

Editorial Opinion

Piecemeal Action

The Interfraternity Council last night took two hours before finally deciding to let deferred rushing rest as it is, at least for another two weeks.

One thing very apparent from the meeting was that the council will be in a complete muddle if it tries to tangle with the problem piece-meal.

The numerous amendments and substitute motions last night makes it apparent there is much displeasure with the present plan.

However, if the system is revised by a number of amendments it will only become more confusing than it already is. The probable result would be a new ruling every meeting leaving the entire fraternity system up to ridicule.

It appears too late now to change the deferred system to any extent for this spring. Since no appreciable change could be put into effect before next fall, it would be wise to create a committee to evaluate the first year of deferred rushing.

This committee could hear all the suggestions for change without bogging down the entire council every meeting. The committee could then prepare a final report and make recommendations to the council in plenty of time for implementation next fall.

Halftime Spirit??

The Blue Band gave a nice performance of George Gershwin's works Saturday afternoon—nice for a concert hall but definitely out of place on a football field.

This leads many students to wonder which band performs during the games, the concert or the marching band?

With a football stadium jam-packed with spirited fans, the halftime performance consisted of the Penn State and Syracuse alma maters plus "Hail to the Lion." It was a good thing that spirit had been stimulated weeks before the game for the Blue Band had nothing to contribute in this field.

There can be no doubt that Gershwin did not think in terms of halftime performances when he composed his songs and we wonder just how the decision came about to shun Penn State songs in favor of him.

Not that the Blue Band does not do a good job. The performances have been good except for the relative difficulty in hearing them from the stands, a difficulty that might be corrected in a more spirited program.

The program planners should attempt to take into consideration the preferences of the students and other football fans, and give these fans a rousing halftime performance—one that fits into the scene.

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Letters

Hockey Questioned As Varsity Sport

TO THE EDITOR: No doubt, there is an interest in ice hockey as a varsity sport on campus. However, its feasibility must be considered.

It would be necessary to open the rink for pre-season training, to construct a safety fence and locker room and to expand parking facilities. However, most important is the recreational use of the skating rink.

Any time given to a varsity sport would be a great imposition on the many students presently using the rink. Is ice hockey feasible as a varsity sport?

—Earl Gershenow, '62
Skating Division

Gazette

TODAY

- Ag Council, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
- American Foundrymen's Society, 7 p.m., Foundry classroom
- American Institute of Chemical Engineering, 7 p.m., 112 Buckhout
- Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
- Collegian Promotion Staff, 7 p.m., 219 Willard
- Dancing Classes, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
- Forestry Society, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
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- Hillel Freshman Council, 6:30 p.m., Hillel
- Intercollegiate Conference on Government, 7:30 p.m., 203 HUB
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- University Party Telephone Committee, 7 p.m., 301 Boucke
- WRA Tennis Club, 6:30 p.m., White Hall
- Young Republicans, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
- Zoology Club, 7 p.m., 217 Boucke

HOSPITAL

Patients in the University Hospital yesterday were Raymond Abrams, Patricia Berry, David Brown, Edgar Dowling, David Grubbs, Harry Griffiths, Stanley Johnston, Michael Kabot, Steven Korman, Jacqueline Leavitt, John Metzner, Anne Riebow, Bette Rubinson, Meredith Schroeder, Roger Toth and David Whipple.

Club Will Hold Concert

A religious music program sponsored by the State College Woman's Club will be presented at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.

Photo Staff Will Meet

The Daily Collegian photography staff will meet at 7:30 tonight in the Collegian office. The meeting will be compulsory for all members.

Letters

Matric Card Policy Blasted

TO THE EDITOR: Now that the fervor of the PSU-Syracuse game has died down, I would like to question the policy of supposedly scrutinizing every bearer of a matric card.

We, as students, pay a sum of money—heavens knows it's exorbitant enough—which entitles us to matriculate here. This matriculation includes certain rights and privileges. One of these is the admission to football games merely by showing this matric card as means of identification.

My question is this: What is so morally wrong with allowing another person the use of this "valuable piece of paper" to see a game which the owner of the card is unable to attend?

