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A change in fraternities...

by Pam Phillips Staff Writer

The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC), coordinating body of the fraternities, faces rush this year with a new emphasis on involvement.

Armed with an impressive rush manual anda stylized map of the Chapel Hill fraternity houses, the IFC aims to dispell the traditional image of "Saturday Night" which accompanies mention of fraternity involvement.

Bill Griffin, rush chairman of the IFC. weeks to project the IFC's guidance as an active force" in campus activities.

The group has initiated various activities for interesting potential rushees n fraternity life. Planned for freshmen during orientation week is a Fraternity life Seminar on August 31. A panel of traternity members is planned to be followed with open floor discussion. Later the assembly will disperse into maller groups for additional discussion.

freshmen "a good introduction to for the fraternities. fraternity life." It is part of what Griffin calls "educating the campus to what fraternities have done, are doing, and can the fall. do potentially."

campus activities. He stressed that fraternities are aware of campus affairs and do not shy away from involvement. He cites that many of the campus student still a necessity for pledgeship. leaders, scholars and athletes belong to a fraternity.

Fraternities, a 120-year-old institution on this campus, have previously contributed money and their services to various cultural and charitable works such as the Fine Arts Festival, the Halfway House, the Upward Bound Program, and the annual Campus Chest Carnival.

The IFC hopes to stage a speaker program for the entire campus each semester. Also in the works is a project.



The IFC has eased regulations in rush. Second semester students can now rush in

This rule was previously in the IFC Griffin contends that fraternities constitution but was only recently possess the money, manpower and discovered. This will aid those freshmen enthusiasm to accomplish much in who have transferred or who had attended summer school.

For the bulk of the freshmen, rush will still occur in the spring. A 2.0 average is

In addition strict silence has been abolished. In the past it was enforced from the first day of classes till the first day of formal pledge week. In fact the IFC encourages contact between fraternity members and potential rushees.

To acquaint those who are not familiar with UNC fraternities, all campus chapters will participate in an open house on September 12. This will enable everyone who is interested to visit any house he may be interested in and to meet the brothers.

Also the IFC plans a booth during orientation week at the activities mart.

According to Griffin, "the IFC will be rushing everybody. It will be the job of the fraternity to do individual rushing."

Griffin says the IFC wants to be "a vital, active force" and make students aware that fraternity membership does not preclude a student from campus work or scholastic excellence. In the new rush manual several pages are filled with important men on campus who are members of a fraternity.

Also included are the percentages of Morehead scholars who are fraternity men. Fifty-five per cent of all Morehead scholars belong to trate nities. Out of the 1970 graduating class 43 of 61 Morehead scholars were fraternity members.

Citing the all-fraternity scholastic average, 2.59, as opposed to the all-men's average of 2.47, Griffin says fraternities are no where near dead. Fraternities are now pledging about the same number of pledges each year. The IFC desires to



Fraternity life is backyard basketball as well as service tangle with some locals (Staff photo by John Gellman) projects. The captive audience is watching a group of TEP's

...and in sororities, too

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Sororities this year begin rush on September 6, with several changes in the ritual.

Rush will be one day shorter than last year with an emphasis placed on imformality. Clothing for rushees will be informal on all nights, and Julie Jones, assistant dean of women, hopes that the dress of the sisters will correspond.

Predicting that more importance will be placed on "getting to know the rushees

dorms to advise the rushees. These counselors are girls who have disaffiliated themselves with their sororities for the duration of rush to advise the rushees on problems they may face during rush. The counselors have no contact with their sororities until rush is over.

Rush starts earlier this year to avoid class conflicts and heavy workloads for the rushees, which have caused problems in the past.

According to Miss Jones the quotas for the number of girls a sorority can take is all-women-on-campus average. In 1970-71, the sorority average was 2.811 as compared to all-campus average of 2.713.

Miss Jones feels sorority living "encourages friendship." Living in smaller residence units helps to broaden interests.

Additionally all the sororities participate in local and national philanthropies. National interests range from orthopedic rehabilitation to the U.S.S. Hope, the medical ship which helps underprivileged peoples. Yearly the houses contribute to Upward Bound and



A demonstration of what sorority life really is was held by Phi Kappa Sigma's last spring. It was all for a good cause - the Campus Chest Carnival - in which the fraternities and sororities both lend a hand for charity. (Staff photo by John Gellman)



increase the size of fraternities.

Griffin concludes, "We want to explain to the campus that group living is here to stay. Fraternities in no way suppress individual responsibilities or activity on campus.

"We are undertaking programs to insure the growth and vitality of the fraternity systems. If the people within a house change, the fraternity will change with them. A house is what its members are.

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in an informal atmosphere," Miss Jones asserted that most houses would be cutting out much of the entertaining and "showy" aspects of rush in an effort to get to know the girls in a relaxing situation.

