

FCC Decision Protested

The Joint Council on Educational Broadcasting along with the University filed a petition against a recent Federal Communications Commission ruling, Ray Wilkinson Jr., University attorney, said yesterday.

The council represents virtually the entire educational community, Wilkinson said. Its petition, along with the University's, was filed in August in the U.S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia.

The ruling which was protested by the JCEB, a national council of eight educational organizations, involves the future expansion of educational television in the very high frequency bands (VHF channels 2-13).

The FCC turned down requests for reserved noncommercial educational channels submitted on behalf of the Rochester, N.Y. Area Educational Television Association and this University. The Rochester group also filed a petition against the decision, Wilkinson said.

At the same time, he said, the FCC proposed three commercial VHF channels for the Rochester and Johnstown areas.

The FCC action, for the most

part, affects "major markets" which already have two commercial network VHF television services," Wilkinson said. The council believes that such communities should have the benefit of more diversified programming services than commercial stations are able to provide, he said.

"The FCC's rulings favor commercial interests at the expense of non-commercial educational television," he said.

In line with this policy, the FCC has recently proposed that an additional commercial VHF channel be assigned to eight cities by reducing the usual required minimum separation between stations, Wilkinson said.

"However, the FCC has also indicated that no VHF assignments at short mileage separations are contemplated for education," he added.

The ruling presently stipulates that stations must be separated by a distance of 170 miles. In protesting the FCC decision, the University is asking that an exception to this ruling be made, Wilkinson said, since the nearest station is 158 miles away.

"The JCEB maintains that the

FCC has not only dealt a serious blow to the development of educational television, but, by its actions, has also ignored the clear implications of its own recent hearings in New York City," Wilkinson said.

These hearings revealed that the scope and quality of commercial network offerings are inadequate, he said, and since important public and national issues are raised, the JCEB has asked the federal courts to look at the entire situation.

The University is indirectly a member of the JCEB, according to Leslie P. Greenhill, associate director of academic research and services. The University belongs to the American Council on Education, one of the constituent members, he said.

The seven other members of the JCEB are the American Association of Land-Grant Colleges and State Universities; the American Association of School Administrators; the Council of Chief State School Officers; the National Association of Educational Broadcasters; the National Education Association of the United States; the National Educational Television and Radio Center; and the State Universities Association.

Pigossi, Henning, Fry Urge New SGA Election Method

Three students proposed revisions in the SGA Constitution to the University Senate Committee on Student Affairs last night.

Their proposal stated that nominations as well as elections for positions on SGA assembly be conducted within the groups to be represented, Richard Pigossi, president of the Inter-Fraternity Council said.

Pigossi, George Henning, president of the Men's Residence Council, and Robert Fry, president of Town Independent Men, went before the committee. Pigossi said they were acting as interested students, not as representatives of their organizations.

In citing part of their proposal, Pigossi said, women should be nominated and elected only by the

women whom they will represent on assembly. The mechanics of the nomination and election should be handled by the Association of Women Students, he said.

The present proposed party system allows for representatives to be nominated not only by those whom they will represent, but also by students with whom they have no connection as far as SGA is concerned, he said.

Under the proposed constitution, a fraternity man could be nominated not only by the fraternity men, whom he is to represent, but also by women, residence hall men or town men, Pigossi said.

"We feel that this is analogous to a congressional candidate from Wyoming being nominated (Continued on page seven)

Senate Tried Killing Turkey Trek in '60

By SARALEE ORTON

The four term system can be blamed for many things—longer classes and longer assignments—but it is not entirely responsible for a shorter Thanksgiving vacation. There were ideas about eliminating the students' trek home for turkey as early as the 1960 spring semester.

In May 1960, a proposal appeared before the University Senate to eliminate the Thanksgiving recess in order to avoid an irregularity in class scheduling.

At this time, the University was operating on a 15-week semester plan, and the 2½-day Thanksgiving vacation made it impossible for some classes to meet the required number of times, Benjamin A. Whisler, then chairman of the Senate Committee on Calendar and Class Schedule, said yesterday.

The possibility of eliminating Thanksgiving vacation was approved by the Senate in a straw vote the month before, Whisler said, but was voted down at the May meeting.

Several senators opposed the proposal because they felt students would cut Friday and Saturday classes if they were allowed only one day for Thanksgiving.

