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Scattered showers. High 55. Low 40.

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Tradition encounters Change



Some say the popularity of the greek system has waned due in part to the "liberal" social movements during the 1960s

By Tiffany Smith
Special Projects

"The decline has ended and membership has increased. I do not expect sororities and fraternities to play the dominant campus role they played 10 years ago. However, I do expect them to continue to provide a viable, small group-living option for many University students."

That was written Oct. 25, 1972 in a letter from the head of Greek Life to the Dean of Students.

The late 1960s were a pivotal time for the University's greek system. Up until that time, sororities and fraternities were a very large part of college life. For those involved, greek membership provided a strong connection to the University.

During the greek heyday between 1900 and the late 1950s, nearly half of all undergraduate students were part of the greek system. Enrollment was approximately 6,000 students and most of them lived on-campus, according to yearbooks.

Today approximately 9 percent of University undergraduate students are members of a fraternity or a sorority. There are 11 sororities and 19 fraternities on campus.

This decline in membership over the past 40 years is the result of a combination of changes that occurred during the 1960s.

Before 1962, women were required to live in campus-approved housing, including dormitories, co-ops and sorority houses, said Mary Hudzikiewicz, assistant dean of Student Life. Hudzikiewicz was a University student and sorority member from 1959 to 1963.

In the 1962-63 school year, women were allowed to move off campus into apartments. Hudzikiewicz said this movement off campus coupled with an "explosion" in the University's student population forced greek membership percentages down.



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Rushees are welcomed by members of Phi Theta sorority in 1956.

However, the attitude change that swept through a vast portion of the student body in the latter part of the 1960s is largely responsible for the greek system's continuing inability to reemerge as the major campus force it once was, Hudzikiewicz said.

"Tradition and the 'rah-rah' was seen as frivolous," she said. "People who were greek stopped wearing their letters."

During the 1960s, "liberal" came to mean non-traditional. This was quite a jarring change for the campus institution that had enjoyed such a strong campus presence in the years leading up to the Vietnam War, Hudzikiewicz said.

Between 1965 and 1971, 12 fraternities and four sororities closed, according to University archives.

"If you are liberal, why would you join a sorority or a fraternity?" Hudzikiewicz asked. "[People were asking] how can you possibly enjoy this kind of thing when our boys are dying [in Vietnam]?"

Many University students who are greek said the feeling that "liberal" students oppose the greek system has carried over to

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Reform Party VP candidate visits EMU

■ CHOATE: The candidate spoke about the emphasis on money in the presidential campaign

By Ben Kwasney
Higher Education Reporter

Bob Dole and President Bill Clinton are breaking the law, said Pat Choate, vice presidential candidate for Ross Perot and the Reform Party.

Choate, speaking to more than 50 people at the EMU Ballroom Friday night, was greeted by supporters with pro-Perot signs.

Clinton has received \$30 million of corporate money for his campaign, and Dole has taken \$14 million of the special interest money, Choate said.



CHOATE

He said both candidates violated a pledge stating they would not take money from special interests if they took money from the American people.

"That is a criminal violation," he said. "That is an attempt to steal the election."

Choate said most Americans simply do not have the money it takes to become elected officials. He said nearly \$2 billion will be spent this year in campaigns for the U.S. Senate, House and presidency.

"Money decides who runs, money decides who wins and money decides what they do," he said.

The voters must be the judge and decide what is right and wrong, he said.

"We have not been tough, and our politicians have not been honest," Choate said re-

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Civil War tickets go on sale today

Approximately 200 tickets for the Nov. 23 Oregon-Oregon State football game in Corvallis will go on sale today to University students, according to the Ducks' Director of Ticket Sales, Hunt Holsapple.

Purchase of the \$16 tickets requires a current University student ID. Tickets may be purchased from the Casanova Center ticket office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at McArthur Court from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's Civil War game is the 100th meeting between the two teams, with Oregon leading the series 49-40-10, including two-straight wins.

But this year, Oregon State is leading the Ducks in the Pacific-10 Conference standings with a Pac-10 record of 1-4, while Oregon is 0-5 in conference play.



Delta Upsilon was one of many fraternities on campus in 1933.

