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## Sorority Rushing: Don't Be Misled

Formal rushing is no longer a crowd of smiles, a puff of smoke, and a slur of names. The gaiety of open house has given way to the more serious aspects of meeting rushees, meeting sisters, getting to know rushees, and getting to know sisters.

The "What's your major?" routine no longer passes for an acceptable conversation opener. Rushees have emerged as individuals and sororities have taken on definite characteristics.

During parties and coffee hours wise decisions must be formulated after careful thinking; appearances still must be maintained; and tempers must be controlled.

All in all, these last few days of fall rushing are tedious, tense, and often disappointing.

There is a great temptation to "talk sorority" outside regular parties to impress the favorite rushee, or to be overly nice to a good prospect for an assured acceptance.

Not only does the Panhellenic Council disapprove of this proverbial 'dirty rushing', but such practices violate a well-established code of ethics.

A few years ago, rushees and sisters were allowed to have almost no contact with each other outside the suites. There were several periods of strict silence and penalties for violations were severe. Since the revision of the rushing code, we now have relatively few restrictions. But rules must be made according to the behavior of the people, and offenders of the now-lenient code may be responsible for the return of a strict set of regulations.

Women who are still doubtful as to which bid to accept might be wrongly influenced by a

sister's 'confidential' tips on the advantages of her particular sorority. And downing another group, no matter how obvious the intention, might sway a naive sophomore.

Such stealing of rushees would add bulk to a pledge class and momentary prestige to the sorority; but the bonds of sisterhood, if they are to be strong and lasting, must be built upon substance more solid than deception and petty thievery.

—Jackie Hudgins

## Library Guard Duty

The rules for using the stacks of the Pattee Library have been changed quite a bit since last year due to the excessive number of books that have been stolen.

However, we feel the library officials have gone to an undesirable extreme in asking faculty and graduate students to have their articles checked before allowing them to leave the open book shelves.

Being required to identify oneself as being eligible for a privilege is commonplace and not objectionable, but having to submit oneself or one's possessions for inspection prior to leaving is disgraceful.

If the proposed honor system or any honesty policy is ever to be successful at the University a feeling of mutual trust between administration and faculty as well as between students and faculty must be cultivated.

One reason the librarian gave for imposing the new restrictions on users of the stacks is that sometimes undergraduates without special permission or townspeople have been known to enter the stacks illegally. To require identification should cut down on this problem, if not alleviate it.

Librarians should be librarians and not policemen.

—Jackie Hudgins

## Back the Team

Tomorrow Penn State launches its Centennial football season opposing the Boston University Terriers at Beaver Field.

At 8 p.m. tonight in front of Old Main, Lion supporters will get their first chance to show their confidence in the team at the first pep rally of the year.

The Lions face a tough schedule this year, perhaps one of the most rigorous slates Penn State has ever encountered. The team deserves all the support the student body can give them. Get out there tonight and show them you're behind them.

—The Editor

## Plan to Graduate

As the first week of classes nears its end many freshmen may be asking themselves if they are really college material.

It is a question with which they needn't concern themselves. If they weren't qualified for college they wouldn't be here. The University's standards are not exceptionally high, but necessarily so because it is a state institution.

Yet it screens applicants well enough to expect all who enter to graduate.

True, the jump from high school to college is a big one, but it is not insurmountable. If freshmen remember that they are here first to get an education and second to meet people and have a good time they will find that they can bridge the gap.

But many new students forget that basic fact and place a good time above an education. The two can be combined. If done so wisely the University's alarmingly high flunk-out rate will drop accordingly.

—The Editor

## Safety Valve... 'Hours for Men' Meets With Protests

TO THE EDITOR: Tuesday night Tribunal announced that it was going to experiment with hours on men as an additional type of punishment. The student reaction was one of ridicule. But, behind this reaction were two serious objections to the plan—its lack of enforceability and the inequality of the different male groups affected by it.

The difficulty of enforcing such a penalty is at once apparent. To tell a male student living downtown that he must be in his room by a certain hour is one thing, to check up on this is another. In the fraternities the situation would not be much better.

And to depend on the word of a person who has been found guilty of a rule infraction that he will not break another rule by not adhering to his hours, seems a little naive, if not ridiculous.

This leaves only the men living in dormitories. Here the situation seems better, as dorm counselors can be utilized to enforce the rule. At second glance, however, this is not so easy. During the week, many dorm counselors are not in their rooms until 10 or 11 p.m. The counselors on weekend duty complete a round of inspection on the average of one an hour or more.

Last year in the Pollock Dormitory area the counselors passed through a dorm on the average of once or twice a night. Who would check on the offender in between? The answer seems obvious. Tribunal would have to employ a corps of checkers, no matter how few violators it sentenced.

The second argument is mostly an academic one, but nevertheless valid. Tribunal has a method of punishment which has only a chance of working on one group of students—the men in the dormitories. If Tribunal is to operate on the common principles of justice, it must realize that a penalty must apply to all equally.

Problems of enforcement make this impossible, and therefore violate this principle. The law is unfair for this reason and should be removed from the books.

The fact that only a few students may be affected does not change matters at all. So long as one student is sentenced to this punishment, and as long as one group of male students is exposed to a penalty that no other group has to face, an injustice exists.

—William Eisenberg

## Judicial Babysitters

TO THE EDITOR: We wholeheartedly believe that Tribunal has made another mistake. Tribunal has assumed the role of babysitter to further puppet the student body.

Freedom of action has again been curtailed by the recent move to restrict the undergraduates to their rooms.

To act as guardian angel is not a privilege to be undertaken by Tribunal. The parents of our adult student body do not expect this and the students are definitely not desirous of room confinement.

