

Sorority Rushing: Pros and Cons

With the beginning of sorority rushing tomorrow, many upperclasswomen will be forced to choose between the pros and cons that have concerned them since they began to consider joining a sorority.

For some, the decision has already been made. Others, weighing the financial and time-consuming factors, are torn between a possible desire for group-identification and a skepticism of what they will receive for their time and money.

Membership in a closely-knit group affording opportunity to work with others of differing temperaments and ideas is the most obvious advantage of sorority life. Also obvious, and going hand-in-hand, are the friendships made and the feeling of belonging acquired by learning to know well a small group. However, some women are not suited to this type of group living and would be unhappy when forced to participate in the planned activities of such a group.

Others may resent the typing they receive by outsiders who frequently claim sorority women lack individuality. Onlookers are prone to judge a group by their acquaintance with a few or even one member. Through this they form a conception of the group as a whole.

It is a definite disadvantage to a sorority woman that, despite the degree of her individuality, she will be subject to classification. Admitting this, the wise rushee will choose the group with which she favors identification. Sometimes the realization that there is a group behind her is more important to the woman than her supposed loss of individuality.

Sorority membership, in many instances, is a springboard into activities through sisters who already are participating. But a full ac-

tivities card for its members is not the only function of a sorority and does not come automatically with a pledge pin.

Coeds already active on campus need not fear they must relinquish their posts to make room for sorority. All groups need diversity of expression and sororities will accept valid excuses for activities missed by members busy elsewhere.

The activities-minded coed should realize she must reserve a portion of her time for sorority if she is to contribute in proportion to the benefits she derives.

Assuming the rushee is financially able to join a sorority, the prime consideration is whether or not this is the best place for her to invest that money. The decision rests on the relative importance placed on group to individual activity.

—Nancy Ward and Lix Newell

It Says Here...

According to the 1950 U.S. Census report, women outnumber men in Pennsylvania. What happened to Penn State's share?

Look Magazine in a recent survey found milk was the teenager's favorite snack food. Those teenagers don't know what they're missing!

The speed limit on some state highways will be raised to 60 m.p.h. It's believed one-third of auto accidents are due to speed. Someone wants to find out.

Under Pennsylvania's new sales tax, falsies are taxable as unnecessary clothing. They don't know some of the girls we know.

To Alpha Phi Omega: Thanks

Giving directions, tips on registration, pointing out buildings, and running errands—these are just a few of the many services rendered to the College community, particularly during Orientation Week, by Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity.

Members of the fraternity, wearing Alpha Phi Omega arm bands, are generally the first to be seen by the myriads of freshmen and their parents who arrive on campus looking for a place to park where they can unload luggage, or for information on such soon-to-be-familiar spots as the Bursar's office, Recreation Hall and even the downtown eating spots.

Alpha Phi Omega maintained its information service through Orientation Week this year with a booth at the head of the Mall near Carnegie Hall. Members were on duty Monday through Wednesday. There, new and bewildered frosh and transfer students received help on problems varying from how to fill out the official registration card to what there is doing in the town at night.

Tuesday night, new students took advantage of campus tours conducted by Alpha Phi Omega. This year the group was assisted by

members of Cwens, sophomore women's hat society, and by members of men's hat societies.

Not confining Orientation Week services to new students, ten volunteer members from Alpha Phi Omega are each day working along with the regular registration crew at Rec Hall by giving information, keeping order on the main floor, and running errands for faculty and workers.

Alpha Phi Omega members deserve a vote of appreciation for the fine job being done this year, as in the past. Such projects and services sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, are worthwhile, and should be continued in the future.

—Shirley Musgrave

Gazette...

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Carpenter's helper for permanent part-time job.
Experienced clothing presser.
Multilith operator.
Barber for local shop.
Student truck driver for early morning shift.

Lady Engineer Hopes for Followers

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON, Sept. 14 (AP)—College girls everywhere are trooping back to school these days, and Katherine Stinson hopes many of them plan to study engineering.

