

More Deferred Rushing

We cannot feel that Panhellenic is fully aware of their new importance to all students in determining rushing procedures.

The group voted last week in favor of an early rush week. The members do not approve of deferred rushing.

This decision was made after thorough discussion in each sorority. The statement released by Panhellenic says, "We have taken into consideration the advantages and disadvantages that an early pledge date would offer all groups concerned."

It was the duty of Panhellenic to take into consideration all groups; for the rushing decisions of Panhellenic will effect all students if these decisions are accepted and placed into effect.

But we cannot see how the decision in this matter could be given the consideration Panhellenic decisions usually receive. For this reason:

The decision was reached at a closed Panhellenic meeting at which no dormitory representative was allowed to express the dormitory points of view toward rushing.

We can only conclude that Panhellenic did not ADEQUATELY take into consideration the feelings of all groups concerned. It was hardly just of this student group to deny spokesmen from the dormitories an opportunity to discuss the problem before Panhellenic.

That the group's policy reflects the opinions of sorority women we acknowledge.

But that sorority women should be permitted to determine rushing procedures which vitally effect women living in dormitories we do not acknowledge.

It has been customary at Oregon to let the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic determine rushing procedures.

We ask that this custom be changed to allow representatives from each men's and women's dormitory to work with the IFC and Panhellenic in determining rushing procedures.

The decisions may be the same, they may not. They will certainly be more representative of the student body.

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Panhellenic gave six reasons for an early pledge date. These were printed in full yesterday.

"1—Recommendation from National Panhellenic."

It is only natural that this body should make recommendations advantageous to sororities. Their recommendation, most likely well-founded, is a general one, and does not take into consideration the local problems.

"2—Inauguration of a second change would hinder the successful function of either proposal" (deferred living and deferred rushing).

To draw a crude and imperfect analogy—when we changed from a buggy to a car it was fortunate that they also eliminated the horse. Leaving the horse in front of the motor vehicle would merely have defeated the purpose of the automobile.

Similarly, leaving an early pledge date will defeat many of the purposes of deferred living.

"3—The academic calendar is so arranged that it is virtually impossible to find a time to carry out a successful rush week."

Agreed, the academic calendar is even less perfect than the Board of Deans. But a time could be found after the various groups had decided upon the best time to have a late rush period.

"4—It is only natural that the Fraternal organizations are anxious to orient their freshmen in the organization's own ideals and standards at the beginning of the freshman year in college, so that they will be better equipped to make adjustments required of all freshmen."

This is a moot point, of all moot points. Many independents are independents because they feel, as we do, that fraternity life does not better equip a freshman to make adjustments; and many greeks are greeks because they feel that fraternity life does. We shall not delve further into this point at this time.

"5—Having pledges as freshmen in dormitories will promote a better understanding between the two groups."

We contend that having pledges in dormitories will create discord in the dormitory between independent students and greek students. The effectiveness of group living will be materially disrupted by having half the dormitory owing loyalty to a house.

6—Having "taken into consideration all groups concerned," Panhellenic feels the stated policy would be to the best advantage of the Student Body as a whole."

Panhellenic has drawn this last conclusion on the basis of the five stated reasons.

If we do not agree with the group's reasoning, then we cannot agree with its conclusions.

The IFC is concerned with the rushing problem, too.

The Inter-dormitory Council has concluded that deferred rushing would be best.

From the opinions expressed by the three groups in separate meetings, perhaps representatives from each group can decide on a definite plan for next year.

Who's in Charge?

HCL Gets Complaints

By Rod Smith

At the first of the month I was presented with sixty-two bucks worth of housebill. I took one terrified look at it and immediately a question formed in my mind. Why so large?

Part of it can be attributed to the advantages of a room and the pleasant fellowship and association with fraternal friends. The price of this comradeship is easily justified, but what about the remainder of the house bill? This must be blamed upon board, or, to use a somewhat questionable but more familiar term, food.

