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## Sorority Rushing: No Room for Folly

Sophomore women will have their first look at sorority life this morning when the fall rushing season gets underway.

Formal rushing, probably the most exhaustive social event in the Greek year, is designed to acquaint the independent woman with group living and introduce the already-pledged Greeks to this year's crop of candidates.

The word 'rushing' should not be taken too literally, for fear of defeating the purpose of the parties and get-togethers. 'Rushing' does not mean confusion and snap decisions. It does not mean choosing a sorority—any sorority.

Rushing is a period of time during which the independent woman must decide two important things.

1. Whether or not she wishes to join a nationally organized social group whose ties extend beyond her years in college, and

2. The particular group in which she would be happiest, should she decide to 'go sorority'.

Belonging to a social organization, nationally affiliated or not, carries with it responsibilities—many of which the rushing candidate is unaware.

First, there is the question of dues. Seldom is this discussed at afternoon parties. However, any woman may inquire in the dean of women's office for full information concerning national dues. Here she may also see other printed material published by the national organization.

Secondly, the national office sets up somewhat rigid requirements and suggestions as to personal and group behavior.

Thirdly, national membership is national identification—favorable or unfavorable. Women all over the country wearing similar pins may claim sisterhood to the sorority woman.

Admittedly, the sorority is hard work with fun and satisfaction as rewards. The good times are often pictured in chapter scrapbooks and rewards represented by gold-plated trophies, but hard work is difficult to talk about over a china cup of coffee in the house of the wealthiest local alum.

A sorority woman is required to attend every chapter meeting; she is required to work on projects, her suite and chapter dues must be paid on time; she must attend weeknight fraternity entertainments; she must be present at regular song practice; she must attend to regular suite clean-up; and she must attend and often decorate for teas, dances and parties.

Lastly, after the rushee decides to become a sister, the problem is—who's sister?

The criteria for group affiliation are many. A woman must be able to feel a part of her sorority. She is seeking individual and group friendship. Although she need not be the stereotype of any one sister, similarity in breeding makes for a more closely-knit group. And it is for this reason that the rushee must not pretend to be what she is not. If she is not sincere in her brief contact with the sisters she may find herself pledged to a group quite different than finances permit her to be.

Similarity of hobbies, activities, and college curricula are of little importance in later associations even though they spark much of the coke date conversation.

Often sororities are confronted with the problem of a legacy. A legacy is a woman whose mother or some other relative is a sister in one particular sorority at which the woman is rushing. Sometimes legacies are stubborn and will accept a bid from none other than 'Mom's' sorority. And sometimes sisters will bid the legacy for fear of hurting an alum's feelings. In either case, unpleasantness can result. Women who do have ties to particular groups should not rely on a 'safe bid' but they should make an effort to find the group in which they probably will be happiest.

There is no substitute for good judgment. A woman who is unable to tell the difference between an insincere smile and one signifying genuine interest will not make her first nor her last mistake in her choice of sororities.

This is one analysis of the skill of rushing. How skillful will you be?

—Jackie Hudgins

## Customs: Here's Why

Perennial moans and groans will once again be resounding from east to west campus and back. It centers around that period in the life of a freshman known as customs.

But face it, frosh. Customs is probably here to stay, so you might just as well sit back, enjoy it, and learn what it's all about.

Although it may be hard to believe at the moment, the customs period was not set up to make you feel conspicuous or inferior or to put you in your place. It was destined to be a generally helpful span and an enjoyable one, too.

Customs should be a learning period for the freshmen. Its existence is for your own good. It is the time when you will become acquainted with the University. You will learn its songs, and many traditions. And learning about the University can be fun. It can help to make your life on campus one of activity rather than one of apathy.

Customs is also a period which tests your ability to adjust to a new phase of your existence. Learning to adopt the right attitude has proved to be a step toward personal maturity.

Customs can be a period of forming new friendships. Those "ridiculous" signs you're going to wear will be hanging around your necks for a purpose. With them you will meet new people. You will find many whose interests are common to your own. Remember, frosh, you're all in the same boat, and customs, like no other period, can very well help to form a close entity out of an otherwise ununited class.

