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Fraternalities To Open Rushing on Thursday

Interfraternity Council Assists Organizations In Solving Problems—Establishes Uniform Code of Action

Fifty-three Penn State social fraternities will begin a fifteen-day "rushing" period at 5 o'clock on the first day of Freshman Week, Thursday, September 14.

Under the revised code for this year two separate systems of rushing will be inaugurated. Regulated rushing will close at 10 o'clock Saturday night, September 23, and a "silent" period between rushes and fraternity members will be observed until 8 o'clock the following Monday morning.

From then until the period ends at 8 o'clock Friday night, September 29—unrestricted rushing will be carried on between 8 o'clock in the morning and 10 o'clock at night. While the restricted system is being enforced, rushing "dates" will be permitted between 11:30 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 5 o'clock until 10 o'clock at night.

To Pledge September 30. Following the rushing period, a silent period will be enforced until Saturday night. Rushes will signify acceptance to pledge by attending a dinner at the fraternity of their choice at 6 o'clock Saturday night, September 30.

Every Penn State social fraternity, national and local, is represented in a group known as the Interfraternity Council. The purpose of this organization is to "aid and assist in the solution of problems common to the various member fraternities and to regulate and govern their relations with one another, with the College, and with the general public."

Rushing Defined. The 1933 Rushing Code defines "rushing" as "any communication or association between a fraternity man and a rushee." A "rushee" is defined as "any non-fraternity man in his first year at Penn State."

Although a fraternity man "may enlighten the rushee in any fraternal matter" during both the first and second periods of rushing, a fraternity may extend an informal bid only during the second period. "This bid is to be binding on neither party," the rushing code states.

Penalties which will be imposed in full or in part for violations of the rushing code include the following: (a) Publication in the COLLEGIAN.

(b) Notification of National Officers. (c) Forfeiture of fifty dollar bond previously posted.

(d) Suspension of social privileges for the semester immediately following that in which the violation occurred.

Sometime during Freshman Week, all first-year men will be furnished with "date" cards, which in addition to containing a memorandum of engagements for the entire rushing season also contains the 1933 Rushing Code. Fraternity men, in making a luncheon or dinner engagement with a rushee, will sign the name of their organization on the card.

These date cards are the only legal means by which a fraternity can make rushing dates. All rushees not classed as freshmen (sophomore Mont Alto transfer students) may receive date cards and further instructions at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

At the first section meeting during Freshman Week, each new student will be asked to make out a card giving his name, local address, home address, and religious preferences. This information will be distributed to all fraternities by the following morning.

FRESHMAN FORESTERS SPEND FIRST YEAR AT MONT ALTO

Approximately eighty freshmen enrolled in forestry will spend their first year and the following summer at Mont Alto, a branch of the Penn State school, where there are excellent physical facilities for training along practical lines.

First-year men at Mont Alto have the same customs as those at State College. They also organize their own sports, activities, and clubs.

MINERAL COLLECTION SHOWN

A complete collection of mineral ores, rocks, and other interesting mining and geological specimens are on display in the museum of the Mineral Industries building. A large relief map of Pennsylvania, which was formerly located in the original Old Main, has been placed there.

STUDENT COUNCIL, BOARD CONSTITUTE GOVERNING GROUPS

Tribunal Established To Punish Freshman Violations of College Customs

EACH SCHOOL SELECTS OWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Men, Women Choose Separate Groups of Class Officers At Spring Elections

Student government at Penn State is vested in two legislative groups, the Student Council and the Student Board, composed of undergraduate representatives elected for a term of one year.

The members of Student Council are elected by schools from the three upper classes, with each of the seven schools in the College having at least one representative in each class. The President of the senior class automatically becomes president of the Council.

The Student Board is made up of seven students and the Dean of Men. Three of the members, two seniors and one junior, are elected from the Council. The presidents of the three upper classes and the editor of the COLLEGIAN are other students on the Board, with the president of the senior class also serving as chairman of this group.

The actual legislative duties of Student government lie with the Student Council, for this body recommends, creates, maintains, and regulates the customs and traditions of the College. It also takes the necessary steps to support and carry into effect any policy to sustain the good name of the College, and to promote mutual understanding between the faculty and student body.

The primary mission of the Student Board is to act as a coordinating unit between the Student Council and the College administration. It meets once a week with the Dean of Men to discuss student problems. The Board makes recommendations to the Council for the final sanction of that body, and it also has the power to serve as a disciplinary body, making recommendations directly to the College administration.

Women Have Government. The Student Tribunal, composed of five members selected by the Student Council, has judicial powers in meting out punishment to freshmen who violate College customs.

The women students at Penn State have their own student governing bodies, known as the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate formulates all rules and regulations governing women students, penalizing as it sees fit all offenders of these regulations.

The House of Representatives deals with rules of lesser importance governing women students.

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Freshmen Classes Will Begin Sept. 20

Although first-year students will be attending the annual Freshman Week orientation period from September 14 to 19, classes will officially begin for freshmen at the same time as for upperclassmen, at 1:10 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, September 20.

