

Editorial Opinion

# Bring Back Deferred Rush

Following the disastrous experience of many fraternities this year, the Interfraternity Council Rush Committee has recommended going back to deferred rush next year.

Many fraternities watched a sizable list of new pledges practically disintegrate and others saw their lists dwindle when averages came out.

IFC had abandoned the deferred rush system for a modified plan this year after a vote of fraternity presidents last spring.

The move proved detrimental to both the fraternities and the rushees.

It is hard to estimate how much effect the modified rushing plan had on the averages of first semester freshmen. One can only say that it was one more thing competing for the freshman's time and luring him away from studies. To go beyond that would be speculation.

But it is easier to assess the damage to fraternities, who spent much time and money only to lose men because they didn't make their average.

The proposal of the IFC rush committee would remedy this by again isolating freshmen for their first term so they could concentrate on studying and adjusting to college life.

Rushing would begin in the winter term with only those freshmen who had made a 2.2 average eligible.

The advent of the four-term system would make it a little easier to impose such a system on fraternities who are anxious to reach the freshmen as soon as possible. Freshmen will only have to wait ten weeks for an academic assay of their ability to learn and adjust.

There are other features of the Rush Committee's proposal that will cause much controversy, but certainly the return to deferred rush is a good move for both the fraternities and the rushees.

Letters

# Two Discuss Constitution; And 'Invasion'

TO THE EDITOR: From your editorial of March 1:

"The men in this residence hall (Nittany 37) had valid reason for protesting a room search without the presence of the occupants. The dean of men's office had admitted that this was a slip-up on the part of the counselor and has re-emphasized its policy that room occupants or the president of the residence hall be present during all searches."

Enough said. However, the editorial left the unavoidable conclusion that because damning evidence was found during the search, the manner of the search was justified. In other words, the end justifies the means.

May we quote to you Amendment IV of the Constitution of the United States of America:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall be issued, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

It seems that there is room for controversy as to whether or not these men had cause for "irresponsible accusations."

—David P. Weinstein, '63  
Carl L. Frederick, '64  
(Ed. Note: We suggest you reread the part of our editorial that you quoted. We in no way justified the manner of the search.)

From Washington

# Newsmen Unhappy As Video 'Extras'

By ROBERT FRANKLIN

WASHINGTON—Should a newspaper reporter be forced into the role of an unpaid television actor?

That's one of a host of questions making the rounds of the Capital circuit following President Kennedy's first few news conferences.

News conferences — or the lack of them — are where a President's press relations are most likely to be made. And news conferences find newsmen at their touchiest.

The TV question came up under President Eisenhower when veteran newspapermen complained that they were being used as free actors in questioning the President before television cameras.

Newspaper correspondents who were unhappy about President Eisenhower's delayed telecasts must be doubly upset to find themselves helping a competitive media disseminate news even before they can 'phone it in.'

United Press International came up with one possible solution at the Feb. 15 conference. Although no one was allowed to leave the room during the conference, UPI received permission to send out signals, just as the air media was doing.

So two UPI reporters in an overhead booth dictated copy to their Washington bureau to be placed on the wires as soon as the conference broke up.

The President himself may promote one idea that would frustrate air media in news

conferences which are not broadcast live.

That would be to abandon the reporters' traditional "Thank you, Mr. President," as the end of the conference. Mr. Kennedy did this and lengthened slightly his second meeting with the press.

Radio especially has taken advantage of the precise timing of past press conferences, with some networks broadcasting direct reports on regularly scheduled newscasts.

Another objection to TV came from a highly respected correspondent who would like the President to be free to go into background material on which he doesn't want to be quoted.

Perhaps the most important objection to the live TV conferences is danger of a Presidential "bloop" creating a sudden international crisis.

Despite Mr. Kennedy's smooth approach to the camera, it would be all too easy to come out with an explosive statement — such as his original Quemoy-Matsu position in the campaign debates. It's been hard enough for some Presidents to keep their feet out of their mouths when they have time to think about what they're saying, much less roasting under kleig lights.

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# Soph Revises Judgement On Nittany

TO THE EDITOR: The motto for today: Know all the facts before you write.

I have slandered the Department of Housing in my letter of Feb. 27, concerning the Nittany 37 debacle. To the Housing Department: my apologies. To the dean of men: my fervent hopes that such an incident shall not occur again.

The administration-student relationship is a two-way street. However, it seems so far, that the administration has the right-of-way.

The student body has but one recourse open to it, that of appealing to their legislators in the state capitol. Since the legislature controls the purse strings, effective pressure can be put on the administration by them.

When you as students feel that you have been unjustly put upon by the administration, the town merchants, or any other group, let your legislators know. Also, let them know now how you feel about the proposed tuition increase.

—K. C. Rhody, Jr., '62

HOSPITAL:  
John B. Adams, Nell Anderson, Jeanne Averill, Barbara Baran, Richard Campbell, Charles Drum, Judith Fara, David Greenblatt, Thomas Greenlee, Susan Hirschfeld, Rosalind Katz, Allen Kine, Jean Kochel, Helen Ledoux, Carol Messikomer, Gerald Modell, David Robinson, Carol Ross, William Soost, Russell Zimmerman.

