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Above all, the Collegian will be tolerant for tolerance there is vision and there is might

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NOW—DON'T RUSH THE CODE

LAST NIGHT approximately 500 men pledged 49 men's fraternities.

They, with fitting ceremonies, the 1938 rushing season came to a close.

It was a welcomed close to the freshman rushers, who for the past 10 days had been wheeled around from fraternity house to fraternity house at a dizzy gallop.

It was a welcomed close to fraternity members, who for the past 10 days practically wore out the pages of the Student Handbook, referring to the rushing code before every slight move for fear it may be a violation.

But, above all, it was a welcomed close to the Rushing Committee and Interfraternity Council, who stepped into the man-sized job of enforcing a code so radically different from other years that it presented more headaches than Hitler is giving Europe.

Yet, despite all the vexing problems that are bound to arise with the new rushing code, only one violation was reported and that easily could have been attributed to just plain, honest oversight by one ordinary human being.

For, although the date cards did bear a warning that none should be signed before 7 a. m. Tuesday, the rushing code itself failed to mention a single word about this.

And aside from the newness of the code, most of the problems which did arise seemed to arise from its utter vagueness.

Now that the hectic season is at an end, it is refreshing to note the stand taken by Raymond S. Coseky, president of Interfraternity Council.

Unlike what might be expected from one in his position, Coseky is frank and sensible.

He admits there are loopholes in the new code—loopholes for which, incidentally, he is not responsible.

He admits, for instance, that the informal contact periods, designed to permit freshmen to contact more fraternities, proved to be a boomerang with the result that many fraternity men monopolized a rusher's time.

He admits that there may have been slight slip-ups in administration and enforcement, which, after all, is only natural to expect.

But what is most important of all, he raises no hubbalo about scrapping the new code and going back to the old, worn-out regulations that proved so inadequate.

Instead, he urges retention of the new code with necessary revisions.

In this, the Collegian stands fully behind Coseky and congratulates him upon the good job he has done with such a difficult assignment.

But it is because of this that the Collegian hopes Coseky will not commit the same error that was made by Interfraternity Council last year—the error of haste.

There is plenty of time between now and the end of the school year to revise the new code and make it more workable.

And the best way to get at it, it seems, is for Interfraternity Council to appoint as soon as possible a standing committee to study more deeply the shortcomings of the code and to report its findings at a later date.

Then, with a solid foundation upon which to build, chances for a newer and a better code would be increased a hundredfold.

Let's not wait until the last minute to do the job.

Let's start at once.

NOTE TO A WATER COMPANY

GENTLEMEN Would appreciate very much if you would just sort of decrease that dose of chlorine you've been shooting into the water recently.

At least, it might save us from being gassed.

OLD MANIA

You're In The Army Now:

It is at this early stage of college life that the freshman undergoes a complete metamorphosis. Last week he was a great boy, a swell fellow, back-slapped by all the boys. The food was gustatorily perfect. And he received bids to three houses. But last night he pledged that nice big house with the eight hat men and the new chuffones. Slightly dazed, things seem so different now.

We Don't Have To Say It Anymore:

"What course are you taking?" "How's your schedule?" "Where's your home town?" "Do you know a guy named Bob Miller in Philly?"

Some Mother's Son:

Prof. Tschan was having trouble with names in calling roll in an advanced history course. He called out to a happy Tom, "O'Connor in this year." "What's your name?" When no answer came, he inquired softly, "What does your mother call you?" "Dea."

State Makes Out:

The Beta Sigma Rho boys have lost their hearts and heads in the pursuit of Sophie Marler, smoothie transfer, from Maine. Bob Rosenfeld and Th. Great Love Jack Hirsch lead the parade of admirers.

Speaking of transfers, Mamic predicts that the world will beat a path to the door of the Kipp house despite the mud they've got a couple of southerners hidden up there among the steel guides, Charlotte Calloway of Duke and Dot Walter of Randolph-Macon. Then the C. O.'s have a smart package from Ohio U. named Janet Vanderwee. Well, what's Penn State's gain is somebody else's loss.

Freshman Co-Eds Please Note:

There's a whole mess of imposters around this place that we have to warn you about. The other day Beta Bud Gordon and two playmate's perceivers three green-ribboned freshmen filling a loath in the Center room. Stuck for a method of introduction, these smart lads (we've got to give 'em credit) approached the girls and informed them that they were on the Collegian staff and were scouting around for Miss '42. The girls were pullable. They were impressed. So Gordon and company made out. The next time they hand you that line, girls, make them present their press cards. And besides, the Collegian has decided it would be wise not to pick a Miss '42.

