

Editorial Opinion

Fraternity Discrimination

DARE (Direct Action for Racial Equality) is now seeking support from student groups for its proposal to abolish discrimination clauses in fraternity and sorority constitutions within five years.

We had proposed, on Feb. 8, that the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils working in conjunction with the Senate Committee on Student Affairs seek to abolish these clauses possibly with a University regulation outlawing them. Our proposal was ignored.

DARE's attempt to get support for its proposal from other student groups may not be successful either, because it will take courage to support it and we suspect the chief response will be the fence-sitting refusal to give an opinion.

We can hope, however, that DARE will get clear yes or no answers.

In regard to the value of the DARE proposal, we are not so naive as to believe that the removal of these clauses will change the composition of these groups overnight.

We do not even particularly care whether or not the local Alpha Tau Omega chapter ever pledges Jewish boys or Negro boys or Hindus.

BUT we definitely feel that these national rules are holding down chapters which would like to select their members on criteria other than race or religion.

We also feel that the local groups ought to have the right to choose whomever they please, on whatever basis they decide to use. They should not be bound by outmoded rules made years ago by people very far removed from local conditions and modern ideas.

If the local members decide they do not want Jewish people, Negroes and any people with dark hair, then we realize that it is their right to do so.

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The movement to remove these clauses by University regulation is hardly unique to Penn State. It has been done successfully at Colgate and Ohio State and we think this University should definitely lend its support.

The national groups themselves cannot rule very long by continually imposing restrictions which some or many of their locals find oppressive. They may soon face the choice of changing with the times or becoming extinct.

National fraternities are not nearly in as strong a position as Senator Barry Goldwater or Banta's Greek Exchange would like to believe they are.

We had hoped that the discrimination clauses could be voluntarily abolished within each group or at least that the local councils governing these groups would take some action.

If, however, none is forthcoming from any group, we urge that the administration of this University establish a rule giving all fraternities and sororities a definite time period in which to get their discriminatory clauses removed or go local.

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Interpreting

Kennedy and Latin America

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President Kennedy will announce plans for his "alliance of progress" with Latin America next week during a period of speculation as to whether the United States may be traveling a one-way street.

All of the countries to the South need economic aid. Some of them, like Mexico, need it to keep up steam on programs which have produced considerable achievement and promise.

Others have been going through political and economic changes which have prevented them from getting their feet on the ground. Both the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations have been



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attempting to arrange sound cooperation.

The planning, however, has run headon into a Communist infiltration situation which affects virtually the entire area. Some of the governments face internal political instability because of it.

Others have taken only a hesitating—and therefore painful—grasp of the Cuban nettle. When Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro says he is not attempting to export his revolution to other countries, they would rather listen to him than to U.S. warnings against allowing Castro to consolidate his position.

Brazil, traditionally allied with the United States, apparently is being carried into a position of leadership among the countries which place demonstrations of their political independence above cooperation.

There is an appearance of developing neutralism on the Cuban issue.

There is even evidence that

some governments are over-stressing the growth of communism in an effort to build a fire under the United States.

In the circumstances it is understandable that the United States should have trouble determining just what her goals and methods should be.

Take Mexico, for instance. She has been making great economic strides; and openly credits the help of the United States. Relations have improved steadily over the years since her oil expropriations. Yet she harbors one of the best-organized, best-financed and most active Communist cadres in the West.

It is inevitable that such situations, highlighted by what developed from a small leftist spark in Cuba, shall be prominently in the background when the Kennedy program goes to Congress.

The Latin Americans themselves, or some of them, are preventing the good business and good political approach which the problems need.

Letters

Dialogue On Man's Goodness

TO THE EDITOR: A short dialogue on the goodness of man. Characters: Jesus, ATO Rushing Chairman

Scene: Somewhere in the HUB

ATO Rushing Chairman (apologetically): Well you see how it is. We'd really like to have you in the house, but you know about these rules.

Jesus (puzzled): There are no rules I am familiar with that would prevent me from pledging your fraternity.

Chairman: We discussed this at our meeting last night, and I'm afraid we can't take any Jews.

Jesus (Waving arms in bewilderment): But I thought a fraternity was an organization dedicated to the brotherhood of man.

Chairman (tapping spoon on table in time to Elvis Presley record): Oh it is. However, you fail to realize that religion plays an important part in our fraternity life. You wouldn't fit in at all in any of these religious activities.

Jesus: Well that may be, but how do you explain this policy to the administration?

Chairman: We just explain to them that a fraternity is a private organization, and any interference on their part would be a direct threat to our American system of democracy and our right of free association.

