

Editorial Opinion

Sororities Deserve a Better Break

A letter of protest signed by all 23 sororities awaits President Eric A. Walker this morning.

The letter is the result of an emergency session of Panhellenic Council held last night, when 60 angry sorority women planned their opposition to a new housing policy.

The Department of Housing has announced that the policy—to go into effect next semester—will drastically reduce the number of rooms allotted to each sorority.

The Greeks are furious because the action means that next year there will be room for only about 25 of each chapter's members to live in rooms near the suite. The other half of each chapter will be scattered.

Sororities from McElwain and Simmons are complaining because their "annexes" are being taken away. Under the new policy a sorority no longer may stake out a claim to an entire hall so that the overflow from the suite area can live together.

The Greeks in the new dorms have a related problem: the 27 places, to be allotted to each South Halls sorority will be split between several floors.

Housing's new room assignment policy presents several serious problems for sororities.

First, it will scatter the members of each chapter hither and yon throughout the residence halls, since it is quite unlikely that all the sisters and pledges will be able to get rooms in the same building. Chapter unity and efficiency necessitate that the members live together.

Second, the policy will mean more instances of independent women living in

rooms near or in sorority areas. This situation is particularly bad during rushing.

But the Department of Housing's problems also are serious ones. This year there were more than 1000 rooming changes made by sorority members—many more than were made by independents.

The moving in and out of rooms involves much extra work for the department, and often means that double rooms have only one occupant for part of a semester. Housing is justified in its opposition to the situation.

The need for a better policy is apparent. But the one proposed by the Department of Housing is unfair to sororities. The Greeks pay rent for their suites and deserve enough living area near the suites to house their members.

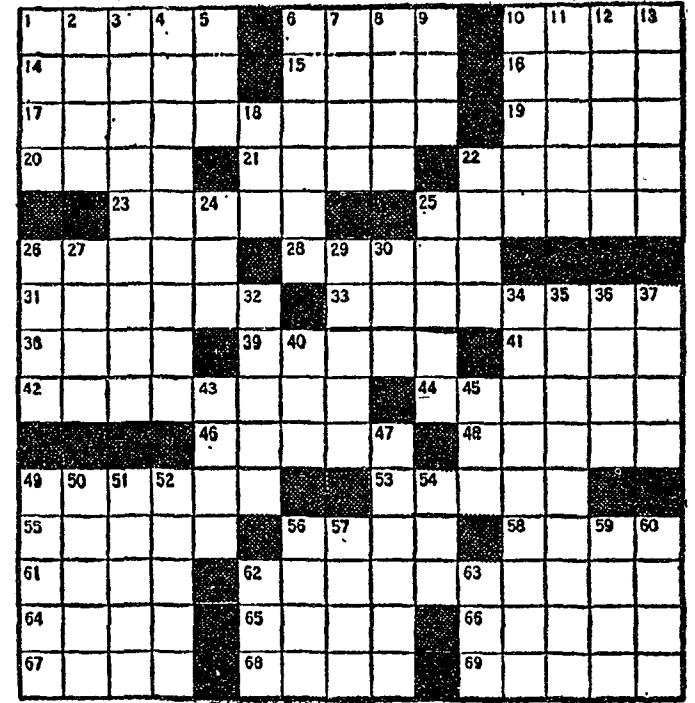
Communications between Housing and the sororities has not been good. Much misunderstanding has arisen on both sides. The sororities' protest to Walker indicates that they feel further negotiations with Housing will not solve the problem.

The best result of the protest would be a compromise plan which would appease both Panhel and Housing. But the possibility is strong that a suitable compromise cannot be reached in time, since rooming arrangements for next year must be made in the next month.

In that event, the interests of the sorority women should be placed above the desires of Housing. Sororities should be allowed to continue with their present 40 spaces around the suite. Negotiations can be reopened next year with an effort on both sides toward better cooperation and mutual understanding.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS 1 Early Mexican. 6 Surprised exclamation. 10 Weather word. 14 Skin: Comb. form. 15 Where the tall corn grows. 16 Sound. 17 Positions in ballet dancing. 19 Persia. 20 Be listless. 21 Pronoun. 22 Release. 23 West Point freshman. 25 Plants with compound flowers. 26 Look cheerful. 28 Rigging. 31 Sports announcer. 33 Small sea animal. 38 Aardvark's meal. 39 Autumnal worker. 41 Hep. 42 Part of a chicken. 44 Assassination. 46 Hollywood family. 48 Loads cargo. 49 In a faint. 53 Abrogate. 55 Azalea, for example. 56 Painter of melting telephones. 58 East. 61 Water fowl. 62 Port in French Morocco. 64 Put in one's stake. 65 da capo. 66 Having a hankering. 67 Gynt. 68 Relative of 26 Across. 69 Vegetables. DOWN 1 First man. 2 Naught. 3 Monks. 4 Adorn. 5 College in 15 Across. 6 Cotton fabric. 7 Part of day. 8 Members of the flock. 9 Part of "to be." 10 Assigned task. 11 "d'Arthur." 12 Walking: 2 words. 13 Tunny and others. 18 Have a good cry. 22 Member nation of the U. N. 24 Early night: Poet. 25 "View with." 26 Author Irwin. 27 Actor Paul. 29 Inquired. 30 Follower of: Suffix. 32 Sound of pain. 34 Lucky. 35 Spring feeling. 36 Goulash. 37 d'oeuvre. 40 Companion of or. 43 Small drop, as of paint. 45 Part of the Armed Forces. 47 Oriental bow. 49 Songwriters' group. 50 Was the leading light. 51 Penned. 52 External. 54 Part of a pen. 56 Virginia. 57 Home to over a billion. 59 Eight: German. 60 Skates. 62 Hansom. 63 Ad.