2 HONOR SOCIETIES REWARD FRESHMEN

For freshmen with scholastic ambitions, there are two honorary societies which reward high scholarship at the end of the first semester. Forty-three upperclass groups recognize further achievement along various lines later in the collegiate career.

Phi Eta Sigma awards membership to all freshmen men who at the end of their first semester have attained a 2.5 scholastic average or better. To those who have raised their grades to the minimum mark on the basis of work for the first two semesters, membership is also extended. With chapters in twenty-three colleges and universities throughout the country, the freshman honorary elects from thirty-five to forty new members each year.

Alpha Lambda Delta, sister organization of Phi Eta Sigma, honors high standing freshman women. Each year from five to eight women fulfill the 2.5 requirement.

Minimum Standards Required. Honorary fraternities usually set up a minimum standard which a student must attain before he is considered for membership. Fulfilling the minimum requirement does not automatically make the student a member of the society. An election must first be held among the active members of the organization.

Nearly every branch of collegiate activity—scholarship, journalism, dramatics, debating, or a departmental interest—has its honoraries which usually elect members from the junior and senior classes on the basis of their achievements. When underclassmen have been outstanding in the field and the society ruling permits, exception is made to the custom of excluding freshmen and sophomores. Elections are in most cases held twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring.

The highest ranking honorary for the recognition of scholarship in all schools is Phi Kappa Phi, which was established at Penn State in 1900. To become eligible for election a student must be in the upper twentieth of his class on the basis of seven semesters and fulfill the further condition that his average be at least 2.4. Election takes place in the senior year.

Membership in Pi Delta Epsilon, men's national fraternity, is given for achievement in journalistic work on campus publications. Sigma Delta Chi, which was installed two years ago, is a professional society offering membership to students majoring in journalism who intend to follow that line of work. Alpha Theta Epsilon is the women's journalistic society, while Alpha Delta Sigma encourages proficiency in advertising.

For work in debating, Delta Sigma Rho, is the outstanding honorary, awarding membership to selected varsity debaters at the end of their junior year. Delta Alpha Delta honors women debaters and its membership is not restricted to any particular class. Purple Quill is a local literary guild which has for its purpose the fostering of creative writing and appreciation for it among the students.

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Greetings, Freshmen

This issue of the Penn State COLLEGIAN is sent to the members of the Class of 1937 with the compliments of the staff. Contained in it are complete descriptions of all phases of student life, which may be helpful in learning more about Penn State. In this issue, as in others throughout the year, the COLLEGIAN has attempted to give an accurate picture of what is going on at the College. New students will be given an opportunity to subscribe to this and other publications early in Freshman Week.

1250 New Students To Attend 9th Freshman Week Thursday; Will Register September 14-15

Enrollment Takes Place In Recreation Hall By Periods

CLASS OF 1937 RATES HIGH SCHOLASTICALLY

Figures Include Approximately 250 Women—82 Men At Mont Alto

Approximately 1,250 freshmen have been admitted to the class of 1937 and will register at assigned periods during the first two days of Freshman Week, according to William S. Hoffman, College registrar.

With 445 having been graduated in the upper fifth of their classes, this year's freshmen compare favorably along scholastic lines with last year's class which was one of the best prepared in the history of the College. Of the remainder, 361 were graduated from high school in the second fifth of their class, 223 in the third fifth, 131 in the fourth fifth, and 88 in the lowest fifth.

Women Number 250. Totalling approximately 250, the number of women in the Class of 1937 exceeds that in any previous freshman class. Of the men, 82 have enrolled in the forestry course and will spend their first year at Mont Alto branch school.

Registration procedure this year is practically the same as it was last year. Each freshman will register during the two-hour period assigned to his section in the Freshman Week manual. Registration should not take more than twenty minutes.

Filling out a blanket registration sheet is the first step in the procedure. Every question on the sheet should be answered completely because of the importance to various departments of the College.

Fees Paid at Registration. Cards for each course scheduled should be secured and filled out next. They are sent to the professor, who admits students to his classes with them, and at the end of the semester they are used to report the student's grade.

After completing these two steps, the registrant then goes to the treasurer's window where he pays his fees. An estimate of the probable amount can be made by consulting the last page of the Freshman Week manual. Checks for sums greater by more than ten dollars than the total amount of the fees will not be accepted by the treasurer.

Photographing each freshman is the final step in registration. The Penn State Photo Shop, located on East College avenue, will take the pictures free of charge on presentation of the matriculation card which is received after the payment of fees.

Registration for upperclassmen will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning, September 18, 19, and 20. All classes will begin at 1:10 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

COUNCIL SET UP AS AID TO NON-FRATERNITY MEN

Inter-unit Group Will Help Organize Unaffiliated Students

Non-fraternity men at Penn State will be represented by a new inter-unit system this year. Plans have been made to divide the non-fraternity men into ten sections, with four representatives from each district comprising the Inter-unit Council.

Present plans call for the replacement of the non-fraternity units used in intramural athletics, by the new division of men. The athletic manager of the Inter-unit Council will cooperate with intramural officials in planning and taking care of sports contests among non-fraternity men, as well as between fraternities and units.

