

Panhel, WQWK to hold run-a-thon

Weekend joggers and serious runners alike will find an added incentive this Sunday at a three-mile run-a-thon to benefit the American Cancer Society.

The event, co-sponsored by the Panhellenic Council and radio station WQWK, begins at 1 p.m. at the Westerly Parkway Junior High School.

This will be Panhel's first run-a-thon, but chairperson Denise Long said she hopes to make it an annual event.

"I'd like to emphasize that this is an annual event," she said. "Please come out and support us and the kids."

The money raised from the run-a-thon will be donated to the American Cancer Society, which will then

distribute the proceeds to a local leukemia foundation.

Participants in the run-a-thon will be divided into six divisions, three for men and three for women.

The men's division will be split into three age brackets: under 17, 18 to 39, and 40 and over.

Likewise, the women's division will be divided into three parts: under 17, 18 to 35, and 36 and older.

The winner of each of the six divisions will receive a trophy.

Registration for the run-a-thon is being held this week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the ground floor of the HUB. There is an entrance fee of \$3, which includes a t-shirt.

Participants may also register an hour before the event, in the parking lot of Westerly Parkway Junior High.

Professors poll Venezuela presidential race

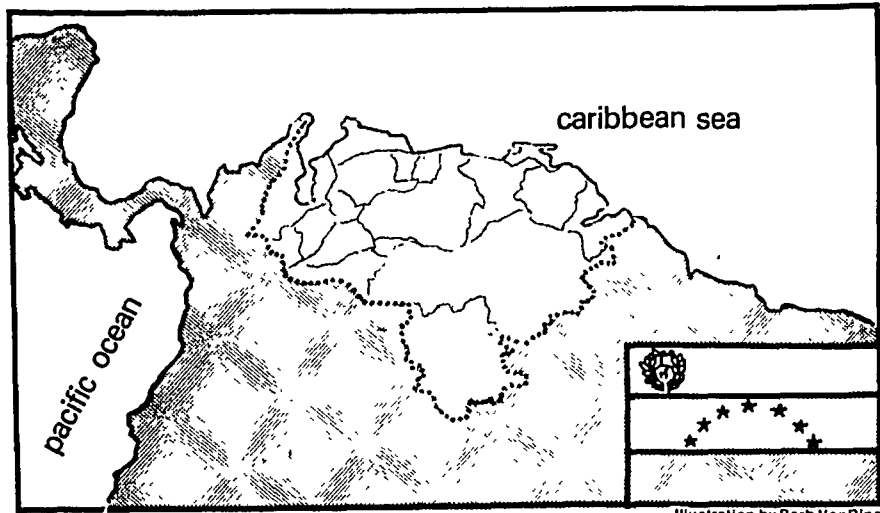
Two University political science professors recently traveled to Venezuela to conduct a public opinion poll for the Social Democratic party there and to examine political parties in developing countries.

David J. Myers, associate professor of political science, has just returned from Venezuela, where he and a colleague compiled a poll indicating that the Social Democratic candidate has a slight edge in a race, he said, which is too close to predict. As of Oct. 1, Luis Pinerua is leading in the presidential race, he said.

"Venezuela is one of the few countries in South America that has a democracy. Studying them helps us to understand our own country," he said.

"We got a fantastic amount of research out of it," Myers said. Robert O. Connor, associate professor of political science, also is involved with the poll and is in Venezuela on a sabbatical.

Myers said the poll was mutually beneficial for both the political science



department and the Social Democratic party as the department was about to research a developing democracy without having to get grants for expenses.

"They paid for taking us down there

and they provided the interviewers," he said. "It would have cost about \$150,000 of grants."

Myers, who spent three years teaching at a major university in Venezuela, said the people are sharply divided.

"The Christian Democrats, the other major party, are saying that the Social Democrats have been corrupt and are not using the oil money to benefit the poor."

He said \$13 billion a year from oil exports have had a great impact on the society.

"The issue is, who can best administer this money," Myers said. His own preference is with the Social Democrats.

"They need at least another five years to establish a program. They've done a reasonable job."

Myers was pleased with their poll which was taken in only two states of Venezuela.

"Ours was extremely close to the Gallup Poll that was being taken all across the country," he said. "Our polling technique was just as accurate as Gallup's."

Myers said 20 percent of the 98 percent voter turnout is still undecided and could vote either way at the last minute.

Eilberg says he is innocent of allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Joshua Eilberg told the House ethics committee yesterday he is innocent of allegations that he violated House rules and federal law by receiving money from his former law firm for work it did for a federal agency.

He also asked the committee to provide him with specific details of the money he was alleged to have received, the dates he received the money, and the basis for any allegation that he knew any money was for work done by the firm before a federal agency.

The statement was filed in a response to the committee's three-count allegation issued last month which said Eilberg violated House rules and alleged that his actions on two occasions may have violated federal law.

Copies of the Eilberg response were made available by the committee.

The two-page document gave no details of Eilberg's defense, it only stated that he denied each alleged violation and repeated the allegation against him. Two more pages listed specific information he was asking the committee to provide him.

The committee's allegations — known technically as a statement of alleged violation — must be acted on by the end of this session of Congress or they automatically expire. The current session is expected to end next week.

If the charges die, the committee could bring a new

statement of alleged violation against Eilberg when a new Congress forms in January.

If the committee were to act on Eilberg, it could recommend action ranging from a reprimand to expulsion from House membership. It also could recommend the case be turned over to the Justice Department for possible prosecution.

The committee accused Eilberg of accepting favors and benefits totaling more than \$100,000 from his former law firm and two related law firms "under circumstances which might be construed by reasonable persons as influencing the performance of his government duties."

Post to hit streets today

NEW YORK (UPI) — Members of the Newspaper Guild last night overwhelmingly ratified a contract with the New York Post, clearing the way for the afternoon tabloid to be distributed for the first time in 57 days.

The Guild approval of the contract could put the Post back on the streets today — a little more than eight weeks after the Post, New York Times and Daily News were shut down by the pressmen's union strike.

The Post had earlier reached agreements with the pressmen and two other striking craft unions.

While the paperhandlers' union still had not ratified its accord — a meeting was scheduled for yesterday evening — the Post management said it expected to have all the striking unions back on the job during the evening.

Roger Wood, editor of the Post, said the paper would resume publication today.

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