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Formal Rushing Analysis: A Suggestion

(This is the second of two editorials analyzing formal sorority rushing.) Although the chief handicap to the rushing procedure was the time limit, tacking on more coke dates or another party will not entirely solve the problem. Other things must be considered. It is unreasonable to assume that a week or even a week and a half of varied events with numerous sororities can give the rushee sufficient background to determine the value of Greek living—moreover choose the particular sorority she believes best for her. An early introduction and a gradual orientation to sorority life would satisfy the demands of rushing to a greater degree than the present party-party system. A kind of early introduction was achieved last year when the Panhellenic Council sponsored a tea for freshman women and sorority women in the three upperclasswomen's dormitories. Three local alumnae spoke to the women about sorority life, and groups of freshmen were allowed to visit chapter rooms just to see what they looked like. The intention of Panhellenic Council was to introduce freshmen to Greeks—not individuals to particular sororities. And if that was the only intention of Panhellenic Council, the Freshman Tea was successful. However, we feel that in jumping from the introductory tea in the spring to a heavy schedule of formal rushing in the fall, one intermediate step has been left out. If freshman women would be allowed to visit

sorority women informally in the suites between the tea and the beginning of the formal rush period, more fruitful friendships could be cultivated—later to be developed at parties, coffee hours, etc. According to the Panhellenic Council, formal rushing will be held sometime during the spring semester for second semester women, instead of in the fall as has been the custom. Hypothetically a freshman might attend the introductory tea in November, set aside one or two hours a week during November, December, and January to visit most or all of the sororities, and go into the formal rushing season in February with a true picture of suite living and a nucleus around which to build friendships. Because first and second semester women are almost completely segregated from upperclass women in the dormitories and there is little intermingling socially, a wall of indifference and mystery has grown up between the two groups. For the inexperienced woman, Greek letters have no meaning, pins look alike, and all sororities are the same. During an informal rushing period freshman women could be educated on Greek matters while they were meeting sisters. Time would not be lost from studying and classes because the program could last two or three months, for only a few hours a week. Rushing is a means to an end. The test of a good rushing program is no way related to the number of ribboned sophomores; rather it is reflected by spirited sororities and happy sisters. —Jackie Hudgins

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Hey, fellas! Come see Worthal's NEW pin-up."

Needed: More Interest in Student Politics

Campus and Lion parties were supposedly pleased by the collapse of State party and the absorption of some of its student components into their own bodies. With the addition of talent and personnel, it was probably felt that the campaign to recruit new members and the drive toward obtaining candidates for freshmen and sophomore class positions could be started in earnest. Initial meetings were called for last Sunday evening. These meetings were to inform freshmen and upperclassmen of the parties' activities and to give the prospective members an opportunity to list preferences for committee and clique work. However, not more than 80 out of some 2250 freshmen attended the meetings. Lion party can console itself with the fact that it drew 20 more freshmen than its contemporary. But the question that may be raised by some is: why such a deplorable lack of interest in the political parties? At past clique meetings, especially at the beginning of the semester, freshmen sometimes flooded the seating confines of 121 or 10 Sparks—occasionally to overflowing. Students then were attracted to political party

work by eye-catching publicity, word-of-mouth, and numerous other devices known to clique officers versed in the handling of people. What does make a successful party? Is it a driving publicity campaign, or competent workers, or decisions conceived over steaming coffee at 2 in the morning? Yes, they have a big hand in the problem, but the main factor is a keen sense of interest. If this premise is so, we believe the reasons behind Sunday's example of apathy must fall upon the parties' clique officers, especially their chairmen. The responsibility of stimulating interest in student government lies not with the freshmen, but mainly the upperclass members—those who have been entrusted by their predecessors with duties to perform. When new students at the University confirm or sense that clique members do not get a "kick" out of their positions and duties, how can they be expected to fill up the meeting rooms? Work must be done and results produced, but initiative and interest are what back up the political parties. Without it, the parties will die. —Ted Serrill

Play It Smart

Two freshmen played it smart Tuesday. A few others may think they are getting away with something. The two who used their heads reported themselves to the dean of men's office for violating the rule which prohibits freshmen from operating cars on campus or in State College. Because they realized their mistake in time they were dealt with leniently. Others, who may be guilty of the same offense, but who have not owned up to it, will not be treated so easily. The penalty for violating the car ban is suspension from the University. Freshmen may feel that they are being discriminated against in being singled out as the one group that may not operate a car in the State College vicinity. This is not the case. It is an unfortunate situation but a necessary one. The University just does not have the parking facilities to accommodate the influx of cars that would descend on campus, if all were allowed to drive. In time this situation will undoubtedly be corrected. It certainly should be corrected. In the meantime it must be tolerated. The logical group to restrict is the freshman class. The freshmen are the ones who are just becoming acclimated to the University. They are the ones who must guard most closely against distractions. If you are a freshman and are hiding your car in the borough, take it home. If you are toying with the idea of bringing a car to campus—forget it. —The Editor

Safety Valve...