The analogy upon which I would like to draw is that of a Broadway production. Suppose a person buys a ticket to attend a play, much like we "buy" our matric card. If the person

discovers he is not able to attend the production, he sells the ticket at a "reasonable" price or maybe gives it to some friend. No one has suffered, no one has lost and at least one person benefited.

The way I see it, it is our privilege to do with our "ticket" as we see fit.

In order to see the PSU-Syracuse game, some very enterprising young men thought of several ingenious ways of "crashing" the gate. It is disgraceful to see PSU students sinking to such low depths trying to outsmart the authorities and make a "fast buck."

Wouldn't it be just as simple and much more decent to allow students who are not attending games to lend their matric cards to those who are having guests and are unable to obtain tickets?

—Judith R. Gordon, '61
● Letter Cut

TO THE EDITOR: As usual when a sellout football game comes up, the University makes a big fuss over matric cards being used by other than their owners.

The question that arises is: Just what sin are these people committing or what rule are they breaking?

When we pay our tuition

fees, a football ticket is included. Is this ticket not ours to lend much as we might lend our car or any other possession? If not, why not?

In four years here I've yet to hear the University's explanation for this behavior. Is there one?

—Rae Hoopes, '60

PhysEd 'Gets to' Ex-Marine

TO THE EDITOR: Yesterday (Thursday) my roommate, an ex-Marine, returned to the apartment bursting with enthusiasm. Before I could ask him what the good news was, he exclaimed with obvious joy: "Just think, the Senate just decided to let me complete my physical education."

He went on to explain that he felt it was really useful to continue the volleyball games, and that he was anxiously awaiting the day when they would start playing handball.

I decided to support his new found spirit, and suggested he might take phys-ed 109 where one learns the fine art of fly casting. He interrupted to say that he was really pleased to be allowed to make up the deficiencies that existed from his previous training.

I gathered that the authorities at Parris Island and Quantico had neglected to teach him badminton, golf and hunting safety.

Before we were through, he had almost decided to major in physical education. He could take courses in life saving, bowling and riflery. I persuaded him not to do this however.

He had to remember that his All-U was low, and a course like "Physical Education Program in the Elementary School" might flunk him out of school.

Undaunted, he still maintained that he would audit as many of these important courses as possible. "After all," he argued, "if the Senate feels they are important then they must be worth taking."

—Rodge Klein, '60

Librarian Wants Less Noise

TO THE EDITOR: The Patten Library has had, for several years, a serious problem about smoking and noise in the halls and stairways of the building. We would like to call on the students for help in controlling the situation.

Smoking is permitted in room 107 but this has not alleviated the trouble since there is not always enough seating space for all the smokers in this room. In addition the smoke has occasionally been so heavy that it must make study for some students dif-

ficult; it also drifts into other parts of the library.

The habit of students gathering in the stairhall for smoking and general conversation has been most troublesome. The stairways are sometimes so blocked that it is almost impossible for other readers to pass up and down.

We appeal to students to maintain quiet, to promote the use of the library for the serious purpose of study, and to avoid gathering in noisy groups.

—Ralph W. McComb,
University Librarian

Soph Coed Reviews Play Review

TO THE EDITOR: After seeing "Dark of the Moon" on Thursday night and reading Jeff Pollack's review on Friday, I can't help thinking that our reviewer's feet are nailed too firmly to the ground to ever be pried loose by anything other than the most obvious comedy.

There were some first night rough spots, and the audience was small. The absence of thundering applause may have helped Mr. Pollack to form his "bored" opinion.

The sets and actions of the

characters were as they should have been, supernatural. In the scenes on the mountain, some of the audience saw the unearthly home of unearthly creatures. Mr. Pollack saw only boxes.

John's scenes with the witch girls were just as witches might act. Witches are not always "down to earth." Mr. Pollack obviously is.

Perhaps if the witch boy would have thrown a pie or two in Barbara Allen's face, Mr. Pollack might have found the play more enjoyable.

—Dodi Kota, '61

Friendly Coeds Help Beaver Field Guard

TO THE EDITOR: Four guys from Nittany would like to thank the girls who helped pass the time while we sat in the press box guarding Beaver Field from the uncouth

barbarians from Syracuse.

This heartfelt gratitude is extended to any girl who received a phone call between 3 and 5:30 a.m. Saturday.

—Four Freshmen