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BY-LAWS GOVERNING RUSH, PLEDGING, HOSING, AND INITIATION  
AS ESTABLISHED BY THE  
INTER-CLUB COUNCIL, 1976

RUSH

1. The period between Monday, January 19 and Thursday, March 11 shall be designated as the rush period during which individual social clubs sponsor specific functions to encourage new membership.
  - a. All rush functions will be scheduled by the Inter-Club Council (with the exception of one optional study break which may not conflict with any other scheduled rush activity). Therefore, no private parties or gifts shall be given by clubs for prospective rushees other than those connected with these specific rush functions.
  - b. Functions involving non-club members may be held outside this designated rush period if sponsored by ICC and held for the promotion of the entire club system.
2. The first rush function, the Progressive Dinner, shall be January 19, 1976. Each club shall choose dates for its two individual rush functions within the remaining part of Winter Quarter. The specific times and dates of these rush functions shall be arranged through ICC for the convenience of each club:
  - a. First rush -- KEZs           January 26  
                  Peanuts       January 28  
                  EKOs           February 2
  - b. Final rush -- EKOs         February 25  
                  KEZs           February 27  
                  Peanuts       March 3
3. During the rushing period, club members may speak with rushees concerning their own club, but in so doing, shall not violate the integrity of the other clubs.
4. After Final Rush, questions concerning rushing, pledging, or club membership may be directed only to members of ICC.
5. Clubs shall not reveal their party or final rating lists to anyone except ICC which will then guarantee that all rushees receive at least one invitation for club membership.
6. Prior to the beginning of the rushing period, the president of ICC will meet with the rush chairperson of each club to discuss the schedules, procedures, and expectations for rush.

INVITATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Rushees, in responding to invitations for membership sent by individual clubs, shall have a 32-hour period in which to reply in writing.

2. All replies shall be sent to the appropriate club president.

### PLEDGING

1. The period between Final Rush and Hell Week (March 4 to March 31) shall be designated as the pledging period during which clubs will formally invite new members and begin further acquainting them with the club. This period must be at least two weeks in length.
2. At the beginning of the pledging period, an ICC meeting shall be held with the Hellmasters of each club to discuss ICC attitudes and policy on Hell Week and to exchange initiation activity ideas among clubs.
3. Within the pledging period a meeting of the President and the Hellmaster of each club with their club's pledges shall be held to explain Hell Week and formulate objectives and expectations of pledges and actives in the individual clubs.

### HOSING

1. Campus hosing is defined as non-destructive forms of club publicity and shall only occur between 6:00 p.m. Monday, March 29 and 12 noon Wednesday, March 31.
  - a. All hosing involving campus buildings must be cleared with the building's director. However, the Post Office and Post Office boxes, the library, and the chapel shall be off-limits to all hosing.
  - b. All hosing in Lowry Center must be specifically cleared with Hal Closson, Director. Each pledge class president and representatives must present to him, in writing, their hosing plans for Lowry Center at a required meeting sometime between Wednesday, March 24 and Friday, March 26.
  - c. During hosing, pledges shall show due respect for the properties of others and for campus facilities.
  - d. Each club is responsible for removing its hoses before 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 31.
  - e. No destructive means of hanging club publicity (i.e., nails, tacks, etc.) shall be used.
2. In-club hosing is not permitted. This includes any activities before or during Hell Week involving jokes, pranks, kidnappings and other activities aimed at present club members. Such activities are not permitted anywhere on campus.
3. Rules concerning hosing shall be distributed to all pledges and club members at the beginning of the pledging period (Pledging section, #3).
4. Any violation of hosing regulations will be handled promptly by ICC with those involved present.

### INITIATION

1. The period between Wednesday, March 31 and Saturday, April 3 shall be designated Hell Week during which pledges will be initiated into the individual clubs.
  - a. The last week of Winter Quarter a detailed description (following guidelines designated by ICC), of each club's proposed Hell Week activities must be submitted to ICC for approval.
  - b. Pre-Hell Week organized activity such as skit practice, song learning, and presentation of Hell Week duties are important for building club unity and spirit; however, in consideration for the pledges' time and the other people on campus not involved in clubs, the clubs should neither schedule nor encourage other pre-Hell Week activities, especially those in public.
  - c. Clubs may not request the involvement of pledges in Hell Week activities before 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 31 or between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, and Friday, April 2.
  - d. Each pledge class is to participate in a service project during Hell Week.
2. Six weeks prior to Hell Week, the ICC shall issue an open invitation to students, faculty and administration for observers to assist with the evaluation process of initiation. Those who volunteer may request to observe a specific club but the ICC president shall assign observers to the various clubs so as to have a representative team of observers for each club.
  - a. Each observer is to attend as many functions as possible of the club to which he is assigned.
  - b. Before the start of Hell Week, each club will meet with its assigned observers to discuss its own planned schedule of activities.
3. Any member of a pledge class may report to an observer, the ICC president, or a member of the Deans' staff a violation of any of the pledging and initiation guidelines set up by the ICC and approved by Campus Council. Observer team members may report violations to the ICC president or a member of the Deans' staff.
  - a. Violations will be referred to the appropriate judicial board.
  - b. All such reports shall become a part of the final initiation evaluation.
4. The ICC reaffirms the College Code of Conduct in regard to club conduct and emphasizes several basic principles for the initiation periods:
  - a. No activity shall be designed to entail the loss of self-respect or personal dignity of either actives or pledges.
  - b. No activity shall be undertaken which demonstrates in any way an insensitivity to racial differences or physical differences, lack of respect for the opposite sex or for other clubs.

- c. Since this process of initiation is accomplished within an academic community, nothing should be designed to interfere with academic obligations.
5. Club initiation activities shall be guided by the following rules:
    - a. Clubs wishing to hold Hell Week activities in campus buildings, including residence halls, may do so only with the approval of the building's director. However, no activities may occur in the chapel, library, or in classroom buildings during scheduled class time.
    - b. Any Hell Week activity in the dining hall must not interfere with the service of the meal and must be cleared with the Director of Lowry Center.
    - c. Any costumes suggested or required of pledges shall not be obstructive or hazardous in any way to either pledges or other students.
  6. Evaluation of initiation procedures shall be as follows:
    - a. The President, Hellmaster, and Pledge Class Presidents of each club are required to submit a written evaluation of its Hell Week to the ICC one week after the conclusion of Hell Week. The ICC shall provide a list of questions as an evaluation guide to the individual clubs.
    - b. Two weeks after Hell Week, the ICC shall prepare an evaluation of the pledging and initiation period to be submitted to Campus Council, using the testimony of the observers and the evaluations of each club (actives and pledges) as is described in #6 above.
    - c. Immediately following the initiation period, each club shall file with the ICC a list of current active and social members.

RATIFICATION OF THESE BY-LAWS

These by-laws shall be declared ratified by a two-thirds majority of the ICC.