For Miss Stinson is president of the Society of Women Engineers, a nationwide organization of ladies who will fight at the drop of a monkey wrench any idea that girls can't be as good engineers as men.

"Better in some jobs," Miss Stinson said firmly.

The society has around 400 members, and this year it's trying to encourage girls to enter such professions as electrical, mechanical, and civil engineering.

Miss Stinson thinks there are two reasons why so many girls never even think of engineering as a possible career.

To many, she thinks, an engineer is a tough guy wearing boots, bossing a construction job. Yet many an engineering position calls for a steady diet of desk work, at which, Miss Stinson feels, a girl may shine.

Secondly, she feels too many

people are convinced an engineer has to be a mathematical genius. Miss S. thinks that angle is over-stressed. What's important, she says, is a real love of things scientific.

Oddly, there's a demand for women engineers, yet the number of sweet young girl engineering graduates is decreasing steadily.

Women engineers are occupational descendants of Edith Julia Griswold, electrical engineer, New York City Normal, 1886.

After Edith Julia, the supply of female engineers remained steady, but few. Not until World War II was there a pronounced change in the pattern. Then the demand for engineers became so great that some companies even paid the tuition for girls of promise.

The peak came in 1948, with 191 girl engineering graduates. That number has fallen off until last spring only 60 girls were graduated in engineering.

Miss Stinson, who has a boyish grin that recalls the late Amelia Earhart, is proofenough

that a girl can do all right in the business.

Twelve years ago when she got out of North Carolina State—its first and, as far as she knows, its only girl engineering graduate—she headed for the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

The CAA never has hired another woman engineer, but the one it did hire has become head of its specifications division.

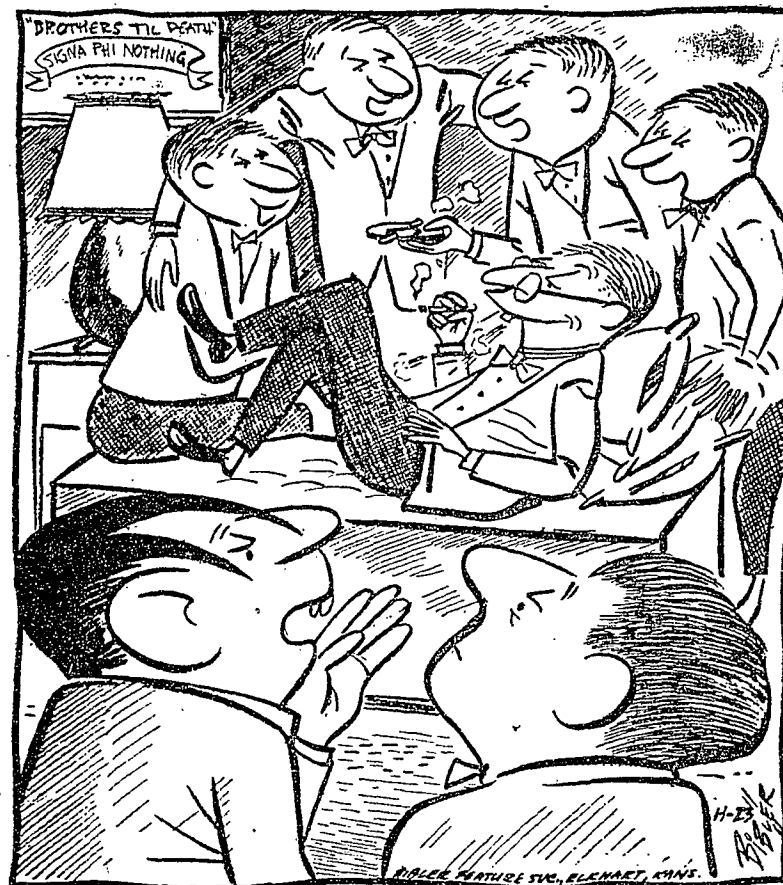
For Miss Stinson, the path to aeronautical engineering was as straight as the crow flies or the stratosphere cruiser.

