

Editorial Opinion

Frosh Integration?

After two years of housing freshmen with upperclass women, next term may be a good time to find out how effective this new policy has been. A survey of campus coeds could show these results.

Dorothy J. Lipp, dean of women, argued in suggesting that freshmen be integrated with upperclass women, that beginning students would benefit from older women's experience. Thus, she reasoned, the University would be graduating mature, educated young women.

The Panhellenic Council workshop last weekend, however, recommended a re-establishment of freshman halls.

Dean Lipp countered that the issue was "closed"—the new policy would stand.

In support of this stand, Dean Lipp pointed to the fact that fewer women have dropped out of the University in the last two years. She also cited figures showing that three times as many coeds participated in rush this year than two years ago.

A survey of all women students could show whether these factors have come as a result of the change in housing policy, whether women nowadays just have more stamina or whether the four-term plan, with its reduced credits, has made it easier for women to attain the required average for rushing.

Arguments proffered by Panhel are that integrated halls create anti-sorority feeling. Other comments have been that freshmen lose the benefit of learning to adjust together.

Last fall AWS prepared to take such a survey, but disbanded its effort. If done now by AWS, no extra work would be required of the dean of women's staff and the staff would be under no obligation to utilize the results.

Only after the effort was made, however, could all parties involved—coeds, the dean of women and the administration—truly say the issue was "closed."

To Preserve a Tradition

Earlier in the year, Spring Week was altered to accommodate the four term system, an accommodation which eliminated an important part of the contest—the float parade.

To simply bid farewell to an institution that fostered good public relations for the University as well as a spirit of cooperation between both independent and Greek groups on campus seems to use an admission that good times must be sacrificed to a stepped-up academic pace.

As has been noted earlier, this float parade can be included in the fall term's homecoming celebrations. This would, we think, add some jubilation to homecoming, would permit all undergraduates to participate and would foster a greater sense of loyalty.

In addition, we would suggest that the parade also be repeated before the homecoming game itself, and that the winner be announced during half time.

We realize that it took many years to get the Homecoming Queen on the field, but we think that there might be room for the floats also.

Director of Athletics Ernest McCoy told us that the only time floats could conceivably be reviewed would be prior to game time, since the Blue Band has traditional priority at halftime. He also feared additional traffic congestion.

If the floats were parked in the area behind the East Stands of the Stadium, they would not interfere with spectators arriving or parking. The floats could be removed after the post-game exodus is over and would not present a traffic problem.

If it is true that Penn State lacks tradition, and there are these who say it does, then the Float Parade shouldn't be allowed to go down in history as "one of those events we used to have here." Neither should we allow it to be offered up as a sacrifice to the rigors of the four-term system.

a la carte

—Thirty—

by Karen Hynockeal

My mother writes that she hopes I won't have too much trouble getting all my stuff together. I hope so, too, but then you know how hard it is to find everything that belongs to you and assemble it in one place at one time. It takes much longer than the last two days before graduation.

Your friends ask if it will be hard to say good-bye next week and go home. And somehow you can't explain that both began sometime ago.

The spiral cement walk that leads to the top of Beaver Stadium is hard and cold and steep. You stop when you finally reach the upper, upper deck and you look at the campus and beyond, the town. They're awfully little from up there. Suddenly, you feel free.

Months later, long after football season, as you are being

swallowed up between Boucke and Sparks, you remember the top of Beaver Stadium. You feel free.

You go to classes faithfully, visit the library every once in awhile and start staying up all night, studying and learning. And then you find out the difference between the two—only one requires books.

If you like to write, you join The Daily Collegian. You start out writing headlines ("Prof Gets Grant") and then you advance to writing stories (some professor gets a grant).

You move on and up and out—all night while you wait for them to count spring election ballots in the HUB cardroom.

Another time you almost get arrested for flying through an intersection on Pollock Road—on a bike—so you could get back to the office before the deadline.

But none of these are the

same as working down at the shop until the much-too-early hours, trying to get the stories and the spaces to agree.

You wonder if anyone else feels the same. Then one day you notice some guy on the sports staff crowded into a corner with six bound volumes of back papers, looking for the score of the 1958 Penn State-Bucknell basketball game.

You want to say something and you start to but he looks up to ask "What's your trouble?"

"I can't find my magic marker."

He mumbles something about banning girls from the staff and you glower at your new, unaware, friend.

