

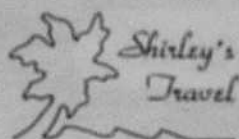
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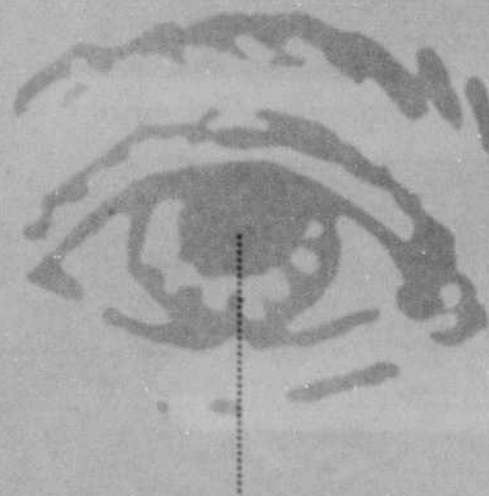
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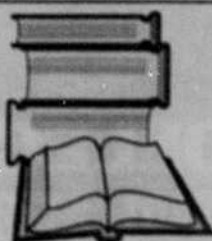
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Winter Rush reopens greek doors

■ **FRATERNITIES:** Students have a second chance to join the greek system

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

University fraternities are extending a second chance to prospective members this week during Winter Rush.

This is the first year the fraternities have held a collective Winter Rush.

In previous years, people could visit the houses and choose to rush a particular house, but it was not a formal event, said Sam Bessey, rush chairman of the Interfraternity Council.

"We'll see how it works," he said. "If it turns out that [the houses] like it, we'll do it again next year."

The fraternities staffed information tables in the EMU, Uni-

versity Bookstore and residence halls until Tuesday. A general meeting Tuesday night introduced rushees to each fraternity.

The rushees then narrowed their choices and attended private meetings with each fraternity Wednesday. They will visit the houses tonight, and Friday is bid night.

"[Tuesday] night worked out really well," Bessey said. "So far it's been successful."

Winter Rush is similar to Fall Rush in structure, but on a smaller scale. Bessey estimated about 40 people are participating in Winter Rush this year.

"It's shorter," he said. "There aren't as many names."

Most of the people rushing this winter rushed during fall, but they weren't sure about the greek system, Bessey said. Many of the rushees are freshmen or people living in the residence halls.

"The majority of rushees are still freshmen but they've gotten more involved," greek advisor Kristi Wise said.

The fraternities are looking for well-rounded people who do fairly well academically, Wise said.

"This year's councils are putting a huge emphasis on scholarship and community service," she said.

Bessey said pledges with 2.75 GPAs or higher would be optimal.

Winter Rush comes at a time when the greek system has organized itself better than it had during Fall Rush, Wise said.

"This year's Interfraternity Council has increased its organization and the fraternities have really come together," she said.

Although many Winter Rush events have happened, interested students are encouraged to call 346-1146 for more information.

Republicans join Democrats to support Wyden

■ **ELECTION:** Republicans for Choice urge all political parties to vote for Ron Wyden

By Regina Brown
Higher Education Reporter

A group of political supporters, organized by Republicans for Choice, braved the rain and snow Tuesday to show their support for democratic senatorial candidate Ron Wyden. Holding their signs high, they urged passing pedestrians to vote — and to vote for Wyden.

Reasons for their support varied from person to person, but included Wyden's position on abortion rights, environmental protection and funding for higher education.

"We're here to make sure people are getting out their ballots," said David Walsh, who works for Wyden's campaign. "We're hoping efforts like this will get us over the top."

Walsh wants students to be aware that Wyden is a strong supporter of student loans, which he said Wyden's opponent republican Gordon Smith is not.

Spanish instructor Bryan Moore joined the rally in support of Wyden out of concern that funding of higher education has decreased over the years,

he said. As a state senator, Smith worked to cut funding for higher education, and Moore fears he will do the same in Congress.

"I think Ron Wyden is unquestionably one of the strongest supporters of higher education in Congress," Moore said. "Smith, on the other hand, has set a precedent for himself by putting through \$104 million in cuts to higher education this year."

Carol Berg, from Republicans for Choice, said she supports Wyden because his opponent, Smith, wants to limit women's right to choose to have an abortion. This is an intrusion into the private lives of citizens, Berg said.

"[Some Republicans] are hypocrites when they say the government should not involve themselves in people's private lives," Berg said. "They seem to forget this when it comes to abortion."

Other republicans have joined Berg in her fight against Smith. Bruce Davison, who holds a precinct position for the Republican Party, supports Wyden because he believes Wyden is environmentally friendly.

"I just feel at this point in the race principals and issues are more important than party affiliation," Davidson said.

Witchcraft suspects lynched by villagers

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Angry villagers have killed 31 people suspected of practicing witchcraft and scores of people are fleeing their homes, fearing they might be next, reports said Wednesday.

State-run radio said the killings, which began last week, took place in villages near the eastern regional capital of Mbale.

The English-language newspaper, *The Monitor*, reported the villagers have defied police and vowed to continue with the

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killings until they rid seven villages in Nanjiya County of suspected witches.

Man's best friend takes aim and fires

INEZ, Ky. (AP) — Man shoots dog: not unheard of. Dog shoots man — now that's a story.

It happened during a hunting outing when a spaniel named Rusty stepped on the trigger of

a shotgun and blasted 45-year-old Phillip Smith in both legs. He was hospitalized in satisfactory condition.

"It's not funny that the guy got shot," Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young said. "But it's kind of funny how he got shot."

Authorities said Smith and dog owner John Phillips were hunting together Monday when the 15-month-old dog retrieved a downed bird. Phillips was trying to take the bird away when Rusty stepped on the trigger of a 12-gauge shotgun and it went off.

Young said he had no plans to press charges.

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