On Bermuda Shorts During the past spring semester I journeyed to the Hetzel Union with one of my fraternity brothers thinking that we would have our dinner at the Terrace Room. To my utter dismay I was promptly ushered right out of the cafeteria by the hostess who insisted that I was not allowed in the dining room while wearing Bermuda shorts. I think that this ruling set down by the head of the food service is unfair because the students had no say in formulating such a policy. I also might add that the HUB was partially financed by the students, and it is not up to a University employee to make such a ruling. Bermuda shorts are very much accepted now by a great many people, on and off University campuses. Even in State College there is no ban on Bermuda shorts in any of the restaurants. Also, I might state that in the past I have seen many people come into the Terrace Room with clothing on that was not fit to wear in any eating establishment. I was under the impression that student affairs are run by student government. An incident which is so closely related to student activity should not be left to one who is totally unconnected with student government and seems to have a dislike for Bermuda shorts. —Donald Chalmers EDITOR'S NOTE: Before Miss Baker prohibited the wearing of Bermuda shorts in the Terrace Room she conferred with the dean of women and the dean of men on official regulations for campus attire. And it was as a result of a decision reached by the three of them that Bermuda shorts are not allowed in the dining room.

Gazette...

- BOOK EXCHANGE, OLD CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., 208 Willard
CENTRAL PROMOTION AGENCY SENIOR BOARD, 7 p.m., C.P.A. Office, HUB
DELTA SIGMA PI, professional business administration fraternity, 7:30 p.m., Phi Kappa Psi
HORT CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 108 Plant Industries
NEWS AND VIEWS STAFF AND CANDIDATES, 7:15 p.m., 14 Home Economics
SOCIETY FOR ADVANCEMENT OF MANAGEMENT, 7:30 p.m., Lambda Chi Alpha

- THETA SIGMA PHI, 8 p.m., 111 Carnegie
UPPERCLASS WOMEN DEBATE TEAM TRYOUTS, 7 p.m., 2 Sparks
University Hospital
Robert Allen, Joseph Casarin, John Clifford, Sidney Cohen, Gerald Cornell, Donald Dougald, Phoebe English, George Fijo, Thomas FitzPatrick, Peter Grever, Fred Hancher, Frank Harrison, James Harding, Marsha Irwin, John Johnson, Fred Katrack, Benjamin Malsky, Davis Pappert, Mollie Schreibman, Gaylord Smith, Fred Tobbe, Joseph Toland.

Despite Reds

Indonesia May Get Democracy

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. Associated Press News Analyst

Less than a year ago Indonesia appeared to be heading into the Communist camp. Her government was playing footsie with the Communists in the same fashion which proved fatal to so many young governments after the war. If the Communists did not take over directly it seemed likely that they would win in the republic's first elections, which begin tomorrow.

Dean Schilling Gets Degree

Dr. Harold K. Schilling, dean of the graduate school, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree from Bucknell University at its annual convocation on Tuesday. Dr. Schilling, one of six scientists and scholars receiving honorary degrees, received the degree from Dean William H. Coleman of Bucknell. The degree was awarded in recognition of Schilling's work as an "inspiring teacher and able administrator." Born in Allentown, Dr. Schilling has been associated with the University since 1940, when he became a professor of physics. He is a fellow of the American Physics Society and a member of numerous other scientific societies.

Tickets Available For Indie Fishry

Tickets for the Association of Independent Men-Leonides fishry are available until noon tomorrow at the Hetzel Union desk. Price is 50 cents. The fishry will be held tomorrow night at Holmes Foster Park, State College. Transportation to the site will be available at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the rear of Old Main, according to Bruce Lieske, AIM president. The menu will include fish, hot dogs, baked beans, potato chips, ice cream, and soft drinks. Rain date is 1 p.m. Saturday.

Book Exchange Candidates

Old candidates for the Book Exchange will meet at 7 tonight in 208 Willard. Tonight on WDFM 91.1 MEGACYCLES 7:16 Sign On 7:20 News Show 7:30 Phil Wein 8:15 UN Story 8:15 Just Out 9:00 Top Drawer 9:15 News 9:30 Scenario 10:30 Sign Off

Music Group to Meet

Phi Mu Alpha, honorary music fraternity, will hold an organizational meeting at 9 tonight in 117 Carnegie. The group will discuss plans for its rushing smoker to be held in November.