

AF Panel Will Offer New Plan

By PAT DYER

Penn State men with visions of taking off into the wild blue yonder may be able to learn to fly, fill their basic ROTC requirements and get an almost free education at the same time, if an Air Force proposal now under consideration in the Pentagon is approved.

The proposed plan discussed by the Air Force ROTC Advisory Panel in December calls for condensing the traditional four year AFROTC course into two years with scholarships of about \$1100 awarded to each selected candidate for commission.

The new AFROTC proposal, already approved by the Air Force staff and now awaiting review by the Department of Defense for legislation, would eliminate the two year basic course which Air Force officials regard as "not only unnecessary but an actual barrier to attracting certain needed categories of college students."

Under the proposed plan cadets would enter AFROTC training in their junior year. Subjects now taught in the basic course would be taken in two summer camps, the first camp period coming between the sophomore and junior year, the second between the junior and senior year.

Two reasons prompting the decision to drop the basic course requirements, according to an Air Force press release are, the high cost of producing ROTC graduates and the increased study load heaped on science and engineering students, which has caused students to avoid the present program.

A two-year program with the two years of basic eliminated would also enable transfer and junior college students to participate in ROTC.

The merit scholarships would be financed partially from savings made by eliminating training thousands of freshmen and sophomores now enrolled in the basic program throughout the nation.

Air Force ROTC classes are conducted in 172 colleges and universities in addition to Penn State. The average cost of producing one officer through ROTC is \$7000.

Air Force officials estimate the new program would save more than two million dollars annually.

If the new program is adopted, it will be the first major change in the Reserve Officers Training Corps since it was organized in 1916.

Sloane Names Advisory Board For Freshman

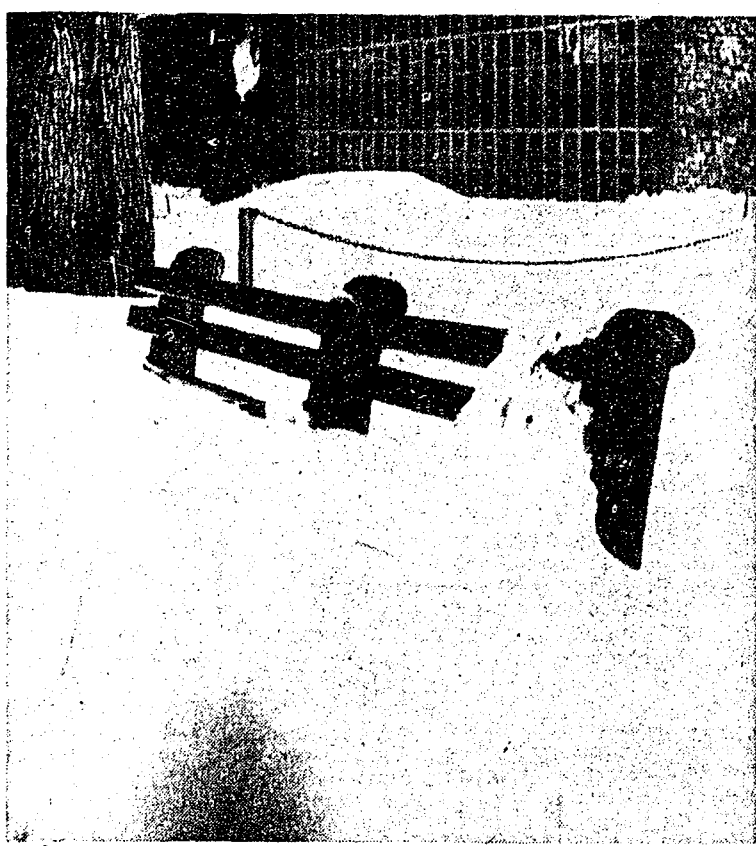
Jim Sloane, freshman class president, recently announced the selection of the Freshman Class Advisory Board. Members are:

Gay Allebaugh, Ronald Butler, Trudy Cader, Judith Carter, Charles Chasar, Lynn Crawford, Jeffrey Edelman, Sandra Ehrenwerth, Carol Ennis, Raven Fennell, Mary Gierhart, Kenneth Glass, Michael Goldman and Alan Grodin.

Katherine Gyger, Joy Hitchman, Guy Jackson, Carole Kismarie, Susan Krauss, James Kushner, John Macey, Ronald Markizon, Barry Neilinger, William Nyeum, Linda Petry, Kenneth Sanders, Barry Sims, Nancy Sleber, Beverly Spandau, James Truby, John Veach and Jon Young.

In addition to the foregoing, the following members of SGA are automatic members of the advisory board:

Charles Davison, Deborah Eddy, Martin Eichelberger, Ruth Falk, Harvey Gordon, Barbara Krauth, Dale Scott and Sandra Tait.



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NOT USED MUCH since the 17 inches of snow fell in the State College area over the weekend. Because of drifting and plowing, all the benches around campus are pretty well covered with snow like this one on the mall.

