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Second Semester Men, Coeds Begin Rushing

Second semester freshman men started the first of seven weeks of rushing last night when they were dinner guests at many fraternities.

Under the Interfraternity Council deferred rushing plan instituted last spring, first semester students were prohibited from visiting fraternities or participating in rushing activities during the fall.

The present IFC regulations require a freshman to have a 2.2 All-University average to pledge a fraternity. All second semester students may participate in the rushing, however.

Present first semester students will not be able to rush until the fall semester 1959, but several open houses will be held for them after the initial rushing period is over. New students did participate in open houses held in conjunction with the spring semester Orientation Week program.

March 22 has been set as the official pledging date by the IFC, but fraternities may extend bids to prospective pledges any time during the 7-week rushing period.

Freshmen were hosted in open house mixers held during November and December by the 55 fraternities, on and off campus. One general open house was also held at which time all houses were open from 7 to 10 p.m.

Also as part of the IFC rushing program, fraternity rushing booklets were distributed to the interested freshmen in late December. The booklets contain a picture of all houses and includes a description of the fraternities' facilities and housing space available. IFC rushing chairmen also took part in discussion programs held in the freshman dormitory units last fall.

The deferred rushing system was instituted after a careful study was made by an IFC committee headed by Robert Jublier, current IFC parliamentarian. The committee recommended that the plan be instituted on a trial basis and be subject to IFC rules.

The system's advantages were two-fold, the committee stated. For one, the deferred rushing system would save the fraternities a considerable amount of money in rushing students who did not make their required pledging averages.

The committee also felt the system would give the freshman students more time to study and make initial grades without having to worry about rushing and pledging.

A total of 243 coeds have registered to participate in sorority rushing since registration began at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Registration for the spring formal rushing period will continue from 9 a.m. until

noon and from 2 until 5 p.m. today. Any second semester freshman woman with a 2.3 All-University average or any upperclass woman with a 2.0 All-University average is eligible. Registration is being held in Atherton Hall lounge. Everyone must bring a copy of her official transcript and \$1 to cover the registration fee and the cost of the rushing booklet.

A mass meeting for all women interested in rushing will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in 121 Sparks. Open houses during which rushees may visit sorority suites will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m.

The schedule for attending open houses is:

Saturday—All rushees whose names begin with the letters falling between A and L will attend open houses in the suites of Group A: Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Beta Sigma Omicron, Chi Omega, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Phi Mu, Sigma Delta Tau and Theta Phi Alpha.

All rushees whose last names begin with the letters M to Z will attend open houses in the suites of Group B: Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta, Delta Gamma, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Sigma Sigma, Sigma Sigma Sigma and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Sunday—All rushees whose last names begin with the letters M to Z are to visit the open houses of Group A and all rushees whose names begin with the letters A to L, the open houses in the suites of Group B. Each rushee may stay no longer than 30 minutes in any one sorority, nor may she revisit the same sorority during open houses. However, those women visiting Alpha Epsilon Phi, Phi Sigma Sigma and Sigma Delta Tau may spend one hour at each suite if they wish.

Afternoon dresses or suits, stockings, heels and gloves should be worn.

Formal spring rushing is administered with the help of an IBM machine. Registration cards will be ready for sorority use and may be picked up by

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Centers to Join State-wide System

The University has volunteered its system of 14 urban area centers as the nucleus for a state-wide network of two-year college.

The University's Board of Trustees approved the plan for a System of Commonwealth Campuses at its January meeting as its contribution toward the solution of Pennsylvania's crisis in higher education.

According to the Associated Press, the University has embarked on a long-range program aimed at putting higher education within the reach of every state citizen.

President Eric A. Walker has been authorized to organize the present centers into a network of college campuses. The action, Walker said, will give "each Pennsylvanian the opportunity to pursue his education beyond high school through both degree-granting and adult programs."

James H. Coogan, director of Public Information, said the University's offer to expand the use of its centers would have to be considered by Gov. David L. Lawrence and/or the State Legislators. The University would administer the program if it is adopted, Coogan said, and the University's main campus would become a part of the entire program.

"Adoption of the suggestion to utilize the centers as the nucleus of a state-wide system would provide Pennsylvania with a state-wide public university system indigenous to the Commonwealth. It would also provide Pennsylvania with a sound, logical and relatively inexpensive mechanism for meeting the educational crisis it faces," Walker said.

