

Editorial Opinion

So Far—Remarkable

What about deferred rushing? The new deferred rush plan has been in effect for about two-thirds of a semester now. The open house program has been run successfully. Fraternities are rushing in the dorms, between the allotted hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. And apparently there hasn't been any trouble.

When the system began, "dirty rushing" was considered not only possible but inevitable. Fraternities argued over the small points of the new ruling, and there was a small hassle about what to do about fraternity men in dorms.

In general, the fraternity system entered into deferred rushing with courage mixed with apprehension. Nearly everyone agreed that it probably would not be smooth going.

But it has been. When we look back on the semester so far, it seems the progress made by deferred rushing is a little amazing.

There have been no cries of dirty rushing, at least not in public. The Board of Control has had to hear only one case—concerning fraternity pledges in freshman dorms. This was early in the semester, and the matter was rapidly cleared.

And the freshman, apparently, have cooperated completely with the new system. There seems to be no trouble with freshman trying to enter fraternities.

The system, of course, has not yet completely proven itself. The transition between no rushing and concentrated rushing, which will come with the beginning of next semester, may prove to be difficult.

But, with the way things have been going up to this point, it seems more likely that the rules will be upheld from now on in.

The fraternity system may congratulate itself on its success so far, although the trial isn't over, and perhaps the results will be less than hoped for.

Why 'State College'?

The recent celebration of the University's fifth anniversary as "The Pennsylvania State University" serves as a reminder that for only five of its nearly 104 years has this institution had a name which accurately describes it.

"The Farmer's High School" offered college work. "The Agricultural College of Pennsylvania" offered mining study. "The Pennsylvania State College" actually served as a university.

But things were different on the other side of College Avenue. The borough has had a name consistent with the University's status during almost all of its existence—except for the last five years.

Proposed names such as "Univer City," "Atherton," "Hetzelburg," "Keystone" and "Centre Hills" were rejected in favor of "Mount Nittany," which townspeople voted on at the Nov. 2, 1954 election. The proposed change was defeated 2434-1475.

Then a post office substation was established in the Hetzel Union Building in February 1955 to ballyhoo Penn State's university status through the name "University Park."

Most newspaper articles use a "University Park, Pa." dateline, but there is no such municipality, since the main campus is within the corporate limits of State College.

University Park has a post office, but campus mail is delivered from the downtown post office, which also cancels both "State College" and "University Park" mail.

Perhaps a name change would cause too much additional confusion.

But if the town's name had never been changed before, it would be known today as "Farmer's High School, Pa."

Fifty-four Years of Student Editorial Freedom

The Daily Collegian

Successor to The Free Lance, est. 1887

Published Tuesday through Saturday morning during the University year. The Daily Collegian is a student-operated newspaper. Entered as second-class matter July 5, 1934 at the State College, Pa. Post Office under the act of March 3, 1879. Mail Subscription Price: \$3.00 per semester — \$5.00 per year.

ROBERT FRANKLIN Editor

FRANK VOJTASEK Business Manager

STAFF THIS ISSUE: Night Editor, Janet Durstine; Copy Editor, Diane Dieck; Wire Editor, Don Casciato; Assistants, Judi Wharton, Elaine Miele, Amy Rosenthal, Dave Hladick, Dave Anthony, Pat Varro, Zandy Blosson, Betsy Mulvey, Alice O'Donnell, Brenda Pestner, Judy Grandy.

Letters

Reader Attacks ROTC Editorial

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to the editorial, "Spotlight on ROTC," Nov. 21, I feel that a gross injustice has been shown concerning compulsory ROTC.

As a junior in AFROTC, I am not necessarily for or against compulsory ROTC at Penn State; however, when I consider the problem I try to find the facts concerning both sides of the argument. This would seem to be the intelligent approach to any problem, and to a newspaper it should be elementary.

So why not view the problem objectively? For instance, our Commandant of Cadets, Lt. Col. Robert B. Hayes, has posted on all AFROTC bulletin boards a summary of the reasons for and objectives of compulsory ROTC. Either it hasn't been noticed by your staff or you are not interested in the problem, except for condemning compulsory ROTC, because I have not been able to find anything in The Daily Collegian defending or even explaining compulsory ROTC.

