



Fraternities To Begin Rushing on Thursday

53 Social Groups Will Open Ten-Day Period of Organized 'Rushing' on First Day of Freshman Week.

Fifty-two Penn State social fraternities will begin a 10-day 'rushing' period at 5 o'clock on the first day of Freshman Week, Thursday, September 13.

The 'rushing' of first-year men is an organized system used by the fraternities in securing members from the freshman class.

Every Penn State social fraternity, national and local, is represented in a group known as the Interfraternity Council.

The way in which fraternities may rush, bid, and pledge new members is one of the important duties of the council.

The 1934 Rushing Code defines 'rushing' as 'any communication or association between a fraternity man and a rushee' during the specified period.

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 1934 Rushing Code.

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 preference.

Prof. W. J. Keith Dies While Visiting Maine

News of the death of Dr. Walter Jackson Keith, professor of organic chemistry of the College faculty for thirty-eight years, was received Tuesday from Bangor, Maine, where Dr. Keith was vacationing.

Dr. Keith was appointed instructor in chemistry at Penn State on February 24, 1896, after he had served as an assistant and instructor at the Rose Polytechnic Institute, the University of Göttingen, and the University of Pennsylvania.

His death signals the close of an intellectual adventure of great breadth and friends were quick to recall, on learning of his passing, the range of his intellectual interests.

His main professional interest lay in the field of organic chemistry and particularly in the chemistry of nitrogen compounds.

While the first semester officially begins at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, when the annual convocation address in Recreation hall is scheduled, it is likely that the ceremony will be postponed until later in the term.

Players To Give Comedy on 15th

Cast to Enact George M. Cohan's 'The Tavern' Saturday Before Freshmen

The Penn State Players will open their sixteenth season with a special Freshman Week performance of George M. Cohan's comedy, The Tavern, Saturday, September 15, at 8 o'clock in the Auditorium.

The Tavern, first performed by the Players in June, is a burlesque melodrama in which the action takes place in a lonely inn at midnight of a stormy night.

With a schedule calling for seven or more full-length productions the student dramatic organization, under its faculty directors, Prof. Arthur C. Cloetingh and Mr. Frank S. Neusbaum, will have at least one play in rehearsal continuously from September to June.

All students regularly enrolled in the College are eligible for work in Players' productions and are entitled to membership when they have completed the requirements of the organization.

Try-outs will be conducted beginning the first week of classes, both for actors and for candidates for positions in all departments of the technical staff, including stage, lights, scene-design, costumes, properties and publicity.

Since their official organization in February, 1920, under the leadership of Prof. William S. Dye, Jr., and Prof. Cloetingh of the English Literature department, the Penn State Players have enacted over a hundred full-length plays ranging from the classical Greek to contemporary American and European works.

College Was Known as 'Farmers' High School' When It Was Founded Way Back in 1850

The Farmers' High School, baptismal name of the Penn State College, was a pioneer in agricultural education; its roots go back as early as 1850.

The first quarter of a century was marked by a struggle to hold the Land Grant, and by drifting and experimentation in education aims.

Dr. Evan Pugh, a man of rare vision, trained by six years of study in the universities of Germany, France, and England, the first great president died at the early age of 36, just as he was laying the foundations of Penn State.

Will Register Freshmen



William S. Hoffman, College Registrar, will supervise the registration of freshmen during the first three days of Freshman Week.

Groups Reward High Scholarship

2 Freshman Honoraries Select New Members For High Scholastic Rating

For freshmen with scholastic ambitions, there are two honorary societies which reward high scholarship.

Phi Eta Sigma awards membership to all freshman men who at the end of their first semester have attained a 2.5 scholastic average or better.

Alpha Lambda Delta, sister organization of Phi Eta Sigma, honors high standing freshman women.

Honorary fraternities usually set up a minimum standard which a student must attain before he is considered for membership.

14,000 Cases Treated

Over 14,000 cases are treated annually at the College dispensary, which is located in the east basement of Old Main.

The trustees voted a "deorganization" and called Dr. Thomas H. Burrows to salvage the College and restore it to its original purposes.

Dr. James Calder, a classically trained, classically minded executive succeeded. The College grew in numbers largely due to preparatory students, to music and art pupils.

An unfortunate interregnum in 1880-1881 under President Critchfield re-opened the flood gates of criticism and personal recrimination.

However, a new leader, the second great president, Dr. George W. Ath-

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FERA Student Relief Will Aid 262 Freshmen

Appropriation Provides \$15 a Month for Each Job

Students Must Prove That They Need Work

Thanks to the prospects of federal aid for the forthcoming year and the new FERA stipulation that half of the FERA moneys expended by colleges for student relief must go to students who were not in college during January, 1934, the lot of the Penn State freshman is at last a happy one.

About one in six among the expected freshman enrollment will be eligible for a job on a supplementary College project to be paid for by the funds of Uncle Sam, provided he can attest to his need for such aid.

