

Squeeze Play

With the influx of 3500 new students, the Nittany and Pollock dormitories have been filled to capacity. As reported in yesterday's Daily Collegian, temporary bunks have been set up in some of the dorm lobbies.

AN EVEN MORE annoying situation exists in the dining halls where long lines of students curl around the buildings at each meal waiting to get in. We say this is worse because it is likely to be a permanent annoyance unless some action is taken.

Many students cannot get through the line in time to make their 1 o'clock classes. In our own case, for example, we entered the line on Thursday at 11:40 and were not through eating until 12:30. When we left the dining hall there was still a long line outside the building. And this was 12:30, the time when the dining hall is supposed to close.

One obvious solution, it seems to us, would be to have the dining halls open for longer periods.

Another, which we heartily approve, would be to permit a certain number of dormitory residents to eat in town. This is the practice in Tridorms now, and we think it could be profitably instituted in the other dorms.

UNDOUBTEDLY there are other solutions and perhaps better ones. Dormitory residents have a right to expect less cramped service in their dining halls. In any event dining hall authorities should do some vigorous thinking on the subject and follow this with vigorous action.

— Herbert Stein

ONE WAY TO SOLVE the baby-sitting problem—

Two sophomores wildly searching for a room finally found one on Atherton street in a house occupied by a graduate student of the College. The only stipulation—baby-sitting for the graduate student's three children.

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The Gripes of Roth

By RED ROTH

Tomorrow the mad whirl begins.

Commencing with an open house from two till five p.m., and through 15 nerve-racking days, many new co-eds will live, figuratively speaking, with their hearts in their mouth. For tomorrow marks the beginning of formal sorority rushing.

FOR THE NEXT fortnight-plus-one the 19 campus sororities will systematically weed out from the masses of applicants those chosen few "worthy" of becoming honored pledges of the several chapters.

When the debacle's over some girls will be disappointed — a few so grief-stricken they might even decide to leave school.

A part of this disappointment is unavoidable as long as fraternities and sororities exist. But unlike some critics, I do not disapprove of fraternal organizations. Even without formal sororities the girls would probably separate into cliques of similar likes, dislikes and personalities. My big gripe is the manner in which sorority rushing is carried on.

Last year I was a fraternity rushing chairman. At that time I thought fraternity rushing conducted as it was, in a week or even less, was unfair to many men who desired to join a fraternity and who would have been an asset to almost any Penn State chapter.

MY CONTENTION WAS, and still is, that in five or six days you simply cannot get to know a man well enough to judge whether he is potentially good fraternity material. With the return of freshman and delayed rushing for a semester a great part of that problem will have been eliminated.

But compared to formal sorority rushing, the fraternities are as fair as a cloudless day.

While the rushing period of 15 days looks, at glance, like a reasonable period of time in which to judge a girl's worthiness for sorority life, the time interval is misleading.

To prove my point let's take a fictitious sorority, Kappa Phi Delta, and see how they actually conduct their formal rushing.

At the initial open house, if the sorority is a popular one, as many as 200 girls probably will attend. They may stay no longer than 30 minutes. The following day the same routine is repeated. From that point on all girls rushed by the sorority must be invited to attend by the chapter. Obviously they can't rush 200 girls. Therefore, after only ONE HOUR at the most of having seen these girls they must cut their list by at least a fourth — 50 girls dropped by the way side.

FOR THE NEXT three days of "coke dating," the sorority may drop as many as 10 prospective pledges a day. But the sorority gets to know the girls better at these "coke dates." Not a half hour for these informal chats, bridge games, or soft drink sipping at the Corner Room. These affairs usually last from one to two hours.

See how fair they're getting? By the time 70 of the original 200 hopefuls have been decked, the sisters have observed them for approximately 250 minutes.

This concludes the first week of rushing and still there are more than 100 damsels to be left to the tender mercies of another sorority or Leonides before the curtain rings down and the pledge ribbons are affixed.

In Tuesday's column I will conclude this fictitious, but fairly accurate, picture of sorority nugget-searching and offer my own personal solution to what I consider one of the most pressing co-ed problems at Penn State today.

Penstate Veeman Josie, highest producing cow in the United States, has been drawing more and more visitors to the campus. This purebred Holstein, now nearing her 17th birthday, produced an official 240,146 pounds of milk up to last July 1. See, Penn State leads in many fields. . . .

Gazette

Friday, September 30
AMERICAN SOCIETY of Civil Engineers, meeting at Civil Engineering Summer Camp, October 4. Members meet at ME lot 6:45 p.m. Transportation to be provided.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Wednesday: Joseph Malone, David W. Strebby, Paul Jones, Don Murray, Betty Levitt.

Discharged Wednesday: Mary Romash, Seena Shaid.

Discharged Thursday: Joseph Malone, Dorothy Jones, Jack Trexler, Harry Ferris, John Delaney.

AT THE MOVIE

CATHAUM—Task Force.

STATE—Rosanna McCoy.

NITTANY—House of Strangers.

Church Calendar

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church invites all college students to attend the supper at the church, 5:15 p.m. Sunday. The Canterbury Club, official church organization for students, will present a program after supper. Rev. John N. Peabody will lead discussion on the topic, "What Can Religion Add?"

St. Andrew's student reception is scheduled for 8 p.m., Friday, October 7. Regular Sunday services convene at 7:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church offers a preparatory communion service at 7:30 tonight. After this service, at 8:30 p.m., Lutheran students will engage in an introductory, get-together meeting. The Lutheran Student Association will initially meet at 8:30 p.m. Sunday.

Square dancing will feature tonight's party in the Wesley Foundation gym, starting at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served at 9 o'clock in order to enable freshmen to return to their rooms before curfew.

Sunday morning, at 9:30, three classes will meet in the Foundation building. At 5:30 p.m., the student friendly hour, supper, and service will convene.

An evening service in Schwab Auditorium at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, sponsored by Hillel Foundation, will usher in Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, with subsequent services scheduled for the Foundation from 9 a.m. until sunset, Monday. Rabbi Benjamin Kahn, foundation director, will officiate and deliver the Kol Nidre sermon, Sunday night, and the morning service sermon, Monday.

Zvi Caspi will assist Rabbi Kahn as cantor. Prof. Clifford Nelson will chant the scriptural readings. Elliot Krane will close the services by blowing the Shofar, to symbolize the religious call to all men of good will to build together under the Fatherhood of God. Ralph Cash, foundation chairman, will serve as head usher. Services are open to all.

Freshman Factory-Hands

American college and university students should take note of what has happened to some 10,000 Czech university students who have been suspended for "neglect of their studies." And about 6,000 of them have been sent arbitrarily where "the state needs them most"—into factories.

—New Orleans Times-Picayune

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