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### SHALL WE BE RUSHED TO DEATH

Rushing systems have come and gone, but freshmen always will be freshmen—at least, during rushing season.

Since fraternities draw ninety-nine percent of their yearly pledges from the freshman class, it is no more than right that these new men should be allowed to cast their eyes, in that pre-pledging period, over as many different groups of men as possible. This in order that the freshmen may feel fit to choose their future associates by virtue of having come in contact, presumably, with a large number of fraternity groups.

It is only to permit the rushee to choose his fraternity that rushing is confined to a designated period. A prevailing sentiment among students that the rushing season is too short to serve its purpose properly, and that the present rushing code is too flimsy and lends itself all too easily to encircling, leads to the fanning of a glowing ember—Penn State's rushing code.

There is no doubt in any fraternity man's mind—the rushing system as it now stands is hopelessly inadequate. Two days of rushing after the opening of Freshman Week! Pitiful sight! Does a girl accept an engagement ring after having dined with a man but twice? No—barring what commonly is termed "love at first sight"—and most lovers are stone blind.

Should a freshman take a pledge after having luncheon and perhaps a breakfast at a certain fraternity house—and, sometimes, after having been compelled to listen to the "house orchestra"? That is exactly what he is asked to do—barring sons of charter members and other such legacies.

Is it not possible, too, that infractions of the fraternity code may be made without the so-called pangs of conscience? Has it not happened in the past that rumor is truth?

Apart from the fact that the freshman himself has the final choice in his pledging, is there any fraternity which can so judge a man from a first impression that his supposed character and activity appear in a sort of "future-telling glass ball" and designate that man as the type which the fraternity is desirous of taking into membership? The answer to that is—No. Is there a fraternity which never makes a mistake? There is not!

Penn State needs a new rushing system. The freshmen need more time in which to make a decision; they should not be forced into accepting a button when hopeful, brothers crowd round, firmly announcing the bid as "closed"—and praying that the rushee will believe them. The fraternity needs more time for rushing in order that it may be almost sure of the character of the man it intends to bid—in order to curb the wail of: "Oh, he was one of our mistakes. Every fraternity makes them."

A two-week rushing period, and a two-day interval of inactivity during which closed bids are placed in the hands of a disinterested person, might solve the problem. This disinterested individual would then sort the bids and notify their proud possessors. All bids, sealed, would reach a prospect at the same instant, and the man would be able to make his choice known by appearing at the selected fraternity house for the evening meal of the day upon which he received his bids. This or other suggestions might make it possible for the representative fraternity bodies to find a way out of the fog which has dimmed clear sight in rushing policies for the past decade.

The Interfraternity and Intramural Councils are alert enough to see the disadvantage of the present hit-or-miss practices. They are powerful enough to show the way for better rushing to find a foothold at Penn State. This weighty problem awaits the two Councils at their next meetings. It should be settled then.

### HONORS IN A NEW FIELD

World-wide recognition was given Penn State recently when the 1927 La Vie was awarded first prize in the College Year Book Exhibition held in Geneva, Switzerland.

This is the first time such an honor has been conferred upon a Penn State publication, and all commendation should be given the staff of the recently-published book. That untiring and sometimes thankless efforts have at last been recognized is readily seen in this award, and Penn State students should fully appreciate the nature of the 1927 La Vie Board's achievement.

The book stood out among other entries as the neatest and best arranged annual on exhibition. With a budget allowing the expenditure of a much smaller sum of money than that spent by most other year books in the competition, Penn State's La Vie was given the highest commendation by a commission of experts.

With the establishment of such a reputation, La Vie Boards to come must expend their best efforts toward the publishing of year books on a par with that of the class of 1927. Such reputations must be preserved.

### "CONGRATULATIONS! SWEEP THE PORCH"

After the strenuous rushing season is over and the newly-pledged freshman is wearing the button of the fraternity which has measured up to his ideals, usually he feels that the worst is over and that the future will be smooth sailing. Little does he realize that what may happen depends, to a great amount, upon his own actions.

During the rushing season, the rushee sees only the attractive side of fraternity life and he becomes acquainted with only the best side of each prospective brother. He has placed the respective brothers upon pedestals and looks up to them as beings more than common men. When he awakens and finds that his idols are nothing more than ordinary men, he may be greatly discouraged. This is only natural. But he should remember that the work of the world is done by men moulded of common clay and working hard in hand.

The flash and glamor which surrounded his pledge for the first few days soon fades and he faces reality. The period between his pledging and his initiation is often an unpleasant trial, filled with many tasks and hardships. The six months to come will be anything but a pleasing experience unless he builds his actions around interests common to his immediate associates and himself. Adjustment to new environment is not easy, but the man with the co-operative attitude will do all he can to get into the spirit of his fraternity.

Nothing that the new man does seems to be right or good; he gets little or no praise. He must, however, overlook a few shortcomings in his brothers-to-be and adapt himself to his new surroundings. He must shake off despondency and enter into the life he has chosen with a cheerful and open mind. Then time will pass rapidly; his understanding of men will wax greater and his love for man become more true.

