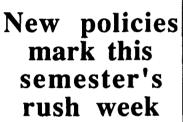
Credit card copiers arrive on campus

by Richard S. Gajewski Collegian Staff Writer

Behrend officials are hoping two new photocopiers will make life easier for students. There's a twist though; change will no longer be required. Instead, students will use a card similar to a student i.d. to charge copies.

The new machines are expected to arrive sometime in the next two weeks and will be installed in the Otto Behrend Science building and Niagara residence hall.

"This is the wave of the future," said Paul Bailey, manager of the Instructional Communications Center. "Using the debit card is more convenient for students."



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Shields said this relieves the sense of pressure placed on students to pledge. "I hope no one feels pressured...a fraternity is a wonderful experience, but it's not for everyone.

At the end of Rush week, fraternities and sororities send out bids to students whom they wish to offer membership to. The actual number of pledges could match or be below the number of bids sent out.

Sigma Tau Gamma sent 17 bids out and received 15 pledges. Sigma Kappa Nu sent 19 and received 18. Steve McClain, president of Sigma Kappa Nu, said "fall always seems to have a bigger turnout than spring.

Among sororities, Alpha Sigma Tau sent 10 bids and matched that in pledges while Alpha Sigma Alpha sent 7 and also matched with an equal amount of pledges.

Many events took place during Rush week. At their first meeting, Alpha Sigma Tau had a "Get to Know" party where they used skittles candies as an icebreaker. Each pledge received skittles and depending upon the color of the skittle, were asked a

Among the fraternities, Sigma Kappa Nu gave all new coming pledge members a tour of their house while Sigma Tau Gamma took the informal approach and just hung out with their pledges. Kurt Hiabach of Sigma Tau Gamma told the Collegian that "we tried to give them a better awareness of what Greek life means to us while trying to show them what Greek life could mean to them."

All of the fraternities and sororities contacted by The Collegian said the actual pledging policies could not be revealed and were confidential.

The debit card looks much like a credit card and is used the same way a student's i.d. is in the dining hall. Each time the student uses the machine, all he/she has to do is insert the card. The \$.10 charge for the copy is deducted from the student's credit, much like meal plan points. The copiers, however, will still accept coins or bills.

Debit cards are available in the bookstore, at the RUB desk, and the Instructional Communications Center. The cards can be purchased for \$3.50 with \$1 credit already on them.

Chris Hilden, president of the Student Programming Council, is giving away a debit card with the purchase of a student activities card.



Diver down: members of Behren's SCUBA Club get ready to dive during NAOUI and PADI certification testing classes last week. Club members spent most of last week sharpening thier underwater and snorkling skills.

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schools have chosen to sanction and support, to some degree, Afro-American clubs and the celebration of black history," said Tucker. He feels that these events do not make up for the deficit of minority contributions in the curriculum and may even lead to more separatism.

"It's important for all of us to know the complete American history, which should include minorities," Tucker said.

Tucker also expressed dismay that he has been accused of censorship.

"The record clearly shows that, traditionally, curriculum committees have inadvertently or unknowingly practiced censorship or exclusion at the expense of racial/ethnic groups in all areas of academics," Tucker said in his letter to The Morning News.

Tucker... | National fraternities report less hazing since banning pledging

(CPS) - One year after Zeta Beta Tau became the first fraternity to ban pledging, officials report that the ban has slowed hazing at its chapters nationwide, and that it hasn't hurt membership efforts at all.

In fact, ZBT recruited 17.3 percent more students last year - the first period in which it had dropped pledging activities - than in 1988-89, ZBT national Vice President Ronald Taylor reported at the fraternity's national convention in early August.

"We did the right thing," Taylor declared.

Just days after ZBT announced in August 1989, that it was abandoning pledging, Tau Kappa Epsilon said its chapters would adopt gradual steps to end pledging by fall, 1991.

Both announcements were made in hopes of ending hazing rituals that often occur during the pledging period.

Last February, eight more greek organizations - Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities, and the Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta and Alpha Kappa sororities announced bans on all pledging activities except initiation ceremonies.

ZBT's abandonment of pledging hasn't been easy.

"In theory it's good, but it's really hard to make a switch over like this," complained a ZBT, who didn't want his name or his school revealed.

"It hasn't hurt our rush one bit," he continued, "but it's not something we advertise during rush. We don't publicize the fact that we're different than the rest."

All but about 15 percent of the TKE chapters "have taken steps some toward implementing" the non-pledge program, reported Charles Trabold, TKE's director of chapter services. "There's been no negative impact," he maintained. "If anything, it's been positive."

Despite the move to end pledging, hazing incidents continue to be reported.

More than 40 students have died in the past decade due to hazing.

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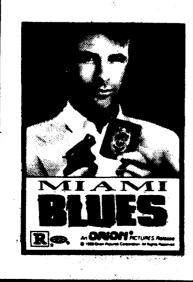
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