

With the Editor—

Viewed Objectively Rushing Was Good But It Had Its Faults

So far as the number of fraternity pledges is concerned, this year's crop is probably as good or better than any in the last six years.

This generality must be made without resort to figures, because the figures available are misleading. The figures on hand indicate about the same number of pledges this year as every other year.

Fraternities tend to put an emphasis on numbers, regarding a big pledge class as a good one, a small pledge class as a bad one. The result has been that pledge lists submitted to the Collegian at the end of past rushing season were often filled out with the names of upperclass pledges held over from the previous year. That is still possible this year, but a day by day filing system has slowed the practice. Thus, this year's list—although nearly the same as in the past—probably represents many more valid pledgings than in the past.

The rushing season from that aspect, then, was good. It did what it was intended to do, which was to boost house memberships and relieve financial strains.

Analysed, the season was marked by two outstanding innovations.

The first—which deserves and has received unstinted praise from all quarters—is the green booklet on "Penn State Fraternities" prepared last spring and mailed to the freshmen in August.

The second was the distribution to all rushing chairmen during the summer of lists of freshmen admitted to the College. That this greatly facilitated summer rushing, long a Penn State tradition, seems certain.

Where the code fell down was in its administration.

The list of freshman residences in State College made after the first counselor meetings was not available at Student Union the next morning because the IFC rushing chairman took the copies home with him and overslept.

Student Union—which had been told it would have no part in the work—was given the brunt because members of the IFC rushing committee found it necessary to take time out for rushing of their own.

The only lists of pledges published were those carried in the Collegian and these were available only because the Collegian took the initiative each day of compiling and assorting the lists for itself.

In the code itself the main weakness lay within the main advantage. Freshmen, who were moved into fraternity houses and then moved out against their will, were left with wounds that may carry through many years. Whether this offsets the obvious advantage of making a freshman feel obligated, in a greater or lesser degree, to the house in which he lived, IFC will decide for itself when it begins to study a 1941 rushing code.

"If an institution cultivates the policy of critical inquiry, of intellectual responsibility and intellectual responsibility and integrity—as I believe is obligatory—it follows as a matter of course that controversial questions should be freely discussed. Young men and women are going to discuss the different social ideologies and theories, whether in or out of class. Why shouldn't they?" Antioch College's President, Algo D. Henderson urges free college discussion of all "isms."

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LION TALES

What could be worse in this universe Than on a day that's sunny, To sit indoors feeling like a bore, And compose a column that's funny.

It can't be done, I've tried, but I hope I have gathered enough gossip this last week to hang on to my job with the rag.

Have you heard this one? Dean Ray was inspecting the kappa house and in the course of her tour went up to the attic. All at once the sisters below heard her laughing. They hurried upstairs and saw Miss Ray looking at a picture of President Hetzel, a complacent smile on his face, facing a long clothesline of feminine underwear.

We have definite proof now that Penn State spring weather cannot be imitated. This last week has been as fine an imitation of spring as one could ask for, but in spite of the sunny skies and balmy breezes the fellows, instead of finding a girl to walk hand in hand with on campus, have been hazing freshmen until the green-capped boys walk miles out of their way just so they won't have to pass Old Main or the Corner. And fraternity pins instead of going out are coming back in droves. Roommates Gwen Harris and Beth Painel dg's gave back Ed Spencer's SAE and Bob Savin's delta sigma phi jewelry, both on the same night. Kappa, Fay Rees presented Howard Paris his DU pin.

But romance still lives. My spies tell me that, and I quote, "Dick Peters' friend, the name we think is Parkey, gave a diamond to a little Cuban girl Saturday night." Congratulations both of you and feel at liberty to vote scullions to the spies who were so inefficient. Marsh Miller gave AEphi Jane Firestone his phi sigma delta pin and Smokey Stover pinned dg Peg Diener with his SAE badge.

The rumor that Arnie's protege, Junior, is engaged to Fran Hohn is untrue. He's an SPE from Purdue and it was a shipboard romance.

There are any number of lovely ladies on the loose. I refer to the girls who have found that it isn't always wonderful to be pinned to a fellow who has graduated. Les Lewis theta, Jo Condryn, dg, and Marty Mainfold, Chio, will be dating around this year.

Wade Mori is my pet peeve this week-end. The best story I heard all week was about him and I can't write it for publication. Let's have no more of this locker room horseplay, fella.

It is almost impossible to keep Sammy Gallu out of the columns. This week rumor has it that a petition is being taken around to have Sammy sing the new Penn State song that Fred Waring wrote. It will be broadcast over a nationwide hookup Alumni Week-end. Have you all signed?