Letters

# Advice to Soph Poet

TO THE EDITOR: It is no simple matter, this, to correspond in verse.

To write a measured message that is to the point and terse;

Especially when there's something of importance to be said.

The problem is enough to give one pains about the head.

The wording must be fitted in with metre and with form.

And rhyme, too, yet the grammar must not stray too far from norm;

But, to matters of iambic, dithyrambic and the rest,

I have come to the conclusion that the simplest is the best.

And so I will submit to you these pointers, if I might:

Quadrimeters iambic are the easiest to write,

And rhyming couplets, also, are of all the rhymes least hard,

So start with these if you would have distinction as a bard.

—Blair R. Martin

# On Right of Criticism

TO THE EDITOR: Concerning the recent controversy over the "Nittany search," we feel added comment is appropriate to clear the position of some so-called "non-thinking town students." Perhaps this unfortunate incident was unique and is opposed to administration policy as stated by the office of the dean of men. If so, we are greatly relieved.

We certainly realize that this search was justified and do not condone the behavior of some of these students. However, we do not feel that violations by a few justify the infringements on the rights of of many; nor do we feel two wrongs make a right.

We also believe that we must disagree with the editorial which questioned our right to criticize something which does not directly affect us.

It is not only the privilege of every citizen to criticize any action contrary to our democratic principles, it is their duty. If only those speak out who are affected by acts of this nature, it would make possible the abrogation of the rights of all minorities.

If the rights of others are violated today without protest, what makes us think our rights will not be violated tomorrow? Was it necessary to live in the South prior to the Civil War to recognize the evil of slavery? Was it necessary to

live on the west coast during World War II to realize the unconstitutionality of the confining of those of Japanese ancestry? Was it necessary to be branded a Communist by McCarthy in order to protest his violation of other's rights?

We also think somebody is guilty of "non-thinking." We believe however the "guilty" to be the person responsible for the editorial opinion expressed on Wednesday, who seemingly holds lightly the principles on which our government stands, and not those students who felt it their obligation to speak out on the matter.

—Milton Brubaker, '61  
William McNeil, '61

(Ed. Note: We did not question your right to criticize. We maintain the Letters column specifically for this purpose. However, we are disturbed when people criticize without making a personal check into all the facts.)

### WDFM Schedule

- SATURDAY**
- 2:00 Metropolitan Opera (Live)
  - 6:09 Spotlight
  - 6:55 Weatherscope
  - 7:00 Hi Fi Open House
  - 9:00 Off-Beat
  - 1:00 Rony and Mr. X
  - 3:00 Sign Off
- SUNDAY**
- 5:00 Chapel Service
  - 6:00 Chamber Music
  - 6:30 Mormon Choir
  - 7:00 Highlights of the Week
  - 7:15 The Third Programme
  - 1:00 Sign Off

# Gazette

- TODAY**
- Debaters, 10 a.m., 218 HUB
  - Interstate Debate, 9 a.m., HUB assembly room
  - ISA, 1 p.m., 212 HUB
  - IVCF, 1 p.m., 217 HUB
  - LA Steering Committee, 2 p.m., 212 HUB
  - Student Movies, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
  - UCA Forum, 8 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
- SUNDAY**
- Chapel service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab Chem-Phys Student Council, 2 p.m., 212 HUB
  - Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB card room
  - DARE, 3 p.m., Faith Church, second floor lounge
  - Kappa Sigma Society, 7:00 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
  - Folklore Society, 7:30 p.m., 212-218 HUB
  - Freshman-Sophomore Dance Committee, 1:30 p.m., 213 HUB

- Junior Class Advisory Board, 7 p.m., HUB
  - Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorus concert, 8 p.m., Schwab
  - Protestant Service of Worship, 9 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel
  - Riding Club lecture, 8 p.m., Home Ec auditorium
  - Riding Club reception, 9:30 p.m., HUB main lounge
  - Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab
  - Spring Week Publicity, 1 p.m., 212 HUB
  - Student Handbook, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
  - Student Movie, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
  - Student Worship Service, 9 a.m., Wesley Foundation
  - Swedenborgian, 10:45 a.m., 212 HUB
  - UCA, 3 p.m., 214 HUB
- MONDAY**
- Alpha Colony, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
  - Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
  - Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
  - BX, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
  - Froth Circulation, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
  - Gymnastics Club, beginners—6:30, advanced—7:30, body mechanic room, White
  - IFC, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
  - ISA, 7 p.m., 202 HUB
  - IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
  - IVCF, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
  - Naval Reserve Research Co., 4-4, 7 p.m., 303 Wagner
  - Physics Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., 117 Osmond
  - Science Institute Lecture, 7:30 p.m., 119 Osmond
  - Spring Week Carnival Committee, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
  - Penn State Model Railroad Club, 7:30 p.m., 218 HUB
  - Placement, 8 a.m., 212 HUB
  - World University Service, 9 p.m., 217 HUB