

Editorial Opinion

Greek Week Dates

The Undergraduate Student Government last night approved a recommendation to sponsor a float parade on Friday night of Homecoming Weekend. We endorse USG's action on this matter and feel that it has taken a step which will add and build tradition now lacking at this University.

However, the decision causes a major problem. What will be done with Greek Week? Greek Week is presently scheduled for the week after Homecoming Weekend.

The Interfraternity Council went on record as approving the present dates for Greek Week, Oct. 21 to Oct. 27.

The Panhellenic Council has recommended that Greek Week be changed to the week of Feb. 22 to 29 during the winter term.

The decision of each council was based on its recommendation for the date of a float parade.

There are two important points to be considered on this matter

•If the present dates are retained, Greek Week festivities will immediately follow Homecoming Weekend and the float parade.

•If Greek Week is moved to Panhel's proposed winter term dates, it will occur right in the middle of fraternity rush.

We urge that IFC and Panhel meet at the earliest possible opportunity to come to common agreement on the date of next year's Greek Week.

It is imperative that such a decision be made because much planning lies ahead.

Benefits of Encampment

Student encampment is a workshop of student leaders where problems facing individuals and groups of students are discussed and debated in the hope of finding workable solutions.

The encampment is divided into several groups, each of which deals with topics in specified areas. Besides students, interested faculty members and administrators take part in the discussions.

Encampment is held annually in the fall prior to the start of classes. This year's meetings are scheduled for Sept. 12, 13, 14 at the Mont Alto campus.

During the academic year most student leaders become so embroiled in the problems of their respective organizations that it often becomes difficult for them to solve problems objectively.

Encampment provides an opportunity for the heads of the many campus organizations to discuss individual and mutual problems among themselves and with faculty and administrators in an informal atmosphere.

It not only offers many of these student leaders a fresh and new approach to many old and troublesome problems, but also provides the chance for students, faculty and administrators to confer on mature and equal levels.

In the past many good ideas have come from encampment workshops.

Recommendations made at last year's encampment that the library remain open later, that college councils open rooms for study, that USG representation be based on residence areas, that a building code be adopted by the Borough, have already been implemented partially or entirely.

We feel this annual conclave provides an excellent opportunity for students to broaden and freshen their views on University life and activities.

Applications for 1962 Encampment are due today. Interviews for the applicants will be held next week. We urge all students interested in helping to plan the basis for University operations for the next school year to apply for this program.

It is an opportunity that students truly interested in their University and in their fellow students will not allow to slip by.

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Another Ego Booster

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There was no stamp issued this time to commemorate the event, but in the opinion of most Americans the orbital flight of Scott Carpenter deserves an impression on the pages of history.

After having risen early to watch the always-thrilling lift-off of a manned rocket, millions of Americans went through the manual procedures of their everyday jobs but their minds were not on their work.

Portable radios were more plentiful in the offices, sidewalks and department stores of the nation, than they are during the World Series in a city whose "nine" are playing in the annual classic.

Coffee "breaks" approached record levels as "concerned" and "interested" employees rushed off to the back room to get the latest scoop from the TV.

Carpenter's flight probably

obtained scant new scientific knowledge when compared with the similar ride of John Glenn, but the psychological and propaganda impact was probably just as great despite the lack of a commemorative stamp.

The transmission of a few watts of power toward Mexico from the orbiting capsule probably accomplished as much for the Alliance for Progress as the expenditure of several millions of dollars. Carpenter's message to our border-sharing Latin American neighbor was communicated in their native tongue.

From Zanzibar to Iceland and from Melbourne to Moscow, people waited and hoped, listened and prayed for good news of the astronaut's trip. And as they listened and prayed for news of the astronaut's trip. And as they listened even the biggest critic of capitalism couldn't help but be a little impressed with the way the "open society" was fighting steadily and courageously uphill from second place in the space race.

Everyone knows the Soviets took an early and decisive lead in the race to the moon and beyond after having feverishly

pushed their secret rocket program for years.

This lead undoubtedly sapped some of the pioneering drama from Carpenter's flight. Nevertheless, people couldn't help but be interested as a second-by-second account of the flight was broadcast into the living-rooms of the world.

But, perhaps more important than the interest generated abroad was the enthusiasm created at home.

The success of early Soviet space efforts coupled with numerous American missile failures help produce a period of gloom and depression for the American people. Self-criticism, cynicism and self-disgust that resulted from these U.S. failures spread their demoralizing influence into other areas of society, and Americans felt they were being pushed from the pinnacle of strength they reached during World War II.

The accelerating U.S. space program and its recent successes have helped to dissipate the falsely-created cloud of gloom, and Americans are again gaining the pride and optimism that proved unbeatable for nearly two hundred years.



