

Duquesne Club Fathered Present-Day Fraternities

"I roar for bread, for bread I roar" is not a new University cheer; it was the chant used by the Duquesne Club, one of the forerunners of present-day fraternities.

As early as 1872, the first Greek-letter movement began with the establishment of a

Delta Tau Delta chapter. The faculty immediately banned the organization, and it wasn't until 16 years later that fraternities were permitted.

Dining clubs such as the Duquesne Club grew out of the need for better dining facilities caused by the rapid in-

crease in enrollment.

The dining clubs were usually organized and managed by a student as a means of earning living expenses. State College women were employed as cooks.

These clubs adopted names and instituted chants such as

"I dash for hash, for has I'm rash," which was used by the Cottage Incorporates. "The Hungry Dozen," was the name adopted by one club.

The students agitated for abolition of the no-fraternity rule, and in 1887, the faculty voted to recommend to the Board of Trustees that Greek-

letter societies be permitted.

In 1888, a Phi Gamma Delta chapter was the first club to receive a national charter.

Six other local clubs received charters from national fraternities before 1900.

The fraternity system expanded until at present there are 56 social fraternities.

Sororities Faced Hard Fight Prior to National Affiliations

In 1921, after much opposition from the faculty and town women, the Nita-Nee Campus Club was granted a charter by the Committee on Student Welfare, marking the beginning of sororities on campus.

The University set the following requirements for the club:

• No Greek letters could be used in the name.

• No undergraduate could be elected or pledged until the second year.

• The charter was to be in existence until 1924 when the entire women's student body would vote on whether the club might continue.

Following the charter granted to the Nita-Nee Club, four other clubs were organized and granted charters. These were the Sychor Club, Arete, La Cameraderie and Alfof.

In 1924, the vote was taken to decide the fate of these clubs. Those who favored the clubs said they strengthened the ties between alumnae and undergraduates. Those opposed to the continuation of clubs said many women who were non-members were left out of social activities.

It was decided to continue the clubs until 1927, when another vote would be taken. During this time, clubs were not allowed to seek charters for national sororities.

In 1926, the five existing clubs petitioned for permission to apply for national member-

ship. Permission was granted and in the same year the Alfof Club became a chapter of Chi Omega, becoming the first national sorority on campus.

By 1930 five more national sororities were installed on campus.

The Panhellenic Association replaced the Club Council in 1930. This association made rules for rushing and handled the problems

of the sororities.

A rushing code was adopted in 1934 which established a formal rushing period of three days at the beginning of the second semester.

The sororities were originally housed in the old cottages still found scattered around the campus. These houses, originally used by the faculty, were given over to the sororities in 1928.

Student Government --

(Continued from page five) the administration unofficially backing the new system.

The constitution set up an All-College student government. Executive powers were delegated to an All-College president; legislative powers, to All-College Cabinet; and judicial powers, to Tribunal.

Cabinet was to be composed of 24 members. Legislative powers were assured since Cabinet was given the right to over-ride any veto by the All-College president if a two-thirds majority vote was obtained.

Sitting on Cabinet were the All-College president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. The presidents of the classes were also given seats on Cabinet, as were the presidents of all the student councils of the various schools within the college.

The presidents of the Associa-

tion of Independent Men, Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, Lambda Chi Alpha, Women's Student Government Association, and Women's Recreation Association represented their organizations on Cabinet.

The constitution set up the seven-member Tribunal which handled men's judiciary matters. Judicial was set up to handle those of women.

This form of government which was established with the 1939 constitution is still in effect today. The system is being studied by the Committee on Student Government Reorganization, set up this fall by All-University Cabinet, and plans for revamping it to better suit the needs of the students are underway.

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Prof. William G. Waring, grandfather of band leader Fred Waring, was a faculty member at Penn State one hundred years ago.

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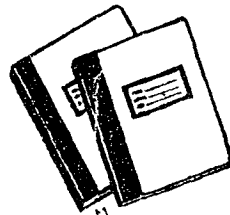


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