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Don't Be Made A Sucker

Fraternity rushing will reach its climax Saturday morning with the formal pledging of rushees. It is no secret, however, that a good many rushees will have signed pledge cards before that time.

Those rushees who allow themselves to be talked into signing pledge cards prior to Saturday are allowing themselves to be made suckers. They are literally being rushed off their feet.

Fraternity rushing began Sunday and will close Saturday morning. A full week of rushing is required so that newcomers to Penn State will have the opportunity to see as many houses and get to know as many fraternity men as possible. Even a week is too short a time, but with sophomores still coming to campus from centers, such a procedure is unavoidable.

When a fraternity asks a man to sign a pledge card prior to Saturday or extends a bid before then, it does in violation of the rushing code of the Interfraternity Council; and it does so with complete disregard for the welfare of the individual concerned.

The student who signs a pledge card or accepts a verbal bid prior to Saturday is cheating himself out of the opportunity to get a fair chance to judge the fraternity he is rushing as well as others in which he might be interested.

The student who, at the same time, fails to look into a fraternity carefully is also cheating himself. The best fraternity is not that which has the biggest, loudest parties, or the most cars, or is the "richest" on campus. What the rushee should be interested in to great extent is the financial obligations he will be expected to meet, the pledge program, the initiation, and the fraternity's scholastic standing. But the greatest single factor should be the character of the men in the house, for with these men the rushee will spend the greatest part of his college life.

These are difficult things to ascertain in the short space of a week, and well nigh impossible to learn in less time. That's why this seems like a good time to impress upon rushees that any pledge card signed before Saturday is not binding upon either the fraternity or the signer. Furthermore, a pledge card is not binding until the rushee signs the pledge register at the Student Union desk in Old Main.

The register will not be open until Saturday morning. Until then, don't be made a sucker.

Collegian Will Offer College, World News

There is a tendency for students to forget about the "outside world" when they enter the Nittany Vale. Far from the rush of the world, concerned over studies, the big date, and the problems of the fraternity or sorority, they seem to forget that there is a world exploding about their ears.

Some students resent the intrusion of this exploding world upon their manufactured paradise. Like the ostrich, they prefer to stick their heads in the sands and ignore life. There were many who resented and opposed the use of Associated Press news when that innovation was made in the Daily Collegian last semester. "That (world news) is not the function of a college newspaper," they told us.

There are some students who try not to be concerned with loyalty oaths, McCarthyism, limitations of academic freedom, rising prices, the possibility of a third world war, etc. We hasten to make it known that we of the Daily Collegian cannot share their views.

Collegian is a student newspaper and shall freely, and with no fear of betraying the best interests of the students, print and comment upon events in this "outside world." We shall comment upon world events not because we are enamored of the brilliance of our opinions or deluded with the belief that we shall mold opinion on either world or national affairs.

We shall comment on world affairs because, first, being a student newspaper, we think we reflect student opinion, and, secondly, because, if nothing else, we hope to stimulate student thinking on national and world affairs.

Collegian editorials and columns on world affairs—as well as campus events—shall reflect viewpoints, not dogma. More than likely, there will be many on campus who will find plenty of opportunity to disagree with us. We are, to be frank, hoping that will be the case, for with disagreement there comes discussion, and discussion breeds interest.

If, in a small way, we can encourage interests among students in world affairs, we will have accomplished our purpose.

Information Course

The main purposes of the customs program are to imbue freshmen with some of the Penn State spirit and to acquaint them with Penn State. To effect this the program requires the frosh to know the name and location of campus buildings, learn songs, and cheers, etc.

