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THE RUSHING ENIGMA

Apparently convinced that there was more reason for cheers than jeers after their first attempt to place fraternity rushing on a higher plane ethically, Penn State's national fraternities began the difficult task of reconstructing the code Thursday night in the hope of making next year's code bullet-proof. A shorter period of rushing was the most insistent demand of the delegates to Interfraternity Council. The leaders of this movement based their decision on two indisputable facts: the financial outlay and the disposition to neglect scholastic duties. For these sound reasons it is believed that the proposal to abolish the silent period, which was of two-days duration, will be readily approved when the fraternity legislators meet this week to draft, and possibly to vote on, the new code.

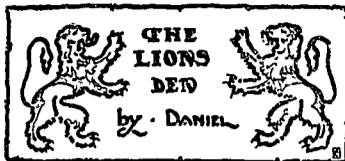
Thursday night's meeting was devoted almost entirely to a discussion of ways and means to improve last year's code. The code was torn to pieces in an honest effort to get at the root of reported evils. The most promising suggestion for shortening the period provides for two periods, the first to begin at Saturday noon of Freshman Week and end at an undecided hour Friday night. The second period would begin at noon the following day and continue until an undecided hour Tuesday night. This arrangement would abolish the supposedly silent interim between the first and last periods, and cut four days from the entire rushing period. Abolition of the silent period is commendable, not only from the standpoint of time and expense but it would further discourage underhand methods in rushing practices. Under the new plan individual fraternities would submit their bid cards to a central agency, probably a Board of Control similar to last year's early Wednesday morning, and these cards would be distributed to the freshmen that afternoon. Then the freshmen would signify his acceptance of a bid by going to the fraternity of his choice for dinner Wednesday night.

There should be no serious objection to this revision of periods. The method of dating is a moot question, however. One suggestion proposes three dates, two in the first period and one in the second. An amendment to this proposal states, however, that a second date should not be made with a freshman until the first had been fulfilled. The reasons for this provision are obvious; and its disadvantages are just as obvious. The division of dates is based on the sound reasoning that the most outstanding freshman in the incoming class can hardly expect to be rushed by more than seven fraternities. The fourteen date possibilities in the first period and the eight in the second period maintain this average. It is likely, nevertheless, that the anxious fraternity will waive its right to a second date in the first period rather than take the chance of missing a date in the second and last period.

The proposed amendment further leaves the responsibility of judging a man to the rushing brother, since he is expected to decide after the first date whether or not it will be worth his while to sign the freshman's card for a second date. Moreover, it is unfair to the freshmen. Experience has justified the belief that a likely freshman may not appear promising his first visit; very often the rusher is timid and does not exhibit his character and personality at once. More intimate relationship alone brings out the qualities of a man. Is it not for this reason—a better opportunity to "size up" a prospect—that three dates are deemed necessary by the individual fraternities? Otherwise the proposed period could be divided into two equal parts with one date in each period, and thereby give the promising freshman an opportunity to visit as many as eleven fraternities while still assuring the fraternity of two dates with its prospect. This, in the opinion of the COLLEGIAN, is one problem the Interfraternity Council should thresh out before the code is finally accepted.

Last year's rulings permitted fraternities to entertain freshmen dinner guests until eleven o'clock each night unless otherwise specified in the code. After a year's trial it is readily conceded that such an arrangement, in addition to dissipating the means of entertainment, interferes considerably with the scholastic duties of the rusher and the rusher. The threat of poor scholarship alone warrants the setting of a 9 o'clock time limit in night rushing. Four hours, from 5 until 9 o'clock, is ample time for rushing purposes. Such a curtailment of time may have the further effect of reducing expenses and of discouraging other unfair methods in rushing.

The eagerness with which fraternities have responded to the long-felt need of a more desirable rushing system denotes a cordial relationship between the fifty or more groups at Penn State. A willingness to co-operate is also detected in the efforts of Interfraternity Council to draft a code acceptable to Intramural Council. A merger of the two bodies in regard to rushing practices is hinted in fraternity circles; such a move is being considered at present by a committee of Intramural Council. This combination would assure the success of the rushing code.



Clean Linen and Clean Living

In reply to a questionnaire compiled by Dean Henry Grattan Doyle, of George Washington University, Mr. Otis E. Randall, Dean of Men at Brown University, stated that students at the Rhode Island institution answered favorably most of the suspicious questions of the G. W. U. dean. Brown students are neat, he believed, always wore fresh, clean linen, kept their shoes shined religiously, shaved regularly and wore their socks where they belonged, suspended, for the most part, by what is that word—that almost obsolete word—oh, yes—by garters, by gum!

