

Covering the Campus

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HELPFUL ACTIVES. Three practical Sigma Delta Taus start to move new pledges' bags into house. Pledges were too busy receiving congratulations to notice such trivial details.

Rush, enrolment and an apprehended culprit headlined O.U. activities as new school year got its September start.

Hundreds of freshmen, with visions of fraternity and sorority pins in their minds, hit the O.U. campus the first week in September for one of the biggest rush weeks in the school's history.

This year's rush was marked by only a few changes from the same routine of fixed smiles and ready handshakes that is such a large part of the week's activities. For one thing, the quota system was done away with in girls' rush. Before, each sorority was allowed to pledge only a certain number of girls, but this year all restrictions on numbers were lifted. The fear of some sororities that there would not be enough girls to go around were soon eased when 328 girls donned the ribbons of various houses.

Boys' rush too was in for a slight change. The old argument of "look at what a nice fraternity house you'll have to live in" probably didn't carry as much weight this year because of the new ruling that all freshmen must live in University-owned dormitories. Apparently the thought of not being able

to spend their first year in a Greek house didn't frighten many rushees away; 501 of them became new pledges of O.U. fraternities.

One week later the remainder of the class of 1956 arrived. Freshmen were greeted with the happy prospect of no tedious enrolment process. At long last the big muddle of getting placed in the proper classes is on its way to being straightened out. Freshmen were allowed to pre-enrol and thus saved the long lines that have gone with sectioning in the past.

The rest of the student body was admitted to the Field House for sectioning under a new alphabetical system that eased the customary strain on students and enrolment workers alike. The whole process worked smoothly and was probably the simplest fall enrolment that O.U. has ever seen.

Students this fall will make use of new buildings representing a total value of \$5,000,000.

Included are the ultra-modern Educa-

tion building, located on the south oval; the second unit of the Geology and Mineral Industries building on Asp avenue; the Home Economics building on Elm street; new additions to the Chemistry building and Law library, and Cross center, the new group of men's housing units.

Also changing the appearance of the campus are the newly installed parking meters which line the college streets.

University officials, enmeshed in the seemingly never-ending problem of what to do about campus parking, decided to turn to the nickel-swallowing mechanisms in an attempt to keep traffic moving and provide better parking places for more people.

Contrary to what had been expected, few students were heard to complain about the new plan. Most car owners seem to feel that they can now pay a nickel and park in a convenient place that they were not allowed to park in at all last year.

Another change in the way of campus automobile regulations was adopted in re-

gard to the registration of campus automobiles. It is no longer necessary for anyone except the few privileged freshmen, staff members and disabled students to register their cars.

Last year's car regulation which required everyone to register his automobile proved to be ineffective. Many students refused to register their cars and preferred playing hide and seek with campus police rather than park their cars in the undesirable space reserved for them.

The University, tired of the constant search for unregistered cars, and realizing that the regulation was impossible to enforce, decided to let students park where they will—for a price.

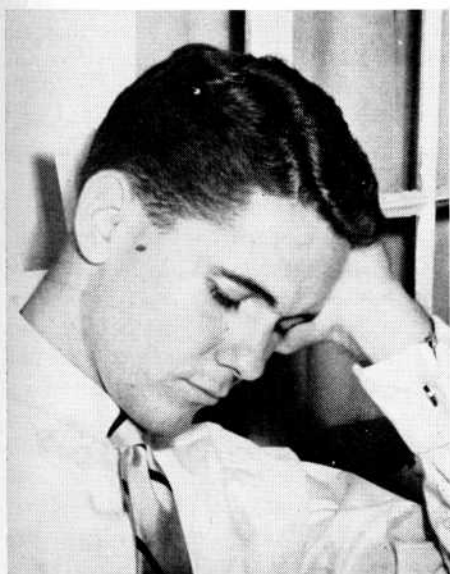
The one remaining restriction, the no-cars-for-freshmen rule, will probably be thrown out when the difficulty of enforcing it is realized fully.

Another regulation, in a little different vein, was decided upon by the University Board of Regents in their first meeting of the new fall term.

With last spring's campus "panty raid" specifically in mind, the Regents passed a resolution making students gathered in unlawful assembly subject to disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion from the University.

The resolution applies to any group of students "gathered in such a manner as to disturb the public peace, excite public alarm or to do violence to any person or property, or gathering in any manner so as to bring disgrace or disrepute to the University."

Also named by the resolution as subject



WEARY RUSH CHAIRMAN. William T. Huddleston, Konawa, rush chairman for Phi Kappa Sigma, looked like this after rush activities were over. New pledges had not yet arrived from Bid House. It had been a long week.



CULMINATION OF PLANS. A rushee who had pinned her hopes on becoming a Delta Gamma receives the ribbon that signifies her acceptance. O.U. sororities pledged 328 during Rush Week.

to disciplinary action are students who refuse to disperse or to assist in dispersing such a gathering upon request from officials of the state, county, or town, or upon request from the University administration.

President Cross described the resolution as designed to make University regulations correspond to the state law in such matters. A state law requires students to leave the scene of an unlawful assembly when requested by officials to do so.

Although the panty raid was the chief reason for the action, the Regents also had in mind the possibility of future riots in connection with agitation for unscheduled holidays, Cross said.

Student Union Manager Hillyer Freeland, '38fa, played the role of detective briefly and saw the episode end with the arrest of a 52-year-old Oklahoma City man who was charged with selling the Union cafeteria 88 cases of contaminated canned foods.

The suspect was met by the Cleveland county attorney in Freeland's office when he came back to collect for the sale. He was jailed and charged with offering adulterated foods and later released on bail.

Freeland said the cases were purchased August 6. He ordered that none of the food be used when he discovered that cans were swelled and rusted.

The Union manager then contacted the

state health department, and two agents were sent to examine the cans. An embargo was placed on the contaminated food until such time as a court order for its destruction could be obtained.

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Facts for Football Fans

Football followers are invited to attend the Alumni Football luncheons to be held this year from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Union before each of the remaining home games.

The Alumni Office has arranged for ample accommodations to handle any and all alumni who returned to Norman for Kansas State, Missouri and Nebraska games.

If you're an alumnus or alumna and are with friends who are not, bring 'em along. Instead of fighting for food service in a public eating place, join your alumni friends for lunch in the Union.

An additional note for alumni fans concerns an alumni party at Topeka, Kansas, October 17th, on the eve of the O.U.-K.U. football game. Club President Ed Goldsmith, '49bus, has issued an invitation for visiting Sooners to meet with the Topeka-Lawrence Alumni club. For details as to time and place, write C. E. Goldsmith, Box 131, Topeka, Kansas, or to the Alumni Office, Norman.