

Screams, Excitement to Climax Two Weeks of Informal Rush

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Sorority women and rushees alike will heave a sigh of relief when the two weeks of informal rush ends with ribboning today.

Excited screams which will be heard throughout the upperclasswomen's dorms around 5 tonight when the sororities distribute their bids, are the end product of a process which

is as old as the fraternity system. Rushing has been used as the means by which new members are selected by fraternities ever since Phi Beta Kappa was organized in 1776 at William and Mary College.

The establishment of Kappa Alpha fraternity in 1812 was soon followed by similar organizations for men.

For half a century longer, the men had a monopoly on secret organizations. Finally in 1867 a group of girls founded an organization at Monmouth College known as IC Sorosis which later became Pi Beta Phi. They were followed by Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma in 1870, and Alpha Phi and Delta Gamma in 1872.

The first sorority on the Penn State campus, Chi Omega, was founded here in 1926. During the present rush period there are 23 national sororities on campus, one local sorority, Tri-Opus, and a colony, Chi Lambda.

The rushing system in use at the University has changed greatly during the last 10 years. Between 1951 and 1953 only sophomores were permitted to rush and formal rush was held in the fall.

When freshmen were permitted to rush, formal rush was moved to the spring and informal rush lost its importance. The fall informal rushing has gained importance recently because of the increase in the number of transfer women, according to Mrs. R. Mae Schultz, former advisor to Pan-Hellenic Council.

At one time fall rushing lasted (Continued on page eight)

Daniel to Hold Talks Saturday On Christianity

Dr. Harry Daniel, general secretary of the Indian Christian Movement, will lead a conference from 3 to 9 p.m. tomorrow at the Wesley Foundation.

Daniel, who is touring the United States with the cooperation of the National Student Christian Federation, will speak on "Revolution and Reconciliation in India." His subtopic is "What Is the Christian Role in Asia?"

The conference will last through the afternoon and evening. A supper which will cost 75 cents will be served at 5:30 p.m. Interested students may come in anytime during the day.

This conference will be the beginning of study groups to consider the role of Christianity in Asia. Members of these groups will attend a national conference at Ohio University, Athens, from Dec. 27 to Jan. 2.

He will also conduct a meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Memorial Lounge of the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel. At this time he will speak on "What Is the Meaning of Life?" and "Mission of the Church."

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TIM Council To Investigate Party Facilities

In light of the recommendation made at the recent Interfraternity Council Encampment that fraternity houses be closed to independent men not rushing, Town Independent Men's Council plans to investigate the possibilities of having the larger town living units open for mixed parties on weekends.

Other plans for the coming year include the establishment of committees to investigate the downtown housing and parking problems.

The council also plans to intensify the social and intramural programs for town independent men, and it will hold a Las Vegas Night in the Hetzel Union ballroom.

TIM Council elections will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. In accordance with the decentralized voting proposals, balloting will be held Monday in the lobby of Electrical Engineering and Tuesday and Wednesday outside the Hetzel Union cardroom.

The council will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday in 203G HUB. The meeting is open to all town independent men. Functions and purposes of the organization will be explained.

New Leadership Training Termed Full Success

Last spring about 85 students enrolled in a course for which they received no credit, yet they took lecture notes and a final examination.

They attended lectures every night for eight weeks on the second floor of Boucke. These students were participating in an experiment.

The course, called Leadership Training, is sponsored by the Student Government Association. To upperclassmen who took the course a few years ago, it might seem very different.

Leadership training used to mean listening to student leaders talk about various extracurricular activities. This course lasted for six weeks during the fall semester.

Last spring an experimental, 8-week course was set up in an attempt to improve the course. Instead of emphasizing campus activities, the course presented different speakers from the faculty and administration who talked about the qualities of a leader, the psychology of leadership and parliamentary procedure.

Outlines of lectures were passed out to the students and they took notes. After compiling the results of the final examination, James

Ettelson, chairman of the Leadership Training Committee, termed the course a complete success.

Ettelson said the course was revamped because the committee felt students could learn about campus activities from handbooks or their counselors.

The new course is not primarily aimed at the freshman class and can also benefit upperclassmen. This year's course, scheduled to begin Oct. 21, will incorporate some suggestions given by the students at the end of the course.

Among the suggestions were a lecture on speaking, a longer question-and-answer period following the lecture and requiring students to attend an SGA assembly meeting.

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