At this poor man's college students cannot hope to match the almost Utopian state of immaculate dress existing at Brown. Regularly shined shoes, glossed hair, fresh, spotless linen, censuring garters (not to mention suspenders) and the like are costly luxuries, expensive items which are far less important and necessary than dances, houseparties and what goes with them.

Alas, Penn State students are poor. Semester shirts are die necessities. So are sheepskins and shoes that see a hundred miles without a shine. Very beards, though unrepresentable, save students from the malicious planks of superstition as well as from the tonsorial fee. Unpressed trousers are all the wrinkle and save the student from the clutches of the tailor whose business, strangely, is nevertheless always increasing.

Yes, the Penn State student lives always under two handicaps: he is poor and he is isolated, while the Brown collegian apparently lives in wealth and fortune. At least, with Providence always near at hand.

Free Verse (Take One)

There are week-ends
And week ends—
And the more we see of week-ends
And week ends—
The more firmly are we convinced
That collegiate mebrancy
Is a half-and-half proposition
Half put in
And half put on!

What's In a Name?

"Eddy's in town!" we may shout to our readers with intention of being personal.

Bring Your Lunch

Readers are probably not familiar with the title of the play which the Players are enacting Saturday night, "At 9.45." We mean the title, not the time. The real name of the play is "At 9 O'clock" but the local historians deemed it wise (as well as appropriate) to adapt the title to their favorite failing.

As The Poet Sees It

If the poet Pope could have lived in our day and taken time out from his physics experiments to witness the St. Vincent's game Saturday, he would probably have returned to his sacred duty and written "Ah, how St. Vincent's stooped before our boys; and yet what superhuman bull they played."

Add: Simile

As easy as falling off a water-wagon.

Add 2 Simile

As prejudiced as a college professor.

Paradox

Lindbergh, young aviator who sprang suddenly into fame and prominence by proposing to a girl whose name lent itself easily to pun making ("He's going to be married to-Morrow," chuckled the nation), manages to keep on the front pages of newspapers by hopping off.

Boys! Girls! A Prize Contest!

For the ten best similes submitted to Daniel, c/o COLLEGIAN, this column will award next week ten useful prizes which may readily be used at the Junior Prom, such as (1) galoshes (2) hoop skirt and spurs (for the couple who care) (3) silver-plated axe (for the gate crasher), (4) set of handsomely decorated restoratives (5) Near-Easy car attachment (for those without the stamina required to wade in the mob around the orchestra stand) (6) Half-poop basket of East Arabian peanuts (for the gallery gods) and four yet unselected prizes.



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NEXT TO THE MOVIES

Twenty Years Ago

Professor Diemer of the mechanical engineering department has recently published a 200-page book on the automobile. It is a practical treatise on the construction, operation and care of gasoline, steam and electric cars.

The time for the flag scrap is now on and any morning may witness the battle. The return to the old rules makes the event more exciting and the spurs of the two lower classes are such that a very warm scrap is expected.

The Thespian performance this year will be a great improvement over anything ever given by that organization up to this year. It is the musical comedy "Popocatepetl VII" and is full of action and pep from start to finish.

Our baseball team opened the season with a splendid victory over the Midshipmen at Annapolis. In seven innings at Georgetown Captain Hirschman's name was defeated 8-to-5, but a plucky uphill fight on our part with a good change of winning finally was stopped by the umpire who called the game when it was yet light enough to play.

At the Penn Relays to be held Saturday State will be represented in Class 2, which according to classification includes Haverford, Western Maryland, New York University, Rutgers, Dickinson, the Indians and Johns Hopkins.

EDUCATION HEADS ISSUE NEW SUMMER BULLETIN

The bulletin for the twentieth College summer session, to be conducted from July 1 to August 9, was released recently. Prospective enrollment indicates that a larger number of students will attend the session than in the past several years. A separate booklet for the Altoona branch of the summer institute was also issued last week. Headquarters for the branch will be in the Roosevelt high school.

CWENS TO RAISE FUND

A hundred dollar bond establishing a fund to help needy girls through college is soon to be purchased by the Cwens, according to Miss Helen Buckwalter '31, president of the organization.

This award will be granted on the basis of scholarship and achievement. Further conditions regarding the prize will be announced later by officers of the organization.

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Collegian-a

scalping him with the handled, sharp-edged stone.

(Players use lacrosse sticks today)

So it was that lacrosse was conceived. True, there are no horses

Men use hip and shoulder pads instead.

And neither is there any scalping.

Contestants use thick head-gear to prevent it.

After the game was originally conceived, many changes and alterations were made. The influx of other sports, like tennis, football, basketball and wrestling, had their influences in shaping the final form of the sport.

So did capital punishment.

But as it stands today, lacrosse is a combination of football, basketball, wrestling, tennis and jiu-jitsu.

Mixed with a little ice-hockey.

And murder!

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