

Editorial Opinion

A Panhel for Pledges

A recommendation was made by the Panhellenic Workshop Sunday to establish a Junior Panhellenic Council—an advisory body to the Panhellenic Council composed of sorority pledges which would operate along the same lines as the parent organization.

We feel such an organization would directly benefit the sorority system at the University.

The function of a Junior Panhel would be to coordinate the pledge classes of each sorority on campus in much the same way as the Panhellenic Council now coordinates all of the chapters.

It would draw pledges into the active operations of sororities besides giving them an early insight into the problems and projects which confront sororities.

A Junior Panhel would provide an excellent training ground for future leaders of sororities and the Panhellenic Council.

Early training offered by this organization would provide invaluable background knowledge that would enable future Panhel members to form rational, well-founded opinions on sorority matters. This would, in the long run, make for a stronger Panhellenic Council than exists at present.

Besides benefiting the members of a Junior Panhellenic Council, this subsidiary organization could be used to definite advantage by the Panhellenic Council.

Pledges who would compose the organization would have just completed rush and, consequently, would be able to offer fresh ideas for revisions in the next rush program.

By discussing important issues confronting the Panhellenic Council, Junior Panhel could be a valuable source of recommendations for the senior organization.

We feel a Junior Panhellenic program set in operation after the formal rush period in January could operate effectively until its pledge members were initiated into their respective sororities—probably at the end of the spring term.

A Junior Panhellenic Council was established in 1960 but disbanded because the group felt that they did not have a purpose.

We feel such a group could have a very definite purpose by training and coordinating pledge classes and thereby providing for a strong Panhellenic in the future.

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... And More Snow

by John Beauge

Tuesday's heavy snow created all sorts of experiences for students and the townspeople. Some of these events they would like to forget while others will be remembered as fun.

Take Tuesday evening, for example. Studying for finals or bluebooks seemed to remain as the obvious pastime.

But snow figures, whether they be snowmen, lions or other creations, sprang up on the lawns of the dormitories. As soon as they were built, somebody would call the Collegian and request a picture of it.

Of course there were the mischievous boys who felt called upon to knock these creations down. But that all goes with a snowstorm.

Snow sculpturing appeared for the first time in many years on the lawn in front of Temporary Building. Exact figures were carved out of the white fluffy snow.

The men in Nittany built a

large snowgirl which was taller than the dorm. The girls in a home management house did not want to be outdone so they built one too.

In the fraternity section, snowball fights raged most of the evening. A few windows were broken at one fraternity house but they are going to be replaced in the spirit of fun.

One fraternity pulled an unusual prank. A brother had given up the hope of getting his volkswagen BEAUGE out of the snow in the house parking lot. While he was studying, some of his fraternity brothers buried the car in snow.

There were plenty of depressing incidents, also. Many people needed help getting their cars out of snow banks.

Others found themselves making the original path as they trudged to first period classes. Then there were the ones who found the going slip-

pery and ended up right on top of snow.

The State College merchants could have almost closed their shops Tuesday and Wednesday. Very few people ventured out of their homes unless they absolutely had to.

The camera bugs had a field day with Wednesday's bright sun and the snow still clinging to many trees and bushes.

But as all good things must end, so the snow is beginning to melt. This is noticed most in the streets where chemicals aided the melting. Here the slush forms and the walking conditions became even worse than they were on Tuesday.

However, except for the ones who caught cold from wet feet or too many snowballs down their back, almost everyone will agree that Tuesday's snow was something to see.

Very few students have ever seen this much snow at one time and chances of seeing it again in this area in the near future are not too bright.

In a way, this storm couldn't have hit at a better time as far as the students are concerned. By blowing off steam Tuesday night, they can now begin studying in earnest for finals.

Letters

Head Tax Explanation Questioned

TO THE EDITOR: We have read the account of the incisive exposition of the local head tax which boro officials Hoffman, Glenn, Miller, and Cowell presented to TIM Council on Wednesday.

It is difficult to decide, from the article, whether the law is hopelessly ambiguous, or the officials hopelessly ill-informed, or both.

The lack of information on the part of Messrs. Hoffman, et al., with respect to the applicability of the head tax to fraternity men, allows no choice between the alternatives.

