

Editorial Opinion

Once-a-Year Rushing Has Many Setbacks

Limiting sorority rushing to one period during the scholastic year could have a drastic effect on this University's sorority system.

While the idea of completely eliminating the fall informal rush program is still embryonic, there are many aspects of the problem that should be examined before any definite action is taken.

It is true that one rush program a year would alleviate the time burden set on sororities. It can also be argued that prospective rushees might be encouraged to make the required grades in their first semester.

But, the above aspects are merely secondary in considering the abolition of the semi-annual program. There are many other doubts as to the effects of such action.

First, the viewpoint of the rushee must be considered. Many girls find it difficult to adapt to college standards of study in their first semester; some find themselves enrolled in the wrong curriculum and others just have to learn through experience that studies are the primary factor of college life.

From the sorority standpoint, it can be maintained that many sororities get their largest and finest pledge classes in the fall. This can be partially attributed to the fact that these girls have an opportunity to observe the various groups for a longer period of time and are more sure of what they want.

No sorority in the past few years has been known to consistently fill its quota in spring rush. Decisions as to whether the quota of any particular sorority should be filled usually are made after rushing begins, and a sorority has a chance to look over prospective pledges.

If we are to strengthen the sorority system as a whole, and that is the goal of Panhellenic Council at present, why limit the opportunities for acquiring new members to a once-a-year business? Why leave sororities who fail to get their quota, in the lurch for one year? Why leave rushees who fail to get a bid, out in the cold for a year? Why discriminate against those coeds who do not make their rushing average on the very first try?

Idealistically, a once-a-year program might seem feasible. Realistically, one or both sides of the picture is bound to suffer. There is no real necessity for such a setback in the present system now or in the near future. Individual sororities should hold the prerogative of deciding whether they wish to rush once or twice a year.

Letters

HUB Employee Gives Views On Lion's Den

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Frick and The Daily Collegian have both asked that the closing hours of the Hetzel Union Building's Lion's Den be extended to accommodate the recently emancipated coeds. Let us, however, look at the other side of the situation. The increased cost of paying employees is only the most obvious objection to the proposal.

Consideration for other people—an almost lost art—is not being taken into consideration. A majority of the employees of the HUB are fellow students. Many are dependent on these jobs to stay in school. Officially, the Den now closes at 10 p.m. People do not think of the extra hour that it takes to clean up.

After working four or five hours, the students then go home to study for several hours. The supervisors, the last to leave and the first to arrive, would also have to stay longer, but still have to get up at 4:30 a.m. Students now have until 10 p.m. to eat in the Den, yet at 9:55 the "take-out" line is quite extensive. If the closing hour were extended these people would still procrastinate, only for an hour longer.

These same inconsiderate people who look up at the white-uniformed lackey and ask, "Would you get me some ice?" (They're so weary from studying), or "Would you take this tray?" (They're in a cast from the neck down) now merely want an excuse to sit around an hour longer to avoid going home.

Someone recently wrote of "giving an inch and taking a mile." This is a fairly obvious substantiation of this fact. For the people who have been on a coffee break all evening, wanting an extension of the Den's closing hours is no excuse to take advantage of the students and employees of the HUB. Why not have dispensing machines in the dorms? Let's show how sensible (and considerate, remember) we are by leaving the hour as it is.

—Ronald Thomas, Graduate Student

Nittany Men Get the Gas

TO THE EDITOR: In Wednesday's Collegian there appeared an article concerning the gas leak in Nittany 32.

According to the article, the leak was fixed and the matter was ended, but Thursday night the gas was again detected, stronger than before.

The Nittany coordinator was contacted and after the information had gone through the proper channels, it became evident that no action would be taken. As a matter of fact, that is basically what we were told. Open the front door and windows and forget about the gas.

Is it possible that this situation would be allowed to occur in any of the other living areas, or is this just another one of the conditions which Nittany men are forced to accept?

Is it necessary to have a resident plumber, or can the Department of Housing assume the responsibility to have the job done right, once and for all? Paper-thin walls, clanking pipes, one telephone per dorm, mud and now we have gas. What next?

