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RUSHING VS. FRESHMAN WEEK

Beginning today first year men will enter a period of instruction through the annual Freshman Week program and at the same time will be the objects for concentrated attention from fraternity members. It is unfortunate that two such time-consuming and important programs must be carried on together. Since the situation does exist every person concerned should act in accordance with the best interests of the freshmen.

There will be times when fraternity men would like to keep men whom they are rushing from attending some meeting. Nearly every program in Freshman Week has been designed to fill in some need of the first year men. It should be remembered that they are strangers to the campus. To retard them in becoming acquainted with things as they exist in the peculiar collegiate society is to start them off on four years with a bad start. Fraternity men should cooperate with the freshmen and even urge them to attend the sessions prepared for their special benefit if exhortations are necessary.

Because the confusion of Freshman Week with its many new things is only increased by the addition of rushing season, both freshmen and fraternities are put at a disadvantage. Freshmen too often receive an inadequate introduction to College and an equally hazy impression of the fraternities that rush them. Frater. nities suffer because they have a relatively short and hurried period to become acquainted with freshmen.

Other systems have been tried but their purposes have been defeated by difficulty met before a code was in offect. The actual reason for having rushing as soon as the freshmen arrive is to put legal restrictions on rushing that would otherwise be carried on without any regulation. Even under the present system fraternities have been carrying on informal, although very forceful and tangible, rushing since the first freshman arrived. It is a difficult problem to handle,

The goal toward which the fraternities should strive is second semester rushing. There is an increasing sentiment in favor of that system. In spite of its apparent advantages to both fraternities and freshmen the deferred method can never be successfully applied at Penn State until radical changes are made in the budgeting and organization of the houses. This change rests entirely on the ability of fraternity leaders to make the necessary modifications. Certainly small steps, at least, should be made every year toward the goal of deferred rushing so that at some future time a system, more satisfactory to fraternity and freshman, may be adopted.

COLLEGE RACKETS

So great is the credulity of the ordinary underclassman that is is a real temptation to prey upon him for some of his few extra dollars. Every year it grows harder as the undergraduate enters school a little more sharp in such matters than before. However in this year of lean purses, devices by which students can extract money from other students are likely to be more

The campus has been surprisingly free from flagrant abuses of this sort. The type of device which will probably appear most frequently is the sale of articles to freshmen which are falsely said to be sanctioned by student and College officials, but which are not in the least essential. Sadly enough there have been in the past a few students in prominent places on the campus who have been willing to capitalize on their positions to sell articles which, when offered by other students, would not sell at all. It is being realized, however, that this is not a legitimate use of personal prominence through campus offices.

'Recognition pins,' freshman name cards, and such have been pressed upon the students at prices far beyond their value and under auspices which merit a much worthier cause than that of fattening a few private pocketbooks. This type of offering can be easily avoided by a little cooperation between student officials and the new class.

This, however, must not be taken to mean that there are not student agencies which are wholly legitimate and which deserve all the patronage possible. The honest and sincere propositions offered by students far outnumber the slightly shady affairs.

Of course, it is about time when a young man or woman reaches college that he learn to discriminate in his purchases. He must know what he needs and how he can best procure it, but it is not fair to confuse him with false official sanction and the dazzling influence of campus prominence.

CAMPUSEER

BY HIMSELF "What this newspaper needs is a good law suit." There, gentlemen, is the motto which shall hang above our polished mahogany desk during the rest of our glorious term as bane of copy readers and filler of this particular bit of space. And that's just to let you

Student Romance Ends in Poor House How our cynical old eyes lit up at the thought of seeing a headline like that in the esteemed COLLEGIAN (Complete-Campus-Coverage-Established-in-1904-hatsoff). The editor, however, whom we think is sore because we told him neonle read our colvim before they read his editorials, decided that the story was really too good to annear as straight news. He didn't say it in just those words, but that was what we inferred from his remarks. Anyhow, here is the epic.

A fella by the hind name of Auchs, which we don't know how to pronounce either, was a student at this institution some years agone. In the course of his existence here, he managed to take sufficient time from his studies to fall in love with a co-ed, in spite of- our long-maintained theory that such a thing shouldn't happen. The co-ed must have approved, because after while her name was Auchs too. Well, as you may have guessed from the black-faced type above, they both ended up in the Dauphin County Poor House. It sort of spoils the point of the story to admit that they are in charge of the place, but it would have made a good headline anyway.

The moral to all this might be that in co-educational amours one takes a chance and gets married and lives haply ever after. Or, if you happen to pronounce it that way, great Auchs from little acorns-Oh, we can't go through with it. On second thought, it is extremely probable that the multitudinous readers of this colyum are not much interested in morals.

Some of the newer houses are going in for birdbaths. Now we are all in favor of regular and thorough ablutions for those little feathered denizens of the frondage who make one's journey across the front campus reminiscent of London on a bad night in 1916. But we would like to enter a conscientious objection to the wasting of so many stones that might be thrown through one's neighbor's window panes, and of so much concrete that might profitably be stuck in the cracks of Old Mining Building. We have conceived an inexpensive substitute for such ornate bits of landscaping, which we are going to propose at our very next fraternity meeting, if we're there. Perusers of this department may employ same, gratis. All you have to do is cut a hole in the screen on your bathroom window, leave the tub full of water, and hang out a sing, "Birds Welcome." ****

. In and Out of Town: Althoughtwe spent a summer about as interesting and useful as that of a surfboard at Shingletown Reservoir, if there had been a surf-board at Shingletown Reservoir this summer, we did manage to get in one week-end away from home spent it at Lake Wallenpaupack, which we learned to spell in the four days we stayed there found the name of Bobby Vincent inscribed in a register she'd better be careful, rooming at a jernt that would accept persons of our low character Al Buono, ex Froth Mug, is in taown says he just can't get over the habit of indigence acquired here . . . Bruce Baldwin, erstwhile smooth Senior class prexy, is now a butter salesman or something for the College Bill McCarter here; too All of last year's seniors, more or less, back to help out, less or more, in rushing and some of us can't even get this year's seniors to drop around.

HETZEL TO GREET FRESHMAN CLASS

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thletics are so scheduled that the

Following registration at which lules are assigned and during which all fees must be paid, uni-forms for R. O. T. C. are issued in McAllister hall basement. Matricula-tion cards must be presented in order o obtain the equipment.

With an unusually large percentage of the class of 1936 coming from the upper two-fifths of their high school and preparatory school classes, the freshmen this year have a better record than previous classes. Last year over seventy-six percent were in the leading two-fifths.

The high entrance requirements of the College make the student body at Penn State more highly selected scholastically than in any other college or university of like character, according to College officials.

CAMPUS TOURS ARRANGED

Campus tours, to acquaint the freshmen with the campus were held yes-terday and will be continued today. The tours are under the direction of student counselors and will start at 2 o'clock from the Hugh Beaver room at 304 Old Main.

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