The Panhellenic council, governing body of the sororities, has removed the silence rule, which prohibited contact between sorority members and rushees during rush.

based on the number of girls going through rush, minus the number who drop out of rush, divided by the number of houses on campus, which is nine. Theoretically there is a place in a sorority for ever girl who wants to pledge. Twenty per cent of Chapel Hill's college women belong to sororities.

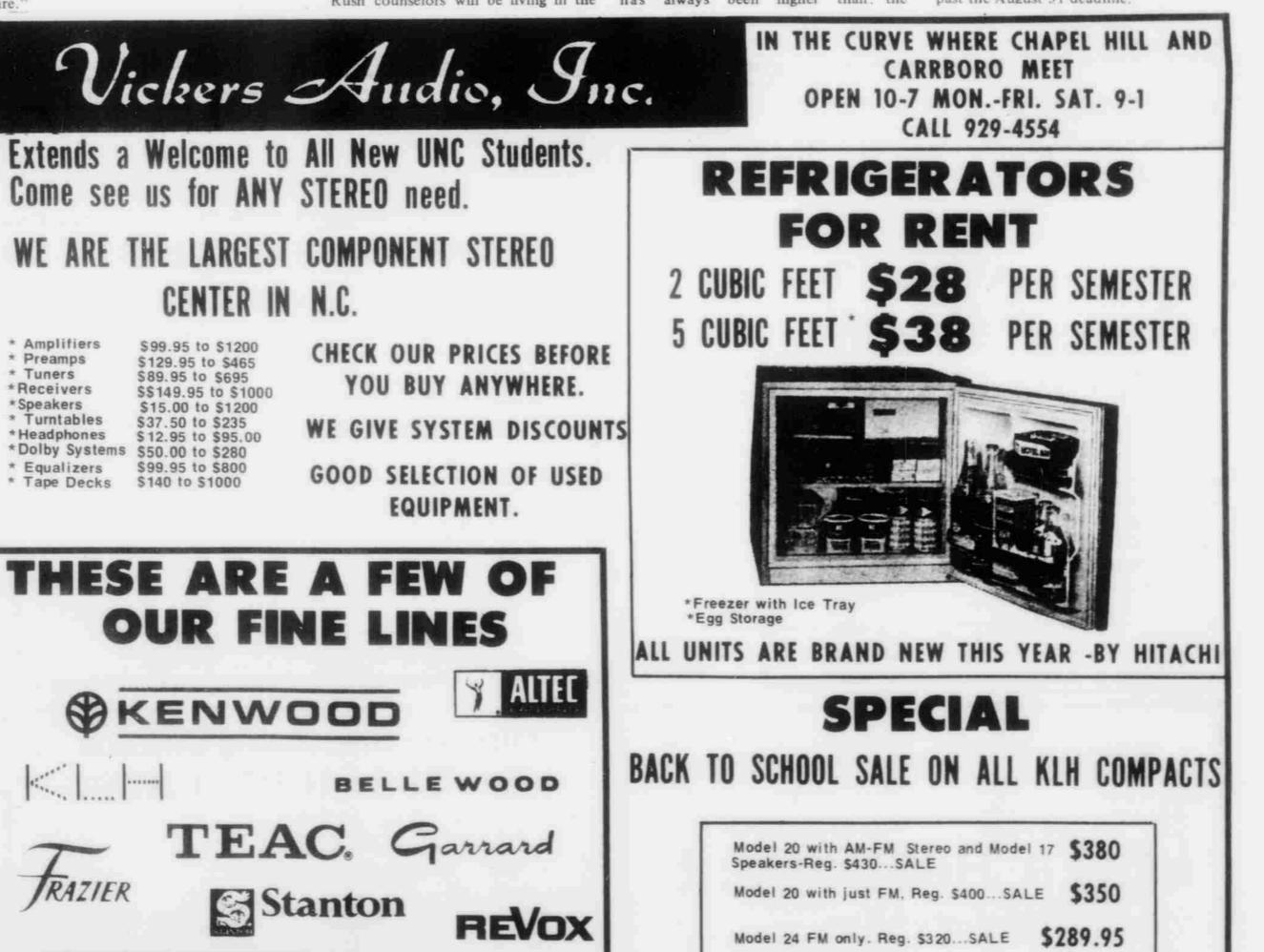
Among the advantages of sorority living, asserted Miss Jones, is the emphasis on scholarship. The All-Sorority average Rush counselors will be living in the has always been higher than, the

the Campus Carnival.

Culturally, the houses encourage the invitation of speakers to talk to the members of the house on selected topics. Freshmen cannot rush until second

semester. An open house is planned this fall to acquaint them with the houses and the members.

Girls who desire to rush this fall and have not already signed up can continue to register at the Dean of Women's office past the August 31 deadline.



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