

Editorial Opinion

'Snow' or No Job?

The Interfraternity Council Monday night unanimously defeated a plan for a pre-initiation form to be filled out by house presidents.

The plan was introduced by George Wills, IFC Board of Control chairman, as a result of the pre-initiation code violations by Phi Kappa Psi.

The plan was a "snow job," and Wills, at the meeting, almost admitted this, although he didn't come out and say it. The plan was apparently designed to appease the University after the Phi Kappa Psi incident.

The form would have accomplished little, if nothing. The proposed form presented Monday night would have asked the house presidents to explain "in brief" their plans for hell week. It allows six and one-half lines for this brief explanation. Then the form pledges the fraternity, through the president, to abide by the pre-initiation code.

There was little debate on it. A quick question was called, and the plan was defeated. That's all.

But that's not enough. It appears that the fraternity system just wants to forget what happened to Phi Kappa Psi and hopes that no other house will be so unfortunate. After all, the council knows that many—if not most—of its members are as guilty of these practices as Phi Kappa Psi.

So the fraternity system, for the most part, appears to want to forget the whole terrible incident.

But it won't be forgotten. The fraternity system has received a black eye that must be taken care of, not left alone.

Certainly Wills' proposed form was not the answer. It was a pure "snow job," but this is probably not the reason why most council members turned it down. If so, it seems a committee would have been appointed to come up with a better plan for enforcing the pre-initiation code.

The fraternity system, on the whole, apparently turned it down because it wanted to take no action at all.

It appears that we might have to wait until a pledge is seriously injured before the IFC will take steps toward abolition of the outdated hell week.

We'd like to be proved wrong.

Anyone for Ping-Pong?

West Halls Council's special projects committee last night issued the results of a poll taken of 260 students on facilities in the area. Also issued in conjunction with the report was a 22-point recreational improvement program.

The first of the committee's proposals went into effect last night with the installation of six ping-pong tables in the Waring Hall Lounge.

From the number of names on a student-circulated petition it would seem—in fact it becomes evident—how true student opinion runs. In all, 726 students showed they were against the installation of the tables.

With less than 16 per cent of the 1650 residents of the area surveyed—and with only 30 per cent of those desiring the addition—the council saw fit to go ahead with the project.

Students want the lounge retained as a lounge—not converted into a recreation room—they want a place to take their dates and parents, not a place to work off excess fat.

Good student government must work for the students. It must attempt to do as they desire. So must West Halls Council.

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Letters

'Responsibilities Not Privileges'

TO THE EDITOR: About a week ago, the Collegian published an editorial concerning the Honor Code. We would like to clear up some misconceptions about the implementation of the Honor Code.

The purpose of any revision of WSGA rules relating to the Honor Code is to provide responsibility for those who are willing to assume it. Under the present system, coeds, whether a member of the Honor Code or not, follow

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exactly the same hours and regulations for those coeds who affiliate themselves with the Honor Code, but rather to allow them the responsibility of carrying out these same regulations on their honor.

Any change in the procedure of signing in and out is still in the planning stage. When and if it is incorporated into the WSGA rules for those coeds who have affiliated themselves with the Honor Code, it will not result in any discrimination against those coeds who have not pledged themselves to accept this responsibility.

Far from resulting in any privileges for those coeds who have accepted the Honor Code, it will instead result in the shifting of the burden of responsibility from the housemother to the coed herself.

We are not trying to establish the Honor Code as a moral censor. Rather we are trying to give every Penn State coed the privilege of self-responsibility.

—Sus Whittington, Honor Code Chairman —Sue Smith, WSGA President

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Interviews

- Crucible Steel Co of America: Mar 12; ChE, Chem, CE, EE, IE, ME, MinEng, Phys. C. C. Murphy Co: Mar 12; BS & BA in BusAdm, Econ, Mgt, Mkt, LA for Sales, Mgt, Personnel, Mdsing. Manufacturers Life Insurance Co: Mar 12; BusAdm, LA, interested in sales. Pan American Petroleum: Mar 12; PNG; also Jrs in above field for summer employment. Standard Oil Co (Indiana): Mar 12; BS & MS in ChE, CE, ME, EE. Chrysler Institute: Mar 12-13; ME, EE, Metal, ChE, Phys, Chem. Esso Standard Oil Co (Baton Rouge): Feb 28; Jrs, Srs or Grads in EE, CE, ME, IE, EngSel for summer employment. CAMP INTERVIEWS Camp Menaioma, Feb. 28 and Mar. 1; Camp Woodlands, Mar. 3; Clear Pool Camp, Mar. 3; Camp Delwood, Mar. 4 and 5; Indian Lake Camp, Mar. 5.

Council Will Hear Club TIM Survey

Town Independent Men Council will hear final results of the Club TIM survey at 7 tonight in 203 Hetzel Union.

The survey, begun several weeks ago, is testing opinion of town indies on the clubhouse which TIM is considering buying.

The council will also hear a semester report from officers and discuss amendments to the constitution and by-laws.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Nice of you boys next door to wash our windows—we hadn't even noticed they were getting dirty."

Sand in my Shoes

Princeton Men Confess All

By Judy Harkison

A favorite topic of literate conversation very often is the concern of the older generation over the present college crop. Some seem to think that all is not lost and others just shudder.

Even Charlie Brown and Linus have an opinion about "kids these days" which will be coming up in the next few weeks.

One of the most vocal contributions, however, was released in the form of confessions from 11 anonymous graduates of Princeton, '57. They were collected and published in a book entitled "The Unsilent Generation" and edited by a German political scientist on the Princeton faculty, Otto Butz.

Each of the 11 seniors answered such questions as: "What do you want out of life? What do you want to contribute? What do you think of happiness, success, security, God, education, marriage, family and your own generation?"

The writers of these autobiographies, all nearing the end of a Princeton liberal arts education, are far from being typical of the college mass. They are important, however, because they represent the future political and industrial leaders of the country.

Most of them are searching for prestige, power and wealth. A few just want to be happy.

But one thing that is common to all is the tension-creating conflict between basic values of the individual and the degree of conformity to which they will have to subscribe.

Attitude toward the military service was virtually the same among the students. They thought it was a waste of time and talent but if the nation were involved in conflict, they would be willing to serve with the next person.

Indifference to the military, however, is not an alarming problem. We believe that reaction toward it would quite naturally come from the intelligentsia—not for lack of patriotism but because they feel they can contribute more in other areas.

This question arose not too long ago here, when the Liberal Arts Student Council, whose action was called "illiterate," sought to modify the ROTC program by making it voluntary instead of compulsory.

All in all, though, the Princeton men do provide some valuable insight into the thoughts of the present college graduates. Perhaps some of their tales have been glorified but

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