Unfortunately, there is one barrier in the way of making this period a thoroughly enjoyable and informative one for you, and that is the upperclassmen. An increasing lack of interest in the enforcement of the customs program has been noted in upperclassmen. The

## Pick a Card...

People laughed when a well-known writer said he scheduled only those subjects in college that met at convenient hours on the first floors of buildings near his dormitory, but after two days of devil-may-care registration some students may find themselves having no better justification for enrolling in courses than this.

Students can be blamed for some of this academic indifference but certainly not all of it.

Every year students gripe about registration. Some dislike waiting in line, others object to 8 o'clocks and Saturday classes, but the majority of the complaints—those about not being able to schedule certain courses—are justified.

In some departments pre-registration assures the majors in a curriculum a place on the roll book; often new sections are opened after a certain number of demands for a particular course are recorded. But frequently a student will not be allowed to take a course simply because his last name happened to begin with the wrong initial.

Students are encouraged to enroll in some courses for broad educational benefits, but in all too many cases during registration their choice of electives is governed solely by the hours during which a course is offered.

Registration is a means to an end. But unless it allows students to take the courses they need and those they want, it fails to meet its purpose.

A well-gear registration system is essential to the purpose of Penn State.

—Jackie Hudgins

cooperation of upperclass students is essential to the success of the program.

A re-examination of the worthwhile objectives of customs would prove valuable to both upperclassmen and freshmen.

—Marilynn Zabusky

## Scholarships, Fellowship Renewed in Chem-Phys

Two scholarships and a fellowship in the College of Chemistry and Physics, amounting to \$3300 have been renewed.

They are: the Union Carbide and Carbon Co. fellowship in the amount of \$2600; the Monsanto Chemical Co. scholarship in chemical engineering amounting to \$500; and the Bakelite Co. in chemical engineering amounting to \$200.

The Union Carbide and Carbon Co. fellowship provides \$1400 for a fellowship and \$1200 for the chemistry department.

## 'Rainmaker' Tryouts

Tryouts for the Penn State Players first Center Stage production of the season, N. Richard Nash's "The Rainmaker" will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Little Theatre in the basement of Old Main.

The cast calls for six men and one woman.

## McKeesport Center

A new building will be constructed at the McKeesport center of the University.

The Board of Trustees of the University has accepted a proposal by a McKeesport group, whereby the group will build the

## \$17,800 in Stock Willed To Kunkle Loan Fund

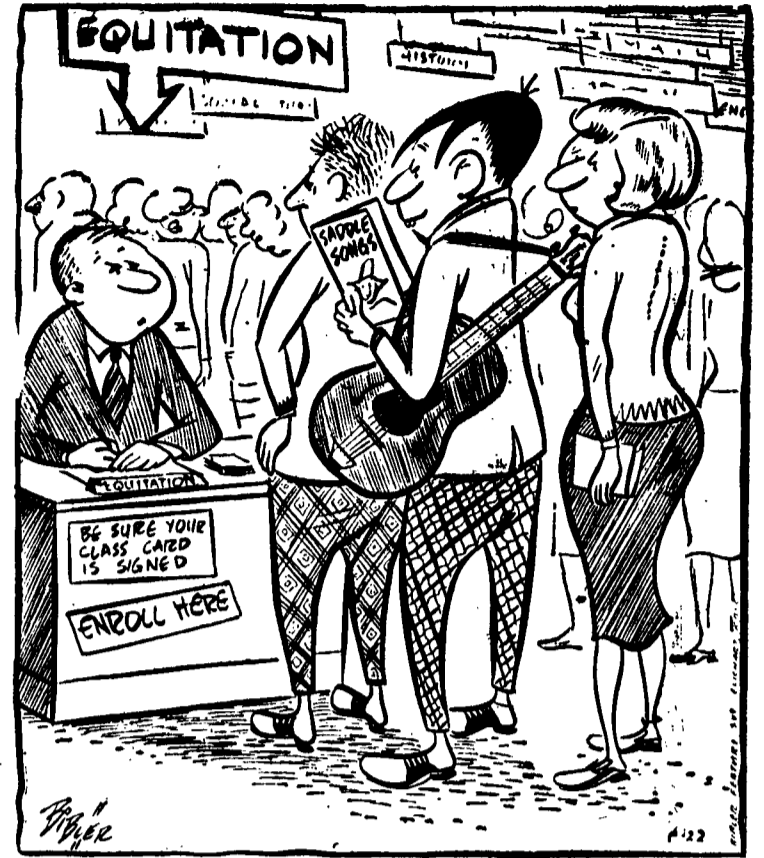
Common stock valued at \$17,800, willed to the University by the late Bayard D. Kunkle, will be added to the Ethel and Bayard Kunkle Loan Fund. The loan fund was established in 1946 by Kunkle, a 1907 graduate of the University and a Distinguished Alumnus, now totals nearly \$130,000.

