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NEXT YEAR'S RUSHING CODE

After a somewhat hectic rushing season, Interfraternity Council is now confronted with the unpleasant task of framing a men's rushing code for next year. As usual, this year's code was not perfect. In an interview published in this issue, the rushing chairman has already discussed probable changes in the 1934 code.

The suggestion that the rushing period be shortened to thirteen days is a good one. The expense involved in a long period is one consideration, while the effect on fraternity men and rushees alike is another. There were probably very few freshmen or fraternity men late Friday night who were not very much pleased that the scramble was all over. The superficiality and forced actions that go with a rushing season are a bore to almost everybody. Furthermore, it is questionable how much more a rushee can learn about a fraternity after his second or third date. He may meet a few more brothers, hear a little more national history, and learn a little more about the fraternity's standing. But he is more likely to be the subject of some high-powered salesmanship which does him no good whatever in helping him to choose the best fraternity. Therefore, it might be suggested that even a thirteen-day period is too long. Factors that change rushees' minds after the first ten days are more often "lead-piping" methods on the part of fraternity men, rather than a careful weighing of each fraternity on the part of the rushee.

Then there is this matter of unrestricted rushing. The suggestion is that the period ought to be shortened from five to three days. There is no doubt that this is a step in the right direction, but does it go far enough? Does a "lead-piping" system help the freshman to pick the best fraternity? Or does it put a premium on that type of rushing which is distinguished more by its coercion than by its reason? There were undoubtedly faults in the old system of regulated rushing during the second period, but, on the whole, it seemed more conducive to orderly and thoughtful rushing than the unrestricted system of this year.

Misunderstanding or deliberate violation of the spirit of the code was in evidence as much this year as in other years. During the unregulated period, fraternities gave prospective pledges door keys, pledge pins to keep in in their pockets, and even moved their trunks into the house. Of course, there was nothing in the code that specifically condemned these actions. But they were against the spirit of the phrase which said that an informal bid, binding on neither party, may be extended to the rushee during the second period. Such misunderstandings can be cleared up as suggested by a set of categorical questions and answers covering every possible situation. And deliberate violations should be reported. A good many fraternity men hesitate at reporting another house, yet if a rushing code is to be anything more than a farce it must be enforced.

In brief, then, the entire rushing period ought to be shortened as much as possible, and the "lead-piping" period ought to be shortened or amended in preference for a more regulated system. One suggestion that was made last year, and one that might well be reconsidered, is that of a Penn State fraternity manual. Containing information about each fraternity's history, its scholarship record, its activities, and including a picture of each house, the manual would be a real help to bewildered freshmen. Reading such a manual would certainly be a much better way of judging respective fraternities than hearing a biased account by a particular fraternity man in a "lead-pipe" session. Other colleges have used a similar manual successfully. Time prevented its being published here this year, but it should be a part of the Interfraternity Council's program next year.

FOLLOWERS OF THE LION boxing team will be disappointed with the 1934 schedule. Although the

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Well, the freshman co-eds are imbued with the proper spirit, anyway. Always eager and willing to help, they are. Ask Chuck Pfordt (telephone 134) if you don't believe us. It seems that Chuck was about five minutes late for a class in N. L. A. the other day, and when he came steaming in the professor was already under way. There was a vacant seat in the front row right next to an attractive freshman girl, so he slipped into it, opened his notebook, took out a pen, and tried to look nonchalant. Then he leaned over and whispered to his wide-eyed neighbor:

"Has he called the roll yet?"

She looked rather startled for a second, and then smiled and wrote something in her notebook, holding it up for him to see. It read:

"Fraser St. Dorn."

Which simply leads up to a bit of philosophy upon the subject of co-eds, or anything feminine for that matter, recently expounded to us by our friend M. Mouton.

"I met a woman, wooed, and won,
And loved her for a space,
Then tired and told her it was done,
And laughing, left the place.

I met another, and I thought
That love was really mine,
I sighed, and sang, and bought, and bought,
And paid cash on the line.

I met two women; one I spurned,
She hounds me yet, the rat!
The other one for whom I yearned?
You're right. She left me flat!"

They do exert an awful lot of influence, though, these women. For years Hum Fishburn of the music department refused to buy a radio, contending that a radio distorted the work of the artist. He kept a victrola at his home upon which he played his favorite records. Then he got married.

Mrs. Fishburn wanted a radio. Now Hummel has one parked in a conspicuous place in his home. He has his victrola too—in the cellar.

The favorite rushing story of the S. A. E.'s during the rushing season was that the first casualty in the Civil War was an S. A. E. Which, naturally, impresses the rushee with the fact that they are an 'old, established fraternity.' It's quite true. The first casualty in the Civil War was an S. A. E. He fell off a dock and was drowned.

"Button, Button . . ."

"Well, we didn't get as many as some of the other houses but we got quality" . . . Did you notice the Penn State in China pictures displayed in a downtown window? . . . June Brown hip-hopping in front of the Phi Mu House 't'other afternoon . . . Mr. Hines has the first after-customs date with Gretchen Ego . . . Jim Norris ex-Theatopian and columnist back in school . . . The football team commuting between Flat Rock and Kishacoquillas . . .

