

Temperance and clear minds greet pledges



The University has 14 fraternities and 11 sororities. About 16 percent of the undergraduate population are in the Greek system.

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To pledge or not to pledge, that is the question this week for approximately 600 freshmen at the University fraternities and sororities.

The Interfraternity Council has moved fall rush to orientation week. Other rush changes include making fraternity rush dry and stressing personal counseling for each rushee.

"We've decided to make rush dry" and charge a \$10 fee, "to keep people's minds clear" during rush week, says Steve Schrader, interfraternity council rush chairman. "Some guy will go over to a house, have a few beers, and then pledge," Schrader explained. Now they will pledge before drinking.

Dry rush, "is a trend nationwide," says Marti Chaney, Panhellenic advisor. Dean of students Robert Bowlin agrees and adds this is the third year of limits on alcohol and partying

during rush week.

Schrader does not think fraternity members are going to mind the change. Dry rush is to, "keep things under control." Unofficially, one fraternity member admits that those who want to drink will anyway, but most pledges obey the rules.

When bids are in Sunday at 4:30 p.m. the partying begins.

Sorority "rush functions" begin on Wednesday and end next Tuesday. Fraternity rush begins the same day and ends Sunday. Chaney expects sorority pledges to be "typical of enrollment — down a little from last year's 400 girls. She predicts 300 rushees because of a lower freshmen enrollment and a special spring rush last year.

Fraternity houses are hoping for 300 to 350 men to rush, according to Bowlin. "About half pledge at that time," he says.

Both sororities and fraternities have held counseling workshops for their members with the help of University counseling staff. The purpose of the workshops was to teach house members counseling techniques for prospective rushees so the best decision can be reached: to pledge or not to pledge.

"The one difference," in this year's rush, Bowlin says, "is emphasis on rush counselors. They are not doing work for their houses, but for the Greek system."

Schrader says the fraternities are completely revamping their rush system to model those of the sororities. This includes going without alcohol, taking out ads in papers and radio stations and notifying hometown newspapers of pledges. It also includes compiling a complete history of rush students — though the fraternity system will not go so far as to computerize the information at Oregon Hall as do the sororities.

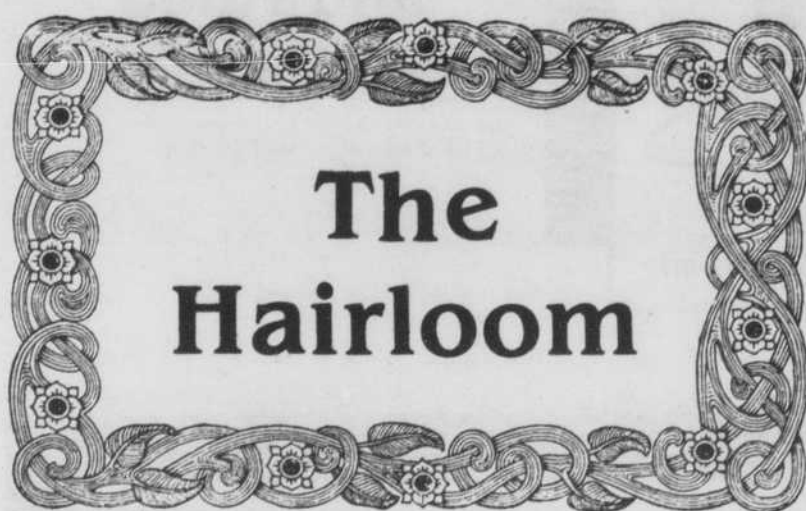
Dry rush, moving rush to orientation week and establishing student counselors for each rushee is an attempt by the Interfraternity Council to make rush "fit in a little better" amid academics, according to Chaney.

The fraternities intend to conduct a follow-up study of students who choose not to pledge. "If he really has an interest, the guys at the house will know. Some people don't show a lot of emotion... it is important to have contact after rush," Schrader says.

Fraternities will set up a table in the EMU breezeway Monday through Wednesday this week. The sororities will be having an information session Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the EMU Forum Room.

The Greeks will hold an all-campus street dance the first Friday of classes at 8 p.m. on the corner of 15th street and Kincaid across from the library. The Robert Cray Band will play.

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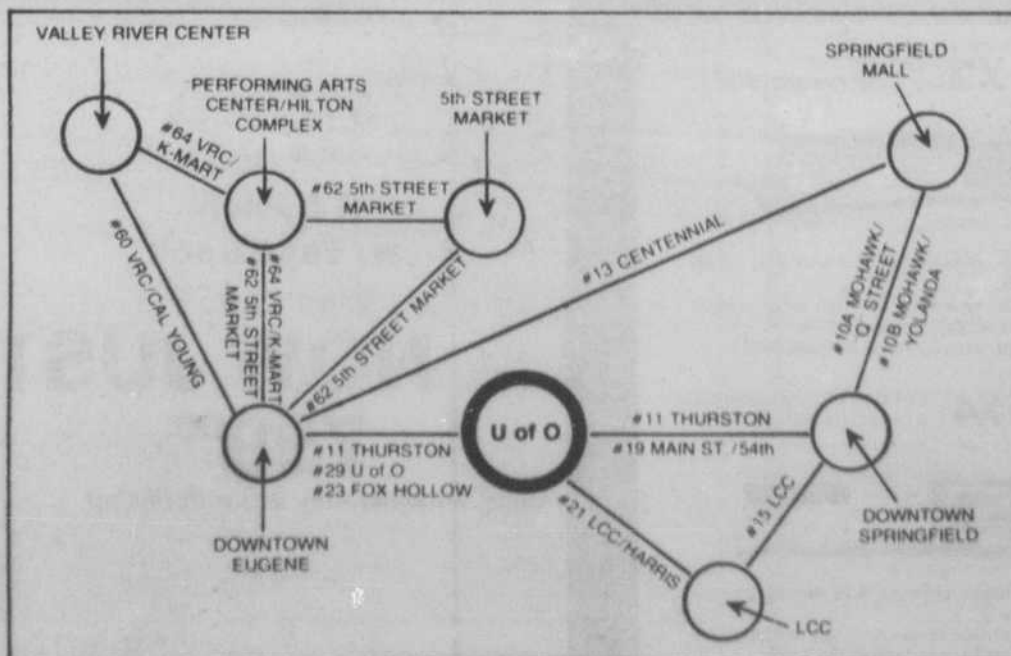
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