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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER TO THE OUACHITA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY FAMILY

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RUSH INFORMATION

The eight Social Clubs on our campus are concerned about making sure that each student is aware of the following rules pertaining to rush.

- (1) To go through RUSH, a student must have a cumulative grade point of 2.00 or better. A freshman must have passed 12 hours during the last semester.
- (2) A transfer student must be in good academic standing (2.00 gpa or better and have passed 12 hours during his last semester in school).
- (3) Any student on disciplinary probation is not allowed to rush and pledge.
- (4) All students must sign a health release form giving the club permission to check the records for any physical concerns.
- (5) All students must sign up in advance in the Director of Student Activities Office (ESC Bridge).

WOMEN'S RUSH SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 19, 1981

Gamma Phi, Home Econome House
Pi Kappa Zeta, ESC Banquet Room B
EEE, ESC Banquet Room A
Chi Delta, Flenniken Drawing Room

Friday, February 20, 1981

Gamma Phi, ESC Formal Lounge
Pi Kappa Zeta, ESC Banquet Room A
EEE, Flenniken Drawing Room
Chi Delta, ESC Banquet Room B

Saturday, February 21, 1981

Gamma Phi, ESC Banquet Room
Pi Kappa Zeta, Home Economic House
EEE, Flippen - Perrin Lobby
Chi Delta, Flenniken Drawing Room

PLEDGE WEEK INFORMATION

Social Clubs have always been a vital part of the life of Ouachita. Several clubs have been organized, some of which have died with the years, but the eight clubs now in existence have made invaluable contributions to the hundreds of students who have been members.

Social clubs were governed by a document dated in late 1954 until early 1976 when the Panhellenic and the ISCC requested the Student Activities Committee to study the document. After many meetings, this committee emerged with a document entitled "Rules and Regulations Governing Campus Organizations of Ouachita Baptist Univ." Final adoption by the faculty was on April 1, 1976. This document (Copies of which may be obtained in the Dean of Students Office) sets broad guidelines and minimum standards for campus organizations.

Because of growing faculty concern about some activities of pledge week, the faculty voted unanimously to request through the University Committee that President Grant appoint a Pledge Committee which would "supervise" all the activities of pledging.

The Pledge Committee is composed of the Dean of Students, the Dean of Women, four faculty members to be appointed by the President of the University, one female student and one alternate to be chosen by the Panhellenic Council, one male and one alternate to be chosen by the ISCC, and two students who are not members of any club to be chosen by the President of the University. Alternates are to meet each time with the committee.

The Pledge Committee meets each year with each club president and pledge master or mistress to discuss each activity of the detailed schedule. Among other things a definition of hazing has been established. The adopted definition has been placed in the Tiger Handbook (pg. 2) and reads as follows:

" Any action taken or situation created intentionally by any student alone, or acting with others, for the purpose of producing, or that may reasonably be expected to produce, excessive mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, revulsion, harassment, or ridicule. In case of doubt it shall be the responsibility of the Pledge Committee to determine in specific cases the meaning of excessive."

Copies of the document entitled "Pledging Policies for Social Clubs" are available in the Dean of Students Office. The final document was discussed and accepted by the faculty and administration on January 25, 1977. Once again, this document defines broad policies, leaving to the Pledge Committee the responsibility of determining new problems, dealing with situations not covered in the broad guidelines, and finally dealing with the discipline of any violation with authority up to and including depriving a club of a pledge class for a period of one year.

**Inactive members and former members have no authority over pledges during pledge week. Any violation of this restriction should be reported to the Dean of Students or the OBU Pledge Committee.

**Any student who wishes to pledge must have a medical report on file in the OBU Health Service no later than Thursday, Feb. 26. Blank medical forms may be acquired in the Health Service. For additional information contact Mrs. Hansen, ext. 244.

All men and women should sign up for Rush. The deadline for men's Rush sign-up is Feb. 20, 3PM.

The College Republicans urge all students to watch next Wednesday night, Feb. 18, as President Reagan delivers his State of the Union Address on television.



Dr. Ken Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, will be the main speaker in Chapel on Feb. 17th.

Student Aid

All of the scholarships awarded by Ouachita's Scholarship Committee require a yearly application for renewal. If you are currently a scholarship recipient and you have not applied for a renewal of your scholarship for the 1981-82 academic year, please do so at once.

Scholarship applications can be picked up in Mitchell Hall at Student Financial Aid Office.

Scholarships which were awarded for four years (University and Achievement) do not require application for renewal.

Applications must be returned to Student Financial Aid Office by March 1.

The deadline for the Arkansas Guarantee Student Loan Foundation to receive loan applications for the spring semester is February 16th (Monday).



SELF Movie

"A Little Romance"

Saturday, Feb. 14
8PM
Mitchell Aud.

Guest Artist Recital

KAY KRAEFT

MFAC
7PM