

Handbook for Rushes 1934-35

Oregon State College



Note: This booklet contains information you will use throughout the year. Save for future reference.

National Sororities on the Oregon State College Campus

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To the New Girls

Sororities and Panhellenic

A sorority is a group of College women, numbering from twenty to forty-five, who have chosen to establish a close affiliation with one another for four years as college students. Most of the members and pledges of sororities live in the chapter houses near the campus, under the direction of a mature chaperon.

Panhellenic is an organization composed of delegates from every recognized sorority at Oregon State College. Among other duties, Panhellenic is responsible for the regulation of rushing. Representatives from all sororities have discussed and formally agreed to live up to all rushing rules. Any infraction of the following standards will be considered a breach of the spirit of Panhellenic.

Rushing

The procedure of obtaining new members is termed "Panhellenic rushing." "Rushing" simply means that the sorority entertains girls at breakfast, luncheon, and dinner, in an effort to become acquainted with them. Alumnae members of each sorority send recommendations to their groups if they have sisters, relatives, or close friends entering college whom they think would be adaptable to the groups. When the person recommended arrives at the State College, the sorority which received the recommendation "rushes" her. A definite period is set aside so that this special entertainment will not interfere with the college schedule.

A "preference date," as extended by either hostess or guest, indicates that a very definite interest is being shown.

A "bid" is an invitation to join a sorority.

Affiliation

All groups are worthy of membership; all have similar high aims and ideals of character, social conduct, and scholarship. The rushee is urged to make her decisions independently and on the basis of congeniality. She should pledge where she thinks she will find her best friendships. The following considerations should be noted:

1. Every sorority expects that its members will graduate from the State College.
2. A girl should be sure before pledging that she can meet the expenses of sorority membership.

The final goal of the Oregon State girl is the same for non-sorority and sorority undergraduates. All are working toward that which is the noblest in American womanhood. If a girl entering the State College is not invited to join a sorority, or does not receive the bid she wishes, she will find many opportunities to have a full and interesting college experience if she will enter into women's activities. Many fine girls who are among the leaders of the campus community have not cared to affiliate themselves with any definite group. Informal rushing continues at intervals throughout the academic year, thus later pledging is possible.

Panhellenic wishes that the cordial relationships established between sororities and rushees during rushing may continue throughout the college life of all the girls who have made these friendly contacts.

Calendar for Rushing Season

General Calendar

Friday, September 28, to and including
Friday, October 5, Period of Fall Rushing
November 1 to December 1 Closed to Rushing
February 1 to March 1 Closed to Rushing
May 1 to June 1 Closed to Rushing
June 1 to August 1 Period of Informal Calling

First Period

Thursday, September 27—12:00 noon.

First date books issued.

Friday, September 28—9:00 a. m. Date books
collected. Luncheon 12:00 to 1:30. Dinner
6:00 to 8:00.

Saturday, September 29—Luncheon 12:00 to
1:30. Dinner 6:00 to 8:00.

Sunday, September 30—9:30 a. m. Break-
fast and Church. 5:00 p. m. Second date
books issued.

Second Period

Monday, October 1—9:00 a. m. Second date
books collected. Dinner 6:00 to 7:30.

Tuesday, October 2—Dinner 6:00 to 7:30.

Wednesday, October 3—Dinner 6:00 to 7:30.
9:30 p. m. Formal invitations issued.

Thursday, October 4—9:00 a. m. Formal in-
vitations collected. Formal dinner 6:00 to
9:30. (Preference date.)

Friday, October 5—10:00 a. m. Bids shall
be in the Dean of Women's office.

3:00 to 5:00 p. m. Rushees shall call at
the Dean of Women's office to give their
preference of sororities.

8:00 p. m. Rushees appear in person at
sorority house for pledging.

Silent Periods

There will be no rushing whatsoever from Monday, September 24, to Friday, September 28, at 12:00 noon. (Freshman week.)

From July 1 to August 1 there shall be no rushing other than informal calling.

There shall be no rushing whatsoever during the middle month of each term—November, February, and May.

During Fall Rushing there shall be no communication whatsoever between rushees and sorority women other than within the hours scheduled in the Handbook for parties on the following days:

Friday, September 28

Saturday, September 29

Sunday, September 30

Monday, October 1

Tuesday, October 2

Wednesday, October 3

Thursday, October 4

Friday, October 5.

