

# Present Bookstore Crisis Parallels BX Battle of '48

## 660 Coeds Register for Rush

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(Third in a series)

A highly organized student committee and a determined student body conquered the unconquerable in 1948, when the Board of Trustees reversed the decision of its executive committee and permitted the proposed Book Exchange to become a reality.

That store, which we take for granted in the basement of the Hetzel Union Building, had a hard pull for survival after the trustee committee's original denial. That decision was based on the view that a tax supported institution should not compete with private enterprise.

In many other ways, that case closely parallels the current student requests to the trustees for a store selling texts.

A week after the news of the committee's decision hit campus, the All-College Cabinet committee working for the "Co-op" had organized a rally in Schwab Auditorium, sent letters to individual trustees asking for reconsideration, drafted a student petition and wrote to the Governor of Pennsylvania, James M. Duff, asking his aid and support.

Just prior to the full meeting of the board in late January, Alpha Zeta fraternity sponsored a "tag party" where 5000 emerald green tags announcing "Sure I'm Co-operating" were readied for distribution.

All this campaigning won the board's reconsideration in the form of a committee of trustees delegated to study the issue. News from the president's office promised a final decision at the board meeting in June.

In April, the two committees (student and trustee) met for a question-answer session with familiar results. The trustee's requested a detailed report on "more workable plans of operation" and a written constitution, with by-laws of incorporation.

Hoping for success, the Cabinet "Co-op" committee ran a public relations campaign, showing films on the cooperative bookstore movement across the nation.

The final birth announcement, which came from the president's office on July 14, 1948, said the board agreed to permit the existing used Book Exchange (which dealt only in used texts) to expand its staff and gather a stock of school sundries for opening in February, 1949.

A Daily Collegian editorial greeted the opening, lauding Cabinet with: "They illustrate what an effective student government can accomplish if it tries. Achievements of this nature are the best possible answers to those who wonder what student government does for them."

The number of women registering for Formal Spring Rush yesterday has been estimated at 660, according to Miss Marcia Hamm, Panhellenic Rush Chairman. She said a more accurate count will not be available until later.

At registration, each rushee was assigned to one of the 26 guide groups in which she will remain throughout the rushing period. She was given the name and phone number of her guide and told when and where her group will meet before open houses next Saturday.

Each sorority has chosen a member to act as guide during rush. This guide will not participate in rush and has declined all sorority affiliation for the rushing period. She will hold meetings for her group to explain the mechanics of rush and to answer any questions which arise.

Approximately 26 rushees have been assigned to each group on a basis of the convenience of the meeting place to the rushee's residence hall, Miss Hamm said.

Attendance is compulsory for all rushees at the first meeting of her group, as is attendance at each of the four days of open houses, she said.

Open houses will be held on Feb. 11, 12, 18 and 19 and on each day each group will visit six sororities. Afternoon dresses or suits and heels will be worn.

Miss Hamm said that throughout the rushing period, all questions from rushees should be directed to the guides, who will be responsible for distributing all information.

### Lines Help PSU Students Gain 'Virtue'

By JOANNE MARK

Patience is a byword around campus these days. Patience, the kind that develops from standing in lines, is evident in every undergrad the first day of classes.

They stand in lines for registration, selling books, buying books and even changing meal tickets for the new semester.

The lines around the town bookstores and the Used Book Agency are evidence of this.

Yes, patience, is one virtue that is well learned after several semesters at the University.

Confusion is another byword around campus the first few days of classes.

The freshman and a few scatter-brained upperclassmen, too, always show up for the wrong class at the wrong time, or the right class at the wrong time or just plain don't show up for a few days.

And then there is the sophisticated upperclassman, the dread of every prof, who habitually tries to rearrange his schedule to his liking, after registration.

Why? Well, Saturdays don't appeal to him and the "meanest Man in the World," the one-manning the desk at registration, just didn't understand and gave him one anyway. And he will disrupt

the entire University or die trying to change it.

But, profs, and students, don't worry! After a few weeks things will settle down to the regular drudge of bluebooks, lectures and quizzes. And, maybe, the lines will die down too!



—Collegian Photo by Jim Doust

**REGISTERING FOR SORORITY RUSHING:** Marilee Kirsch (left) and Donna Knapik, both freshmen, return their cards to the sorority rushing desk on the second floor of the HUB yesterday. Over 600 coeds from all classes signed cards during the one day registration.

#### Dixon Receives \$4000 Grant

The Socony Mobil Oil Company, of Paulsboro, N.J., has given a \$4000 grant-in-aid to Dr. Joseph A. Dixon, associate professor of chemistry. The grant will support his research on the chemistry and physics of hydrocarbon liquids.

#### Prof Named to Committee

Dr. M. R. Fenske, professor and head of the department of chemical engineering and director of the petroleum refining laboratory, has been named a member of the Review Committee of the Division of Chemical Engineering of the Argonne National Laboratory.


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