

Relaxed Rush Policy Asked by IFC Men

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Last of a Series

Rather than retain deferred rushing, with or without modifications, there are some members of the Interfraternity Council who believe that the program should be voted out and fraternities should return to a more liberal rushing policy.

James Alexy, president of Phi Kappa Sigma, believes that fraternities should use self-enforcement as a means of controlling rushing.

He suggested that a program be built around the social pledge program, which many fraternities already have, to help first semester pledges with fraternity and University orientation, as well as scholastic problems.

"Fraternities must show the freshmen what they have to offer by giving them enough time to fully understand and appreciate fraternity life and environment. With deferred rushing, the freshmen do not have adequate contact with the fraternities during their first semester and must undergo intense rushing in the spring accompanied by high pressure and artificiality," Alexy said.

David Espenshade, president of Delta Tau Delta, commenting on the proposed opening of fraternities to freshmen on Saturday evenings said, "I think that longer open houses have been suggested to appease the members of the

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council who are against deferred rushing."

The present gulf between fraternities and freshmen can only be closed under an open system providing fraternities with free and unrestricted relations with their rushees, he said.

Espenshade said that an open system would not affect the averages of fraternity men and freshmen, and would ease the fraternities rushing financial problems.

"Freshmen may make a slightly higher average their first semester under deferred rushing, but when the heavy rushing period begins in the spring, many of their averages go down anyway.

The theory that the fraternities will rush the men with higher averages is not necessarily true. Many fraternities rush the man, not the average, and as a result many men with low averages are still rushed," Espenshade said.

He said that although there has been little difference in total fraternity rushing expenditures by fraternities under deferred rushing many fraternities have been hurt because their major expenses were incurred all at once at the beginning of the second semester rushing.

Several downtown independent residences are expected to apply for petitions to entertain women students on weekends as soon as the mimeographed forms are available, according to Kelly Mather, chairman of Town Independent Men's Social House Committee.

It was announced at the special session of council Wednesday that the social house committee members and two others to be named later will serve as a temporary Board of Control. The committee members are Robert Kadis, Stafford Friday, Theodore Simon, Fred Shaw and Mather.

In other business, the council decided that the TIM Autumn Leaves Dance, which will be held next Saturday in the Hetzel Union ballroom, will be free.

Council members George Reece and Gary Himes were appointed delegates-at-large to the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors.

The downtown parking problem will be discussed at the council's regular meeting to be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in 203 HUB.

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U.S. Awed By Russia —Barrett

The United States should react less to all that the Russians do and should not be so terribly awed by them, Dr. Edward W. Barrett, dean of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, said this week.

Speaking to the 250 people at the second in the Liberal Arts Lecture Series, Barrett stressed that the United States pays too much attention to Russia. "If the Soviet Union didn't exist, we would still have a lot of problems," he said. "We must proceed with affirming our ideas and ideals instead of just reacting to the actions of the Soviet Union," he continued.

Barrett included the role of public opinion in his speech on "International Persuasion." He cited examples of countries who were afraid to start beneficial programs because public opinion was against them.

"Uninformed mass opinion is a grave and serious threat," he said. The frequency of higher education in our time will come near to solving this problem, he added.

Turning to the U.S. information Service abroad, he emphasized that truth and honesty are the greatest factors in gaining the favor of other countries. Respect for the United States can be obtained by making truth indispensable and by having policy coincide with propaganda, he said.

The information program should revise and stick to the basic American principle that we are not afraid of the free exchange of ideas, he said.

Women's Hockey Team To Compete at Wilson

The Women's Recreation Association hockey team will travel to Wilson College today to compete in the Susquehanna Field Hockey Association playday.

This contest will decide which members of the team will compete in the all-Susquehanna competition, and later, the mid-east tournament.