To her parents' consternation, when she was a youngster in Raleigh, N.C., she used to hang around the airport. She learned to take a plane apart, and, possibly more important, put it back together. When she was 16, she learned to fly one.

"I always was crazy about airplanes," she said. "Still am."

So if daughter has a scientific or mechanical bent and maybe likes to lurk around hangars, let her lurk. Miss Stinson proves it may pay off.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"He's th' most sought-after rushee on campus—if it's rumored he can cut hair and may even have a barber license."

Interpreting the News

To Have Peace, Reds Must Go

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

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Secretary Dulles, in his opening address to the United Nations yesterday, came very close to saying that the suicide of Russian-type communism is a prerequisite to peace.

That fundamental concept has often been overlooked in the last few years as first one approach and then another has been made toward meeting Russian aggression.

Russian-type communism, as opposed to the socialist concept which Moscow perverts, attempts to use the aspirations of unhappy man as a weapon for the imperialist expansion of Russia herself. It merely puts a cloak over traditional Russian policy of expansion at the expense of any and all other peoples, a policy which has dominated Russian relations with her neighbors for 500 years.

Among the things which Russia must do if her peaceful professions are to carry any weight abroad, said Dulles, is to end the dedication of the Soviet Communist party to the violent overthrow of independent governments.

That is not necessarily to say that there can be no so-called peace with the present Russia.

Coupled with the secretary's other statements about the need for Allied strength and Allied unity, it does suggest that there can be only an enforced peace of expediency, under which Russia will find it unprofitable to continue her program actively.

The concrete points at which Russia could help ease world tension which Dulles lists, including a united Korea, peace in Indochina, unification of Germany, an Austrian peace treaty and liberation of the satellites, rank only as incidental to this one big question of attitude.

The reference to easing tension,

rather than approaching a real peace, is significant.

For years it has been obvious that the only safe peace with Russia will be one enforced by the West's power of retaliation. And that is not true peace.

The possibility that Russia's rulers will make a voluntary about-face toward world co-operation is so remote as to be almost inconceivable. To do so, and make the world feel that it was real, would require a complete retreat from the idea of world Communist revolution. It would require the abolition of totalitarianism, and substitution of a system of government under which the will of the Russian people would have to be consulted before the regime could entertain thoughts of war. Russia would have to become like other countries.

She ain't.

Glancing Around—

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women have been studying the problem of getting into and out of the stratospheric level of the double decker bunks. I suggest the women might find it helpful to study the walking habits of the house fly. If this fails, wait until the snow drifts into the rooms and walk up. It does happen.

Smethport Embezzler Gets 3-Year Probation

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 17 (AP)—Frederick L. Seidler, 30, former teller and bookkeeper of the Smethport National Bank of McKean County, was placed on probation for three years today for embezzlement and false entry of \$6500 in bank funds.

Seidler, whose family repaid the money three days after his arrest, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Frederick V. Follmer, Seidler pleaded guilty.

The bank president, Edward Conwell, testified that Seidler was a good employe.

Stocks Rise Haltingly In Quiet Market

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (AP)—Stocks advanced haltingly today in a relatively quiet market.

At one time during the day, it looked as though the rise might work itself into something resembling a real rally. But, it faltered in the early afternoon and descended from its best to a ragged close.

After the climactic selling of Friday and Monday, Wall Street looked for a rebound of a technical sort. That is what has happened. So far the rebound has retraced just about the minimum distance expected.

Catholics Charge Reds Use 'Godless Books'

BERLIN, Sept. 17 (AP)—The Roman Catholic Church charged today that the two million school children in Communist East Germany are being taught history from "Godless books" which say Jesus Christ is the "mythical founder" of Christianity.

Petrus Blatt, official publication of the Berlin diocese, asked "when will these historic lies disappear from the school books throughout the Soviet zone?" The diocese embraces 663,000 Catholics in both East and West Berlin.

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