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Sororities On A Christian Campus

In this issue we offer congratulations to two groups of students: to those who have been pledged to sororities on the Queens campus and to those who have not. Students in both groups have recently made decisions, and the making of any decision is cause for congratulations.

We would say to those who have been pledged: "You have recently selected the girls who will be your closest companions and friends during your college career, and we hope that you and they will be happy. Your sorority has responsibilities to you, and you have responsibilities to the sorority. Possibly the greatest danger confronting you will be the temptation to limit your friendships to the members of the group. If you do this you will seal yourself off from many fine people who might otherwise provide you with some of the richest companionships you could ever enjoy. There will also be the temptation to devote yourself to group activities in such a way as to preclude your service to the entire student body. Remember that sororities are really nothing more than one of many extracurricular activities. They are a part of college life for those who want them, but they are not college itself."

To those who have not chosen to join sororities we would say: "Your decision is not a negative one; it is just as positive as that made by those who have pledged sororities. You have decided to remain a unit in a group larger than that of any sorority. You have a freedom which is forever denied those who voluntarily affiliate themselves with a small social organization. You are in a position to give your undivided attention to study and student body activities. Furthermore, you will assuredly find yourself one of a small circle of special friends, which, although it is unorganized and does not bear a Greek name, will mean just as much to you as a sorority and possibly more. And last of all, you will never be faced with the realization, which sometimes comes to sorority members, that you have not affiliated yourself with the girls most congenial to yourself."

To all students, upperclassmen and freshmen, we would say: "Always remember that sororities are a part of the Christian college campus. They are not the center of it; they are not the focal point. Leaders and officers in the Student Government and in other student organizations have always come from both sorority and non-sorority groups. We should see to it that they continue to do so. All of us have one thing in common—we are first and last members of the student body of Queens College."

Finally, there is nothing particularly mystic or magic about Greek letter societies. The names probably seem more alluring to those who do not know what they mean than to those who do. Like all names they merely serve the primary purpose of designating an organization. Students who have not belonged to any sorority have filled important offices and had as many and as good friends as have sorority girls. And, to tell the truth, there have been sorority members who have been as obscure in campus activities and have had as much trouble with their class work as anyone else. Any college and any student body are much bigger than any of their component parts.

Student Gov't. Explains Penalties

Boarding Student Government announced at the beginning of the present school year a re-organization of its judiciary policies. Of particular importance is the method of giving penalties for infractions of rules. Heretofore, cases for accumulation of call-downs have been brought before Council on Monday nights. But since a system of automatic penalties has been set up to cover most of the infractions incurring call-downs, the new policy is to give the girl the penalty through her mail box Tuesday morning. This penalty is given on the Tuesday following the receipt of the second call-down and gives the girl one week's notice. The automatic penalties are:

For accumulation of two call-downs for:

Failure to sign Mealbook—3 days restricted to taking all meals in the dining hall.

Failure to sign in—3-day campus.

Failure to sign Church Book—One church cut and a cut for each time thereafter.

Failure to leave note on door Monday night—2-day campus
 Other automatic penalties not involving call-downs are:

Taking extra social privileges—2 social privileges revoked during the next week for each social privilege taken in excess of allotted weekly number.

Breaking closed campus Monday Night—4-day campus

Failure to attend Compulsory Dinners—3-day campus.

Late Returns—First offense, a Warning

Second offense, Weekend Campus (Council may set aside the automatic penalty for late returns, if the case warrants such action.)

The House Councils are also employing automatic penalties, such as, Breaking absolute quiet from 7:00 p.m.-7:15 a.m.

a) Privilege of unlimited lights revoked from entire house the following two nights after infraction

b) Excessive noise during period of penalty—Penalty extended for two additional nights

c) Failure to turn lights out during penalty period—Immediate three-day campus.

Excess noise during day—First offense, Call down; Second offense, Immediate three-day campus

Failure to keep phone duty—two extra hours of phone duty

a) Lateness up to 30 minutes—1 extra hour

b) Lateness after 30 minutes—2 extra hours

Breaking Closed Study—First offense, Call down; Second offense, Closed Study Friday Night

Out-of-room after hours—First offense, Call down; Second offense, Immediate, in room early for next three nights, with hour set by House Council.

Dick Chosen

The Presbyterian students in the colleges and universities of North Carolina held their annual Fall Conference at the First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem October 14-16, and elected Cornelia Dick of Queens President of the Synod Westminster Fellowship Council for the next two years. Cornelia, in that capacity will officially represent the Presbyterian students at Queens at all meetings of the Westminster Fellowship Council and Conferences. By virtue of her office she automatically is a member of the North Carolina Synod Presbyterian Youth Fellowship Council and the Assembly's Presbyterian youth Fellowship Council, the highest Council of its type in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

The program of the Conference was centered about an emphasis on Bible Study, using the Book of Ephesians, and discussion group on Worship, Human Relations, The Ecumenical Movement, Politics, and Student Work.

Other Queens' delegates attending the Conference were June Patterson, Madeline Johnson, Pete Peterson, Mickey Butler, Rainey Gamble, N. A. MacMillan, Belva Morse, Dot Folger, Miss June Hollendorf, Dot Spencer, and Eleanor Godfrey, retiring Vice-President of the Westminster Fellowship Council.

Quill Offers

The Quill is your college literary magazine. It offers opportunities to all students who aspire to see their work in print. The Quill prints poetry, short stories, essays, book reviews, and sketches, this covers a wide variety of subject matter and form.

The Quill uses pen and ink sketches and illustrations to say nothing of ideas and designs for its covers.

The Quill is eager to secure your help and suggestions, and to print worthy selections. The "all-out" support of the student body is essential to a successful year for the Quill.

Hut Activities

On back campus along sorority row there is a little, white house devoid of Greek letters. It is labeled simply—**The Hut**; and is the scene of many interesting and pleasant events at Queens.

Every Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 the SCA Cabinet meets in the parlor of the Hut to make plans for the many phases of our religious life on campus. This is the only scheduled meeting held in the Hut every week. Once a month the committee on fellowship plans a program for all students. For the convenience of the day students, these fellowship programs are at 3:30 on Wednesday afternoon. This is a convenient time for the day students and boarders to play, worship, and have discussions or lectures together.

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the use of this building. Just as the sorority houses are open to the use of both sorority and non sorority girls, the Hut is open to all students. By making arrangements with the office of the Dean of Students the Hut may be used for parties or dates under the regular chaperonage regulations. The kitchen is equipped for cooking, and the piano, or an imported record player will furnish an evening's recreation. Students using the house for any purpose are, of course, responsible for leaving the Hut clean and checking the inventory of equipment to see that all utensils have been replaced.

Sunday evenings are the most pleasant ones for non sorority girls and their guests. A roaring fire, music, fellowship, and buffet suppers are the order of the day. Those of our student body that have been here a year or more, regard these Sunday evenings as a sure cure for those spells of homesickness that invade the dorms over a weekend. A few faculty members are invited each Sunday to join the fellowship, and they often stay to sing and talk with the girls.

Student Council Notes Differences

Boarding Student Council has explained the difference between "call-down" and a "warning" in order to clarify the confusion between the two in the minds of many students.

A "call-down," if not followed by a second "call-down" within a specified period of time, may be removed.

A warning on the other hand, remains on the student's record to the end of the year.

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