Students Snowed By Time, Storm

By DAVE RUNKEL

Students were presented with a 17-inch snowfall with drifts several feet high and a lot of spare time over the weekend before spring semester classes begin. These factors combined to produce some interesting and amusing as well as practical results.

Sled-riding down the hill by Atherton Hall was a popular sport enjoyed by several coeds Saturday night. Dining hall trays and trash can lids were used for extra speed. Apparently the girls had a wonderful and exciting time if screams of delight and shrills of fright can be a criterion to judge the success of the venture.

Some boys from the North Halls area also made use of the ingredients of snow and spare time by having a friendly game of football on the field across from Warnock Hall yesterday. New tactics were the feature of this snow game. Ball-burying and player-burying seemed to be the basic plays while such normal procedures as kicking and runs were not seen in the game.

Several unconventional snowmen appeared around campus on the back of the sleigh yesterday. Only a few of these were human. A nine-foot sculpture of Greek beauty was built by the inventive sisters of Alpha Phi. This snowman carried a pledge paddle and wore a pledge hat.

About half a mile north of this giant, near one of the greenhouses, another huge snowman was constructed. This one has a flower-pot hat and carries a six-pack of Duquesne — empty, now.

On Saturday some students were awakened by their clock-radios to a weather forecast calling for 118 degree temperatures and to tunes such as "We're Having a Heat Wave" and "It's Too Darn Hot" as WMAJ celebrated the storm.

Some townspeople also came up with solutions to the snow problem. Center Beverage solved its problems by hiring a horse and sleigh from a local farmer. A sign on the back of the sleigh announced, "The ale must go through."

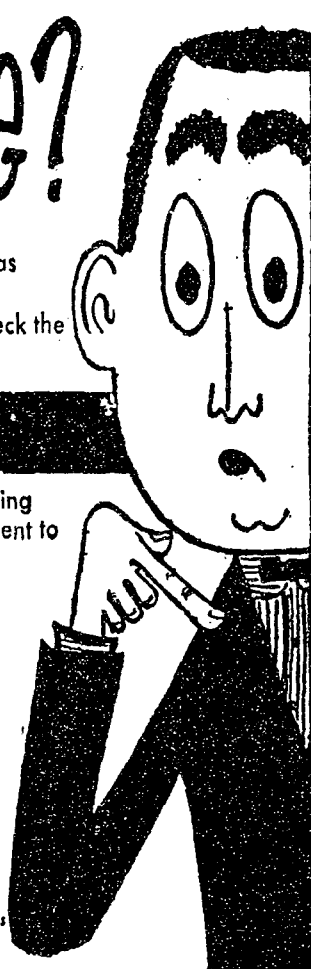
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Reactivated Sorority Will Enter Rushing

The number of sororities participating in Formal Spring Rush has increased from 25 to 26 with the addition of Alpha Kappa Alpha, recently reactivated by the Senate Subcommittee on Student Affairs.

Alpha Kappa Alpha, an international sorority with 180 chapters, was active on campus until 1958. At present it has eight members and five pledges living in different residence halls. Most of the present members are transfers, according to President Regina Olivis, who herself transferred from Ogontz Center.

The sorority will rush in 41 McElwain. Provisions have already been made for chapter meetings. The sorority will be on a provisional status until 12 pledges are added, according to Monroe Newman, chairman of the Subcommittee on Student Affairs.

Delegates from Alpha Kappa Alpha may sit on Panhellenic Council although they may not vote until the provisional status is lifted.

Alpha Kappa Alpha received its charter in March, 1953, as the 20th sorority on campus. Founded in 1908, the sorority has a chapter in Africa, located at Monroeville, Liberia.

Miss Olivis said that the sorority intends to participate in campus activities and has plans for its pledge dance, called the Ivy Debut, in the spring.

In addition, she said the chapter will work to further its national aims, including scholarships for undergraduates, foreign fellowships, health and housing projects and participation on the American Council on Civil Rights, an all-Greek organization. She said local activities will be divided into a social and cultural program and a program for civic service.

Harvard Prof Will Lecture In Grad Series

Three speakers have been scheduled for the spring semester on the Graduate School Lecture Series.

James S. Ackerman, professor of art and architecture at Harvard University and currently visiting fellow at Princeton University, will speak Feb. 21 on "Abstract Art: The Critics' Nemesis." Co-sponsor of the lecture is the division of art and architectural history.

Harry Wexler, director of meteorological research with the U.S. Weather Bureau, will speak on "Frontiers of Satellite Meteorology" on March 23, co-sponsored by the department of meteorology.

Philip Morrison, professor of physics in the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies, Cornell University, will discuss "The Ape at the Typewriter: An Analysis of Chance and Design" on May 4, co-sponsored by the department of physics.

All of the lectures are scheduled for 8 p.m. in 121 Sparks.

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