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Frosh, Be Wary Of Illegal Pledging

The Interfraternity Council has once again found it necessary to warn freshmen that they cannot legally accept bids from fraternities for next semester and to remind fraternities that they cannot legally extend bids until such time as designated by the IFC.

Although most of Penn State's 52 fraternities carry out an all-year round rushing program, few ever find it necessary to extend premature bids. The houses which extend these early and illegal bids, are those which must do so to fill their houses before the other houses, without the healthy competition of these other houses.

Experience has shown in the past that only harm can come to those who insist in violating the IFC rushing codes. It will not only harm the individual house committing the violation and the student being illegally pledged, but also the entire fraternity system at Penn State.

Our fraternity system takes pride in claiming that it is not one of "first come, first serve" but quite the opposite. Each house looks over the greatest number of rushees possible before pledging the necessary number to fill the house, and some houses are known to go under-manned because the right men didn't come along.

If a house has any interest in a man, a bid will be extended, even though it must wait until the legal period—after freshman grades are released. A man owes it to himself to look over the greatest number of fraternities before making a selection. An early pledging will limit his chances to see and consider all the houses.

IFC, governing body of all the fraternities, has an organized rushing code with severe punishments for violators. Anyone, whether affiliated or not with a fraternity, should report any infractions of the code. Illegal rushing should be discouraged now, thus eliminating the necessity of IFC meeting out punishments later.

Next week, the IFC will launch a rushing program designed to reach all freshmen. This program will enlarge the source of available men to all fraternities. Students will be contacted and asked to state their preference for a fraternity, if they have one. Then a list will be compiled and sent to every house.

Such a program was designed for houses that will do "on the level" rushing. A few houses breaking the rushing code can wreck the entire system. The program will be a good thing for Penn State's fraternities and should be given all the support possible.

So, frosh, use your heads. Look around before pledging, and pledge only when it is legal.

—Chuck Oberance

Gazette...

Wednesday, October 8

- ANDROLES present and last year's members, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 10 p.m.
- MINING ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 317 Willard, 7:30 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB lecture-discussion, Professor Case in charge, Rectory basement, 7:15 p.m.
- PENN STATE GRANGE installation of officers, 100 Horticulture, 7 p.m.
- PETROLEUM ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 202 Willard, 8 p.m.
- PLAYERS' PROPERTIES WORKSHOP, Schwab basement, 6:30 p.m.

New Hat Societies Are Real Need

At the past several meetings of that Hat Society Council, discussions were held concerning the founding of two new hat societies on campus. At each meeting the proposals met with some opposition. The men on the council were the chief opponents to the founding of a new sophomore men's hat society, but the women on the group favored the proposal. On the other hand, the women were opposed to the forming of a new senior women's hat society, but the men thought the suggestion had merit.

It would seem from this that somewhere along the line members of the present hat societies are being somewhat selfish in their views. We feel that these two new groups are needed on campus, and wonder if the people on the council have studied the question seriously.

Let us first consider the need for a sophomore men's group. There is already one hat society for sophomore men on campus—Druids. If Druids was an ordinary hat society, there would be no need for another group. But according to the national constitution of Druids, only athletes may be initiated into the society.

As one person has put it, "There are athletes and then there are other people." We feel that the "other people" far outnumber the athletes and there must certainly be some of these "other people" who merit recognition by the College. Granted this number might be small, but should these people simply be ignored?

We feel that the formation of such a society would give freshman men something to work for. With incoming freshman classes likely to increase in size because of the new education bill for ex-servicemen, there are sure to be more and more students in these classes who will be worthy of recognition.

Some people ask why we shouldn't wait until the end of a man's sophomore year before tapping him for a hat society. We feel that this delay might cause some students, who might otherwise prove to be a definite asset to the College, to drop out of things, thinking that no one cares whether they do a good job or not. In addition, if freshman athletes are to be honored, why shouldn't other active workers also be honored? We're sure few people think that athletes are superior to everyone else on campus.

As for the proposed women's group, it too has merits. Mortar Board, the only present senior women's honorary, requires an All-College average of .3 above the average junior class women's average. Last year, therefore, an All-College average of 2.2 was required for admittance to Mortar Board.

It is obvious to most people that students involved in a great many activities seldom can maintain such a high average. We can name at least half a dozen senior women who deserve recognition for their outstanding work, yet no such recognition will be forthcoming because these women do not have 2.2 averages.