Perhaps the law is fuzzy about the question of applicability, fraternity men having been granted immunity by some assessor who was an old Sigma Phi Nothing. Or, the law may grant an explicit immunity of which the boro officials are ignorant.

However, of perhaps greater importance is the question of voting eligibility and taxation. In this hot bed of patriotic fervor it is surprising to find anyone upholding the principle of taxation without representation, as Mr. Cowell does (e.g., "the right to vote has no bearing on whether the resident of a community has to pay taxes.")

Wasn't there the same colonial trouble about this issue a century or two ago? And how did that finally come out, Mr. Cowell?

Following, for the moment, Mr. Cowell's lead in ignoring the Constitution, we are still left with the problem of defining a "resident of a community." Is this a person who merely lives there—or is it a person who has some legal voice in the affairs of the community?

If not the latter, then why are people under 21 not taxed also? (Could it be because 21 is the legal voting age?) After years of harrassment by local tax officials, it would seem that students have some right to expect that those officials should be aware, at least, of the details of local laws, if not of the great national traditions which alone can justify those laws.

TIM is to be commended for raising these questions. Let us hope that the boro has, somewhere, someone who can answer them.

—H. A. Walters, Grad student —Odin Vick, Grad student

World At A Glance South Viet Nam Faces Flareup Court Okays Pay Television

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — Running battles between government forces and Communist guerrillas flared over much of the southern third of South Viet Nam yesterday.

Casualties mounted on both sides as Viet Cong guerrillas began striking hard, sometimes in units of 1,000 men, and the government struck back even harder in what was shaping up as the biggest military struggle since South Viet Nam became independent in 1954.

INFORMED SOURCES estimated 1,000 men have been killed, wounded or captured on the two sides in the last 12 days.

No American casualties were reported in that period, though U.S. Army helicopters were active, all over the jungle map ferrying government troopers and supplies.

One helicopter was forced down by engine trouble yesterday in a guerrilla-infested region. It was flying supplies to 1,500 Vietnamese operating on a finger of land in the Mekong River delta.

TROOPS DREW a security zone around the craft and the military command in Saigon hoped to get a spare engine to the helicopter by today.

The 1,500 troops were sent into the delta by landing craft and on foot to hunt down a band of Red guerrillas.

U.S., Russia Hail Exchange Pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new two-year agreement providing for an expanded exchange of culture between the United States and Russia was signed yesterday.

Both sides hailed it as a step forward in Soviet-U.S. relations.

The pact, replacing one that expired Dec. 31, was signed in a State Department ceremony which climaxed negotiations that have been under way since January.

As a result, the next two years are expected to bring a 10 to 15 per cent increase in the number of exchange visits between the two countries. These exchanges totaled approximately 4,000 under the previous two-year program.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Court of Appeals turned down a group of theater operators yesterday in their effort to block the start of a large-scale tryout of pay television.

The three-year experiment now is expected to start in Hartford, Conn., in June, unless it is halted by an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Federal Communications Commission authorized the trial run Feb. 24, 1961, after 10 years of controversy over whether it should be allowed.

The theater owners filed suit to stop the project on the ground the FCC lacked authority to approve it.

The U.S. Court of Appeals, in an opinion by Judge Warren E. Burger, said that "unless the future of television is to be confined to its present state," the commission must be allowed an opportunity to experiment with new systems.

Subscribers to the system will be provided with an unscrambling device for their sets that will enable them to receive the pay TV programs, and at the same time will record their usage of the broadcasts for billing purposes.

Air Force Minuteman Launched Successfully

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Air Force Minuteman missile has scored its sixth straight underground launching success, leaping from an 85-foot-deep pit and streaking more than 3,000 miles down range yesterday.

Officials reported the three-stage intercontinental range weapon performed as planned during the flight, which gave all systems a thorough check-out.

Minuteman, this nation's only solid-fuel ICBM, is scheduled to become operational next summer.

Hays Leaves Contest For Lt. Governorship

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — State Sen. Jo Hays of Centre County withdrew yesterday as a potential candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant-governor.

In announcing his withdrawal, Hays said he would seek re-election to a third term as state senator from the 34th district embracing Clearfield and Centre counties.