All Around the Mulberry Bush:

We hate to disappoint the boys who have been trying to date Greta, the new Diner waitress, she's not going steady or anything, she's just married.

Ulysses Grant Palmer, did junior, has been getting the cold shoulder from corner room's Alice, cute new waitress who's on the morning shift. Barbara Fleming and Ray Coseky very much that way. Doc Coseky AKPI and Delta Gam Gwen Spencer still corner rooming it. Lola Murray back in town, she's flying back to the coast to have an audition. Al Tjerman and the Kappa's are wondering where Pearl Carroll is. Harry Harrison did his best open field running on Saturday, not dodging tacklers but dodging mud puddles. Bellefonte's getting particular then cops are keeping State students out of town. Mi Schug, debating coach, has a girl. Don't Blakemoire part off with Jack Rex. Sigma Tau Phi's perennial freshman, Pete Lang went to Soc. 12, criminology class, prepared with magnifying glass, fingerprint powder, and a Sherlock Holmes pipe. The Clyde Culp and Jean Stillwell affair went pfffluff during the summer. And then? wasn't the only one.

—THE MANIAC

Goldfish, Radios Arrive With Students

Everything from goldfish to radios arrives in State College during the first ten days of the semester as State's 6,000 or so students come back to school.

The important question is "Who knows how to care for goldfish and to keep radios from being tooth-shattered in transit?" The solution of this problem falls to the American Railway Express Company which yearly experiences its big season as school opens.

The railway express office during the beginning of school receives two train car loads of baggage a day and handles some 5,000 separate pieces of luggage during this frenzied period. To handle and distribute this load three extra trucks and ten extra men are hired to augment the two trucks regularly at the disposal of the Express Company.

According to the agent in charge of the local office, the company handles most anything a student gets when to take back to school. It has never had any so-called "white elephants" on its hands yet, but it has had white rats, and plenty of them every time the lads begin some new experiments.

Plan Formation Of College Poet Group

Formation of a Penn State chapter of the College Poetry Society will be considered at an open meeting to be held in Room 410, Old Main, at 8 o'clock Thursday night, it was announced yesterday.

Chapter of this Society at many leading universities in the country and sponsors of the organization include such outstanding poets as Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg, Conrad Aiken, Robinson Jeffers, Archibald MacLeish and Edna St. Vincent Millay.

The Society publishes the best work of its members in the magazine, "College Poetry."

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House To Have Pay The Bell Telephone Company's restriction of the College line to administrative business was Sigworth's reason for dormitories and women's fraternity houses being put on a separate switchboard.

He stated that, in time, all downtown rooming houses for both boys and girls would have to install the same system of pay phones that is now being used on campus.

"When everything is properly organized we will be able to tell promptly and accurately where each woman is located on campus—a feature of imminent value to both the women and their visitors," explained Sigworth.

"If the student and public will cooperate with us until we get on a stable operating basis, we will then be able to give the required service, and will have one of the most efficient phone systems to be found in an institution of this sort."

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Natural relationships are encouraged by the Council. It is most beneficial to both freshmen and sophomores to meet on a natural basis rather than on one of pretense and artificiality.

Fraternity women may visit freshmen, and those visits may be returned. Organized parties are forbidden. Freshmen may be taken to chapel, Dutch treat, however, is the rule in any situation that involves spending money.

Violations to Committee

Violations of Panhellenic rulings are to be reported to Panhellenic rushing chairman, who will submit them to the Judicial Committee of the Council. To expedite this process, we suggest that all violations be presented to the Council not only in written form, but also with the signature of the president of the house from which the objection comes.

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Auxiliary To Fete Faculty At Smoker

A smoker and coter party for new members of the faculty will be given by the Male Auxiliary of the Newcomer's Club in the University Club, at 8 o'clock, Friday evening.

New members of the faculty and the administrative staff have been invited to attend by P. D. Wright, instructor in Industrial Engineering, who is president of the auxiliary. Dr. Emmett E. Betts, research professor in Education, is chairman of the entertainment committee.

Its national creed, "To work to gether for the good of the college and all its women students."

W. S. G. A. lists the following standards necessary as qualifications for women's dormitory officers:

A Scholarship—1 At least a 1.5 average. 2 No struggle to maintain scholastic standing.

D. Activities—1 Limited in number. 2 Schedule of hours and class work.

C. Leadership and Responsibility—1 Previous experience in holding responsibilities. 2 Willingness to accept responsibility. 3 Efficiency.

D. Independence—1 Willingness and opinion to express ideas. 2 Fluency with regard to rules.

E. Personal Characteristics—1 Tact. 2 Good appearance. 3 Likeable disposition. 4 High standards of conduct.

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