

# Rush News

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**F**RESHMAN days need not end in rushing daze for those who go out for sorority rushing at Iowa State this fall. The rushing season may be a successful one for both rushees and sorority women if a few do's and don'ts are kept in mind.

"Urge the sorority girls to be gracious hostesses and the rushees to be gracious guests," advises Miss Margaret Stanton, director of social life.

Above all, be natural and at ease. Neither false sophistication nor boisterousness will impress the hostess. Forget yourself and be interested in the activities and thoughts of the others. Here is an opportunity for both hostesses and guests to make new friends and to hear new ideas. And, rushees, here is a secret—the "rushers" are just as desirous to create a good impression as you are.

Rush week begins on October 2 and 3 with the split (meaning half one day and half the next) teas to which all non-sorority women are invited. You will be correct if you walk up the front walk in a street dress of wool, silk or knit material, plus hat and gloves.

Purses need not be carried but are quite correct and convenient. Coat and gloves may be removed before entering the living room, but needless to say don't remove your hat.

Rushees will receive their invitations to the remainder of the parties through the mail in the morning. The invitations must be returned by 8 a. m. It is important that the rushees acknowledge every invitation. All that is necessary and in this case proper is to mark accept or regret on the back of the invitation.

There are no parties October 4, but rushing rules are still in effect.

October 5 and 6 are dinner parties. Any dress up informal fall dress is suitable. Do not wear formal or semiformal dresses to these dinners, but save them for the formal dinners later in the week. An afternoon party is scheduled for October 7. For this you will feel at ease in a sport dress or smart campus clothes.

Some houses have formal and some informal dinners on October 8. If formal or semiformal dress is required.

Preference dinner on October 9, is considered as a formal dinner by all houses. So bring out an appropriate dress for it. Rushees should go to the house which they think that they prefer. The pledge ceremony on the next day, Sunday, requires a white dress.

If a girl is not definitely interested in joining a sorority, it is only fair that she not accept the courtesies extended to her by sorority members during the formal rushing period.

If a rushee indicates on her preference sheet that she intends to join a sorority and then refuses a sorority bid, she shall not be eligible for pledging for one calendar year. Also, a girl may not be pledged to another sorority for one calendar year after her pledge expires.

Miss Stanton advises the rushee to be prompt in attending the parties, and be sure to leave at the scheduled time. Rushees should watch the time as well as the actives, because penalties may be served on the houses for overtime guests.

"We hope that rushees and actives work together," states Miss Stanton, "to make a successful rushing season, free from 'dirty' rushing." The term "dirty" rushing means the breaking of rules governing rushing at Iowa State. If this occurs, the rushing of the sororities involved must cease until the Panhellenic Council decides upon the penalty.

Most things have to be regulated by rules and rushing is no exception. Here are a few of them:

No active members of a sorority may go to the dormitories or call there during or before the formal rushing period with the possible exception of campus sisters.

No men shall escort the rushees to or from sorority house parties.

There is to be no rushing off the campus and no cars are used in rushing.

There shall be no favors and no entertainment outside of the sorority group at dinners.

No house shall obtain dates for or double-date with the rushees before or during formal rushing.

Derogatory remarks about other sororities on the campus are not good rushing. Only sororities who can not acquire pledges lawfully resort to it.

Homes of sorority girls, alumnae and patronesses in Ames shall be under the same rules as sorority houses. Pledges and mothers and sisters of rushees shall be governed by rushing rules.

Those were rules, these are tips:

Keep the conversation away from yourself, your dates, your family.

Opinions of other sororities and certainly the one of your preference should be kept in the background.

It isn't proper to wear honorary pins and rings you won in high school.

Emily Post's etiquette still holds good even in sororities. A mishandled knife or fork may be noticed. Introductions will be plentiful, so learn how to reply correctly. It's most impolite to ignore the house mother so plan a minute or two with her and don't forget to say good-bye to her. Miss Post doesn't mention gum chewing, but you should realize it's taboo.

Membership in a sorority carries with it certain financial obligations. The average pledge fee is ten dollars. Pledge dues average two dollars and a half a month. The average initiation fee is fifty dollars. Some are higher and some lower, depending upon the pin, publications and the amount of the house note ranging from fifty to one hundred dollars. Some are paid at initiation, some upon graduation and others quarterly during the year.

It costs a girl approximately forty-five dollars a month to live in a sorority house. This amount pays for board, room, fraternity dues and social obligations.