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THE DUST SETTLES

WHIPPED AROUND faster than cream in a separator, more than 450 men settled down to their respective fraternities with the closing of the 1939 rushing season last night.

It was a welcomed sigh of relief heaved by more than one.

That the 11-day period was "the cleanest rushing season in 11 years," has been disputed in many sources. That the code is any better, if as good, than last year's code is also debatable.

The enough, only several scattered violations have been reported to the Judicial Committee and no penalties have been meted out by that group. Last year one violation was reported and punishment received, but that easily could have been attributed to just plain, honest oversight by an individual.

While idle rumor has been spread that the rush season just ending was far from "the cleanest," the Collegian is of the opinion that such a statement is exaggerated.

Now that the hectic season has ended, it will be easy for one fraternity to accuse other fraternities of infractions of the code. Yet, this is not exactly "playing ball" with Interfraternity Council and the Judiciary Committee.

The 1939 code, despite its obvious shortcomings and loopholes, was neither too lenient nor too rigid to follow. If fraternities were considered violators of the code by other houses, the time to report them was during the actual rushing period.

But with the passing of the hotly-contested season comes the mere beginning of another period of revision.

There is plenty of time between now and the end of the school year to revise the new code and make it more workable. Numerous improvements were made over last year's code. Many more can be made.

The 1939 code is built on a solid foundation, but such admitted blunders as the opening hour on the first official rush day, the 10 a. m. Sunday conflict with Freshman Chapel services and the "cut-throat" intensive rushing period, all tend to decrease its effectiveness.

Action NOW will guarantee better results next year.

MURALS - A REALITY

TIRELESS EFFORTS on the part of a few have finally been rewarded with the signing of the contract for the painting of murals in Old Main.

For more than two years, Professor Harold E. Dickson of the department of architecture, and several other co-workers have struggled in an uphill tussle to secure culture for Penn State.

Perhaps it was that word "culture" that has so many stymied. In any event the progress was extremely slow despite frequent campaigns in its behalf by the Collegian.

Admittedly the painting of the mural over the main stairway in Old Main by America's outstanding muralist, Henry Varnum Poor, does not represent the satisfaction of all that interested groups had desired. But, it is a major step toward the original goal.

ARE YOU REMEMBERING....

TO CONTRIBUTE toward the clothing of a Nittany Lion mascot—one of the most commendable displays of the revival of that old College spirit?

TO REFRAIN from walking on those "large expanses of dark, green, luxuriant grass?"

TO EASE the pressure on Student Tribunal by keeping your eye focused for customs violators?

OLD MANIA

Begin The Beguine

The Maniac is in a queer mood tonight. He car think of nothing except that rushing ser-on will be over by the time this issue goes to bed. A funny feeling creeps all over him when he thinks of how restless some of the boys in the unfortunate houses slept last night after they pledged their total of two My, my. Just the thoughts of keeping that big bad wolf away from the door when cold weather sets in.

On the other hand, he pictures the lucky boys beaming around here the next few days about how many "smart" boys went their house and how they'll be able to get another stay on the mortgage this year from the bank.

But then we finally decide that every dog gets his day, and that this whole business of rushing runs in cycles. One year it's great, and maybe the next three it's a stink-out. Take the Phi Delt, the lucky do uppus! Now they led the field this year (as far as preference cards go), but remember last year?

So don't take it too much to heart, boys. And remember, there's always an ace-in-the-hole in some wealthy alumnus when things get too bad. It's all over by now, so we'll spill some of the.

Recent Rushing Runarounds

A rusher burnt both ends of the candle when he promised the Kappa Sig that he'd not only pledge their house, but help them work on his two roommates. He told the Sigma Nus the very same words. When preference cards came out, he had an entirely different house listed first.

We heard of one dope who pledged Phi Delt because one of the fellows in the house dives each week-end to the kid's home town to see his sweetie. Now the pledge will be able to ride home with him. We wonder if this Phi Delt is like one of his former fraters who pulled the same swindle until after they put on the button, then charged the sap for the trips more than the car was worth.