It's your last term, your last few nights around the office and a reporter asks you if you'll really hate saying good-bye and cleaning out your desk and all. You start to explain that somewhere in the years of college, we all begin to say good-bye and to collect the things that belong to us.

When we graduate, we only leave.

That's all.

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Miss Hynockeal

Letters

Frosh 'Praises'

Maintenance Men

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to congratulate the University maintenance on the beautiful job they did in removing snow from the area needed to park student cars in parking area 80.

Thanks to their valiant efforts many students were stuck because they had to park in the unplowed area.

I am sure that these students will cheerfully pay their \$10 parking fees next term when they remember how the University first cut down the size of the parking area and then did such a wonderful job maintaining it.

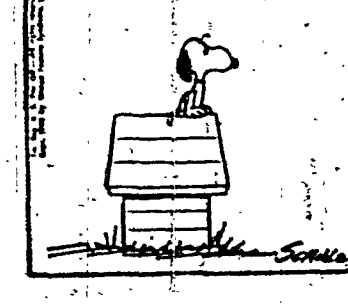
—Wynn Walker '65

Grads Corrected

TO THE EDITOR: We would like to apologize for an error in our letter in Friday's Collegian. Mr. David Cowell called to our attention the fact that he is not a borough official as we implied. He is an employee of the University.

We are sincerely sorry for misrepresenting Mr. Cowell.

—H. A. Walkers, Grad Student
—Olin C. Vick, Grad Student



World At A Glance

Pennsy, Central Eastern Coast File for Merger Hit by Storm, Clears Debris

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads formally asked permission yesterday to merge and form the nation's largest rail system—a proposal certain to stir a prolonged and bitter struggle.

The two railroads filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission their petition for approval of the merger plans first announced by the companies' executives last Jan. 12. Stockholders of the two corporations will be asked to approve the merger in separate meetings May 8.

IF APPROVED, the merger would produce a system with 20,073 miles of track, nearly 10 per cent of the national total and with more than \$5.3 billion in assets.

The companies now have about 121,000 employees, most of them represented by unions which are expected to oppose the merger strenuously.

In addition to the assured opposition of the unions, the merger probably will be fought before the ICC by some shippers fearing retrogression in service and perhaps by some railroads, fearing stiffer competition. It will be vigorously supported by the American Association of Railroads and other industry spokesmen.

Food Shortage Minimized by 'K'

MOSCOW (AP)—Soviet Premier Khrushchev, who said Monday the Soviet Union needs more food for its 200 million people, now denied that Soviet agriculture is in a state of crisis. He said the outlook is good.

Khrushchev issued the denial yesterday in the concluding speech at a special meeting of the Communist party Central Committee, called to consider farm issues.

The speech was delivered behind closed doors, but the official news agency Tass released a summary which reported:

"The secretary of the Communist party of the Soviet Union said that, contrary to the contention of certain bourgeois press organs, there was no crisis in Soviet agriculture.

"The fact is," he said, "that we simply do not have enough food."

A new storm moved in yesterday as the devastated eastern seaboard fought to clear a monumental mass of debris from the worst winter gale in its history. President Kennedy designated sections of five states as disaster areas.

The new storm dropped seven inches of snow on parts of Georgia. It moved on into Virginia and the ravaged states of Delaware and New Jersey lay in its path.

Sen. Clifford R. Case, R-N.J., announced in Washington that President Kennedy had designated as disaster areas hard-hit sections of New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia.

The storm which began Tuesday and ravaged the coast for three days left 38 known dead.

Damage was estimated at close to \$200 million, and the devastation exceeded that of many of the big hurricanes of the past.

Grange Master Remains in Race

HARRISBURG (AP) — J. Collins McSparran reaffirmed yesterday his determination to stay in the race for the Republican nomination for governor, challenging U.S. Rep. William W. Scranton, organization candidate, to debate with him the issues.

McSparran's decision to stay in the race meant a two-way fight at the May 15 primary for the GOP nomination. All other non-organization candidates in either party previously pulled out.

The 48-year-old master of the State Grange, oldest and largest farm organization in Pennsylvania, claimed a handful of men picked both parties' candidates for the governorship.

L.A. Newspaper Says Fishers Will Divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Elizabeth Taylor and Eddie Fisher will end their marriage because "she has fallen madly in love with Richard Burton," the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner reported yesterday.

A family spokesman termed the report "absolutely ridiculous."

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