We firmly advocate that Tribunal should feel the pulse of the student body which they represent before formal action of this type is taken.

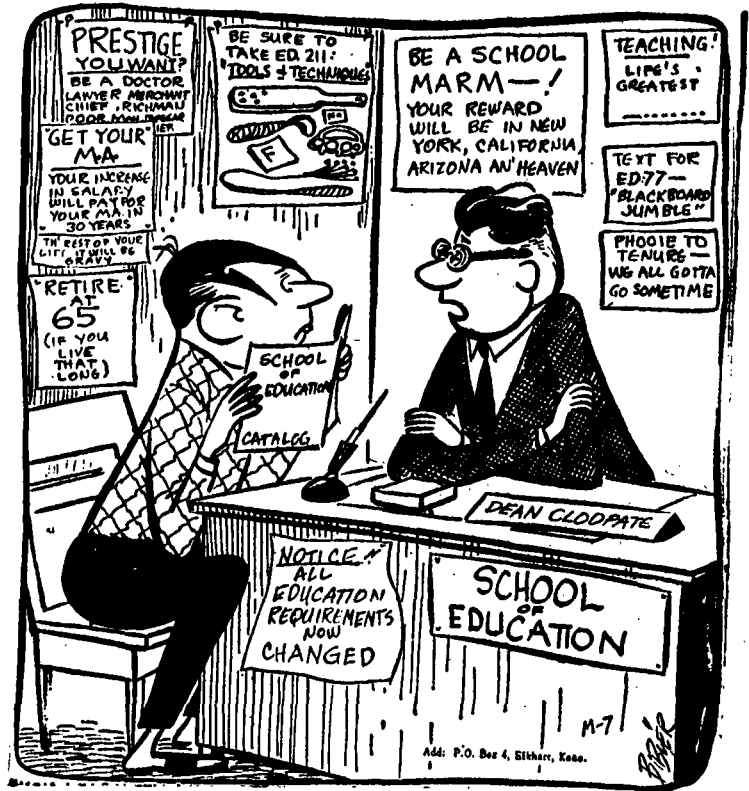
—Samuel Powell and Robert McKenzie

## Gazette...

University Hospital  
Rodney Abraham, Robert Alperin, Philip Beard, Norman Churchill, Naomi Dunn, Robert Hosko, Marian Hubbard, Suzanne Ilot, Leo Kukkola, William Lawn, Robert Long, Charlene Low, Benjamin Malosky, Norman Mawby, Joyce Miller, Ross Nickerson, Virginia Plants, Theodore Rapchick, Larry Ridenour, Ciy Shelly, Stephen Simon, Gaylord Smith, Leo Stankavage, Ann Sterner, Elmer Strauss, Jerome Summerly, David VanZandt, and Benjamin Williams.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"You learn teaching th' first year then you study vocations three years to qualify you for that extra job to make a living."

—Look Who's Talking...

## About Education

By JACKIE HUDGINS

The specialized system of education is a good thing, but if our 'major' field of study becomes our only field of study our diplomas may be re-worded to state:

The Pennsylvania State University  
certifies that  
Joe College  
does not know anything but  
Minerology

"Please pay no attention to anything he might say about any other subject. He did work hard for this degree and is potentially a most valuable citizen. Please treat him kindly."

Unfortunately, undergraduates, especially in technical fields often complain about being forced to take prescribed courses outside their curriculum. An argument frequently used is that liberal arts electives are of no practical use—even a waste of time.

### Too Elementary

When the Copernican theory was explained to Sherlock Holmes by Dr. Watson, Holmes said he intended to forget it as soon as possible because it had nothing to do with his major interest, tracing down criminals. Dr. Watson was amazed just as many employers are amazed at the very limited knowledge of today's college and university graduates.

It is generally accepted that a specialist has a divine right to make a fool of himself on issues outside his field of specialty, but it is unfortunate that people, especially college people, will allow their scope of interests to be narrowed by advanced learning—when one of the fundamental reasons of learning is to broaden one's mind and deepen one's concepts.

### Handicaps vs. Rewards

Naturally an absolute specialist is handicapped, while at the same time he is compensated—sometimes by money, more often by personal satisfaction, a feeling of contentment, and security.

The society in which the strict specialist lives on is also handicapped, for this trained-in-only-one-field person is poorly equipped to assume the responsibilities that accompany citizenship, but unfortunately there are no real compensations for the society.

Information on all subjects has increased to such an extent that it has to be explained segment by segment. Often one course of

study seems to be completely detached from another. We are so used to looking at the universe in splintered bits that many of us assume it has a cellular structure and that each cell can be treated as if it were a pigeonhole.

This is not true and only by increasing our knowledge in various fields, learning to piece bits of ideas together, and learning to think, can the questionable diploma be anything but a vocational degree.

## Four Chem-Phys Council Groups Selected by Childs

The Chem-Phys student council appointed chairmen and members for four major committees at a meeting Wednesday night in the Hetzel Union Building. The appointments were made by William Childs, council, president.

Joseph Eberly, junior in physics from State College, was appointed elections committee chairman; Kenneth Christiansen, junior in chemical engineering from Fanwood, N.J., mixer committee chairman; Sheldon Amstel, junior in pre-medicine from Simpson, coffee hour committee chairman; and Howard Levine, senior in pre-medicine from Spring Valley, N.Y., banquet committee chairman.

Childs also appointed minor committees for the year at the meeting. The treasurer's report was given by Joseph Eberly.

Council will meet Oct. 5 in the HUB.

## Tonight on WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES  
7:16 Sign On  
7:30 News  
7:50 News  
8:30 News Round-up  
9:00 Light Classical  
10:30 Sign Off

TONIGHT — 7 till 8:30

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