

Editorial Opinion

Only Time Will Tell Deferred Rushing:

In dealing with the deferred rushing program, Interfraternity Council officers are experiencing the difficulties of enforcing a program that is both completely new and hard to control.

Interpretations of deferred rushing regulations have been handed down almost weekly since the beginning of the semester. They have covered areas from distribution of literature to pledges sleeping in a freshman's room during Hell Week and have come from the IFC Encampment, the Board of Control and from IFC officers themselves.

The frequency and complexity of these interpretations has emphasized the difficulty of administering deferred rushing.

When the Interfraternity Council approved deferred rushing last spring it was a principle and little more. Although it still has much vagueness, lines of definition are gradually being drawn as new situations develop.

But a lot more definition and specification is needed before deferred rushing will become a smooth-running program.

One might ask the question, "Is deferred rushing worth the effort needed to enforce it fairly and effectively?" Or even, "Is deferred rushing worthwhile as a principle?"

These questions are not easily answered, not even by the IFC officers, who probably are most familiar with the program.

Two major advantages have been attributed to deferred rushing:

- It should save money for fraternities.
• It should have a beneficial effect on freshman scholarship.

A number of lesser advantages also are inherent in the program. These should include an end to fall-semester violations of the freshman drinking ban; a better chance for upperclass students, including transfers, to rush, and for fraternities to rush them; better fraternity parties in many cases; and perhaps a feeling of greater freedom for both fraternity men and freshmen not tied down with heavy rushing.

Certainly saving fraternities money and raising freshman scholarship are laudable objectives. And if these objectives can be obtained, deferred rushing will have accomplished its main purposes.

But the deferred rushing program has or is expected to have a number of unfavorable side effects. Among those which already have been made evident are difficulty in interpreting regulations and accompanying confusion; a lessening of social opportunities for freshmen—not just in lack of access to fraternities but in difficulty in getting dates—and a sort of "segregation" of freshmen from fraternity men in general.

And the program has at least one affect on upperclass independent men living in residence halls—their fraternity friends may not now visit them between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Fortunately the problem of "dirty rushing" has not yet come up. This appears to indicate that the fraternities have confidence in deferred rushing and intend to abide by its rules. Nevertheless, there has been no indication of how enforceable the program is, since no "dirty rushing" cases have gone to the IFC Board of Control.

No one can say now how much deferred rushing will accomplish or whether it will do more good than harm in the long run. It is a credit to the IFC officers that they are trying hard to make the system work fairly and efficiently, and their hard work will aid honest evaluation of the program later.

One year is a short trial period for a program as complicated as deferred rushing. But evaluation of the whole situation next spring should produce some indication of its success or failure. And it should point the way to enhancing the advantages and minimizing the harmful side effects if the program is to be continued.

Letters

Reader Defends Cabinet Report

TO THE EDITOR: Your editorial criticizing Jay Feldstein for deciding to report the outcome of his conference with President Walker to Cabinet before making a statement to The Collegian seems unwarranted if we assume that the purpose of Cabinet is representation of the students.

Having been sent as a representative of Cabinet to confer with the president, it seems reasonable that he should deliver his report to that body rather than having The Collegian report to them and the rest of the campus.

Certainly the students are interested in the senior gift, but 12 more hours seems a short time to wait for the outcome of a conversation held last Friday!

—Sue Day, '59

EDITOR'S NOTE: The point of the editorial was that students might have learned the news last Saturday morning instead of this morning.

Gazette

TODAY

- Bible Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 214 Boucke
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Entre Nous Mixer, 8 p.m., to midnight, Wesley Foundation
Hillel Sabbath Services, 8 p.m., Hillel
Interlandia Folk Dance, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom
Jazz Club Ticket Sale, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., HUB lobby
Lutheran Student Association Party, 7:30 p.m., LSA Center
Pennsylvania Audio-Visual Aids Conference, 1 p.m., 212 HUB
Psychology Conference, 3 p.m., 218 HUB
Wesley Foundation Fun Night, 8 p.m., Wesley Foundation.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Carl Barner, David Boland, Patrick Bortula, Thomas Crawford, Christine Englund, Barbara Greene, Shirley Greenbaum, Charles Guzy, Henry James, Linda Hunt, Alan McFall, James McGovern, David McKee, Robert Moss, George Saunders, Alice Taylor, Kathleen Tumas, William Walton, Robert Zechman.

Chemistry-Physics Honesty Program Planned by Council

The Chemistry-Physics Council has decided to continue to plan an academic honesty program.

The council hopes to have a program start with this year's freshman class, possibly for the third round of bluebooks.

It was suggested at the meeting Wednesday night that the program begin with freshmen. The council felt that seniors are more liable to feel loyalty toward long established friends and fraternity brothers.

Irving Klein, chairman of the committee, stated that social pressure would prevent students from cheating.

The Council proposed that the program be carried throughout the students' four years, thus being a continuous cycle. Working with seniors would mean the re-establishment of the program each year.

The council voted in favor of a Newsletter and will solicit advertising from large corporations to lower the cost of publication.

Dean Will Address Harrisburg Convention

Dr. J. Ralph Rackley, dean of the College of Education, will speak on "The Recruitment of College Teachers" at the 18th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Institutional Placement Association in Harrisburg on Oct. 23.

