

# 'Deferred Living' Spreading

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The number of colleges and universities turning to freshman deferred living has unprecedentedly increased during the past eight years, and this movement is expected to continue. One of the principal reasons for this trend is the inability or unwillingness of social fraternities to supply an adequate freshman program.

These conclusions are clearly shown in a master's thesis by Bill Denman, graduate in education and counselor of Merrick hall, entitled "A Study of the Living-in Program for Freshmen Men in Institutions of Higher Education."

Denman's thesis, completed last week, was based on the conclusions drawn from detailed questionnaires on freshman "living-in" sent to 604 institutions of higher education in the United States. Four-hundred and four questionnaires, or 69.1 per cent, were returned. This return was large enough to be considered representative of all colleges and universities in the nation.

Today, 48.2 per cent of the nation's institutions of higher education have a freshman deferred living program. The report shows that "in the years of 1947-53 over

a hundred institutions have established such a plan."

## Trend Continues Strong

Possibly even more significant is the fact that a tenth of the nation's colleges and universities have made definite plans to enter the program within the next three years. Another third wish to "follow suit" as soon as circumstances permit.

Inadequate enrollment and insufficient funds are listed by many institutions as their principal objections to deferred living.

"The bull (of fraternity opposition) has been taken by the horns," according to Denman. "Institutions with the largest percentage of fraternity membership and housing facilities for fraternal societies have already been converted to freshman residency."

**Fraternity Membership Increases**  
However, fraternity membership is also increasing at an "astounding rate." Denman suggests that freshmen exposed to "living-in" programs may get the taste for group living and join fraternities in increasing numbers to continue to live under a similar program.

"Desire to provide a better overall program for freshmen than offered by existing housing facilities" was listed by the institutions as the primary reason for

turning to deferred living.

Other motivations for turning to the program include desire to provide better housing, desire to fill housing in order to finance it, desire to improve discipline over students, improve scholarship, reduce hazing and unite the freshman class.

## Used to Weaken Fraternities

Denman suggests that in some cases institutions turned to deferred living as a means of reducing the power of fraternities. Postponement of the first rushing period has hurt the fraternity. While 68 per cent of the institutions still have their first rushing period before the end of the first term or semester, more than 52 per cent indicated that they would prefer to postpone rushing until after the first grading period, perhaps even until the sophomore year.

Fraternities have outlived their usefulness in the minds of many educators, explains Denman. During the mid-1800's when colleges and universities could not afford to furnish housing, they actively encouraged the rise of fraternities for housing purposes.

"Now they turn their backs on this function as a part of the jurisdiction of the fraternity, actively oppose it and naively expect it to

die in favor of institutional housing which they are now willing to erect and supervise. In short, the administration selfishly expects the fraternities to rise and fall at their whims."

## Fraternities Must Improve

In Denman's opinion the most "powerful deterrent to further extension of the living-in program would be the fraternities' realization of their precarious position and their re-evaluation of their practices as they are related to their avowed objectives."

If fraternities would modify their practices, Denman believes that, because of their close-knit character, they could possibly provide a program superior in some respects to that which might be provided by institutional housing.

Denman hints that if fraternities do not change their ways, possibly, although not in the near future, deferred living will be extended to two and even four years. This would mean the death of fraternities.

Deferred living's "greatest success has been in terms of the better over-all program that it of-

fers, a program which has been most successful in the aspects of furnishing a common living experience, better discipline and control, more adequate guidance and broad acquaintanceship."

On the other hand, the program has been less successful in developing "class spirit" and student leaders Denman points out. Where the freshmen are segregated from other classes, there is an additional problem of discipline and scholarship.

Denman blames the majority of deferred living defects on two failings: "inadequate facilities and inadequate staff."

Although generally favorable to freshman deferred living, Denman sees certain defects in the program. "Extracurricular philosophy has been followed to the extent that more important technical services such as psychological counseling, an adequate scholarship program, diagnostic and remedial techniques and good facilities, all must in an adequate program of individualized education, have been neglected."

## Gaines Selected 'King' by Senate

Tom Gaines, sophomore in speech, was selected as yell king for the 1954-55 school year at the first meeting of the new ASUO senate.

The senate's new policy of inviting the rally board and a representative of the coaching staff for the selection of yell king was tried for the first time Thursday night.

Basketball Coach Bill Borchert and members of the rally squad were present during the interviews and try-outs for the position.

Don Bonime, sophomore in liberal arts, was the only petitioner for yell king.

The senate elected Don Smith, senator at large, to the position of sergeant-at-arms. Gary West, also a senator at large, was elected senate parliamentarian.

**Screening Committee Rejected**  
The senate voted 12-5 not to adopt the screening committee recommended by the 1953-54 senate. The proposed screening committee would have been used to screen petitioners for senate vacancies and campus chairmanships.

Janet Gustafson, sophomore in liberal arts, was approved by the senate as chairman of the campus Community Chest drive next year.

