



—Collegian Photo by Ken Franklin

**WATCH OUT FOR THE THORNS!** Members of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Kappa Sigma fraternity clear brush from the picnic area at Stone Valley Saturday afternoon during the Greek Week work project. Approximately 825 Greeks participated in the project.

## ACHiO, PiKA Capture Work Project Trophies

Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity won first place trophies in the Greek Week work project held Saturday at Stone Valley, David McClay, work project co-chairman said yesterday.

Winners of the second place cups were Kappa Delta sorority and Kappa Sigma fraternity, McClay said. Alpha Delta Pi and Kappa Alpha Theta tied for third place in the sorority division and Alpha Chi Sigma and Sigma Pi received third and fourth place respectively in the fraternity division, he said.

**APPROXIMATELY 825** Greeks helped to clear the picnic area at Stone Valley in the burning sun Saturday afternoon. Enthusiastic woodsmen hacked down trees and brush, loading them on dump trucks and hauled them to a blazing bonfire on the lake shore.

Coeds, complaining of scratches from the brush, spent most of the time digging thorns from their hands.

A game of "Avoid the Authorities While Swimming" started about midway through the afternoon. The object was for one group to jump into the water, and as the ranger chased them, another group about 75 yards away would dash into the lake.

The work session broke up around 3 p.m. when dark clouds appeared in the sky and rumbling of thunder were heard. As cheers came from many groups, people dashed for cars and a quick swim at Whipple's Dam or a picnic supper at the fraternity house.

# Apportionment Report Stirs Furor

By **KAY MILLS**  
News Editor

Release of a report prepared by Ruth Silva, professor of political science, has added emphasis to a U.S. Supreme Court case involving alleged inequalities in New York State's legislative representation.

The apportionment provisions of the state constitution are currently under attack before the Supreme Court in a suit initiated a year ago by New York radio station WMCA, a spokesman said. The case is being considered in relation to that court's ruling in Baker v. Carr that inequalities in districting may violate the equal protection laws required by the U.S. Constitution. Apportionment is therefore subject to court review.

**THE NEW YORK CASE** had been dismissed by a district court which felt it did not have jurisdiction over the issue. The decision, Dr. Silva said yesterday, was made before the Baker v. Carr ruling. The Supreme Court is now deciding whether the lower court does have jurisdiction, she said.

A summary of Dr. Silva's report maintains that the state constitution "guarantees and perpetuates a clear advantage to the rural voters of the state over the voters in its urban centers."

New York's constitution also fails to set population as the basis for representation in either house of the state legislature, it said.

**FIRST SUBMITTED** to the New York Temporary Commission on Revision and Simplification of the Constitution — the "Peck" Commission — in April 1960, Dr. Silva's report was not made public until two weeks ago.

On May 10, R. Peter Straus, president of WMCA, published the report and asked Gov. Nelson Rockefeller to call a special session of the legislature to begin the necessary constitutional revisions.

The station spokesman said WMCA did not receive the report from Dr. Silva. She said yesterday that she did not know from whom the report was obtained.

The commission, headed by David Peck, was abandoned by the legislature last year, reportedly because it was considering recommendations to reform the apportionment provisions of the state constitution, WMCA reported.

**STRAUS' REQUEST** to Rockefeller urged him "not to wait until reapportionment is compelled by a federal court" and "to assume the initiative now in bringing first-class citizenship to city voters."

In her report, Dr. Silva traced the history of legislative apportionment in New York from revolutionary times to the present. Her report indicated that the reduction of New York City's influence was "deliberately intended" by the constitutional authors.

For example, the report said that rural delegates to the legislature in 1894 claimed city residents were "unfitted for citizenship" and rural people had "greater intellect." These delegates also said, criminals and subversives.

**AS AN EXAMPLE** of the statistical tables in her report, Dr. Silva showed that assemblymen from Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Manhattan each represented 10 times as many voters as did the assemblyman from upstate Schuyler County.

In addition, the assemblymen from the 12 districts of the Bronx represent 1,368,000 citizens. The assemblymen, however, from the state's 12 smallest districts, all upstate, represent barely 300,000 people, the report said.

Nevertheless, though the Bronx assemblymen represent a million more citizens than the upstate assemblymen, they cast the same 12 votes in the legislature, it added.

**DR. SILVA SAID** that if the changes she recommended were made in New York apportionment, the locus of Republican power would move downstate. Changes would affect Democrats less but might save them from losing a few seats in the legislature.

### Art Prof to Retire July 1

Andrew W. Case, who has been teaching painting at the University for 36 years, will retire on July 1 as professor emeritus of art.



—Miss Carol Panepinto of Kappa Alpha Theta.

After the group picture of the Kappa formal held at the Holiday Inn this past Friday night, we had the pleasure of witnessing the performance of the Msrs. Burtis and Servello. One of the most entertaining duos ever seen in this area.

A low-flying bat almost interrupted our group picture of XO's at the Beta Omicron Pi house. And the DG's held their formal at Chi Phi.

Tomorrow will be the last day that any extra party pictures of this quarter will still be available.

—bill coleman

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