Another example concerns a statement from the editorial. "Compulsory ROTC seems to have been wasting many students' good time for too many years—it's time it proved its worth or disappeared."

Why is ROTC a waste of time? Is it not true that any subject not treated seriously by the student is a waste of his time? And what is the worth of compulsory ROTC? If we are not informed, we can hardly detect worth or lack of worth in the existing ROTC programs—therefore, we can hardly express an intelligent opinion on the controversy.

Considering these examples, I hope that the Daily Collegian staff will look objectively into the future problems, publish all sides of each problem, and only then attack one viewpoint. Then the problem will be pursued intelligently, and the opinions presented in the Daily Collegian will gain more support from the student body.

—John Welty, '60

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Collegian published a 16-article series last year explaining conflicting viewpoints on ROTC.

Kenton Jazz Fans Thanked for Aid

TO THE EDITOR: I just want to thank several people for helping to make the Stan Kenton Concert a success. The artistic success can, of course, be only attributed to Stan and his orchestra—but a great deal of preliminary must go into such an undertaking.

First, our thanks must go to the Daily Collegian for their cooperation, to radio station WMAJ, and most especially, to Mr. Bill Fuller and his staff at the HUB.

Also, on behalf of the Penn State Jazz Club, Stan Kenton, Ted Richards and myself, we want to thank the Penn State students for the reception they gave to Stan.

To the many people not mentioned by name, although they deserve to be—our most sincere thanks.

—Peter W. Duncan, president Penn State Jazz Club

Letter cut

Gazette

- TODAY ACE, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom AIM, 7 p.m., 217 HUB Bryan Green Tape on Basic Christianity, lecture 3, "The Cross," 10 p.m., Thompson lounge Business Administration Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 205 Houcke Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB Judicial Board, 7 p.m., 214 HUB Leadership Training, 7 p.m., 119 Osmond Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., 121 MI Newman Club, Rosary and Benediction, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church; lecture series, 7 p.m., 104 Chapel; choir practice, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church Penn State Grange, 7:15 p.m., 100 Weaver SEAF, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom SFCFA, 4 p.m., 212 HUB Women's Chorus, 6:45 p.m., Penn State Photo Shop WSGA, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB

Leadership Training Class

Ralph H. Wherry, professor of Insurance, will address the Leadership Training class on "Public Relations" at 7 tonight in 119 Osmond.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibber



"No matter how lousy her speeches—you'll have to admit she always holds their attention."

top of the mall Please Send Next Lesson by Lynn Ward

One of the pleasures winter brings is that of sitting before a roaring fireplace in a warm room contemplating an exciting skiing weekend in one of the many fashionable New England winter resorts.

We venture to say that the contemplation of this trip is probably the most pleasant part of making the trip. It's in the execution of your plans that the fun and broken legs develop.

Numerous skiing journals and the New Yorker magazine cartoons of jubilant skiers packed on trains provide the stimulus needed for a trip of this sort.

For about 50 cents you can get the latest printed instructions and illustrations for the arm-chair skier. The magazine articles start in September with outlined exercises to get you in shape for the winter months. By November you should be able to do at least three knee bends without getting stiff.

The next project is to select a resort. It should be one with a large lodge where you can meet all sorts of fascinating people who can probably give you lots of tips on skiing. This is particularly advantageous if you have never been on skis.

Any department store will be more than delighted to outfit

you in all the most fashionable and necessary clothing and equipment for skiing. Not until you are a veteran on the slopes will you realize half the equipment is superfluous. What does a "real" skier need an automatic ski waxing machine for?

With train tickets in wallet, winter wardrobe packed in four suitcases, skis and poles in hand and footwarmer in other hand you are ready to join the fraternity of skiers on their way to New England.

You should be only slightly disappointed when you find that the quaint old horse and sleigh pictured on the resort's brochure to meet you at the station has been replaced by a four-wheel drive jeep.

Finally you reach the slopes well equipped for your trial run. With many months of reading ski instructions in mind and ski manual in hand you have nothing to do but keep your skis parallel and you upright.

... but how could the magazine editors possibly have forgotten to include instructions for unwinding skis from one's neck and emptying the ski slopes from one's boots?