—Stephen Sussman, '63

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Gazette

TODAY

- TIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
BX, all boards, 7 p.m., 212, 213 HUB
Camera Club, 7:30 p.m., 214, 215, 216 HUB
Campus Party, 9 p.m., 212, 213 HUB
Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Dancing Class, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Delta Zeta, 5 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Forestry Convocation, 11 a.m., 121 Sparks
German Club, 8 p.m., Schlow Memorial Library
Graduate Lecture Series, 8 p.m., 121 Sparks, Dr. Paul Sears; 12:30 p.m., HUB dining room A, Dr. Robert Radlow
Greek Week, 8 p.m., 218 HUB
ICCB, 5 p.m., HUB cardroom
Quarterdeck Society, 8 p.m., Phi Mu Delta
Sigma Theta Epsilon, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation
Slavic Club, Russian film, 8 p.m., 7 p.m., Sparks
UCA, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Women's Chorus, 8:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
WSGA Publications, 8 p.m., 217 HUB

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



"WHEN YOU TWIRL OVER ON TH' RIGHT FLANK - WATCH OUT FOR THAT WISE-GUY TROMBONE PLAYER."

World At A Glance
Castro Accused Strike May Hit Of Planning S. Africa Again Plane Incident

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. investigators held yesterday a sworn statement that Castro officials conspired in an illegal plane flight which Cubans have blamed on the United States.

The statement came from William Schergales, one of the two U.S. fliers held by the Cubans since their small private craft came down in Matanzas, Cuba, on March 21.

Schergales was said to have plotted the incident with Dr. Juan Orta, a personal secretary in the office of Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Washington authorities viewed the incident as a bungled attempt by the Castro regime to give Uncle Sam a propaganda black eye throughout Latin America and at the same time to get rid of one Castro's Cuban enemies.

Some officials here considered referring the case to the Peace Committee of the Organization of American States, an inter-American body set up to ease Latin-American tension. They saw the flight as a violation of both U.S. and Cuban law, undertaken to inflame Cuban passions against Americans.

Soviet Arms Plan Rejected by West

GENEVA (AP) — The Western powers rejected yesterday the Soviet approach to nuclear disarmament. They maintained the Kremlin's program was based on emotional slogans suitable for mass meetings but lacking any scientific reality.

French disarmament expert Jules Moch told the 10-nation disarmament conference that vague promises to surrender possession of nuclear weapons are meaningless unless accompanied by rigid controls.

In the present state of the world's scientific knowledge Moch said, it is impossible to tell how many atomic and hydrogen bombs are held in stock by the world's nuclear powers even with controls. Some stocks could always be hidden.

Strike's End Expected

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — The 4-week strike of actors against major movie studios is expected to end today or tomorrow, with cameras rolling again next Monday.

This would give the industry something to cheer about at its Academy Awards show Monday night.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Militant Negro leaders warned yesterday they will call a total work boycott unless South Africa's government abolishes pass laws for nonwhites.

"We have said before and we repeat that there can be no peace in this country until the demands of the African nonwhite people are fully met," said a statement from William Jolobe, spokesman for the Pan-Africanist Congress.

The one-day boycott that erupted in bloody violence Monday gave an inkling of what such a total boycott could do to the South African economy. It was declared about 90 per cent effective. Negro labor forms the broad base for South African production.

Negroes streamed back to work in Johannesburg after the night of violence but Cape Town still was crippled. Police ranged through the Negro quarters of Johannesburg looking for riot leaders.

K Renews Attack On German Arms

REIMS, France (AP) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev renewed his attacks yesterday on German militarism after solemnly touring Verdun, the bloodiest of all French-German battlegrounds.

The Soviet leader told French officials at a luncheon in Reims, a cathedral city on the traditional invasion route from the east, he was disturbed by a statement by German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer that "Germany has the job of saving Europe."

"We cannot accept such a theory because we see in it a re-establishing of the Hitler theory that the Germans are a superior race and that the others are servants," Khrushchev said.

Senate Votes to Make Changes in 'Rights' Bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee voted yesterday to make changes in the civil rights bill which, if accepted by the Senate, could drag out action still longer.

The first major change that the committee voted in the House bill would make it a federal crime to obstruct all federal court orders—not just those dealing with school desegregation. That passed 9-5.

Another change struck out a part of the bill's antibombing section.

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