Rules Regulating Fall Rushing

1. It is expected that all sororities shall conform to the ordinary rules of fair play and the honor spirit. Any group violating these rules shall be considered dishonorable and subject to penalty, even though adhering to the specified Panhellenic rules.
2. In all unusual and unexpected situations that may arise during the rushing period, rushees shall appeal either to the President of Panhellenic (telephone 575), or to the Dean of Women. Under no circumstances shall she confer with any other individuals.
3. Girls wishing to break dates should do so through the President of Panhellenic and not with the particular sorority concerned.
4. No sorority member or pledge or girl who intends to renew her pledge to a sorority shall live in the halls of residence during closed rush week.
5. During times closed to rushing rushees shall not be visited in their homes or in the residence hall.
6. Engagements made with sorority women or alumnae before the date books are issued are automatically canceled by Panhellenic.
7. The alumnae of each sorority shall be informed of the Panhellenic rules and each sorority shall be held responsible for its alumnae conforming to the rules.
8. At rushing events, no orchestras or outside entertainment and no men waiters are to be used. On preference night, men waiters may be used.

8. Sorority matters may be discussed, but matters pertaining to other sororities may not.
9. There shall be no rushing with men; this includes getting dates during Fall Rushing.
10. Sisters shall be rushed the same as other rushees.
11. During fall rushing, decorations shall be limited to place cards, not exceeding fifteen cents apiece in cost, and flowers to decorate the chapter house.
12. The preference system shall be used. Two choices shall be allowed.
13. The names of the pledges shall not be printed in the Barometer or any other newspaper, but a list shall be kept in the office of the Dean of Women and in the records of the Panhellenic Association.
14. Any violation of rushing rules shall be reported immediately to Panhellenic.
15. All parties for Fall Rushing shall be at the sorority house.
16. The time for Fall Rushing shall be from Friday, September 28, 12:00 noon, to Thursday, October 4, 9:30 p. m.
17. Invitations for luncheons and dinners shall be written on cards furnished by Panhellenic.
18. All invitations to rushees living in halls of residence are to be sent through Panhellenic.
19. Invitations to rushees living in town shall be delivered by the sorority.
20. Procedure with First Period dates:
 - Thursday, September 27:
 - a. Rushing chairmen shall deliver First Period invitations to Panhellenic Office by 5:00 p. m.

- b. Panhellenic shall deliver invitations to rushees between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p. m.
 - c. Rushees shall answer invitations by checking the date desired on the date book. All invitations received whether accepted or not must be left at the office of the hall in which the rushee is residing by Friday, September 28, 9:00 a. m.
 - d. Panhellenic shall call for answers at the halls Friday, September 28, 9:00 a. m.
 - e. The invitations to rushees living in town shall be issued and collected at the same time that the invitations are being issued and collected at the halls.
 - f. Rushing chairmen shall call for answers at the Panhellenic Office Friday, September 28, 10:00 a. m.
- 21. After Thursday, September 27, 5:00 p. m., sororities may make no further requests for dates during the First Period.
 - 22. The acceptance of the Second Period date by a rushee indicates a decided preference for the sorority whose date she accepts.
 - 23. Rushees not receiving, or not accepting, a Second Period invitation should engage permanent rooms for the term.
 - 24. Panhellenic suggests that a rushee accept not more than two dates for the same sorority during any one period.
 - 25. Procedure with Second Period invitations and preference invitations shall be as follows:
 - a. Rushing chairmen shall deliver Second Period invitations to Panhellenic Office Sunday, September 30, 5:00 p. m.

- b. Panhellenic shall deliver invitations to rushees between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p. m.
 - c. The rushee shall return her answer to the office of the hall in which she resides by Monday, October 1, 9:00 a. m.
 - d. Panhellenic shall call for answers Monday, October 1, 9:00 a. m.
 - e. Rushing chairmen shall call for answers at the Panhellenic Office Monday, October 1, 11:00 a. m.
 - f. Rushing chairmen shall deliver Preference Invitations to the Panhellenic Office Wednesday, October 4, 9:30 p.m.
 - g. Panhellenic shall deliver invitations to rushees between the hours of 10:30 and 11:30 p. m.
 - h. The rushee shall return her written answer to the office of the hall in which she resides by Thursday, October 4, 9:00 a. m.
 - i. Panhellenic shall call for answers Thursday, October 4, 9:00 a. m.
 - j. Rushing chairmen shall call for answers at the Panhellenic office Thursday, October 4, 11:00 a. m.
 - k. Friday, October 5, rushees shall be notified when to call at the Dean of Women's Office to give their preference for pledging.
26. Bids shall be in the Dean of Women's office by 10:00 a. m., Friday, October 5.
27. Bidding shall be by the "third-party system." All invitations and bids of the sororities are to be handled by a capable and disinterested Panhellenic committee, which shall keep all business passing through its hands strictly confidential. During Fall

Rushing rushees are to receive bids only from the hands of the Panhellenic committee.

28. Rushing chairmen shall receive lists of pledges at 6:00 p. m. Friday, October 5, at the Dean of Women's Office.
29. A rushee shall answer her bid in person at the sorority house at 8:00 p. m. on Friday, October 5, when pledging will take place.