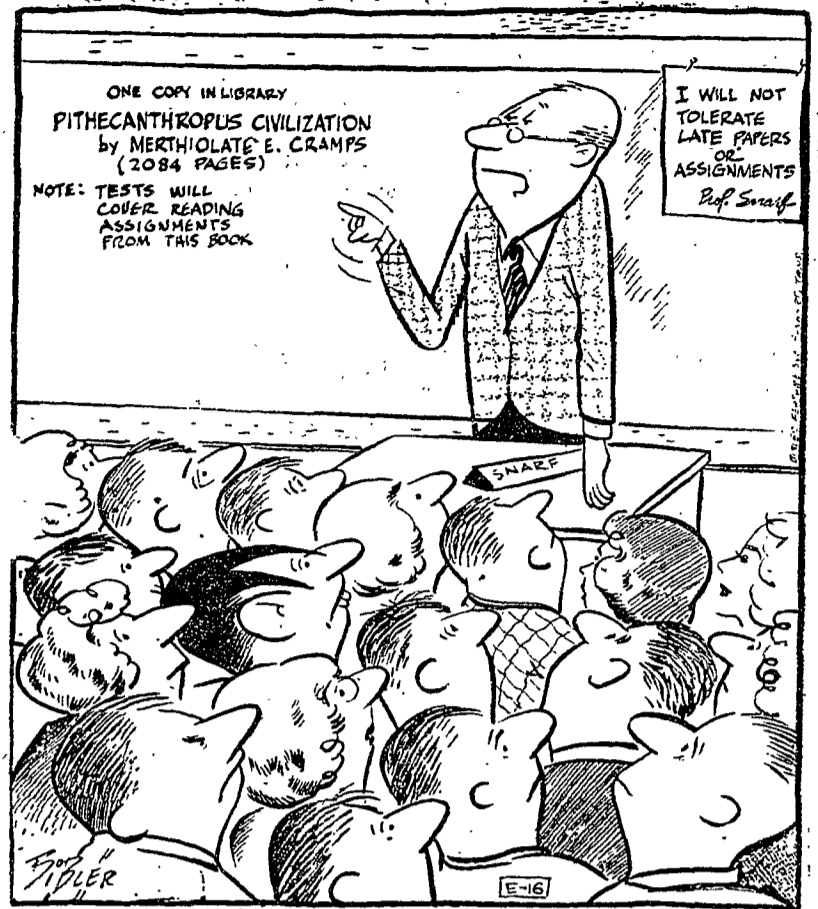
If a poll were taken, we are positive that only a handful of the approximately 50 senior men in *Parmi Nous* and *Skull and Bones* would turn up with an average of 2.0 or more. Is it reasonable, therefore, to penalize senior women because they don't have an exceptionally good average—an average that is far above the 1.43 average of the entire student body?

The formation of these two groups would, in our opinion, provide an added incentive for students to put their best efforts into their work for the College. We do not mean to imply that students work only to be recognized, but most people like to know that their efforts are at least appreciated. This appreciation can be shown by tapping these people for a hat society.

Last night Hat Society Council tabled the matter of forming these new societies. We hope that when the council next considers the proposals it will give them full approval. There is a need for the new hat societies.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Don't take the book out of the library, class—I forgot to put it on the reserve list."

It's A Loux-Lu

By BETTIE LOUX



In an all-out effort to strengthen civil defense units in the Simmons Hall bastille, raid wardens have been elected from the civilian populace, according to a late communique.

In the event of an all-out attack by panty-seeking hordes from neighboring strongholds, raid wardens will make sure that the innocent female victims of warfare take refuge in bolted rooms with locked windows and drawn shades.

Generals in charge have been granted special wartime powers enabling them to hand out black marks to those venturing into the no-woman's land of the fortress corridors during a threatened raid period.

We have only one suggestion: underground shelters would provide extra safety for those women living in strategic areas—ground floors and near doorways. We can all use them if the barbarians try atom bombs the next time.

Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson is favored over his GOP opponent by three out of four Ivy League daily papers taking political stands.

When "The Harvard Crimson" editorially endorsed the governor last week it marked the second time in its 80-year history that it has come out for a Democrat. The only other Democrat endorsed was President Truman in 1948. The late President Roosevelt edited the paper while a Harvard student.

Other college newspapers backing Stevenson include "The Yale Daily News" and "The Columbia Spectator." Eisenhower is still officially president of Columbia University.

Still another switch was pulled by "The Daily Princetonian," the only one of the three to endorse Eisenhower.

In a recent front-page editorial the newspaper said the No. 1 question facing the voters this fall is whether a national Democratic administration should be returned to power.

"On the record of the past four years, we do not think it should," the editorial stated. Gov. Stevenson was managing editor of "The Princetonian" in 1921-'22.

Yesterday's Daily Collegian printed a letter concerning the ban on first-semester women dating in fraternities from a freshman woman whose name, for obvious reasons, had to be withheld. The point the problem raises is whether the ruling, passed with good intentions, we're sure, is doing more harm than good. It's doing a great deal of harm, we feel, to two groups—the 52 fraternities on campus and the first-semester freshman women.

The fraternity system itself is suffering because, from reading the ruling, an outsider would conclude that the College had found it necessary to protect young women from immoral goings-on supposedly condoned by the houses. It labels Penn State's fraternities as undesirable places, or dens of iniquity, as the frosh put it.

Although it is true that there are exceptions, we have found

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Players
Cordially invite you
to
The Importance of Being Earnest
by Oscar Wilde
at Center Stage

Seven Weekends, Starting October Tenth
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