In addition to the executive functions of the new organization, plans call for several non-fraternity dances next year, as well as the forming of a system for the distribution of eight-weeks grades among the non-fraternity men. Better cooperation in enforcing rulings of the existing student governmental organizations is also an aim of the new association.

LOCAL MERCHANTS JOIN NRA

Ninety-five percent of the State College merchants have joined the NRA, according to a recent survey.

To Welcome Freshmen



PRESIDENT R. D. HETZEL

STUDENT GROUPS DEVELOP ACTORS

Thespians, Penn State Players Enact Musical Comedies, Dramas During Year

Students interested in developing and displaying their dramatic talents are furnished an opportunity to do so by the Penn State Players and the Thespians. At the same time, excellent entertainment is furnished the College throughout the year.

Preliminary tryouts for both organizations are held early in the fall, and freshmen are eligible to participate in either or both. Casting, under the direction of graduate directors, is completed by further trials during the year.

Co-eds Play in Thespians. In their thirteen years of existence, the Penn State Players have produced more than one hundred three-act plays. During the past year, the Players presented five shows, besides combining with the Thespians and Glee club for a production in November.

Women students have been allowed to assume roles in Thespian productions since 1930. From 1907 until 1909, all parts, including the chorus, were taken by men. As the musical comedy era began, the Thespians turned to that type of entertainment with the resulting gradual participation of women students.

Members are elected to both the Players and the Thespians by election. In addition to recognition of dramatic achievement, service on the mechanical staff of the organization makes one eligible for membership.

ORATORS ADDRESS 2,600 IN 18 MEETS

Debating Team Offers Opportunity For Development Along Forensic Lines

Journeying more than 2,500 miles on trips throughout the eastern and southern parts of the country, the College debating teams opposed teams representing eighteen colleges and universities during the debating season last year. They addressed audiences totalling 2,600.

Opportunities for development along forensic lines and for the exchange of ideas with representative undergraduates of other institutions are afforded by the extensive program, which is arranged each year.

With the teams being selected by competitive debating from the entire squad before each series of meets, a large number of students receive training in forensic work during the year. Weekly meetings are held with the coaches and the policy of building up sound cases is followed through preliminary draft to the polished speech. Debating work among the women students is carried on in much the same manner as among the men.

Extensive reading in the library, the writing of briefs and speeches, followed by frequent delivery and extemporaneous rebuttal constitutes the work of the squad. Reward for achievement along forensic lines is in

Official Opening Follows Wednesday Night Assembly

GROUP ASKED TO ATTEND ALL SCHEDULED SESSIONS

Members Will Receive Physical Examination by College Health Service

With the first informal assembly scheduled for Wednesday night, the ninth annual Freshman Week will officially begin at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, September 14.

Freshmen will be welcomed to the College by President Ralph D. Hetzel and the Student Union at the opening convocation in Schwab auditorium at 8 o'clock Thursday night. All members of the freshman class will be required to be present at this and other meetings during the six-day orientation period.

The Penn State Christian association will welcome new students at an informal assembly in Schwab auditorium at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, September 13. Student counselors chosen from the upperclassmen will be introduced at this meeting and will meet for the first time with their sections immediately following the assembly.

School Meetings Scheduled

Divided into twenty-four groups according to the school or curricula in which they are enrolled, all freshmen, with the exception of those in Chemistry and Physics, will begin activities with the school meetings on Thursday morning. At these meetings, which will be the first of three or four in each school, freshmen will become acquainted with deans and department heads and will be given information and directions about their chosen course of study.

A thorough physical examination examination will be made of each freshman at scheduled hours during Freshman Week by the College Health service at the dispensary in the basement of Old Main building. A physical education conference will be held with all freshman men at regularly scheduled hours in Recreation Hall.

During assigned periods, placement tests in English, intelligence, and mathematics will be given to all freshmen for the general guidance of administration officers and advisers. In addition, two hours of library practice are scheduled for each section.

Each of the twenty-four groups will meet by itself three times. At one of these meetings, members of the faculty of the School of Education will give instructions on how to study. All of the group meetings will be under the direction of student section counselors.

Sports Provided

Each morning at 11 o'clock all freshmen, unless otherwise scheduled, will assemble in Schwab auditorium for an hour of instruction about College songs and cheers under the direction of Prof. Richard W. Grant, head of the music department, and the student cheerleading corps. Following the afternoon sessions, opportunity is provided for participation in outdoor sports, including football, baseball, tennis, golf, volleyball, and quarts.

Mass meetings will be held each night, except Saturday and Sunday, in Schwab auditorium at 8 o'clock. The opening convocation will be held on Thursday night, while the program on Friday night will be conducted by the religious activities of the College. Student government officers will address the freshmen Monday night and on Tuesday night an athletic rally under the supervision of the Athletic Association will be held.

Special programs during Freshman Week have been arranged for the benefit of freshmen women. An athletic field day will be held on Monday afternoon.

LECTURE SERIES OFFERED

Series of lectures on cultural subjects are offered annually by members of the faculty of School of Liberal Arts. In addition, the department of journalism arranges a series of lectures by prominent newspaper men. Various other lectures of a more technical nature are offered during the year by honorary groups and departments.