

Editorial Opinion

# Better Greek Programs

The Interfraternity Council last night voted down a move to limit "Help Weeks" to non-class periods. However, it did not vote down the idea of Help, rather than Hell, Weeks.

The motion was defeated rather because of the impracticality of enforcing such a ruling. It passed, Help Weeks would have been restricted to such times as an Orientation Week or possibly during the semester break.

According to an IFC survey, about half of the fraternities hold Help Weeks during these times or else don't conduct any. Some hold the week during the first week of classes.

The constant criticism of Hell Weeks has led to the gradual decline in their more objectionable aspects. Hazing has been cut down considerably. Unfortunately, there are still many who cling to these warped traditions.

The constructive aspect of the Help Weeks has been stressed even more this year. The IFC would do well to observe some practices already adopted on other campuses.

One program which has some merit is a combined Greek Week - Work Week which is concluded by initiations of pledges in the fraternities and sororities. The work project now incorporated in Greek Week could be revamped into a mass pledge project. Although not officially, it almost amounts to that now.

Work Week, Help Week, Hell Week It is just a change of terminology in many cases. However, the IFC is moving in the direction of a more respectable pledge training

# Feather for Wrestlers' Cap

Congratulations to the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association co-titleholders. The Nittany Lions made a dramatic recovery after it looked like the championship had eluded their grasps.

Although a comparative newcomer Phil Meyer lost a crucial bout to Pitt's veteran Hall and the look of disgust on his face shown throughout Dillon gymnasium on the Princeton campus. But Johnston Oberly retaliated with a fall to salvage the team championship for the undefeated but once-tied Lions.

The Lion wrestlers were well coached and well-conditioned for the grueling two-day test and the training paid off handsomely. It was another feather in the cap for the "pro" of college wrestling—Charlie Speidel.

Inside Washington

# Commiss Have 'Better' Bug For K's Fly

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—In everything, it seems, the Russians are determined to be bigger and better than we are.

And that even includes their influenza germs.

From Moscow comes word that Premier Nikita Khrushchev has the flu, that he has had to postpone his trip Paris, and that he will need 7 to 10 days to recover.

Some scoffers have said this may be a diplomatic illness. They say the Russians are displeased with the Paris arrangements, and if this isn't an illness of convenience, it certainly is a convenient illness.

But this may be a carping view. Maybe the Russians simply have come up with a flu germ that is bigger and meaner than anybody's.

Khrushchev's illness starts another train of thought.

In this day of whirlwind, international travel, the stresses on president and premier are tremendous. Yet at any stage of world history have we had leaders who were so old?

Look at the list: Khrushchev who will be 66 next month, flitting about the world, selling communism.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, 69, who since the death of his secretary of state, John Foster Dulles, has done, and is planning, an incredible amount of foreign travel.

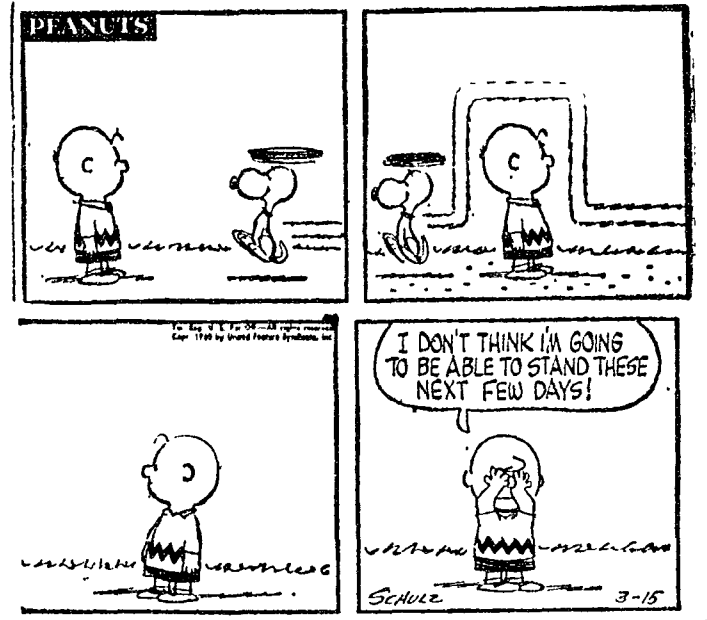
David Ben-Gurion of Israel, who is 73, and West Germany's Konrad Adenauer, who is 84, both of whom are now visiting here.

Charles Andre Joseph Marie de Gaulle of France, who at 69 plans a visit to this country.

And there are Harold Macmillan of Great Britain, who is 65, and Jawaharlal Nehru of India, who is 70, and China's Chou En-lai who is 73.

If they find the strain too great, they rarely mention it.

In this day of international distrust let's all agree on this: Any germ that can knock the bounce out of Nikita Khrushchev for 10 days has to be potent.



Letters

# Politics Stir Campus

## Political 'Corruption' Discussed

TO THE EDITOR: Right now we have come closer than ever before to "beat the system" or to "buck the machine" here at Penn State. Elections have been thrown before—corruption has existed before; but this is the first time a party and its chairman has put its foot down and absolutely refused to sink to this level.

Judging from the elections I have witnessed, and from talking to other people who have been here before, it seems to me that the same pattern of elections has been followed since the old Cabinet system was instituted in 1939. Apparently campus politics have been rigged all the way.