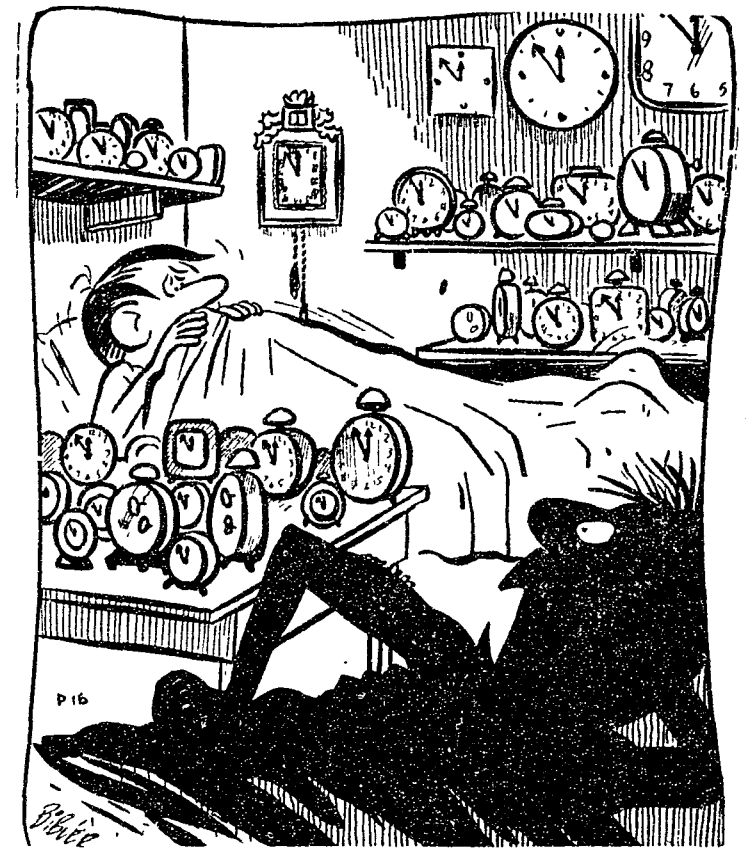
Approved Fraternities

All fraternities have been approved for the entertainment of women guests tonight and tomorrow night except Kappa Alpha Psi.

The following fraternities have been approved for tomorrow night only:

- Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Phi Delta, Delta Sigma Phi, Pi Lambda Phi, Pi Sigma Upsilon, Sigma Tau Gamma and Theta Kappa Phi.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"It's your turn to wind the alarms tonight."

Take It or Leave It

Rush Code Brings Dating Dilemma

by Pat Evans

Deferred rushing has been examined from just about all angles—all but one, that is.

It's just fine for IFC to concern itself with the welfare of freshman men, fraternity men and even the indie dorm counselors. But we want to know who's looking out for the interests of the coeds.

Perhaps some girls should be invited to the IFC meetings to give their opinions of deferred rushing. The new policy certainly affects their dating, and their dating affects the men, and it's the men that IFC is so bothered about.

How does deferred rushing effect Penn State coeds?

We'll begin the explanation by stating the case of Nancy, a sweet young thing now spending her first semester at the University.

Nancy looked forward all last summer to college. Like many coeds-to-be, she considered fraternity parties an essential part of the college woman's social life.

During Orientation Week and freshman customs she met several very nice males—freshmen. (After all, the main purpose of those endless mixers was to introduce the freshmen to one another.)

And how is our sweet young thing spending her weekends? Well, she and her frosh dates sit in the HUB. Or, they sit in the Corner Room. Or, they sit in a diner. Or, when the weather isn't too cold, they can sit on a bench and reflect

upon the beauty of the campus.

So, poor Nancy has now spent three weekends on campus and has not yet set foot inside a fraternity house. And she's becoming rather weary of the HUB, the Corner Room and the diners.

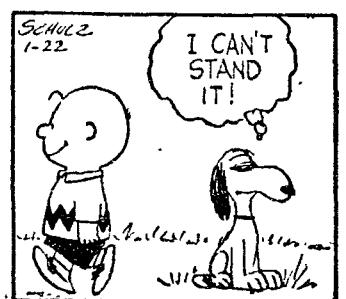
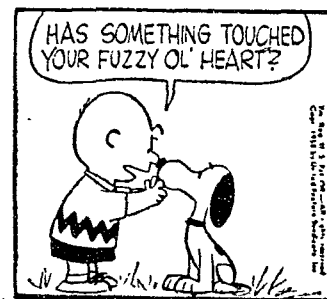
Many of Nancy's coed classmates have been dating upperclassmen—fraternity men. They've had a taste of fraternity parties. They're meeting sorority women at the houses. Life is rosy all around.

Because a sizable number of frosh coeds have latched onto upperclassmen, the situation for upperclasswomen is grimmer than in other years.

The frosh want to party, freshman men can't squire them to parties, so they date upperclassmen who can, and upperclasswomen are left dateless.

Yes, it's a sad life. We can think of just one solution. It's not very likely to succeed; but at least it's constructive. Here goes:

Some enterprising students should set up a date bureau to fix up frosh men with upperclass women. Would everyone then be happy? No, but at least they'd all have dates.



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