

The Deferred Rushing Question

Deferred Rushing Would Mean Major Change for Fraternities

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The question of deferred rushing, a system which could revolutionize fraternity rushing at the University, is now under serious consideration by the Interfraternity Council.

Deferred rushing is not a new issue with University fraternities. It was brought before IFC last year, coupled with a motion to raise the minimum pledging average from 2 to 2.2. The deferred rushing motion was defeated, but the average change passed and is now in effect.

However, when the motion was proposed last year, the effects of the average change were not foreseen. Since then, and particularly since the finish of last semester, there has been considerable dissatisfaction among fraternities because of the pledging average.

The new average has caused a number of freshmen to be ineligible for pledging, in some cases more than half the proposed pledge class of a particular house.

The deferred rushing issue was presented to IFC again last week, along with a motion to nullify the 2.2 requirement retroactive to last semester's averages. The latter motion was defeated, but the rushing proposal has gone to committee and will be voted on within a few weeks.

Deferred rushing, in a broad sense, means postponing the rushing of freshmen, probably until sometime in the second semester. There is no pat system for deferred rushing; all the details would have to be worked out by the IFC. The term "can be defined however we want to define it," according to Robert Jubelirer, chairman of IFC's rushing evaluation committee, which is working on the motion.

But the core of the idea is to keep freshmen away from fraternities and fraternities away from freshmen for at least the first semester. After this, freshmen with averages would be rushed for a certain defined period, after which they would be eligible for pledging.

The prime purpose of the sys-

tem, according to Jubelirer, is to eliminate part of the expense of rushing. Houses waste a large amount of money, he said, rushing freshmen who they find they cannot pledge because of a low average.

Deferred rushing would eliminate this; only the freshmen who made their averages would be rushed, and the others would not be considered by fraternities until they had made a 2.2 or a 2 all-University average.

Behind the News--

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dent government organizations. A number of junior will be conspicuous by their absence.

We received the following note the other day from Jerry Wald, Twentieth Century-Fox producer:

"With reference to your query as to whether there was any specific reason for giving the school principal in 'Peyton Place' a Penn State degree, there really was not. If you have seen the picture you are aware how many things were necessarily changed in adapting the novel to the screen..."

The school principal's only identification with Pennsylvania in the book was former employment in Pittsburgh.

Also, with the postponing of rushing, the period set for rushing would probably be considerably less than a semester, which would help to decrease the money spent by fraternities.

As with the other details of the system, this period has not yet been defined. A 2-month period seems to be used more than any other, by IFC officials connected with the issue, to illustrate how it would work; however, this is still conjecture.

The letter also included an 18-page publicity release and a 45-rpm record from Mr. Wald's next movie, "The Long, Hot Summer," which, he says, "promises to be a real belleranger."

IBM Machine Aids Rushing Procedure

Behind the scenes in sorority rushing most of the work is done in the basement of Old Main by a giant IBM card shuffler that can put a deck of 2000 cards in order in about 3 minutes.

The paper work involved in rushing now takes one-fifth as long as formerly, according to sorority alumnae who formerly sorted the cards each morning and afternoon and now only work two days a week in the Panhellenic post office.

For all rush events there is a card for each rushee for each of the one local and 23 national sororities. On it the rushee can indicate her choice of time. Each card is perforated with rectangular holes so that when it is placed against a master sheet numbers signify the rushee's student number, semester, curriculum and a special code number for each sorority.

When the IBM starts to whirl, a brush "reads" the holes and sorts acceptances according to sorority. Then it sorts regrets.

The system is practically foolproof, since the machine rejects improperly marked cards.

During bidding from 10 to 12 p.m. Thursday in the rushee's own residence hall and in the Panhellenic post office in Atherton Hall for town girls, rushees who wish to join a sorority will sign a pref-

erence card listing the sororities in order of preference.

Then on Friday, another tabulator will match the rushee's first choice against the sorority's first list and will record the results. Next it will match the sorority's second choice against the rushee's first choice.

Finally the lists will be submitted to the sororities.

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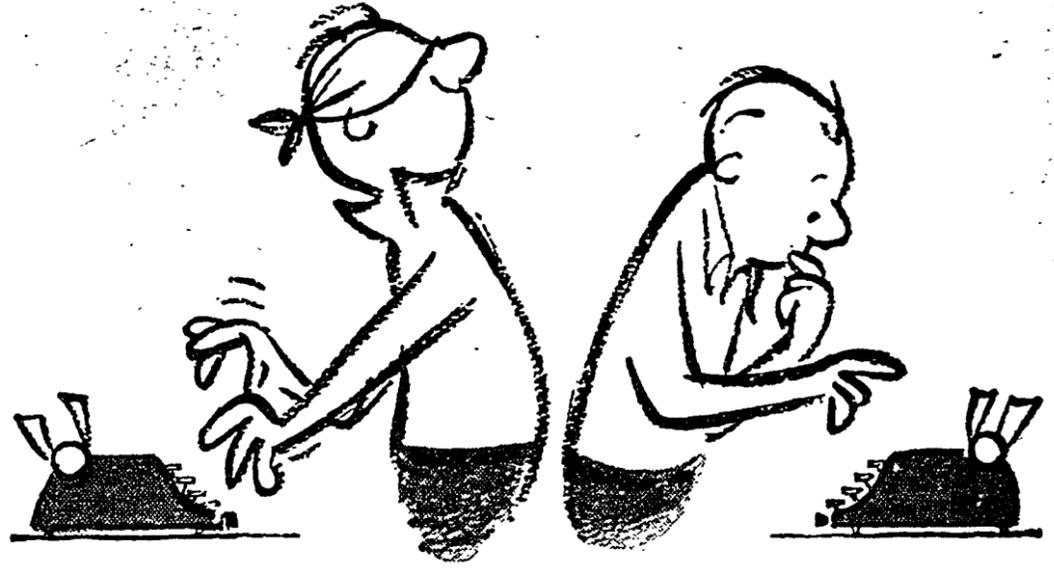
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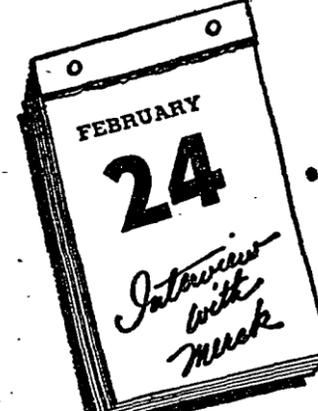
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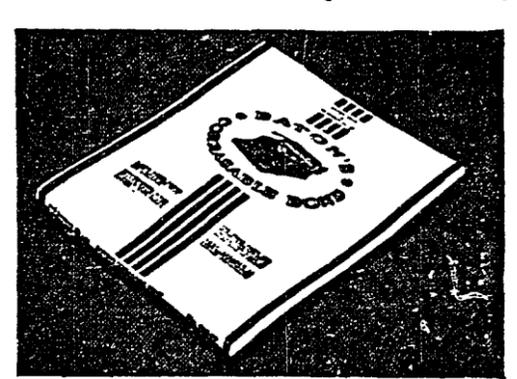
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