ASUO president Bob Summers appointed Jim Light, senator at

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## AGS in Strong Senate Majority

Associated Greek Students hold a strong majority on the 1954-55 ASUO senate, which met for the first time Thursday evening. Of the 24 present senate members, 13 are AGS, nine are United Independent Students, one is non-partisan, and one is a faculty representative.

Total membership of the senate is 30. Five will be elected next fall, including a graduate representative and four freshman class officers. A second faculty representative will be appointed next week to replace E. G. Ebbighausen, associate professor of physics, who completed a two-year term this year. Faculty appointments are for a two-year term only.

Members of the present senate are as follows:

ASUO president, Bob Summers, AGS.

ASUO vice-president, Hollis Ransom, UIS.

Senators-at-large — Jim Light, Gary West, Don Smith, Stan Savage, Ann Blackwell and Bob Maller, AGS; Germaine LaMarche and Sam Vahey, UIS, and Tom Arata, non-partisan.

Senior Class officers — Bob Glass, AGS, president; Len Calvert, UIS, vice-president, and Dorothy Kopp, AGS, and Lorin Larson, UIS, representatives.

Junior class officers — Bud Hinkson, AGS, president; Gordca Rice, UIS, vice-president; and Mary Sweeney, AGS, and Russ Cowell, UIS, representatives.

Sophomore class officers — Darrell Brittsan, AGS, president; Malcolm Scott, UIS, vice-president; and Marcia Cook, AGS, and Harriet Hornbeck, UIS, representatives.

R. D. Horn, professor of English, is the present faculty representative, beginning his second year on the senate.

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## Rules for 'Rides' Clarified by IFC

Senior ride rules were reviewed at Inter-fraternity council meeting Thursday night. The breaking of any of the following rules is subject to a \$50 fine:

- No senior can be taken alone.
- No liquor may be used.
- They must not cross the state line.
- The seniors must have complete identification.
- They must have money on their person.
- Victims cannot be left tied up.
- The seniors must not be marked up or in any other way disfigured.

The IFC tribunal met to discuss the recently published Theta Chi senior ride in which several members of the fraternity were arrested. Because there was no written record of senior ride rules in the IFC constitution or past minutes, the tribunal dismissed the Theta Chi case. Pete Williams, IRC president, stated that the "ride" rules definitely would be included in the revised IFC constitution.

## Watch for Car Men

"Watch out for a couple of confidence men posing as representatives of the General Motors Acceptance corporation" (a car financing organization), warned Ray Hawk, associate director of student affairs. He told IFC that these two men "really cleaned Washington State college out," and detectives thought they might be heading towards Oregon.

Reports of fraternity rivalry in the Mill Race area was cited by Hawk.

## SU Art Workshop Scheduled Tonight

The annual creative arts workshop, a program featuring original music, a short story, poems, a modern dance group and a one-act play, all original works of students, will be presented tonight at 8 in the Student Union ballroom.

On the program will be "The Betrothed," a one-act farce written by Marilyn Patterson, senior in speech. The story centers around George Lewellyn, world traveler and confirmed bachelor, who is won over to the charms of womanhood by a Bohemian friend. Unusual props used for the production include an Icelandic helmet, a five-gallon fish aquarium and a lion skin.

## Cast Listed

Portraying George Lewellyn will be Paul McMullen. Others in the play are Scott Lehner as Oom Nelson, Galen Mills as Alex Ross, Loanne Morgan as Miriam Cox, and Ken Kesey as Richard Nesbit.

On the musical portion of the program will be "Scherzo in B Flat," a piano solo written and played by Larry Maves, senior in music. Poems to be presented are "Acoustics" by Dottie Norstad, "Night Song" by Russell B. Warkentin, "Mexican Summer" by Rita Kenyon and "A Secretary On An April Monday" by Valerie Cows. Miss Cows' poem is one of the Julia Burgess poetry contest prize winners.

## Short Story to be Read

"Sent Away," a short story with a surprise ending, written by Robert W. Crites, will be read.

The modern dance group will present four selections. They include "Sun Worshipers" by a concert dance group; "Flirtation" by

John Jensen and Gloria Lee, "Sorcerer" by John Jensen and Bob McClain, and "Hallelujah," danced by Molly Cashin and Ellen Wheeler, and sung by Audrey Mistretta.

A literature exhibit in the SU browsing room will be featured in connection with the program, according to Valerie Cows, general chairman. The exhibit will include the other Julia Burgess contest winner, "Four Days of Sallen" by Dick Bronaugh, as well as several short stories.

## 'Crucible' to Open Week Run Tonight

by Dave Sherman  
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"The Crucible," a modern presentation of the Salem witchcraft trials by Arthur Miller, will begin

## Annual Pansy Ring Planned for Sunday

All engaged senior women have been urged to participate in the annual Delta Delta Delta pansy ring at 2 p.m. Sunday on the Tri-Delta front lawn.

Each engaged senior will be honored as she steps through the pansy ring. A tea and a fashion show of a complete bride's trousseau and wedding party will follow the ceremony.

All students, faculty members and townspeople who would like to attend will be welcome, according to Pat Weitzman, chairman of the event.