Standing Rules

I. GENERAL

1. There shall be no rushing of unaffiliated girls registered in Oregon State College during the months of November, February, and May.
2. High school seniors and high school graduates only are eligible to rushing.
3. Rushees may obtain information concerning sorority costs at the office of the Dean of Women.
4. There shall be no rushing during the month of July.
5. There shall be a short season closed to rushing.
6. There shall be an early pledge day.
7. Open bidding shall prevail between the major rushing seasons.
8. No parties shall be allowed which conflict with the college schedule.
9. There shall be a reasonable and sane limitation of expense.
10. A system of bidding and pledging shall be used which will not invite publicity.
11. The proof of a girl's being pledged shall be a dated written statement, signed by the pledge and witnessed by a member of the sorority, and filed in the Dean of Women's Office.
12. A pledge shall expire at the end of one calendar year.
13. A girl wishing to break her pledge must comply with the rule of procedure enforced by National Panhellenic. Under this rule she is ineligible for a bid from any other

sorority for a period of one year from the date of the breaking of the pledge.

II. PLEDGING

1. A girl is considered a pledge when she accepts the ribbon of a sorority.
2. Houses shall notify Panhellenic of the breaking of a pledge or a cancellation of membership of any girl.
3. A pledge shall expire at the end of one calendar year. "This has been interpreted by the National Panhellenic Congress to mean that a girl may not be pledged to any other national sorority during that year. For instance, if a girl pledged October 4, 1934, failed to make her grades or fulfill requirements for initiation, or initiation privileges are not offered before October 4, 1935, she is then eligible for pledging to any sorority after October 4, 1935. This regulation holds good whether the girl be on the campus where she was originally pledged, or on a campus to which she has transferred.

"If, however, her pledge is released by the chapter at any time previous to October 4, 1935, or if she herself 'breaks' the pledge, she is not then eligible for pledging a sorority for one calendar year from the day on which her pledge was released or broken. This regulation holds good no matter on which campus the girl may be."

The pledge of any girl asked to withdraw from the institution for poor scholarship or for disciplinary reasons is automatically broken. The girl shall not be eligible again for rushing until she has removed the deficiency and reinstated herself by creditable work.

III. INITIATION

1. In order to be eligible for initiation, a pledge must complete 14 hours of college work in one term in residence at Oregon State College with a .95 average.
2. Grades of pledges shall be approved by the Registrar's Office before initiation.

IV. INFORMATION

Expenses

Information regarding sorority expenses may be obtained from the office of the Dean of Women, 114 Commerce Hall. Other information may be obtained from the President of Panhellenic (Telephone 575).

Introductions

Any girl who is interested in sororities, and who has not received rushing dates, should call or write the Panhellenic Office or the office of the Dean of Women. It is understood that all invitations come from the sorority groups.

Dress

At all times the rushee should dress conservatively. "It is better to be under dressed than over dressed." For teas and luncheons hats and gloves may or may not be worn. A dressy campus dress may be worn to all the teas and luncheons, and a dress a little more formal for dinners. Hostesses may dress formally for the tea dates. For the Preference dinner it is customary for the rushee to wear a formal dress.

Social Procedure

Calling cards are not necessary at rushing teas. The rushee shall answer all invitations

to the sorority, whether her answer be an acceptance or a regret. If her reason for regretting is unusual or requires explanation, the rushee may respond by an informal note. Sincerity and simplicity are advisable in an informal note.

General

1. No sorority affairs shall interfere with the scheduled activities of Freshman Week.
2. Rushees not planning to attend the State College, or to pledge a sorority at once, should inform the Panhellenic Office as soon as they have made these decisions.
3. If a rushee has not received the "Handbook for Rushees" she should call at the Panhellenic Office at once. It is very important that every rushee have a copy of this handbook.
4. Rushees are asked to cooperate at all times in abiding by Panhellenic rules.
5. Information regarding national sororities may be obtained from Baird's *Manual of American College Fraternities*, which is to be found in the Reserved Book room on the first floor of the Library and usually in any public library.

V. PENALTIES

The following offenses committed by active, pledge, or alumnae members of a sorority shall be penalized by Panhellenic:

Major offenses

1. Breaking of national rules.
 - a. Pledging before pledge day.
 - b. Rushing before rushee becomes a senior or graduate of high school.

- c. Pledging a girl who has broken her pledge with another sorority, before the end of a calendar year.
2. Breaking of local rules.
 - a. Communication between rushees and sorority women during silent periods.
 - b. Giving out invitations other than at time specified in handbook.
 - c. Inviting a rushee to more parties than are specified in the handbook.

Minor offenses

1. Having men at rushing parties.
2. Using talent, other than pledge, active, or alumna for rushing.
3. Calling for or taking rushees home during formal fall rush except where specified in the handbook.