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Fraternity and sorority members participate in many activities to raise money for charity. The Interfraternity Council Dance Marathon, held at the end of Winter Term, is one of the campus's most popular events.

Fraternities and sororities to use new system for Fall Term rush

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Fall Term is here and with it come freshmen, football games — and fraternity and sorority rush. While sorority rush will be mostly the same as in previous years, changes have been made in the fraternity rush system.

"Basically it's hyped up a little more in the fall," said Rob Schmidt, public relations chairman for the Interfraternity Council. Schmidt said that recently there has been a slight decline in rush and, therefore, in membership. One reason for the decline is early registration, which does not have a rush sign-up.

In addition to rush sign-up tables at registration, Schmidt said, tables will be set up in dining hall areas for the first week of the term so students will have more opportunity to sign up for rush.

Marty Baker, IFC president, said a mixer for the 50 fraternities will be held 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Pollock recreation room. The purpose of the mixer is to give interested students an opportunity to become acquainted with greek life and the different fraternities at the University before making a preference choice.

Each fraternity will have an open house 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 10. Baker saidthe purpose of the open houses is give students the chance to walk into any fraternity and to meet and talk with some of the brothers. No alcoholic beverages will be served, he said.

Baker said IFC has made these additions to its informal rush system so "any young man interested in greek life can walk into a fraternity and find out what it is all about for themselves."

Formal sorority rush will begin on Sept. 8. Sorority rush is divided into three rounds; however, there is no obligation to complete all three. There is a $3 rush fee.

The last day to sign up for sorority rush is Sept. 5. The first round of rush parties is intended to familiarize the rushees with the 19 sororities. Dress for the first round is casual.

Cindy Schmucker, Panhellenic Council vice president, said the first few days of rush are very hectic and are not "a good example of what it's like." She said she encourages rushees to stick it out for a bit longer if they are not impressed at first.

Karen Gottshall, rush chairman for Panhel, said the second and third rounds involve elimination of sororities by the rushees to establish a preference.

Dress for these rounds is more formal. After the third round both the rushees and the sororities should have definite preferences and the sororities hand out bids.Gottshall said that it is rare for the sororities and rushees not to match preferences.

The three black sororities on campus handle rush differently. These sororities do not participate in formal rush, but hold informal rush for interested women.

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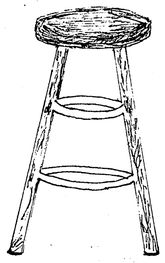

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Roommate conflicts vary

By JOHN ALLISON
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Sharing a 20- by 10-foot space with a total stranger may be one of bigger challenges of college life, but many people end up with roommates they would never choose to talk to, let alone live with.

Roommate conflicts are a common problem. Some can be major enough to cause fisticuffs, but most can be worked out with proper communication between the roommates.

"There are a lot of problems," South Halls Resident Assistant Patty Furlong said, "but they're little. If a problem comes to my attention, I try to get the people talk about it and get their feelings out in the open."

Assistant Coordinator for South Halls Andy Mozenter said, "We find for the most part that roommate problems are a lifestyle issue."

A quick way to find out what your roommate's lifestyle is and get to know him or her better, is by using the Roommate Starter Kit. The kit is a small booklet listing topics roommates should discuss such as study habits, relations with the opposite sex and partying.

"I really believe in the Roommate Starter Kit," Mozenter said. "It identifies all the important subjects that have potential for causing problems."

South Halls Resident Assistant Gary Pecuh said the kit works well, but that many people think it's a corny idea and never use it. He said everyone on his floor who used the kit found it helpful.

Most problems can be worked out just among the roommates, Furlong said, but if the problem persists, the RA is the first outside help to seek. The RA will act as a kind of arbitrator who tries to "get the people to talk, not put ideas in their heads."

If the problem cannot be handled by the RA, the Area Coordinators are brought in to try to make peace, Mozenter said.

"Most problems do get worked out, or at least solved to the point where the people can merely cohabitate and stick it out to the end of the term. We saw about 10 major problems last year."

Room switches are possible but not common.

"Switching is a last resort," Furlong said. "We try to discourage people from running away from the problem."

So if your roommate uses your toothbrush, puts a hoagie on one of your records or whistles 24 hours a day, be sure to talk things over before punching him or her out.

Board deals with racial problems

By BERNADETTE EYLER
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Racial problems exist no matter where one lives. The University is no exception, but the Race Relations Board is an organization that can help with personal problems as well as institutional discrimination.

