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Don't Check the Checkers

Against the wishes of Daniel Land, president, Interfraternity Council has made a bad mistake. Joseph Hartnett, president of Sigma Pi, suggested to IFC that its checkers should be escorted through fraternity houses by one of the house officers. His idea is that the officer would be able to explain possible "discrepancies" which might be found in the house. Pledges, according to Hartnett, aren't equipped to handle these "discrepancies."

The suggestion was made in an attack of the methods used by the IFC Board of Control. Members of the Board were accused of barging into fraternity houses in an attempt to check.

We would like to know what "discrepancies" a fraternity would have to explain to checkers?

From all appearances it would seem that some fraternities are trying to set up a method to stall for time. This, we think, would not be the case if these fraternities did not have something they wish to hide.

IFC sets up the checking system and picks the checkers. The checkers are a function of IFC for its own protection. IFC should use its checkers effectively; it should not try to protect itself from the checkers. By restricting the actions of checkers, IFC will only weaken its checking

system. If IFC cannot do its own checking effectively, it will probably be relieved of the duty.

An individual in the United States must obey a policeman, but the people of the U.S. as a whole have control over the police. In the same sense, individual fraternities are subject to the checkers, but fraternities as a whole control the checkers. It would be poor policy to restrict their actions as it would only detract from IFC's ability to police itself.

"Any 'discrepancies' which must be explained by a fraternity officer could certainly be explained later. Any checker should be granted immediate entrance to any part of the house when he first arrives. In order to check effectively checkers should be given as much freedom as possible. Certainly their actions should not be restricted.

If IFC wants to do its own checking, it should revise the decision it made this week in regard to checkers.

Only short-sighted individuals, who are thinking of their own interests rather than the interests of the fraternity system will continue in the attempt to restrict checkers.

—Sue Conklin

Safety Valve

What Cheer

TO THE EDITOR: Won't somebody please wake up the cheerleaders?

At Saturday's game the freshman section was as spirited a group as anyone could want—even the ever-demanding cheerleaders. But throughout the game, the frosh had to lead themselves, because the cheerleaders were asleep on their feet—or perhaps angry that the card tricks were performed without their help.

Either way the cheerleaders' attitude will not encourage cooperation from the freshmen during games when the cheerleaders feel like cheering. No matter what their cheers, the cheerleaders are forgetting why they are out on the field.

We're cheering; why can't they?

—Alan Elms
Barry Brandt
Jack Behler
Pete Stadler
Sandy Paterson

Bookstore--Again?

TO THE EDITOR: Why is it that new textbooks are not sold on campus through a cooperative bookstore such as the ones at many colleges throughout the country? This obvious lack in the midst of modern surroundings marks Penn State as being behind the times.

The advantage accruing to the students through such a bookstore are many, but I will list just two. First, it would save money for each student on campus. In the course of four years the saving could be as much as \$50 on text books alone, assuming that the policy of the present Book Exchange (10% patronage refund) were followed. Multiplied by 12,000 students, that is a lot of money. And if other necessities were sold through the store the savings could even be greater. To those attending on the G.I. Bill or on scholarship this sum looms even larger.

Second, the profits from a cooperative bookstore would be returned to the students by being spent on student charities in the same

Beethoven Blast

TO THE EDITOR: Is it true on Nov. 20 when the Pittsburgh Symphony comes to our campus the Fifth Symphony of Beethoven will be on the program? Now, understand the Fifth Symphony is a great enough piece of music—perhaps we should even say that no one should be unfamiliar with it. And if Fritz Reiner should come to Penn State only if we allow his musicians to perform it, then I say, let them come and perform it, indeed.

But I have been told from probably not too unreliable a source that the committee which had something to say about this matter made a very considerable effort to arrange matters so that we would be certain to be subjected to this work. Also, that there were four different programs that we were offered Nov. 20.

It is perhaps needless to say but it seems to me that for our sole symphonic performance for the year (and by a group of the stature of the Pittsburgh Symphony) we should desire to hear something of a more esoteric nature (this is mildly put) than the hashed-and-rehashed-hear-it-down-the-hall-twice-a-night Beethoven Fifth.

Who is this committee? Let us hear them justify such poor judgment. I can accept the reason they will certainly give that they are aiming to give the students something they are familiar with and so can enjoy.

To this I ask: "How unsophisticated does this committee think we are? Must we be fed only the most popular symphony in the world to insure acceptance of our nurtured-on-the-Pelvis student body?"

Lastly, may I ask what the rest of the program is? I will guess: Ravel's Bolero, Tchaikowsky's 1812 Overture, and a package of assorted Strauss waltzes.

—Robert Blefko

manner as the Book Exchange profits, but on a greatly enlarged scale.

The present system of buying new books is an obsolete anachronism in an otherwise modern university. The President and the Trustees of the University should act to correct this situation at the earliest possible time.

—Rae Hoopes

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'Round the Rim

Poets, Pastepots And Politics

By BECKY ZAHM

"And, what is so rare as a day in June," saith Lowell. Well, for one thing, a new joke in Froth. I finally got around to reading the campus humor? magazine this week and making an unofficial tabulation I could only find seven new jokes. This is pretty good, usually I can't find that many.

According to Robert Gellman, Froth Business Manager, in a speech to the Leadership Training Program members, Froth ranks among the top ten humor magazines in the country. Gellman pointed out that Collegian comes out every day and Froth comes out only every 30 days which proves that Froth is good for a month.

In all fairness to Froth I think Gellman underestimated Froth's staying power. It would be nearer to the truth to say Froth can last indefinitely as it rarely includes anything new. Even if you do miss an issue, you can always catch the new jokes (if any) in a later issue.

I got wise to this Froth routine my freshman year. As an unsuspecting frosh I plunked down money for a full term's subscription. After reading the first three issues the light dawned.

I'm happy to say that I haven't purchased a copy of Froth since that time. And my latest reading of a borrowed copy assured me that I haven't missed a thing. Same old jokes!

As I understand the system works this way. Every time a new Frothite equipped with scissors and pastepots clip up old issues of Froth and paste them on sheets to be sent to the printer.

Well, as the saying goes—anyone can be an editor of Froth. All you need is a sharp

pair of scissors and a jar of paste.

Moving on to a more pleasant subject—elections. My boy Ike got a boost when a contributor to Time magazine's Letter to the Editor's column wrote this jingle.

"You'll wonder where your profits went
If Stevenson is President."

*To be sung to the tune of a well-known commercial.

Collegian's photography editor Dave Bavar makes the news again. It seems that while Bavar was exposing his puss to the camera for his fraternity composite, all the lights in the house went out as a fuse was blown. Fortunately, most of the time Bavar is on the other side of the camera.

The Question of the Week: What famous president of Hat Society Council has not as yet been initiated by his own hat society due to an oversight? Skull and Bones members are probably chalking this one up.

The latest twist on the "Snile" and "Think" routine is "Don't just do something, stand there."

Rumors are making the rounds that C. V. Tummers' Apathy Party is winding up for a full-scale appearance. It's still an iron-clad secret as to the real identity of C. V. and Clyde Klutz. Nope, I'll never tell.

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