Under the regulations recently promulgated by the FERA student-aid administration, a total of 524 students, half of whom must not have been in College in January, 1934, will have an opportunity to earn an average of \$15 per month toward their keep during the next college year.

A total appropriation of \$78,600 is expected by the college authorities during the ten months from September to June to help in putting de-

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26 Clubs Have Many Activities

Membership Consists of Those Interested in Work of Groups

Twenty-six recognized student clubs are now in existence on the campus, filling a need for assembling students with common interests.

The majority of the clubs have no scholastic or class requirements. Their membership consists solely of those students who are interested in work that the club carries on.

The Social Problems club is composed of students interested in contemporary affairs and holds open forums every two or three weeks at which members of the faculty and outside speakers talk on current problems.

The International Relations club is one of a large group of societies that was founded by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Members of the DeMolay society enrolled at the College have formed a DeMolay club which sponsors so-

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Class Finances Here Controlled by Board

Class finances at Penn State are controlled and regulated by a committee of students, which includes the various class treasurers and Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, as ex-officio members.

This group, known as the Inter-Class Finance committee, controls the incomes from class dances and from interclass sports on the campus.

Chairman of class dance committees and the presidents of the classes sponsoring dances receive salaries for their services, the chairman and class president each receiving \$50 for the dance sponsored by their class.

1,300 Freshmen Will Gather for First Assembly Wednesday Night

To Address Assembly



RALPH DORN HETZEL

Students Here Govern Selves

Government Vested in Board, Council Composed of Undergraduates

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.

In addition to these two bodies there is a combined student board, established last year, which seeks to coordinate the legislation of the men's and women's governments by handling problems affecting both groups.

The board includes four men: president of the senior class, editor of the COLLEGIAN, a representative elected from Student Board, and one elected from Student Council.

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 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.

The primary mission of the Student Board is to act as a coordinating unit between the Student Council and the College administration, meet-

Notice To Freshmen

Registrar Hoffman, requests that all incoming freshmen, as well as upperclassmen, bring fountain pens to Recreation Hall when they register.

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Merger of Courses in Liberal Arts, Education Schools to Affect Freshmen

Beginning with this year all freshmen and sophomores in the Schools of Education and Liberal Arts will have a common curriculum, to be known as the Lower Division.

Under this arrangement it will be impossible for Education students to be admitted to the School of Education until they have completed their work in the lower division.

The purpose of this change is to make the School of Education wholly professional and not a school of general education.

President Hetzel To Welcome New Students at Convocation Thursday; Attendance to All Meetings Compulsory

More than 1,300 members of the Class of 1938 will gather in Schwab auditorium Wednesday night for the informal assembly which will officially open the tenth annual Freshman Week of the College.

Dr. Ralph D. Hetzel, President of the College, will welcome the freshmen at the convocation on Thursday night, September 13.

Student Union Aids Activities

Coordinating Unit Was Formed in 1930—Has Grown Rapidly

Endeavoring to serve as a co-ordinating unit for all the extra-curricular activities at Penn State, the Student Union has taken its place as one of the valuable student organizations in the short period since it was organized in 1930.

The Union has no legislative power and is not supervisory but accomplishes its work by suggestions to its component groups in the form of recommendations.

Elected by outgoing members of the Board, new members are selected from each particular field of activity. One representative from each of the following groups is a member of the Board: men's athletics, women's athletics, religious organizations, men's student government, women's student government, publications, Interfraternity Council, Inter-Unit Council, Pan-Hellenic Council, honorary fraternities, Penn State club, and one representative from the Interclass Budget committee.

In addition to the student members there are included in the membership the Dean of Men, the Dean of Women, the Union manager and two members from the administration or faculty elected for terms of two years.

The purpose of the Union is the furtherance of the welfare of each student activity, the coordination of the activities to serve a common program, and the promotion of projects which could not properly be handled by individual groups.

In its short history, the Union has undertaken and completed many projects. All-College dances were held in charge after several basketball games last winter, the Student Loan fund was aided through the Union projects, a "Dutch Treat" dinner was inaugurated to form additional plans and general services were extended through the information bureau situated on the first floor of Old Main.

Acts, Dancers May Perform in Thespians

Students interested in developing and displaying their dramatic or dancing ability are furnished the opportunity to do so by the Penn State Thespians.

Preliminary tryouts for this organization are held early in the fall and freshmen are eligible to participate. Last year several freshmen men and women were given parts. Casting, under the direction of graduate directors, is completed by further trials during the year.

Women students have been allowed to assume roles in Thespian productions since 1930. From 1897 until 1928 all parts, including the chorus, were taken by men.

Each year the Thespians put on two shows. One is given for fall house-party, and the other is usually enacted three times in the Spring. Besides that they are planning to tour the larger cities of Pennsylvania with the show sometime in the spring.

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