"The board is a part of the Office of Student Affairs," said Lucia Roberto, chairman of the board. "It was created in 1976 to deal with racial problems on campus and discrimination within the University."

In addition to dealing with specific racial problems and cases of discrimination, the board conducts awareness programs for Resident Assistants, for dorm floors and as a part of orientation week.

"We're a consciousness-raising organization," Roberto said. "Through our programs, we get people to become more aware of racial problems and clarify values."

During awareness programs, participants play games which point out examples of blatant and sometimes unconscious stereotyping and labeling — whether racial, socioeconomic or religious.

Dale Adair, vice chairman of the board, said, "Our goal throughout the year is to make students more aware of and sensitive to racial attitudes."

Stressing that the board is not a flower child type organization, Roberto said, "First impressions of the Race Relations Board might be that all we do is tell people to love each other and that there is no difference between races. But we're not. We want to make people aware of those differences and help deal with them."

To contact the board for seminars or personal help, call the Undergraduate Student Government office or stop in at 203 HUB.

Draft registration reaches 93 percent

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Ninety-three percent of the nearly 4 million young men required to register for a possible draft have now done so, the Carter administration said yesterday — and latecomers continue to be welcomed rather than prosecuted.

The administration's estimate fell short of a hoped-for 98 percent turnout for the peacetime registration program, which President Carter instituted following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

But the figure also far exceeded results reported by anti-draft organizers, who labeled it a "sheer fantasy" and the registration program "a disastrous failure."

At a news conference, Selective Service Director Bernard Rostker said that as of Aug. 22, about 3.59 million of the estimated 3.89 million 19- and 20-year-olds eligible for the draft had filled out cards.

"We expect those numbers to increase and we are not unhappy with it," he said, adding that his agency will continue to encourage late registration following the official close of the July 21 - Aug. 1 registration period.

Failure to register is a felony and carries a fine of $10,000, up to five years imprisonment, or both.

But Rostker told reporters he does not expect the Justice Department to begin pursuing evaders until the end of the year at the earliest.

"We are in the registration business," he said, "not the prosecution business."

In a letter to chairman John Stennis, D-Miss., of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Rostker noted that during the last year of registration in 1973, only 77 percent of eligible men registered on time.

"Within a month that figure rose to 83 percent, he said, and a year later it was over 97 percent.

"We expect to continue to accept late registrations and thus our current performance should improve," he said.

Rostker strongly defended the integrity of the Selective Service statistics. He said he believes there was less than 1 percent error in the total figures due to fictitious or faulty registrations, and promised the data will be open to independent auditing.

But anti-registration leaders called the government's numbers a "sheer fantasy." The Rev. Barry Lynn, chairman of the Committee Against Registration and the Draft, called for an independent audit of the figures by Congress or the news media.

He said the claimed 1 percent error rate did not take into account the "vast amount" of registrations under phony names.

But on Capitol Hill, Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., a stern critic of the all-volunteer force and supporter of registration, said he was pleased with the results. "We can be proud of America's young men for recognizing their obligation," he said.

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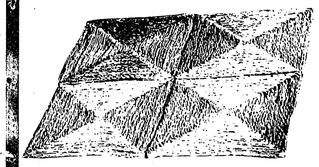

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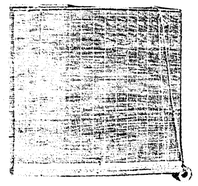

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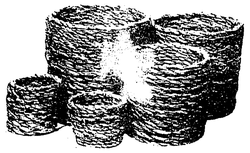

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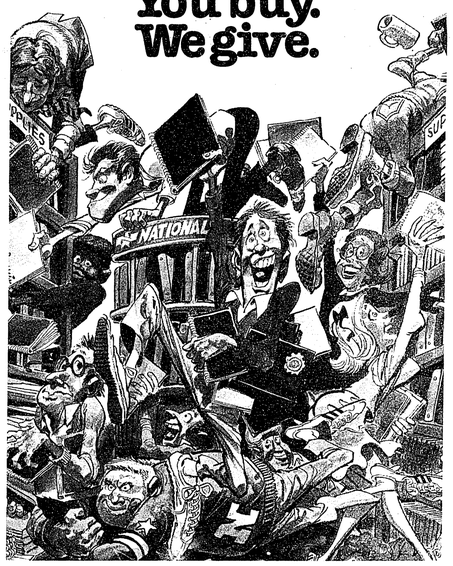

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