

To Rush Or Not To Rush?

Phi? Chi? Pi? Delta?

It's almost that time again and everybody in one of the Greek systems is hurrying around making last minute preparations for the biggest and longest social event on Wesleyan's campus, Rush Week. It's the time when all the freshmen and transfers and a few upperclassmen must decide whether or not they want to commit themselves to any particular system, become a member of the Wesleyan Sooner Club, or remain a GDI. Each individual should decide what each of the Greeks have to offer him and what he can offer the system.

This week will be one that students will not forget for a long time. Greeks will be speaking to people they never knew existed before, and most of the people will probably not be paying any attention to talk, but to drinking. It will be a time when Wesleyan will sport that University look and everybody will be playing "Joe Cool" and "Mr. Nice Guy." So watch out!

Fraternities and Sororities play a valuable part on the Wesleyan Campus and sometimes provide the only source of social life on campus the time is now, so think about it and answer the big question for yourself, "To rush, or not to rush?"

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From The IFC

The 1977 Greek "Rush" began with Orientation for prospective rushees yesterday at 6:00 p.m. in room 101. An introduction was given by both sororities and fraternities. Rush rules were also handed out. All students who are considering rushing either a fraternity or a sorority are urged to take advantage of "Rush Week" and get a feel for both sororities and fraternities. The following rules were drawn up for Rush 1977:

1. No individual Greek member may entertain any prospective rushee outside of the formally established rush program offered by his system.
2. A dito will be sent out to all prospective rushees concerning Rush Week on the NCWC campus by the IFC. Sorority ditos on February 11, 1977 and Fraternity ditos on February 18, 1977.
3. Rush days will be Feb.

14-19 for women; for men, Feb. 21-26.

4. Silent period will be from two o'clock Sunday morning until five o'clock Thursday afternoon or until bids are accepted. Sororities Silent Period—February 20-22, Fraternities Silent Period—February 27-March 1. At no time, during silent period will member of a sorority or fraternity converse in any shape, form or manner with a rushee.

5. Bids must be turned in to the IFC Advisor Sunday, Feb. 20 by all Sororities and by Sunday, Feb. 27 by Fraternities. Deadline to turn in bids for both is 5 p.m.

6. Bids will be sent out to rushees on Mon., Feb. 21 (Sororities); and Monday, Feb. 28, (Fraternities) by the Faculty Advisor of the IFC.

7. Five o'clock Tuesday Feb. 22 or March 1 is the deadline to pledge a Sorority or Fraternity respectfully. Bids may be

turned in at the respective fraternity or sorority lounge.

8. Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. is the first official day of pledging for Sororities and March 1 for the Fraternities.

9. Pledge period can last a maximum of nine (9) weeks.

10. At no time during the year can a member or faculty advisor of a Greek System coerce a prospective member to sign a statement saying that he/she will pledge that system.

11. In order for a student to be able to rush he/she must be in good academic and social standing with North Carolina Wesleyan College. (i.e. — Not on Social or Academic Probation)

12. Any full time student having transferred a minimum of sixty (60) hours or has been at North Carolina Wesleyan College one full term as a full time student is eligible to rush. This includes Winterm.

I Buy Therefore I Am

When one is asked for identification, one can normally flash a driver's license or a credit card. But what about identifying oneself as a human being? Well, for \$4.95 a marketing firm in California will send you the "I AM" card, a full-sized, heavy gauge and personally embossed "credit" card of human rights which is being introduced nationally. The advertisement boasts that the card "is designed to provide children with positive identifi-

cation, while at the same time helping them tell the world "I AM in no uncertain terms. So even self-identity has come down to credit card terms. Think what you could charge on a card like this. "I'd like to charge my personality, please and would you also bill me for a new sense of humor while you're at it? Thank you very much."

The Communicraft Company in Los Angeles goes on about its latest product ad absurdum.

"Presumably, we are all born with certain inalienable rights," says Jerry Poppink, the card's developer, "but these basic rights are too often 'forgotten' by others . . . Thus the I AM card provides the first important step in helping children remember they do exist. . ."

So if you're stuck for new ideas and pet rocks are simply too passe for your taste, join the ranks of the unidentified and make a profiteer happy.