This brings me to the purpose of this article. In terms of edible food, do we get what we pay for? From the point of view of house cooks, who must remain within a definite monthly food budget, I can say we probably do, but most of the people who feel the bind of that budget at almost every meal will say "We don't get what we pay for; not by a longshot." They'll also voice reasons why they don't get what they pay for.

The big gripe is always directed at the much overworked and certainly well meaning house manager. He controls the purse and in effect is responsible for food buying by the house. This is unfortunate, because very few, if any, managers are experienced dietitians when they are elected and just about the time they have become well indoctrinated into the art of buying food, their term of office expires and they yield the job to someone with no experience.

In addition, the house manager has to try to be a carpenter, plumber, electrician, furnace expert, and all around handyman which cuts his shopping time down to a pitiful minimum. Lastly, and most important of all, he must usually make profits for the house through the commissary and this necessity leads to the purchase of inexpensive, low quality food and a subsequently inferior diet.

What can be done to add a bright coat of paint to this dark picture? Whatever is done should be done soon! There is no need for poor food; and certainly no need for poor food and high house bills.

SCHOOL DAYS

Up in the morning, out to my class,

Work like the devil for my "A",

But that lucky BA

Got nothing to do,

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Snow Kidding

Monday, Editor Don Smith was very preoccupied with politics and things like that, but he thought, between more diabolical thoughts, that the Emerald should have an editorial on weather.

"You write it," he said, licking at an icicle.

The weather has had most tediously complete coverage lately, so we objected.

"The Oregonian has already written of rabbit tracks in the snow, Mr. Smith," we said. "The only other novel approach is robin tracks in front of the library. And that would seem to be plagerism."

"Well, go 'n interview a snowman then," he said and shut the door.

So we went out and talked to the first snowman we could find. He was succinct, but friendly in a frosty sort of way.

"Tell us," we said, "how do you like the weather?"

"Great!" he answered. "I have the most enjoyable cold. Antihistamine will never stop this one."

"We're so glad. Now tell us—we're real curious about this—do you have a mother and father, or are you just—well here?"

"Oh, surely I have relatives. I come from a long line of frigid snowwomen and cold-shouldered snowmen."

"Glad to hear it. Well, er, how do you rate your chances of survival?"

"Nil! I haven't got the chance of a snowball in hell—but please don't phrase it that way in your story."

"No, of course not. Now, may we have your name please?"

"Oh, I'd rather not. I wish to remain strictly an anomaly. Have an icicle—or don't you suck?"

And et cetera. The Snowman had a large store of old jokes, and really wasn't very good copy. We accepted an icicle for Don Smith, and went back to the Emerald. Editor Smith looked surprised when we told him we'd talked to the snowman.

"Heavens," he exclaimed, "I didn't expect you back so soon."—B.H.

Let the Dimes Roll

Another campus project went into full swing Monday. But unlike some other programs, the responsibility of the March of Dimes drive rests more with every member of the student body than with a smooth-functioning committee.

In the year 1949 there were 42,375 cases of polio in the United States. This was a record for the most cases reported in a single year.

The polio epidemics of 1949 have been stopped. But the bitter memory lingers in thousands of homes across the nation.

Like lightning, polio strikes unexpectedly. And the road to rehabilitation is a long, hard and costly one. The last four epidemic years have swept the emergency fund of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis bare of the millions of dollars it once harbored.

No cure has been found for polio. But science has discovered that if it is nipped in the bud and proper medical aid is administered, the effects of infantile paralysis are not as severe. Lives can be saved and crippling effects can be lessened.

March of Dimes receipts for last year amounted to \$26,000,000. Patient care alone in 1941 cost \$31,000,000—and tens of thousands of dollars were spent in Oregon.

Patient care is costly. But it's only a part of the program. Equipment is also an essential as are laboratory research, money for supplies and training of personnel.

The fury of the 1949 epidemic has passed. No one can anticipate how much will be needed in 1950. But it will obviously be a great deal more than ever before. Your dimes are important in this humanitarian battle. Let them roll!—H.S.



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