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sport has always been extremely popular with fans here, the schedule provides only one home meet. Considering boxing's popularity, College athletic officials should make every effort to secure one or two more home meets. Furthermore, in view of the fact that boxing is financially more sound than any other sport except football, it looks like doubtful economy to cut down the number of meets, especially home meets. Other less-popular sports might well feel the economy axe before boxing. Some of the disappointment will be alleviated, however, if the Intercollegiate are held here again this year.

MEMBERS OF THE PENN STATE in China committee may wonder at the lack of student support for the project. If financial support was the object of the chapel service Sunday, then the procedure followed was not the sort to elicit funds from the audience. Too few students know just what Penn State in China is and what it means. Yet chapel-goers were asked to make the usual contribution before the main address. Anything that was said in the address to stimulate interest for the project was therefore useless as far as financial support at that particular time was concerned. It is likely that a program attempting to explain more concretely Penn State's work in China and interesting incidents connected with it, followed by a financial appeal, would be more fruitful in the way of securing contributions and student sympathy.

SWIMMING, AS AN INTERCOLLEGIATE sport, was out of the question here until recently. But now, with access to a good indoor pool an actuality, student requests for a swimming team are frequently heard. Certainly there is no dearth of talent here. Many Lion athletes have also been lifeguards and high school swimming team members. If satisfactory arrangements could be made with the pool management, swimming would be a welcome and colorful addition to Penn State's roster of intercollegiate sports.

Letter Box

To the Editor:

Following traditional Penn State precedent on liberal thought this year, as in the past three that I know about, there have been articles condemning women's fraternities, compulsory R. O. T. C., student government, and the practice of choosing courses instead of instructors.

Shamefully enough, the college newspaper and magazine editorials have proved inadequate in an attempt to overcome the philistinism and smugness of the student body. All this sounds like more destructive hash, but what does this College need more than protestors whose gratification and happiness does not lie in following, but in questioning and renovating?

This College, in preparing students for a practical vocation, achieves only half its purpose. To advance the liberal and cultural aspects of the student body, thus preparing an intelligent American citizenry is the other half of this College's duty. The failure to do this justifies complaint, not merely editorials.

Some of the liberal movements sponsored by the college are fireside sessions led by professors, a few worthy lectures, debates, and an Artist Course (which will come if the necessary funds are acquired.) On Saturday night, thanks to the interest of a few music lovers not in the music department, one may hear good music at 411, Old Main. In effect, what is all this, but the graceful gestures of a self-satisfied community trying to convince itself that it is 'open-minded and progressive'?

We are encouraged to question social institutions and moral practices. But what comes of it? Suppose that compulsory R. O. T. C. is in conflict with the concept of American liberty; what if politics here merely reflect all that is obnoxious in our political system; what if the students are marching toward a Kultur; what if we don't get educated; questioning our only resource? Is anything done?

The administration has proven its impotence, and it is not so much a lack of money as a lack of proportion. It must be remembered that teachers work under the administration, and although there are some men of culture, wisdom, and great knowledge, they are literally hamstrung by their position.

It is for us, the younger element, not yet wise in worldly intrigue to organize protests against those aspects of college life that are obviously contrary to human principles of Justice, Culture, and Freedom.

(Watch for posters!)

—A. J. K.

To the Editor:

Every once in awhile we have to be reminded of our manners and it nettles us to be rated for our breeding.

But there are those among the students of Penn State who disregard the presence of others in the theaters and entertain the idea that the picture on the screen is being shown for must be observed in their every detail, and yet some people have the their especial benefit. The talkies extreme bad taste to talk and laugh through some of the most serious and tense moments of a picture so that

others around them who have come to enjoy and appreciate the work done on the screen are annoyed and aggravated almost beyond endurance.

It is assumed that we attend the cinema because we wish to. If there are some who do not have the intelligence to appreciate it seriously or to be at least comfortably entertained, let them remain silent or get out, instead of flaunting their ignorance before others. There is no place in the theatre for boisterous behavior, or for shallow and silly witticisms.

It is a shame that college students have become so thoughtless, that they have so utterly forgotten the meaning of noblesse oblige!

S. C. P. '31

CO-ED GOLF TOURNEY OPENS

The all-College women's golf tournament will open this week, with a cup to be awarded to the winner, according to Betty J. Frear '36, golf manager. W. A. A. points will be given to high-ranking players.



Isn't it exasperating to have to miss a wonderful party because of "recurring" pains? Embarrassing, too, when you can't tell friends the reason. But now, no need to flunk an exam or miss a party. When you are below par, take or miss a party. When you are below par, take or miss a party. When you are below par, take or miss a party.

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Important Notice!

A complete course in swimming will start at Glennland Pool the week beginning October 8. Beginners, advanced swimming and diving lessons will be offered.

A complete course in stroke improvement will be offered College men and women.

Arrangements have been made with the American Red Cross to give Life-Saving instruction.

Those interested sign up at Glennland Pool office between October 2 to 8.

Class Lessons - - - 6 for \$2.50

Private Lessons - - - 6 for \$4.00