No alternative plan was adopted and the 1960 fall semester included a Thanksgiving vacation with no provisions for classes which did not meet the required number of times.

"Thanksgiving vacation has always been a nuisance calendar-wise," Whisler said. He explained that for a time, while there was a Thanksgiving vacation, the Monday after the fifteenth week became a Thursday, the Tuesday a Friday and Wednesday a Saturday in order to have all classes meet an equal number of times.

This system was confusing to both students and faculty and eventually was eliminated, Whisler said. The program in its place included regular Monday, Tues-

day and Wednesday morning classes after the 15 weeks.

The former plan is similar to the one which Harvey Klein and Marjorie Ganter, student members of the calendar committee proposed two weeks ago.

The proposal which they presented to the calendar committee did not contain any changes for specific dates, but was a general amendment to provide for a longer Thanksgiving vacation this year and in the future.

The committee voted not to recommend this plan to the Senate at the November meeting.

Soph from York Fined For Breaking, Entering

Douglas W. Hollinger, sophomore in the Division of Counseling from York, was arrested Saturday night after having broken into the office of Dr. Harriet Harry, 319 S. Pugh St.

Hollinger was found hiding in the office by Dr. Harry, who contacted the police. Justice of the Peace Guy G. Mills imposed a fine of \$61.50 and ordered Hollinger to make restitution for the damages, which were estimated at \$39.95.

Pumpkin Contest

The Pollock AWS community council will sponsor a "Carve a Pumpkin" contest today, Barbara Feit, president of the council announced.

The contest is open to all women living in the Pollock area and the carved pumpkin may be entered by an individual or by a group.

The entries are to be taken to the Pollock Dining Hall between 4 and 5 p.m. today. Judging will be at 6:30. Prizes will be awarded.

Miss Feit explained that candles may be used inside the pumpkins, but that they may not be lit until they have been submitted.

The judges will be the community co-ordinators from the Nittany area and Pollock A.

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Miss Sally Reynolds

If destiny doesn't worry you, then you won't mind being reminded that those fun-loving alumni who you entertained over the weekend will some day be you.

A friend of ours doing some last minute research for his doctorate in psychology needs your help in attempting to prove a pet theory of his. Namely — that personality can be predicted (to no small degree) by an individual's oral reaction to candy, such as life savers. He asked if we would encourage students to drop us a postcard indicating their method of dissolving life savers. You need not include your name on the card. Our friend promised he will make an attempt to reply to each card that does bear a name and address. Cards need only be addressed to our studio.

Perhaps some of you who witnessed the Ballet this past Sunday evening may be interested in knowing that the particularly difficult selection, "Combat", was performed by an artist in his forties. John Kriza has been performing for more than 20 years. Miss Serrano who co-starred is in her thirties. Quite a feat!

One of the more difficult endeavors is trying to select one girl out of the dozens we photograph each week to head our column. Each year, one girl chosen from those whose name or photograph appears in this column has been sent to Puerto Rico, Bermuda or Fort Lauderdale for the Easter Week vacation. (A change of plans may be necessary at this time because of shorter vacations.) Occasional long distant calls from mothers cajoling us to consider their daughter as a candidate and other indirect pressures haven't as yet influenced our decision. We have known of a few whose ire was aroused simply because they felt that they were more qualified than the girl who was chosen, how profoundly analytic of his kith and kind is the second rate critic with the frustrated mind. Robie Grimberg of Gamma Phi Beta was one of our more enjoyable sittings we had this past week.

The unique originality of Phi Kappa Tau's lawn display over the weekend was well forth the considerable effort that went into it. One of the best we have seen in years.

As of this past weekend, the following organizations have their 1962 composites ready and hanging. Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Chi Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Sigma Phi, Phi Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma, Alpha Colony.

The Countess? Your written responses indicate a desire to read her further observations. And so shall you be rewarded.

-bill coleman

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Hearing Set--

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of oxygen in the water. Because of these fish kills the Sanitary Water Board ordered the University to improve its sewage plant so that less nitrogen and phosphorous nutrients would be discharged into the stream.

It is these nutrients which fertilize the aquatic plant life which use up the oxygen.

The University made minor changes in the treatment plant early in 1959. Later that year the water board said that these changes did not halt the pollution.

After 2½ years of studies and conferences between the University, the water board and the fish commission, last September the board issued the order which the University is appealing.