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## A Look Back at Rushing

A sigh of relief and relaxation for all coeds marked the end of rushing last week. Now that it's over let's take a look at the program.

The overall program was improved. There were a great many problems ironed out, and several new ideas helped to lessen the confusion. There are still some points which could stand some improvement, but we know that Panhellenic Council and its adviser, Mrs. R. Mae Schultz, are working on many of them already.

The most obvious improvement was the addition of IBM machines. By using this method rather than having town women working day and night sorting and organizing the whole system ran much more smoothly. Sororities got the lists of girls who would return much more quickly; the rushees got their invitations much more quickly. It was certainly a help to the women who had had to work such long hours.

One complaint concerning the IBM system was that the freshmen and sophomores had to be on one list. This meant that a sorority could not choose sophomores individually and on the basis of how many they wanted. They had to put sophomores on the same list with freshman women.

We understand that this can be fairly simply rectified. Panhel was not aware of all the uses that could be made of the IBM machines. Next time, according to Mrs. Schultz, Panhel will try to use the IBM cards with more information like semester, religion and average. This will not only make the IBM cards an improvement over the ones used in this past rush season, but it will make them an improvement over past systems.

Mrs. Schultz said that the IBM system was beyond anything she had ever expected. We are inclined to agree with her.

Another good point about the recent rushing program is that there was a free weekend in the middle. This gave both rushees and sorority women a chance for a breather.

Before this rush period the rushees could accept or decline a sorority, but this time they were able to "regret" which meant that they would like to visit that group but could not make it at the originally-scheduled time. This was a valuable addition to the system.

The educational and preparatory period was, to a certain extent, improved this year. The rushing booklet was far better and gave the rushees a much better idea of what to expect. The meetings held before rushing for the rushees

in an attempt to educate them to the system were fairly successful. The rushees were better informed, but they seemed to lack maturity in making decisions. They would sometimes not listen to the advice that had been given them by Panhel.

Mrs. Schultz took a very active interest in the rushing, and gave it all her attention. She did quite a bit of individual counseling with rushees and was very concerned with the problems of each person. This gave rushees a chance to go to someone older for advice; it gave them a chance to find out many things they were not sure about.

Unfortunately, many of the rushees did not listen to Mrs. Schultz or to Panhel. They cut to a very few sororities at the beginning. Many of them did not look around, but had their mind made up ahead. As a result over 100 rushees did not go sorority. According to Mrs. Schultz it was mostly the rushees that did the cutting, not the sororities. She said that she was somewhat disappointed in the reaction from the rushees after all that had been done to keep these very things from happening.

Again on the negative side, it would probably be better if rushees could go to three parties rather than two. They had to cut from five chatter dates to two parties and then also went to two coffee hours. It would be better if it were more gradual with three parties.

Another problem which Panhel has always faced is that of open houses. There are many sororities and only so many hours in an afternoon for the rushees to get around to them all. Although this might be hard on the sorority women we would suggest that open houses be held from 1 to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. This time they were held from 2 to 5 p.m. We would also suggest that the sororities be open for a couple of hours Sunday night for the rushees to go back and visit any sororities they may have missed.

Although this plan would be hard for sororities it would be much fairer for rushees since it would give them a chance to visit each sorority. The sororities would also benefit because the rushees would be more likely to visit each of their suites.

We would like to compliment Panhel for a good job. We hope it will be even better next time.

—Sue Conklin

## Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"Our sorority has only ONE entrance requirement, Elsie Mae."

### Interpreting the News

# Many Small Nations Adopting 'Neutrality'

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

King Saud's suggestion to his Arab conferees that they adopt a policy of toughness toward communism at home while maintaining neutrality in international affairs is the line followed by Prime Minister Nehru of India.

It may be the best line that formerly submerged states can take in their present stages of development.

The United States has said she will not attempt to force alliances upon anyone who steers clear of international communism, regardless of the forms taken by governments if they are independent. She is even willing to help Communist governments of the type which assert their independence of Moscow domination.

In effect, President Eisenhower has said the United States will not interfere with the internal affairs of Middle East countries which will accept American aid while keeping out of the hands of communism.

The Saud position therefore seems to offer a working arrangement whereby these nations can accept the proffered aid without committing themselves against Russia, so long as they are not for her.

One trouble with this, however, is exemplified by India. By attempting to avoid opposing the party to the world dispute which is the aggressor, a nation may be pushed into a position which appears to be benevolent and appealing.

Then there comes a time when the chips are down, as it always comes when dealing with an aggressor, and a nation like Yugoslavia discovers that she must be either satellite or enemy.

