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THE RUSHING SEASON

Complication upon complication piled up during the past rushing season to make it one of the most confused and foggy periods during the reign of the present type of rushing code.

Houses, caught in a strangle hold by the financial situation, rushed desperately to catch new resources that they might not breathe their last. Interfraternity Council, sensing the fierceness of the struggle, was not content to let the situation alone under the code they had first worked out, but tossed into the mess new complications in the form of additional restrictions and interpretations. The code was not simple in the first place. The fraternities, already tripped by the restrictions, became restive. Many of them tossed aside the whole code. And the whole stew was peppered by the necessity of going to classes and studying while rushing was going on.

More, the question of violations does not come up because it is an unspoken custom among fraternities that no one tells because everybody violates. The very rigidity and complexity of the code makes it impossible not to violate it at least a few times during the season.

Now, what is the answer?

The best system is, without doubt, rushing delayed until the second year. The fraternities know the freshmen, the freshmen know the fraternities, and emergency tactics won't work. There is no need for a complicated code or for an intense tiring rushing season. Studies are not interrupted or neglected. Fraternities cannot hide under false faces, nor freshmen under intelligent smiles. Under this system, the freshmen would have the best chance to choose the best fraternity and the fraternities would have the best chance to pick the best freshmen. Which is, after all, the most important part of rushing season.

No rushing system could be without flaw, but second year rushing is, the best available solution. It is difficult to bring on this scheme immediately because too many houses are too deeply in debt to have the reserve necessary to tide them over the change. Nevertheless, all such houses would do well to arrange for such a contingency. It is one of those reforms which are so obviously needed that they are inevitable.

The immediate need is that the new Interfraternity Council committee on rushing should make up the code for next year right away while the criticisms and faults of the old one are still being yowled about the campus. And the ultimate arrangement of second year rushing should gain headway in each new code.

LILY GILDING

After ten days of strenuous work, weary fraternity women and worn-to-a-frizzle sophomores unite in concluding that the chief evil of this season has been over-rushing.

A revision in the Panhellenic Code last year stated that each fraternity might have no more than four dates, excluding the formal rushing party, with each rushee. Accordingly, fearful of seeing less of a girl than some rival group, each fraternity diligently signed up four dates with its rushees. By the end of the second date all concerned were sufficiently acquainted; by the end of the fourth all were nearly physically exhausted.

In first year rushing, four dates may be necessary, but where girls are not bid until they are sophomores, both they and the fraternities have time to obtain a fairly good knowledge of each other.

Two dates with each rushee would certainly be sufficient, while shortening the rushing season, or at least breaking it in two with a silence period over the weekend, would likewise be beneficial, relieving the strain and allowing time for catching up on sleep and studies.

Although the pledging of women to fraternities is in itself a good thing and one necessary to the continuance of the fraternity system, it seems ridiculous that to accomplish this end principles of health, scholarship, and personal comfort need be sacrificed. Surely the Panhellenic Council can contrive a remedy for this evil of over-rushing.

OLD MANIA

After listening to an abundance of high grade cursing at the taste of local water lately, we decided to get the low down and find out just what has been causing all the trouble. Well, we looked up a chemically inclined friend of ours and put the question to him point blank. He said he didn't just know for sure, and changed the subject, so we let the idea drop.

In the course of the conversation, he began to fill the air with theories he'd picked up while studying, and we gradually drifted into sort of a daze, punctuated now and then with intelligent "uhuh's" and "sure, that's rights"; until suddenly out of the fog we heard the phrase "Sewage Disposal Plant," upon which we perked up immediately, this being something familiar, as it were. "Sure," he was saying, "believe it or not the water which comes out of that plant is absolutely chemically pure . . . pure enough to drink!"

And suddenly a ghastly suspicion began to dawn.

Then there was the fraternity house which had a brother drop in from Louisiana, or someplace like that, during the recent rushing season. They gave him the glad hand, and made him welcome according to the traditions of the organization, and in turn he became a great help, taking an active part in the rushing, giving useful suggestions in meetings, etc. All the brothers were agreed that he was a great guy, until . . . came the dawn, when he disappeared . . . with several nice suits of clothes.

One of our smartest sorority sisters pulled a boner the other day. This young lady, familiarly known as "Bearcat," was hanging around the publication offices in Old Main, striving mightily to appear busy and conversing with some friends. Suddenly she dashed over to a phone and called a number, only to turn away disgustedly. "Why don't you try the pay phone?" suggested someone kindly.

"No," says the Bearcat, "I just wanted to find out if we were having a meeting. I don't want to make the girls pay any money." Hey! Hey!

A position this columnist has at best only dreamed of is one where cutting classes comes as a necessity to attending others. One of the satellites (bro, you mollusk) at a local patio scheduled fifty-two hours this semester, so figure it out for yourself. Five days a week times eight hours a day equals forty, plus four hours for Saturday makes forty-four hours per week. In addition to that this fellow is holding down a job. (Other graduates please note).

From the sweepings of registration comes this quaint old ditty. Scheduling difficulties found frantic registrar assistants referring a frustrated freshman to the College Examiner for untangling. Three days later, shell-shocked, forlorn, and his clothes half torn off, the same freshman was at the head of the line in the Infirmary. Sho, boy, ain't Doc Rite-nour the College Examiner?

Pearls: We like this one—"Consider the lilies of the field, they toil not neither do they Meeek" . . . and have you heard about the two girls that visited the Phi Ep lodge 't'other night . . . Did you know that the name of that little blond girl who has you all aflutter is . . . Connie (nots-to-you) Russell . . . that a dry Martinez is not a Spanish mixture calculated to induce pleasurable jitters . . . a certain Phi Sig does not enjoy being called "lover" . . . if they paint the new posts on the campus blue it'll be hard to tell them from the campus (Royal-North-West-Mounted) cops.

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Ebenbach Advocates Changes in Rushing

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to the letter of the code this year, the spirit was violated innumerable times," Ebenbach said. "Despite the fact that a number of violations were reported, it is almost impossible to have the violators officially turned in to Interfraternity council."

"I see no possibility of shortening the length of the rushing period," he continued. "Even fifteen days of rushing does not permit the freshman to visit the houses he is considering enough."

The silent period between the first and second period of rushing should be observed during the week instead of falling on a weekend as was the case this year, in Ebenbach's opinion. Weekends would provide an opportunity for two additional 10 o'clock smoker dates, and the silent period while classes are in session would be beneficial to both first year men and fraternity men, he pointed out.

OFFERS EXTENSION COURSES

Three courses in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering will be conducted this year by the extension department of the School of Mineral Industries, in accordance with the plans inaugurated last year. The extension department is also conducting a course for the Pittsburgh Coal company, which had maintained its own school until this year.

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THURSDAY—Joel McCrea, Fay Wray in "THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME"

FRIDAY—Marlene Dietrich, Herbert Marshall in "BLONDE VENUS"

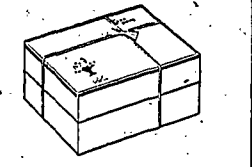
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