In Mac Hall, Collegian's ace solicitors report, the only room that hasn't bought a Collegian subscription is 318. The girls there, they say, are good kids, too.

Don West, Froth's chief funny man, reports what the division of fine arts apparently didn't know: That he, too, is immortalized in Henry Varnum Poor's mural. West reports that he is the man holding the trowel in the worker group to the right. Once you know the resemblance is there you can't miss it.

"Some years ago sororities were criticized for being undemocratic. They were not governed and disciplined as they are now. They now all work together to improve the situation on all campuses." Helen Froelich of National Park College commends the present trend of Greek group co-

Campus Calendar—

TODAY

Meeting for freshman Independent party in 418 Old Main at 7:30 p.m.

Penn State In China meeting to be held in 303 Old Main at 4:10 p.m.

PSCA freshmen women's group to sponsor "Information Please" program in 304 Old Main at 7 p.m.

New beats for junior and senior edit men on Collegian staff are posted in the Collegian office, 313 Old Main. They take effect today.

PSCA frosh council to meet in 304 Old Main at 8 p.m.

Students who have not yet tried out for Players may sign up at Student Union today and tomorrow.

Meeting of candidates for business or editorial staff of Portfolio in 315 Old Main at 7:30 p.m.

Penn State Glee Club tryouts for tenor candidates in Room 411 Old Main at 7 p.m.

Organization meeting for members of Blue Band in Room 401 Old Main at 7 p.m.

Notice to graduate students: A course in Scientific French will be offered this semester on Monday evenings in 304 Liberal Arts from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. Those interested please see Mr. Bench, 302 Liberal Arts or attend the meeting Monday evening September 30.

Important Notice — Collegian subscription book with blanks numbered from 3324 to 3340 has been lost. If found, it should be returned to the Collegian office, 313 Old Main. Unless returned, all subscriptions and dance tickets under those numbers will be void.

Varsity basketball tryouts to be held in Rec Hall between 6:30 and 7:15 p. m.

'44 Horticulture students will meet in Room 6, Horticulture Building at 1 a. m.

Varsity and freshmen swimming candidates to meet at Phi Epsilon Pi at 7:30.

A meeting for all business sophomore-staff candidates will be held in 312 Old Main at 5:00 Old Main.

A course in opera appreciation will meet at 4 p.m. every Tuesday with first classes in 417 Old Main today.

Claude Wickard, U. S. Secretary of Agriculture will speak in Schwab Auditorium at 7:00 p. m.

THURSDAY

Makeup section for freshmen library practice will be held at the new library Thursday, 7 p.m.

Co-up Dorm Elects

Mrs. Bart's co-op dormitory elected the following officers last Thursday: Grace G. Naylor '42, president Gladys E. Mohn '42, vice-president, and Annette M. Ingaldi '43, secretary.

Blue Band

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Oboe—Walter J. Brethauer '42. Bassoon—Glenn L. Bowers '42. E flat clarinet—Joseph P. Menham, Jr. '41.

Alto clarinet — Lindsey Arison '41.

Bass clarinet—Thomas J. Sica '41.

B flat clarinets—Eugene V. Bowman '43, David Crawford '44, Richard F. Ely '41, Louise Engelbaugh '43, Walter C. Gwinner '43, Robert Kapp '43, Robert Kochenour '44, Ralph Lyford '44, Frank E. Montgomeré '43, William Nesbit '42, Robert W. Noll '42, Richard H. Pease '43, Richard P. Ramsey '41, John R. Schreiner '43, Willbur J. F. Serfas '42, Walter N. Shambach '42, Horace K. Shoenberger '43, Benjamin Sloviter '44, Louis J. Stadnik '42, Earl B. Stavely, Jr. '42, Phillip L. White '43, Richard G. Whitehouse '42, Robert Williams '44, Frank W. Goss '42, Paul E. Moyer '41, Donald K. Struble '42.

Alto saxophone — Lawrence M. Andres '43, Donald Hess '41, Robert '44, Eugene Scheffel '41.

Tenor saxophone—Allen Glaskin '43, Robert Kough '42.

Baritone saxophone — Philip Jaffe '43.

Snare drums—Mowry Goetz '43, Henry Jeter '42, Donald Leyden '41, Ross Rumbaugh '44, Robert Saunders '42.

Cymbals—James Smith '42, Arthur Swartley '42.

Bass drum — Emerson Sortore '44.

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