Another greenhorn called Kappa Kappa Gamma society and asked which they thought was the better house, Beta or Sigma Nu. The snub is still rejoicing over the goody goody Kappa since they were recognized over their campus neighbors.

Phi Kappa Tau's had a treasure hunt. A freshman was sent up to the Jordan, fertility plot and all that he found was an egg. "What does an egg have to do with a fertility plot?" was his complaint when he returned. Mmm, if he only knew!

When Co Sweet told Deltach's prey, Bill Fischer, how he liked the boys in the dx house, Fischer immediately saved the froth about how the boys thought so much of him. Blinking suddenly, Sweet very gravely said, "How extolling!"

It's old but still good. When some of the Sigma Chis were speaking of the "leau piping" that goes on by other fraternities during rushing season, one of the dummies asked whether that was the plumbing system they used.

We're still in the dark as to whether Wally Jones' kid brother went ph gam or beta. And what a staunch fiy Wally's always been. One of the Kappa Sig prospects almost broke his neck when a D U velled "button" as the glorified high-schooler was speeding around a corner on one of those scoter-bikes.

Irony

Mary Ann Rhodes, chmn of the judicial committee, came into Ath Hall five minutes late the other p. m. She'll be the first case this year to be brought before her own court.

A Senate meeting was held the other night in Jane Romig's room. Dean Ray was present. As said meeting was about to begin, Mary O'Connor called and delayed things by telling them she was from Singer Sewing Machine. A few minutes later a shout came through the window from someone downstairs who sounded like La Romig's date.

It went, something like this "Hey, Romig, whenhell will you be ready?" The meeting was called when a freshman, her kisser filled with gum and a cigarette dangling from her lip, barged in and bellowed, "Wh's gon' to da movies?" —THE MANIAC

KEELER'S STUDENTS' SUPPLIES advertisement featuring a lamp illustration.

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary Fifth Edition - \$3.50, Zipper Note Books, Genuine leather - \$2.95 to \$4.50, Drawing Sets - \$8.75 to \$17.95, Log-Log Decitrig Slide-Rules \$12.75.

Simplified Drill Adopted For ROTC Classes Here

ROTC classes this year will be introduced to the new "Drill for Foot Troops" which the War Department has ordered taught in all military establishments after September 1. The simplified drill replaces the old close order formation previously followed.

In connection with the drill change, a change will be made in the texts to be followed in the basic ROTC classes. Freshmen will use an entirely new text, embodying the new drill which will be sold for \$1.80. Sophomores, since they already have books including the old close order drill, will be asked only to buy supplementary texts which are to sell for 30 cents.

Other ROTC changes this year include the separation of engineer and infantry regiments through the entire four semesters of the basic course. The separations are listed in the time table.

Sections Made Permanent. In an effort to better company spirit, the organizations formed this semester will be maintained through the entire basic course and no cross sectioning or changing from one company to another at semesters will be permitted.

To facilitate this, six ROTC sections instead of four have been created this year. The change will mean that a student who schedules a ROTC section this semester must schedule the same section and same hours during the remainder of the time he is in the basic course.

The drill movement for foot troops is different mainly in that it is a simplification of the old method. That the new drill is considerably easier to learn was evidenced this summer at Fort Meade, advanced ROTC training camp. By the second day, the trainees had little difficulty.

Freshmen new to military drill have only about half as much to learn and the part they do learn is easier.

STUDENT SOAPBOX

What do you think should be done about Thanksgiving vacation?

J. Kimber Grimm, Jr., '42, lower division. "What's good enough for the President is good enough for me. I suggest a one day vacation on the 23rd."

Selma Solomon '43, home economics. "Whether to have a one-day or four-day vacation is a matter of Home versus College. As a freshman I'd rather go home, but I might change my mind in four years."

Murray Druck '41, Journalism. "I think it's fine. Let's have one vacation over the 23rd and another over the 30th."

Robert C. Welsh '40, horticulture. "I'd prefer a full Thanksgiving vacation with no mid-year holiday, because I usually work in a vacation at mid-year anyway. I have a job over Thanksgiving."