Poland, for instance, is just beginning to learn that, without prompt outside aid, Russian pressures now may make her economic condition worse than it was under the former direct exploitation.

More than neutrality is needed.

More than security from internal communism is needed.

To be safe, the emerging nations must also make sure that, in order to obtain what seem to be

opportunistic benefits, they do not work themselves into positions where, under future circumstances, they will not be free to go their own way.

Nasser did it when he mortgaged Egypt's economic life to Russia for a few arms, obsolete or obsolescent. The arms have suffered heavy damage, but the debt remains in full force. Until it is paid, Nasser's talk of being "free" is just so much hogwash.

He may get away, for a time, with repudiating his agreements with the West, which will never again try to blackmail him—though it may use some pretty firm leverage. He wouldn't dare act the same with his less principled associates.

### Walters Named Editor

Dr. Walter H. Walters, associate professor and head of the Department of Theatre Arts, has been appointed Book Review Editor of the Educational Theatre Journal, the official publication of the American Educational Theatre Association.

### BX Candidates to Meet

A meeting of Book Exchange candidates, tentatively scheduled tomorrow night, will be held next week.

### Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	Telephone Bandstand
7:55	Sports
8:00	Invitation To Relax
8:30	Music Of The People
9:00	News
9:15	Informally Yours
9:30	Anthology
10:00	Virtuoso
11:30	News
11:35	Sign Off

## PNPA Loses a Fight—Temporarily

The fight being waged by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association to get more freedom in photographing courtrooms and courthouse corridors has met what may be its last rebuff.

The United States Supreme Court has refused to review a Pennsylvania court decision banning such pictures.

The PNPA has been carrying on this fight since they made a test case of the trial of John Wesley Wable, the Turnpike Phantom Killer. Wable was sentenced in Westmoreland County Court by Judge Edward G. Bauer Dec. 28, 1954. Pictures were taken in the corridor outside the courtroom before and after the sentencing against the implicit orders of Judge Bauer.

Pictures were taken deliberately to test whether or not the 14th amendment would protect the press from photographing newsworthy events. Most of the pictures were taken silently with special equipment.

Judge Bauer found newsmen from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Greensburg Daily Tribune and Morning Review guilty of criminal contempt April 12, 1955. Fines and jail sentences were imposed. The jail sentences were thrown out by the State Supreme Court but the convictions were upheld.

In recent years the long-time ban on courtroom pictures has been loosening with more and more judges letting photographers take pictures in the more important trials.

The biggest objection to taking pictures in courtrooms has been that the picture-taking process has tended to mar the orderliness and

serenity which are part of a court trial. Judges have always ruled that the photographers had to cause too great a disturbance and interfered with trial proceedings.

However, with the present-day photography methods and equipment photographers have shown without doubt that they can take good pictures silently and efficiently without causing any deterrent to the normal processes of the trial.

In fact, there was a case where a photographer won a judge over to his side in the matter by showing him pictures taken without the knowledge of the judge. The judge respected the quality of the picture and the ease with which they were taken and decided that courtroom pictures would do no harm.

Apparently, the PNPA, which has payed all court costs for the lengthy judicial fight, thought that the time was right for getting official permission from the courts rather than having the courtroom photographers wheedling permission from the judges where they could.

Rights for press photographers are expanding all the time. There are two bills in the state legislature right now which ask for penalties of attempting to keep photographers from doing their job.

But from the Supreme Court's standpoint it appears as if some time will have to pass and a few more judges will have to be swayed over to the modern viewpoint before courtroom photography becomes an accepted thing.

—The Editor

## Gazette

Today  
CAMP CONRAD WEISER—INTERVIEWS, 112 Old Main  
HILLEL GOVERNING BOARD, 7 p.m., Hill  
LECTURE—Prof. A. Case, 7 p.m., 104 Eisenhower Chapel  
PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA, 9 p.m., 117 Carnegie  
SPRING WEEK PUBLICITY STAFF, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie  
ZOOLOGY CLUB, 7 p.m., 112 Buckhout

University Hospital  
Arthur Alkin, Benjamin Amato, John Baldwin, Franklin Block, Louise Chaplinsky, Brian Davis, Anthony DeGeorgio, Kenneth Follweller, William Gordon, George Hawk, Paul Helmbach, Patricia Hutchinson, Stanley Levine, Nilda Lopez, Ronald Mair, Amalendu Majumdar, Nancy Marchese, Thomas Mascaro, Gordon Mortenson, Ronald Raught, Sandra Shaw, Ira Starer, Claude Sweet, Judith Weiss.

# Pick Up Your Money Or Books

# at the UBA This Week

## Between 1:30 and 4:00

## Bring Pink Slips