### THE ROUGHNECK SOPHOMORES

"A good name is earned by fair play, square dealing and good sportsmanship in the classroom, on the athletic field and in all other college relations. It is our earnest desire that this become a tradition at Penn State." That is the Penn State Code. Live up to it.

On Wednesday evening, a freshman whose physical stature would permit him to go without yearling customs was haled into the ring at Co-op and put through the ropes under the muscular direction of a few insignificant sophomores. He performed until an upperclassman imbued with Penn State Spirit put an end to the ungentlemanly tactics of the handful of last year's freshmen.

Why these sophomores could not select a new man whose body was in a perfect state of health is a mystery. There is but one excuse for the action—these few are not Penn State MEN. And until they learn what Penn State MEN are, they have no place here.

### THURSDAY AT SEVEN

On Thursday evening at seven o'clock in Room 314 Old Main sophomores may report for work on the editorial staff of the COLLEGIAN. Men who have reached their second year and who find that they possess a fair amount of ability in writing and the use of the English language are given the privilege of reporting for work on the newspaper during their sophomore year, promotion and election to junior and senior offices depending on their ability to make use of their talents.

The men who signify their intention to assume the role of reporter will be given an intensive training course in the rudiments of journalism by men who are thoroughly acquainted with COLLEGIAN style, and the seeming lateness in becoming candidates for the staff will in no way lessen the new men's opportunities for advancement.

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### 1930 HANDBOOK MARKED BY COMPLETE REVISION

More Than Eight Hundred Bibles Sent to New Men—Cover And Size Unchanged

By filling out directory cards at the "Y" Hut members of the three upper classes may secure copies of the freshman handbook as in previous years, Secretary W. J. Kitchen announced today. This year the early publication of the "bibles" made it possible to mail them to nearly nine hundred freshmen.

Although the cover and size of the handbook have not been changed the paper and style have been slightly altered. The printing was done by Geo. Seelman & Sons Co., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. W. J. Kitchen, general secretary of the "Y," stated that three thousand three hundred were prepared and that after the necks of the freshmen have been supplied every student in College may secure one by calling at the "Y" Hut.

Included in the list of innovations in the 1930 handbook is the new list of customs, mention of the new class scraps and a page telling how varsity letter and numerals may be obtained. A section is devoted to a discussion of College Administration.

Because the list of chapel speakers has not yet been completed a page is given to an explanation of chapel in general. All subject matter, including an explanation of the "Y" Entertainment course has been rewritten. A complete list of honorary, professional and social fraternities and clubs is listed as well as advice purporting to guide the freshman in his selection of a brotherhood.

### Gain Seen In Teacher Enrollment Figures

A gain of more than thirty per cent in enrollment for the past year is indicated by figures just announced by the department of teacher training extension of Penn State in its annual report. More than seven thousand Pennsylvania school teachers have been enrolled in the extension and correspondence classes of the department during 1925-26. Branch offices were maintained in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg. No less than eighty-one subjects were offered through correspondence study.

### Grid Gossip

You fans who know Dinger Dangerfield (and you all should!) have doubtless been puzzled as to the why and wherefore of the diminutive half-back's head-harness. Dinger wears a helmet which has been likened to a strawberry box made with a singly thickness of leather and inverted over the wearer's cranium. He ALWAYS wears it—look for it in the Susquehanna struggle.

Ding says his hat is less tiresome than the ordinary cowhide dome-shaped, and furthermore it affords as much protection as is necessary. He refused to divulge the price of the skull-cap, but said that he has worn it during every practice and game for the past six years. The bean-pro-jector has all the attributes of a superstition, such as Hans Wagner's undershirt and compulsory chapel. (Adv.)

To continue to speak of the illustrious Dangerfield, we call your at-

ention to the fact that he is no mean place kicker. In scrimmage sessions he equalled Wilson's fourteen points without a miss. (No adv.)

From the Red and Blue training quarters at Seagirt comes word that seven aspirants have been relegated to the scrubs. Among the unfortunate was one Ed Coffey, a mere child of six feet six inches and one hundred and ninety pounds. It appears that the Quaker Coffey was not strong enough for varsity consumption!

Pass around the tattered chapeau for Newsh Bentz, football coach and erstwhile scholar. Newsh has decided to put in his odd hours with the books in preparation for a Master's degree. If we were allowed a guess we would like to bet that Bez puts in his odd hours on the golf course.

A Littell means a lot to Lehigh. Littell (Bill) was the unanimous

choice of the Brown and White letter men for the 1926 captaincy, but he ran afoul of the scholastic eligibility rulings and had to give up his post. His loss means more than a little to Lehigh.

Word from Susquehanna's camp has it that Raymond C. Morgan, former three-letter athlete at Purdue and now coach of the Selingsgrove institution's eleven, has instituted the Knute Rockne system of play. Morgan led his squad through the first pre-season practices in the history of Susquehanna as part of a new era in the sports of the college.

## Cathaum THEATRE

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AND

The Annual Church Reception to College Students and Resident Members of the Church

Friday Evening, September 24th, from 8:00 to 10:00 P. M.

"Make Our Church Your Church While Away from Home"

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