I don't want to go too far out on a limb, but by the way of conjecture, does not this uniform pattern indicate that behind the scenes there may be a continuous guiding master hand, or possibly some group, which has a vital interest in keeping student government incapacitated? What, or whom,

would such a group, if it exists, be protecting?

Students, wake up! Open your eyes! Don't let anyone lead you around by the nose, be it by unashamed flattery or by playing on your naivete. If you believe in any principles, now is the time to stand up and be counted. Get behind the snowball and push; help it really get rolling. The same forces that have stymied past student efforts to really let their voice be heard are still at work as has been evidenced quite publicly with the recent University party scandal.

Students can't possibly tolerate such corruption. You must help cut out the cancer, and help establish a sound, healthy, strong student representation. Let me assure you, there are sincere and devoted people standing up against unbelievable pressure from corrupt forces and without the help of a united student body, they may fail. Do join them!

—Harald Sandstrom, '60

# Did You See Beam House TV?

In the month of February, 1960 Beam Hall went down in Penn State history. Someone made a quick decision. And stole the "boy's" television.

Some students are very sick. Because no longer can they watch Mav-er-ick, And others are making noise in the hall. When they could be watching pro basketball.

The one who stole that TV set. Probably doesn't have a guilty conscience yet, But the time will come when he will admit That it was a dirty trick he did.

Now there's just one more thing I'd like to say, Stealing never did and never will pay. We'll catch that thief some sweet day And get back our RCA. —Ellis Noll, '63

# Reader Chides 'Big Four' Actions

TO THE EDITOR: Stick together boys! Sunday's University party meeting heard Dick Haber speak for what the Collegian has labelled the "Top Four of the University Party."

A statement prepared by all four (Crosby, Darran, Clagett and Haber) explained to party members that they were declining their respective nominations as a group. Why? They want students to believe that this move is for the betterment of Penn State's student government due to recent degrading

controversy involving them and University party.

Four weeks ago they decided to run together; now together they've decided not to run! Will they be running together next week? Will their "martyr role" arouse student sympathy for their renomination.

Since they have to stick together, students question whether any one of them is strong enough to stand alone. And if this quartet can't stand alone, perhaps they should give up politics and take up singing.

—David Owsley, '60

# Soph Says Politicians Have Right to Switch

TO THE EDITOR: A person who runs on a party platform for an election does so because he believes this platform is right and just for the people he is representing. The person elected holds his loyalty to the people he is representing. The reason he joins a party is for unity and support with others who agree

with his own concepts.

If a person joins a party because he believes its platform is best for those he would represent, but later thinks that this platform does not benefit them, he has every right to take the course of action that he considers most beneficial to his representation.

—Jerry Fisher, '63

# Peck to Speak on Plays To Belle Lettres Club

Louis F. Peck, professor of English literature, will speak on "A Handful of Gothic Plays," at the meeting of the Belle Lettres Club at 7 tonight in Simmons lounge.

Peck, who has spent years in research on the Gothic literature at the end of the 18th century, will talk on some of the sidelights of a little-known type of literature which his investigations have uncovered.

# HUB Plans Special Menus

The Terrace Room at the Hetzel Union Building will have two special menus this week. They will observe the fifth birthday of the cafeteria today and St. Patrick's Day on Thursday. Appropriate menus and decorations will be provided.

# GAZETTE

TODAY	
Academic Year Science Institute of Teachers lecture, 12 noon, HUB dining room	"A", Dr. Samuel Tolansky, "The Microtopographies of Surfaces."
Ag Council, 7-9 p.m., 212 HUB	AICHE meeting, 7 p.m., 111 Boucke
Alpha Lambda Delta meeting, 5:10 p.m., 216 HUB	Belle Lettres Club, 7 p.m., Simmons lounge
Christian Fellowship, 12:45-1:15 p.m., 218 HUB	Classified Ad Staff, 6:30 p.m., Collegian office
College of Business Administration Faculty meeting, 4:15 p.m., 111 Boucke	Collegian Business Staff Candidate School, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 112 Osmond
Father Havanic Discussion, 7-8 p.m., 203 HUB	Five O'Clock Theatre, 5 p.m., Little Theatre, Old Main, Ivan Ladizinski, "A Stroke of the Brush"
Geophysics and Geochemistry seminar, 2-15 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries, Dr. A. K. Blackadar, "Numerical Weather Prediction—A Revolution in Meteorology"	Greek Week, 8-10 p.m., 210 HUB
IAS Student Paper Competition, 7 p.m., 105 Mechanical Engineering	ICG, 8:15-10:00 p.m., 203 HUB
Lecture Series, 10-11 p.m., HUB main lounge	Mixed Choir, 7-9 p.m., HUB assembly room
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Placement, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 203, 212-8 HUB	Sigma Tau Delta, 8:15-10:00 p.m., 218 HUB
Soc Club, 7-9 p.m., 214 HUB	UCA, 5:15-6:00 p.m., 214 HUB
HOSPITAL	
Gladys Allen, Barbara Carney, Deborah Croft, James Danilovitz, Carole Frey, Robert Gabos, Richard Hess, Edward Laskowski, Bernice Leagus, Barry Lively, Barbara Lukehart, Donald Manges, David Meyers, Mary O'Reilly, Louise Phillips, Norman Potter, Robert Rabenold, Karen Snyder, Joel Spero, Sheila Welts, Nell Wilding.	

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