Lois Hunter '42, lower division. "I think I've had the longer vacation at Thanksgiving. It would be a lot better. I have a girl friend who'd like very much to go home to New York State, and she can't do it if we have only one day."

William Hursh '41, two-year agriculture. "I'd like to have the whole vacation at Thanksgiving. Otherwise I won't be able to get home to see my parents."

Sally Faber '41, physical education. "The easiest thing to do would be to leave it just where it is—on the 30th."

James W. Mitchens '42, lower division. "Let's have one day at Thanksgiving and the rest at mid-year. After all, we don't want to mess up Soph Hop and the Pitt game."

Dorothy Steinfeld '43, lower division. "I don't know yet how awfully long it is until Thanksgiving. It might not be so bad to have only one day and the rest at mid-year." —A. A. S.

I. E. S. STUDY LAMPS advertisement with lamp illustration.

ROTC Eliminates Drills From Front Campus

New Fields Are Announced For Classes This Semester

No more can upperclassmen spend their sandwich hours watching ROTC classes drill in front of Old Main. They aren't going to drill there any more.

Effective this semester new drill and parade grounds have been set up for the military classes. One section will drill on the field in back of the Armory, two on the grounds west of Mineral Industries, one in the area west of the library, and two in the plot north of Phi Gamma Delta.

The only three sophomore parades scheduled will be held on the golf course on October 9, 16, and 23. Freshman parades will not begin for at least a month although no definite date has been set. They, too, will be held on the golf course.

Separated this year will be the infantry and engineer regiments and this year the two ROTC bands will be infantry and engineer instead of freshman and sophomore. Next semester, after grass comes up in seeded portions of the plot west of the library, the Engineer parades will be held there and the infantry parades on the golf course.

Director Neusbaum Names Cast For Dad's Day Play

The cast of "Squaring the Circle," the Penn State Players' hilarious Dad's Day production was announced yesterday by Director Frank S. Neusbaum, professor of dramatics.

Paul Rumbough '41 will play the part of Vasya, a serious-minded young Russian who falls in love with and marries Ludmilla, a beautiful and quiet home-loving girl depicted by Helene Davis '41.

Vasya shares his room with his extremely frivolous friend, Abram, played by Bud Yanofsky '40, who will never be forgotten for his now immortal portrayal of Kolenkov, in the scrawled hit of last year, "You Can't Take It With You."

The veteran Ruth Shtasel '41, will carry the role of Tonya, Abram's wife, too serious a young lady to be married to the wild Abram. (Both parties find that out later).

Rablnovitch, a young man with political aspirations is portrayed by Sol Davidson '40. Herbert Doroshov '40 is cast as Novikov, the district organizer of the Bolshevik Party.

The supporting roles in the cast of 12 are played by Malcolm Weinstein '41, Billie Martin '41, Norman Dodies '43, Eleanor Dill '43, and Barbara Davis '43.

"Squaring the Circle" is a Russian farce written by Valentine Kataev, on a subject about which little is known, the extreme housing shortage in the "New Russia," a country where two couples are forced to live in one room, with one bed, a situation which is almost unbelievable.

The Ancient and Royal Order of Handshakers is a student organization on the Niagara University campus.

We Women

We've got a lot of oichids to throw today and nothing to gripe about, so it's a pleasure to start.

FIRST OF ALL, we'd like to lead a few cheers for WSGA and its mixed freshman parties to help the new men and women get to know each other—and also for all the other organizations who have sponsored socials and get-togethers. We certainly don't need a Dorothy Dix on this campus with all the cooperation we've had in helping the freshmen make friends.

PAN-HELLENIC deserves plenty of applause, too, for its guide booklet, already printed and to be distributed to the freshmen and transfers very soon. Herein are contained the much needed answers to all questions about sororities, rushing, and Pan-Hellenic—and we hope such a booklet will be an annual addition to the freshman's souvenirs.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, come the results of the Pop-In Night. Admittedly, some sorority women took their guns on their shoulders and went a hunting, but it was all done in a nice, friendly way. The downtown dorms weren't neglected, and everyone made a lot of new acquaintances. And food—it was wonderful. The upperclass women will have to work hard to keep in step.