Income from the fund is available for loans to married veterans, with a limited amount available to aid non-veteran seniors in need of financial help.

\$140,000 structure. The University will rent the facilities.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



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## At Encampment

By MIKE MILLER

The annual Student Encampment at the University's Mont Alto Forestry School has always been the source of many cogent ideas to improve Penn State. This year, as in the past, I am sure that the students and faculty members privileged to attend the three-day sessions will incorporate into their various activities and professions many of the proposals discussed by the Encampment group.

You will undoubtedly be reading of these new ideas this semester as the participants in the Encampment program present them in a formalized manner for the consideration of their groups.

But aside from the more tangible results of Encampment, I feel that many students who have never attended the sessions fail to realize the more undefinable something the delegates gain from the program.

Important By-Product The fellowship bred by living and working together for three days is an intangible by-product of the pre-school sessions which I believe is actually one of the most important aspects of Encampment.

As an illustration of an Encampment intangible, I refer to the faculty vs. students softball game. Those participating, as well as those on the sidelines, really saw one another relax and have a good time. For people who must work closely together it is important to learn such things.

Bull-Sessions Beneficial And even when the topic of conversation among the delegates in informal bull-sessions strayed from University affairs their talk was still beneficial to one another and, thus, ultimately to the University because of their campus positions.

This is so because when people get to know each other well they better understand their respective problems.

If they hold opposite viewpoints on a question they will work more readily toward an understanding. If they agree on a point they will work more harmoniously toward the common goal.

Through such intangibles I believe the Encampment does much to make a better Penn State.

ENCAMPMENT SIDELIGHTS Ossian R. MacKenzie, dean of the Business College, sporting a fine figure in Bermuda shorts

Which brings to mind that about the only woman who appeared in a skirt during Encampment was Dean of Women Pearl O. Weston—all the women students were garbed in Bermudas.

Prexy knocked the delegates' eyes out with his sport shirts. To boot he appeared in a beret at the hot dog roast the first night.

Bob Bullock, IFC president, tried to go him one better. He wore a derby.

Best quote of the week was by Phil Beard, All-University sec-

retary-treasurer, in a report on the National Student Association convention. He said: "A delegate to the convention from a Southern school ran on a platform to abolish student government—and won. Now he doesn't know what to do."

## Thespians Set Tryout Dates

Tryouts for the Penn State Thespians' "Take Ten" will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday Monday and Tuesday in 410 Old Main.

"Take Ten," this year's annual original revue, will run for three nights during Homecoming Weekend.

Parts in the chorus are open for approximately 12 men and 12 women.

The Penn State Thespians Club and crew chiefs for the show will meet at 8:15 p.m. Sunday in 410 Old Main. The meeting will be in preparation for the tryouts.

## \$500 Scholarship Started by Firm

The North American Refractories Company has established a scholarship for students in ceramics.

The scholarship, which will become effective this Fall, will provide \$500 for the student chosen. If the student continues to meet requirements for the scholarship, he may qualify for renewal of the scholarship.

The recipient of the award will be selected by the Scholarship Committee of the College of Mineral Industries with the recommendation of the head of the department of ceramic technology on the basis of scholarship, need and character.

## Holtzinger Reappointed

J. E. Holtzinger, Altoona publisher, was renamed a Board of Trustees representative director of the Penn State Foundation for a five year term.

## Tonight on WDFM

7:30	91.1 MEGACYCLES
7:30	Music and Monologue
8:15	As You Believe
8:30	Concert Cameos
9:00	BBC Weekly
9:15	News
9:30	Symphonic Notebook
10:30	Sign Off