

Preliminary Thoughts on Rush Improvement

Random Hall MRNSA Task Force

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1 Goals

1. Nothing else scheduled during Rush (esp. tests)
2. Make the Adjustment Lottery mandatory
3. Encourage dorm Rush
4. Make a dorm referral (Flush) book
5. Improve handling of RBA
6. Improve website and summer mailings

2 MRNSA timeline

1. DormCon meeting
2. Meetings in other dorms
3. All-living group meeting
4. Talk with UA and GSC
5. Talk with Tony Gray (RLA)
6. Write documents for admins.
7. Talk to larryben and Redwine
8. Talk to Corporation

3 What Went Right

- Midway — new format was an improvement
- Dead week
- Good Orientation leaders (especially from frats)
- Always something to do (Dorm activities)
- Got to meet people from all over campus
- Dinner w/profs
- Moving frosh into temp rooms (get to meet them)
- Early housing info for temps makes parents happy

4 Problems in the Administration

- Unclear communication to frosh over the summer
- Lack of firm, clear deadlines
- Advanced standing exams during Rush (and at 0800)
- Only allowed to rank 3 choices in Adjustment Lottery
- Poor 2006 website (construction and maintenance)
- Adjustment Lottery results not pre-checked by RACs
- Parents were around and influential during Rush
- Lack of information about RBA over summer
- Lack of communication to dorm Rush chairs

5 Possible Solutions

- Coordinate all mailings through one office
- Have advanced standing exams done before rush
- Reformulate adjustment lottery for many moves
- Employ a student (or a better one) to handle website
- Move Parents' Weekend to end of Rush
- Let people escape RBA (by moving or dropping)
- Send all information going to frosh to rush chairs