Walker said the present enrollment of some 121,000 students in various colleges and universities in the state would climb to 180,000 during the next 10 years.

"I am convinced that the saving inherent in such a system would go far toward dissipating the educational dilemma in which the commonwealth now finds itself," he said.

The University's present network of centers, the two oldest of which were established to meet an educational emergency during the depression of the 1930's, offers the first two years of a full-fledged baccalaureate program, a two-year associate degree program designed to fulfill pressing needs of the local community, and a community program in continuing adult education.

Ag Clerk's Home Gutted By Blaze

Fire completely gutted the Snow Shoe home of Wilma L. Wenrick, statistical clerk in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, yesterday causing an estimated \$22,000 damage.

Mrs. Wenrick and her husband, William, lost all their belongings and their house, despite the efforts of three fire companies to save the structure. No one was injured.

Snow Shoe Fire Chief Robert Clink said the fire probably resulted from an overheated furnace and spread rapidly to all three floors of the dwelling before the first alarm was sounded at 12:20 p.m. Firemen remained at the scene until 5 p.m., but were summoned twice more when fire erupted from the smoldering ruins at 9 p.m. and 11 p.m.

The Wenricks were visiting in Danville and their daughter, Lou, was home alone when she discovered the fire. Unable to reach the phone, she fled to a neighbor's house and sounded the alarm.

Firemen battled the blaze with water from hydrants and a nearby pond but were unable to extinguish the blaze and save the house because of the fire's headway, said Clink. Freezing temperatures caused ice to form, hindering and slightly injuring some firemen.

The Wenricks, who are now staying at the home of Mr. George Basalla in Snow Shoe, lost everything, including the wedding gown and hope chest of their daughter who plans to marry in April. The house was insured, although its contents were not.

The Bellefonte chapter of the American Red Cross yesterday appealed for furnishings and clothing for the family.



—Collegian Photo by Marty Scherr

CHECK THE LIST before making out your price tags. This is the rule of the UBA. Students crowded into the HUB cardroom to purchase used texts at reduced prices. The UBA will accept books until 5 p.m. today.

Open Season on Stray Dogs Declared; Some May Be Shot

By NEAL FRIEDMAN

Police Chief John R. Juba has declared open season on stray dogs and may even go as far as shooting the fleet ones that cannot be caught.

At last night's Borough Council meeting Juba said he was "fed up" with chasing dogs and that the police department would crack down on strays.

A council member questioned whether the police had the authority to shoot dogs. Juba replied that he had been having trouble catching dogs in the College Heights area and that those might be shot.

Juba said his men had had considerable difficulty in rounding up the strays and had even sent street workers in civilian clothes out after the dogs. Someone asked if the dogs had

tags. Juba said they didn't. "Well," cracked a council member, "if you shoot 'em, you'll find out whether they're wild or not."

With the question of Chief Juba's anti-stray campaign out of the way, the council still couldn't get its mind off dogs.

At its January meeting the council took up the problem of whether a barking dog constituted a nuisance. The borough solicitor, Robert K. Kistler, was instructed to look into this and draw up an ordinance.

Last night he presented his report. He began with an account of what already constitutes a nuisance in the borough. This ranged from keeping an improper sidewalk to various sanitary nuisances to extending a building beyond the building line.

Not satisfied with enumerating borough nuisances, Kistler began

16 Women Still Live In Lounges

By LOLLI NEUBARTH

Study lounges in Ewing and Grange Halls are serving as temporary living quarters for 16 freshman women who are still awaiting permanent room assignments.

According to James S. Kline, head of the Assignment Division of the Department of Housing, of 94 new freshmen who enrolled this semester, the 16 coeds are the only ones without rooms. Enough students left men's residence halls to accommodate all the new men accepted by the University.

The problem of temporary housing arises every semester since the University must accept more students than it can accommodate at first in the residence halls. This allows for unexpected contract terminations which would result in empty rooms if extra students were not accepted.

"We feel confident the women will all be in rooms within 10 days from the beginning of the semester," Kline said. He said that there are a few places empty in other residence halls now, but it is the "present feeling" that freshman women be assigned together in freshman halls whenever possible.

The temporary accommodations are made as comfortable as possible, he said. They differ only in size of the room and some articles of furniture.

In September, the number of freshman women living in the Ridenour Health Center and in residence hall recreation and study rooms totaled 103. All received permanent assignments within a few weeks.

The policy of admitting extra students came under fire during last summer's Student Encampment. (Continued on page eight)