

Editorial Opinion

Check Plan Needs Study

The Student Government Association Assembly will hear a plan Thursday for a student check cashing agency.

Students should have such an agency but the proposed system as it stands now needs a lot of retouching to be successful.

The freshman board plan would provide for check cashing up to \$125, with fees ranging from 10 cents to one per cent of the total check. It goes into detail concerning makeup of the agency but it fails to cover the problems it would undoubtedly encounter.

No provisions have been made for bad checks. This cannot be overlooked but it is a problem anywhere checks are cashed. Some sort of penalty should be devised for students who cash checks on overdrawn accounts.

A town bank has enough backing to cushion such checks. However, a few such checks in one day could put a big dent in the proposed \$4000 fund of a student agency.

Under the plan, the agency would be established as a sort of student activity with its candidates and training, sophomore, junior and senior boards. But, as pointed out by George L. Donovan, director of Associated Student Activities, this plan would not be efficient.

The agency would be operating only in the afternoons and with only about two students on duty at a time. This would hardly warrant such a complicated staff. Since students should be handling a \$4000 fund they should also be bonded.

The agency would fulfill a definite need of providing check cashing when all downtown banks will be closed. But more planning would have to be made before it could be accepted.

Class Gift—In or Out?

Seniors have been given the choice of whether or not to follow the traditional practice of giving the University a gift. This tradition will depend upon their willingness to check one of three choices picked by the committee.

Letters have been sent to each senior asking that he pledge money to the fund and select his choice for the Senior Class Gift of 1959.

While all three gifts admittedly would benefit the students academically, it is questionable that all three are connected with one phase of the University—the library.

A greater variety of choices have been offered in the past and in view of the University's expansion program, the committee could have found a greater variety of gift suggestions.

But in addition to offering those selections the committee has given seniors the opportunity to make further suggestions if they object to the ones made.

Before making a decision on the gift, seniors should think over each choice and add their ideas to the list. In this way the committee will be better able to come to the best decision in view of the general consensus of the class.

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Letters

Reader Backs Deferred Rush

TO THE EDITOR: Last Wednesday's Collegian, in summarizing this year's editorial stands, states, "... if an evaluation bears out general opinions, deferred rushing should be tossed out." Whose general opinions and whose evaluation—IFC's alone?

Contrary to the Collegian's apparent assumption that deferred rushing has failed, it seems to have succeeded only too well. One of its primary objectives was to raise the scholastic standing of the freshman class—and, according to Collegian figures, the freshman class average last semester was the best in six years.

According to the former IFC President Ed Hintz himself: "The higher freshman averages can definitely be attributed to the new (rushing) system." The major shortcoming of deferred rushing, then, is apparently that not enough freshmen are pledging this semester. But they have the average, they have the opportunity to see the inside of dozens of fraternities, they're being rushed like mad by anxious pledging chairmen—is deferred rushing still preventing them from pledging?

I respectfully suggest that any empty fraternity bunks may be the fault of the fraternity system rather than of deferred rushing. Could it be that after a semester's experience at the University, some freshmen can see a little more clearly the relative advantages of independent and fraternity living, than if they were—as has been the case in the past, and as Collegian apparently wants again—given a major snow job by 54 fraternities immediately upon entering the University and before they knew enough to consider their moves wisely?

May I suggest;

1. That fraternities will not die out through deferred rushing if they have anything worthwhile—and I think they do—to contribute to the University and to potential pledges.

2. That the Dean of Men's office should make deferred rushing an official University policy, still to be enforced by the IFC, in the same manner as the freshman drinking ban (but with, let us pray, more success.)

3. That AIM, in the best interests of its members and of future freshmen, give its full support to the adoption of an official deferred rushing program.

4. That the new Collegian Board of Editors alter its editorial policies to back deferred rushing, for so long as it seems valuable in promoting freshman scholarship and in allowing a more knowledgeable evaluation of the fraternity system by prospective pledges.

—Alan C. Elms, '60

Gazette

TODAY

- Air Force Glee Club, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
Belles Lettres, 7:30 p.m., Simmons Lounge
Book Exchange Board, 8:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Cabinet, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Collegian Classified Ad Staff, 6:30 p.m., Main Office
Delta Sigma Pi, 7 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi
Education Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Freshman Regulations Board, 12:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Hillel Elections, 9 a.m. to 12:15-30 p.m., 7-10 p.m., Hillel Foundation
Judicial, 5:15 p.m., 217 HUB
Leadership Training, 7:00 p.m., 214 Boucke
Liberal Arts Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 211 HUB
News and Views Senior Board, 2 p.m., Elm Cottage
Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
Panhellenic Council, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
WRA Tennis Club, 6:30 p.m., 3 White Hall
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Janice Abrams, H. Clair Althouse, Azerudia Ansari, Donald Benton, Terence Dill, Carl Formosa, Barry Frank, Robert Fulton, Sandra Girvin, John Haberen, Albert Haywood, William Hess, Allen Kaiser, Arlene Kondor, Kenneth Lange-McGill, Roberta Levine, James McLaughlin, William Naman, Charles Replegle, Robert Slocas, Charles Steen, Michael Willard, Ursula Wittenbrock.

Grucci to Read Tonight At Belles-Lettres Club

Joseph L. Grucci, associate professor of English composition, will read some of his own poems at the Belles Lettres Club, at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Simmons Lounge.

Grucci, who is director of the poetry workshop, has published poems in current periodicals. He has also published a volume entitled "The Time of Hawks."

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"We only need to identify th' FACE."

from here to infinity

The Import Date: Paradox in Skirts

by bob thompson

We think that we will never see

A thing as paradoxical as an import.

With the last big weekend of the year under our belts, there is little to do but reminisce over some of the highlights of the three-day festivities.

Probably the most controversial ingredient of a weekend—other than the parties—is the import that makes her way to the Nittany Valley for the festivities.

For some reason or other, she's adored by her date, envied by the "resident coed," a headache to dorm hostesses, and a financial asset for the town's room renters.

She manages to get more fraternity chow and less sleep than almost any other creature.

She has the knack of getting lost more times in dormitory halls, than a sailor without a compass.

She comes loaded with more suitcases and crinolines than a department store buyer but never manages to get into all 75 different outfits she brings with her.

Her estimated time of arrival is as unpredictable as the weather. And for some reason, she always manages to leave for home too soon.

She can arrive on nearly any method of transportation imaginable short of ox-cart. We even know of an import

who hitch-hiked to campus one weekend.

She is welcomed with open arms by the merchants, since she nearly always manages to leave town loaded down with any number of souvenirs ranging from garters to stuffed animals.

Most of these young ladies—at least first-comers—are standouts on campus. If they aren't tramping around in high heels, they're walking around trying to see all the campus highlights they can possibly jam into an afternoon.

The import manages to wear out more of her date's shoe leather, and burn more gasoline in the course of one weekend than the average coed does in an entire year. But somehow her date never seems to complain.

For her date, she leaves behind a score of happy memories—not to mention a sweater, and two or three pairs of earrings.

And for her coed hostess there are frowns from her neighbors in the dorm for harboring a "traitor," and the unhappy anticipation of blackmarks for her three-minute-late arrival after Saturday night's party.

Even flunking a final can't give her date the same feeling

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