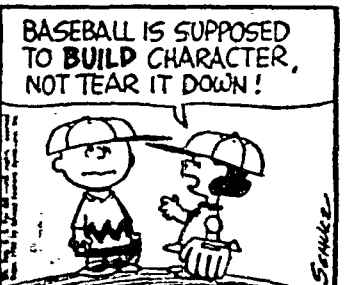
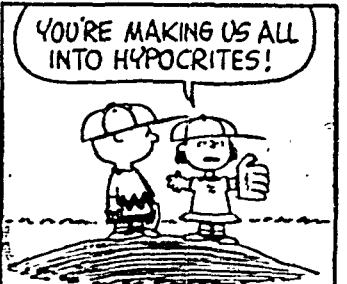
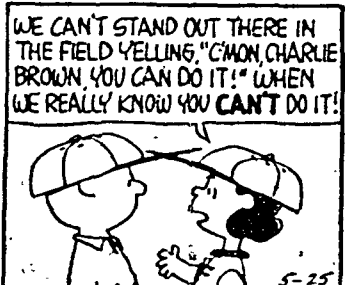
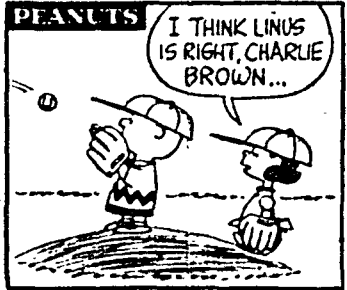
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Letters

Bike Rack Need Seen on Ag Hill

TO THE EDITOR: In Tuesday's Collegian I noticed a letter about bicycle regulations. According to Col. Pelton, director of the department of security, where bike racks are not located, bikes should be parked in a "reasonable location." I have received several warnings for parking my bicycle on the grass outside of Frear Lab. My bicycle could not be a hazard, unless someone wanted to walk through some bushes and a stone wall to go around Frear Lab. Am I expected to park my bicycle at the HUB for my classes on Ag Hill? Until racks are provided, students will continue to park their bicycles in such "hazardous locations."

—Bonnie Plum, '65



kaleidoscope

America Waited

by kay mills

Yesterday a man took a ride. Normally a person leaving for work would receive only routine "goodbyes" from his family. But when the man is astronaut Malcolm Scott Carpenter and the work is an orbital flight, America greets him.

Carpenter went up, and Carpenter came down.

His three orbits, designed to test further man's capabilities in space, were completed successfully despite landing problems. The flight is the sixth in a series aimed at putting a man on the moon.

First there were Shepard and Grissom, then Enos, then Glenn and now Carpenter.

But what if Carpenter had not come down? What if rocket failure had destroyed the capsule at launch? Suppose the Aurora 7 had "impossibly" and

inexplicably exploded over the ocean?

The difficulties Carpenter did encounter when landing have renewed these questions. What would people do?

Would there be America's a most traditional call for a "searching" investigation? Would the cynics say, "I told you so"?

While we hope against hope that such will never happen, we must consider what the country's reaction would be.

Undoubtedly the Project Mercury crew would pick itself up, bruised but not battered. There would be sympathy for the missing member but also a double determination to make greater strides with greater care.

As the professionals react, so must the people. America may have many inequities and may follow practices of which some of her citizens are hardly proud. But if we could as a country act maturely in this projected psychological crisis, then our democratic system would speed rapidly toward the spaceman's, "Everything is A-OK."



Letters

Soph Answers Regal Letter

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is written concerning Mr. Rogal's letter earlier this week.

He speaks glibly of his hopes for "victory." Doesn't it occur to him that our little nuclear toys may someday go off? Does Mr. Rogal expect that American freedom, American democracy, American social institutions, which, presumably, we are trying to defend, would survive a nuclear war? I doubt it.

Cities like Washington and Harrisburg, which coordinate our political system, would

cease to exist. Our Pittsburghs and Philadelphias, which supply the goods which maintain our economy, would also disappear (as well as the people who live there).

Suppose, however, that somehow American society did survive. What kind of a society would we be? A nation that helped to murder the world? What a heritage!

I don't pretend to know all the answers, but I fail to see such "victory" in the wake of nuclear war.

—Richard Helffrich '64

WDFM WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

- 6:00 Mostly Music
- 6:00 News
- 6:55 Weatherscope
- 7:00 Spotlight
- 8:00 Light Classical Jukebox
- 9:00 Marquee Memorial
- 9:45 News, Weather & Sports
- 10:00 Ballet Theatre
- 12:00 Nightand
- 2:00 News
- 2:05 Sign-Off

SATURDAY

- 2:00 Sign-On
- 2:00 Metropolitan Opera
- 5:00 Saturday at State
- 6:55 Weatherscope
- 7:00 H-FI Open House
- 9:00 Offbeat
- 1:00 MTGOOFB
- 1:15 King's Corner

SUNDAY

- 5:00 Sign-On
- 5:00 Chapel Service
- 6:00 Chamber Music
- 6:30 Merman Tabernacle Choir
- 7:00 The Third Programme