No-Date Grooms Get Bum's Rush; WSGA Gives 'He-She' Party

Novelty Affair Once Was Tradition Here

By VERA L. KEMP. Freshman girls! Don't let the no dating custom get you down. WSGA provides a grand pick up by presenting you with a "He-She" party from 7 to 9 p. m., Saturday.

Instead of sulking because you can't date that handsome upperclassman, grab your roommate and swing out to the music of the vic in the lounge. You'll need plenty of practice for there's going to be stiff competition when you enter the dance contests.

You should go in couples even if the party is strictly for women. One of you dress as a man, and don't let the lack of men's apparel keep you at home. Slacks or pajama pants, a blouse and a libbon for a tie will do.

Fox trot, waltz, polka, jitterbug, shag, and novelty contests will make up the entertainment. So, come on all you rug-cutters 'cause Saturday is your night to shine, with no admission fee and plenty of eats for everyone!

Coe's have missed their "He-She" parties which used to be a tradition round here. It's up to you freshmen to help revive a grand custom.

Cabinet

Continued From Page 1. tries, and Joseph C. Myers '40, Physical Education.

Cabinet members to be elected this fall are the representatives of non-fraternity women, the chairman of the Board of Dramatics and Forensics, and the 1941 Class President.

Clarence H. Evans '40, president of the Independent Men's Association, will take office as representative of the non-fraternity men. No representation will be granted in the Interfraternity Council due to the ineligibility of that organization's president.

Dean of Women Charlotte E. Ray, Dean of Men Arthur R. Wainock, and Edward K. Hibshman, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, will serve as ex-officio members.

Pan-Hel Lists Rushing Don'ts

Guide Book Explains Rules Concerning Association During First Semester

Just when and how sorority women may associate with new students during the informal rushing period has been explained by Pan-Hellenic and published in their guide booklet to be distributed at the Pan-Hellenic Party next week.

The provisions of the rushing code, designed to foster a free, easy relationship between freshmen and upperclass women, state that there shall be limited contact with freshmen and transfers during the first semester until January 3.

Sorority women may talk to freshmen and transfers for 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after meals, but may not sit with them at tables in the dormitories. They may talk to freshmen in classes, between classes, and during athletic games and may go to chapel and sports contests with them.

They may not visit freshmen and transfer rooms, except to see their little sisters, and they cannot entertain freshmen or transfers in their own rooms or their sorority houses except at designated times of Open Houses and Get-Togethers. Senior sponsor groups, however, may meet in sorority houses.

No sorority woman shall take or be seen with a freshman or transfer at any of the public eating places on or off campus or at the movies although little sisters are excepted in this case. The getting of date for freshmen by upperclasswomen is also banned because no men may be used in rushing.

The new national defense program will result in a 50 percent increase in ROTC enrollment, Harvard officials predict.

ALL KINDS OF DO-NUTS advertisement listing various flavors and H. & W. Do-Nut Shop address.

NIGHT FOOTBALL advertisement for Williamsburg High vs. State College High, Friday, Sept. 29th, 8 P.M., at the High School Stadium.

Crowded Classes May Force Some To Drop Courses

With even the slaughter room in the Dairy Building housing classes, Scheduling Officer Watkins yesterday continued his frantic search for classroom space to accommodate the swollen student body.

The probability that some students would be forced to drop out of overcrowded courses until next semester has been disclosed by Watkins. No courses, however, are expected to be discontinued.

Requests for larger rooms are still piling in, while there is a marked shortage of rooms to house advanced appointment classes. It was announced some continuous three-hour appointment courses are being held in different rooms each hour.

The conference room and the graduate room in Main Engineering building have now been converted to classrooms, Watkins stated, as well as all library alcoves.

Elective lecture courses in psychology, with over 100 students in some sections, must be divided.

AT PENN STATE The Colonial advertisement for rooming houses.

Select Rooms Available After Rushing.

FRUITS and VEGETABLES advertisement for McKee's Market.

Collegian Dance advertisement for Friday, Oct. 13th, 9-12 at Rec Hall, admission by subscription only.