Jukebox |
| 11:00 | Sign Off |