Vested Interest Vs. Student Welfare

Most of the members of six college student councils apparently want to bolster the crumbling philosophy of vested interests which has dominated student government over the past 20 years.

The members have come out against the basis of representation for the proposed Student Government Association constitution. The new constitution would have all legislators elected on the broad basis of class, rather than according to "interest group" — as All-University Cabinet is elected.

Four methods of representation were considered by the Cabinet Reorganization committee:

• Interest groups, which were discarded partly because, as this system works with the existing student government, only a very few representatives are directly elected by the students, and these are

chosen with the idea of representing their group, not the students at large.

• Living areas, which would require an undesirable fraternity-sorority-independent partition.

• Colleges, which would require either the unrepresentative basis of equal membership for all colleges or the apathy-promoting basis of membership by college population.

• Class, which is the broadest possible representation and which is the most truly representative, since class membership is determined purely by chance. This alternative was the choice of the committee.

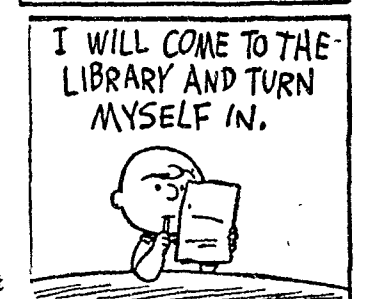
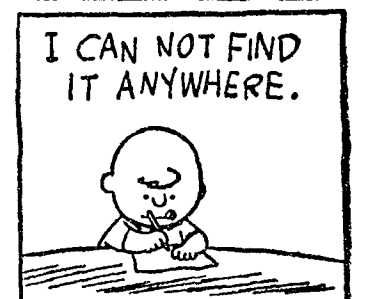
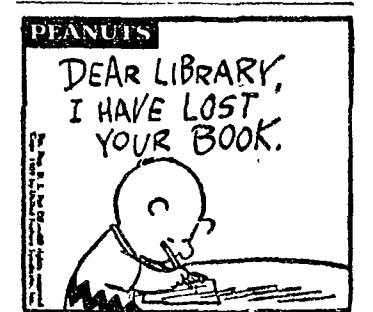
The college council members who oppose the new representation would do well to stop worrying about perpetuating their own vested interest on the legislature and start thinking about the general welfare of all the students.

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- TODAY Air Force Glee Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall. Ag Student Council, 8 p.m., 210 Armory. AIM, Leonides, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB. Alpha Chi Alpha, 7:45 p.m., 218 HUB. Alpha Kappa Psi and Delta Sigma Pi, 7 p.m., Theta Xi. Angel Flight, drill, 6:30 p.m., Armory; meeting, 7:30 p.m., 213 Willard. Big-Little Sister Committee, 8 p.m., 217 HUB. Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB Cardroom. Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB. Dancing Class, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m., 218 HUB. Outing Club, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall. Pi Mu Epsilon, 7:30 p.m., HUB main lounge. Residence Hall Counsellors, 6:45 p.m., 214 HUB. Science Fiction, 7 p.m., 213 HUB. Sigma Tau Delta, 6:45 p.m., 212 HUB. World University Service 15-minute film, "Their Future Is Our Future," preview showing for committee members and interested persons, 4:15 p.m., Library Projection Room.

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Fisher, Paula Gordon, Ann Gross, Lucinda Hart, John Hewatson, Albert Marcus, Linda Niess, Robert Ondercin, Fredric Pomerantz, Lynnette Sabra, Aaron Sandier, Michael Simone, Frederick Smysler, William Updegrave, Donna Warfel.



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Councils--

(Continued from page one) tecture Student Council, however, upheld the reorganization plan by voting down a motion to change the plan to include one representative from each student council. The motion made by Robert Falazone, junior in industrial engineering from Erie, was defeated after an hour-long discussion. Daniel Thalimer, chairman of the reorganization committee, will meet with representatives from the student councils at 4:15 p.m. today in 18 Home Economics. Thalimer will explain his committee's reasoning for deciding upon representation by class and will answer any questions raised by students objecting to the exclusion of council representation in the law-making assembly.