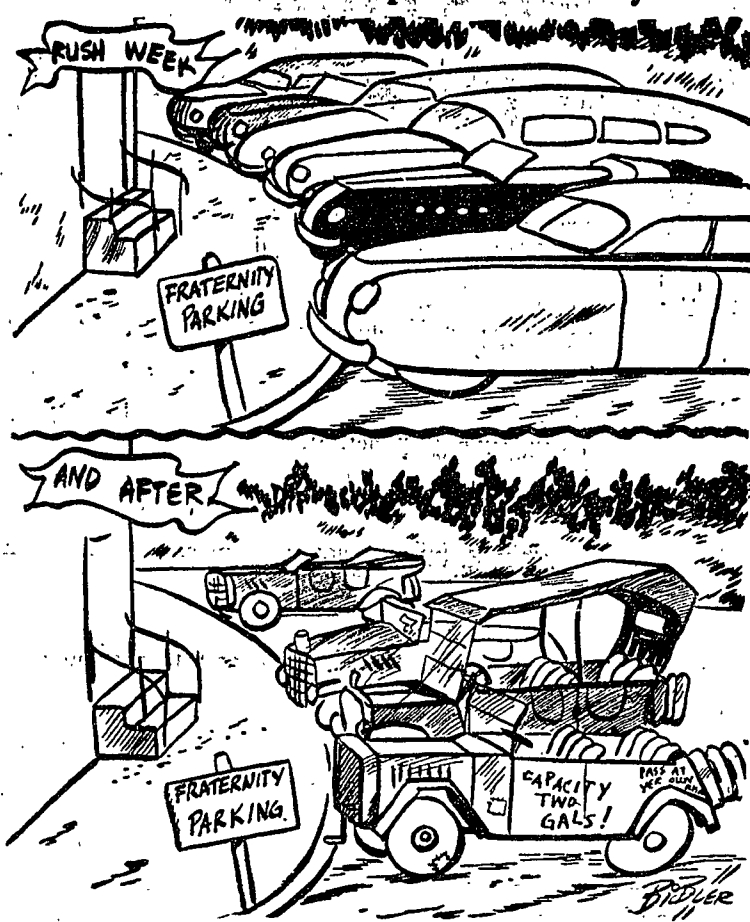
The short course in Penn State is the Student Handbook. For the first time the handbook contains just about everything the new Penn Staters should know. In this first issue of the all-inclusive new Student Handbook are available frosh regulations, cheers, songs, extra-curricular activities, athletic information, religion-on-campus, information about the College, and a student government directory.

Frosh are required to learn certain parts of the Student Handbook. There is, however, additional valuable material contained in the handbook.

Although sophomores and other transfer students are not compelled to learn campus buildings, cheers, and songs, they can become acquainted with Penn State the "easy way" through the Student Handbook.

Copies of the Student Handbook are available for new students at the Penn State Christian Association in 304 Old Main.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



Newcomers Harvest Fresh Gripe Crop

By ARNIE BLOOM

With 4000 new students swarming over the walks of campus, it's only natural that many more than 4000 new problems should arise to bewitch, bother, and bewilder these newcomers. The most frequently voiced gripe coming from the male frosh concerns the lack of women on campus. The most frequently voiced gripe coming from the female frosh concerns the lack of men. Someone evidently doesn't know his or her way around.

Danny Dinardo, from Coraopolis, chose Penn State because his brother graduated from the College and did a good job of giving his younger brother a salestalk. Danny, who is taking pre-law likes to putter with a camera in his spare time and hopes to get on the photography staff of one of the publications. At present, he is living in Nittany Dorms and says, "It isn't too bad."

Feels Peculiar In Thompson

Phyllis Kirshenbaum from Farrell is living in Thompson Hall and feels peculiar about living in a "men's dormitory." So far, she likes Penn State very much and is looking forward to her coming school year. The thing that is causing Phyllis all her trouble is the continued misplacing of all the forms and papers that were handed out to her.

Jack Hughes, a first semester

advertising major from New Castle, says he has been walking around in a daze since he arrived on campus. He thought that the activities could have been more carefully planned so the new students wouldn't be so confused. Jack lives in Jordan Hall and is "thrilled" with the modern dormitory.

Long Way From Ohio

Carolyn Scopp travelled a long way to attend Penn State. She came from Lorain, Ohio, because she had heard what a wonderful place this was. She finds it very hard to find her way around because there are so many different buildings that its "confoozin' and not amoozin'."

Ruth Allen, from New Castle, is one of the girls who is staying in Thompson Hall, re-converted from a men's dormitory over the summer. She thinks the dorms are beautiful, but she has a difficult time finding her way around the maze of winding hallways.

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The traditional shopping place of well dressed Penn State men is
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