Jesus (looking relieved): Now I understand what Barry Goldwater meant when he said that the fraternal system was our greatest bulwark against Communism.

Chairman: I'm glad that you realize that this is the best of all possible fraternal systems.

Jesus and ATO rushing chairman shake hands, get up from table, lock arms, and exit singing "Outwardly Christian Soldiers."

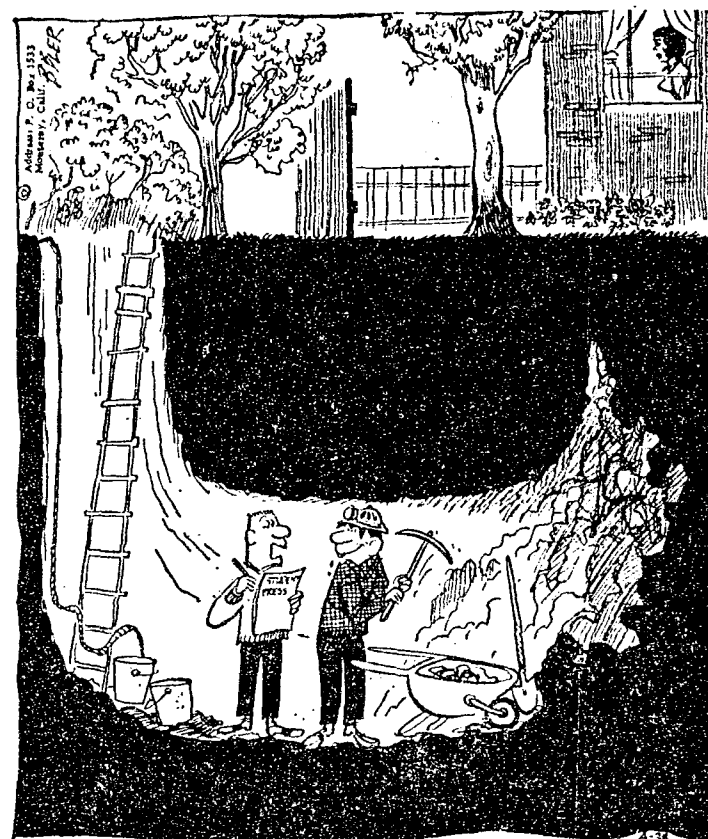
—Mike Muldower, '62

Gazette

TODAY
Bridge Lessons, 6:30 p.m., HUB card room
Bus Ad Council, 8:30 p.m., 218 HUB
IFC, 9:30 p.m., 111 Boucke
ISA dance, 8 p.m., HUB ballroom
MI Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., MS auditorium
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Little Man On Campus By Dick Bibler



"AS AN ITEM FOR OUR STUDENT PRESS—WHAT'S YOUR ENGINEERS OPINION OF THE EARLY CLOSING HOURS FOR WOMEN?"

On Other Campuses

Loyalty, ROTC, Salaries

Compiled from the Intercollegiate Press

NEW YORK — Barnard College trustees have announced support for the recommendation of President Kennedy's Task Force on Education which advises that the disclaimer clause of the National Defense Education Act be eliminated. Barnard has refused to participate in the NDEA because of the loyalty clause. Last year the Student Council and the Representative Assembly adopted resolutions opposing it.

MADISON, Wis. — Students and regents of the University of Wisconsin worked together to put military training on a voluntary basis last semester.

Seventy-five per cent of the number who entered third year Army ROTC in the fall of 1959 must enter this program in the fall of 1961 and 1962. Otherwise, the University will revert to compulsory basic ROTC.

Under the present program all male freshmen are required to take an orientation program in the several ROTC curricula. The orientation can take no more than five class hours. Gerard A. Rohlich, chairman of the faculty's special

ROTC Policy Committee, said criticisms of the program are under consideration but "in our opinion the orientation program was constructive, helpful to the student and should be continued."

PRINCETON, N.J. — The Board of Trustees of Princeton University recently approved an upward revision of salary scales for the faculty effective Feb. 1, 1961. The new salary minimums are: professors, \$12,000; associate professors, \$9,000; assistant professors, \$7,000; instructors, \$6,000.

"Across the board" increases were also approved at the annual rate of \$500 for professors and associate professors and \$250 for assistant professors and instructors.

LAWRENCE, Kansas — Senior women living in organized houses on the University of Kansas campus may now check out a key and remain out past the closing hours established by the AWS Board of Standards.

Parental permission is required for senior women to take advantage of this plan which is termed "strictly experimental" by the dean of women.