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INEFFECTIVE RULES.

The rushing season, which closes today at noon, has fully demonstrated that the rules adopted by the fraternity council three years ago are a failure. They do not accomplish what they were meant for—to relieve the freshmen of the strain of the fall rushing. They have made the burden of the Greek letter men more heavy and have not removed the evil for the freshmen. Some radical change is needed and ought to be made before next fall.

The present rules were violated last season and they have been violated again this fall. They have not been binding enough on the frat men who have broken the spirit of them on many occasions. One of the rules in particular has been broken frequently. It is the one that forbids the pledging of freshmen until the close of the rushing season.

In their contest to get the best of the eligible freshmen the Greek letter men have not let this rule stand in the way. They have "spiked" men; that is, they have done everything but put the ribbons on him. In some cases, no doubt, freshmen were "spiked" the first week of school. They were told that they were wanted in a certain frat and asked not to pledge to any other.

Some of the frat men have not tried to conceal the fact that they broke

letter societies and at the beginning of his second year would know just what position each held and what its ideals were. He could then pick out the society he wanted to become a member of, knowing just what he was doing.

The fraternities would not suffer from this rule. They would all have an equal chance and would run less risk of taking in men whom they later might wish they had not initiated. The evils of the constant rushing of the first half a semester would be removed. Greek letter men would not be forced to sacrifice their studies and other work, as many of them have had to do during the past two or three weeks.

The faculty and the university as a whole would be benefitted by the one-year rule. Nebraska would be relieved of the "big headed" freshmen who, after he has been invited to one or two fraternity houses, struts around the campus as though he were the biggest man in the university. The faculty could easily enforce the one-year rule, for it would be hard for the fraternities to violate it without being caught. The penalty for breaking it could be made so severe that none of the societies would care to run the risk of being detected.

Something radical has to be done with the rushing system, and the one year rule appears to be about the best way of correcting the existing evils. It ought to be adopted and put in force by next fall, and once adopted any violations of even its spirit ought to be dealt with in a severe manner.

SPECIAL FOOTBALL NUMBER.

On Thanksgiving day the Daily Nebraskan will issue a special football number which will probably contain more fine illustrations and feature articles than any gridiron edition ever published at this university. It will be published at a great cost and no extra copies will be printed. Any orders that are not filed at the editorial rooms of this paper by Wednesday evening will not be filed.

Orders may be left at the Nebraskan office during any hour of the day.

WANTED—Several copies of the Daily Nebraskan of Tuesday, November 17 to complete files. Cash paid for copies in good conditions. Call at Nebraskan office.

The Football Number will be out Thanksgiving day. Extra copies 15c Order now.

GET READY FOR RUSH

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU GATHERS MATERIAL.

LETTERS OF INQUIRY RECEIVED

Great Care Taken in the Preparation of Answers to Questions Asked by Members of Legislature.

The Legislative Reference Bureau of the State Historical society is now about to enter on the busiest period of the year. With the opening of the legislature a great increase will come in the number of demands which are made upon the bureau for information, quarters will be opened in the state house and every effort will be made to facilitate the work of the law-makers.

Already the bureau has received letters from twenty-five or thirty members of the legislature, which ask for information which will take a man anywhere from one hour to several days to collect. Although only having been in existence during one session of the legislature the bureau has already proved its value by its popularity, and has enlisted the active support of many who were inclined to think that it had but little practical value.

Make Careful Investigation.

It is the policy of the Nebraska Legislative Reference bureau to go to every length for information which members of the legislature wish to get. No matter whether it takes an hour or a week the inquiry will be answered as fully as it is possible to answer it with the material at hand. The bureau aims to answer all inquiries as fully as possible but during the busy season requests coming from people who hold no responsible position are answered rather briefly, but the inquirer is always informed where more detailed information may be found.

In Wisconsin, the state which first developed the legislative reference bureau, no attempt is made to answer inquiries coming from outside the state. This is probably partly due to the fact that as the Wisconsin bureau was the first of its kind to be established it became the mark for a vast number of inquiries, which it would be almost impossible to answer.

Wide Range of Questions.

In Nebraska the bureau is called upon to answer inquiries on subjects



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the rules by "spiking" men. They have rather boastfully told their friends of the men they have clinched.

With the frat men breaking these rules, what is the use of having any rushing laws unless they are made binding and the men who violate them punished? There ought to be some laws adopted that could be enforced on all the frats. There is no doubt that every fraternity in school during the last year has broken the present rules to a more or less degree.

What is really needed at Nebraska is an entirely new set of rushing laws. The period of rushing should be changed so as to be confined to the first week of school, or no fraternity should be allowed to pledge a student until he has been in the university for a year, doing high scholastic work.

Either of these would be better than the system now in force, but the one-year rule really is better than the one-week rule. It would be more beneficial to both the freshmen and the fraternity men.

If allowed to remain in school one year before being eligible to join a Greek letter society, the freshman would be able then to know the frat it would be best for him to join. During his first year in school he would have seen all the men of the Greek

FROM RANCH TO A UNIVERSITY.

Two Pretty Co-Eds Like the Great Change Very Much.

From the freedom of a life on a 10,000-acre ranch in the center of Wyoming, thirty miles from a railroad, to the life of a "Co-Ed" in the University of Missouri, was the transition experienced by Misses Wilhelmina and Lenora Boeke, daughters of W. H. Boeke, owner of the famous "7B ranch" and one of the leading stockmen of the Northwest.

To use their own words, they find Columbia "quite a change" from life on a ranch in Wyoming, in close proximity to semi-wild Ute Indians and yelling cow-boys. This is their first trip east, or, more accurately outside their own state, and they were guided in their choice of the University of Missouri as a place to get an education, through the fact that their mother was a native of Missouri. Their father wanted them to go to Vassar but their mother had a warm spot in her heart for her native state, and in the end her influence won out.

The Boeke sisters had not been long at the university before they attracted the attention of the other students, for it was at once apparent that these independent, self-reliant girls were not products of the modern city high school or "sweet girl graduates" of a female college. The adviser of women did not have to show them around and find them a boarding place. They struck out for themselves and in a day knew more of the University of Missouri than the average "Co-Ed" learns in three years.

of all kinds from the prevention of drinking in railway cars to the establishment of more normal schools. If the material possessed by the bureau is not sufficient to properly answer the question the state library is searched and if this fails to yield the desired material it is then written for.

In order that the bureau may be prepared as well as possible for the coming session of the legislature letters have been sent to all the states in the union asking for material on subjects that are likely to be important this winter. Specific requests have been made for the following material: Latest session laws, report of secretary of state, latest governor's message, latest auditor's report, latest tax commissioner's report, penitentiary warden's report, civil service committee's report.

The Minnesota cadet regiment and the national guard will hold a joint tournament in February. Valuable prizes are offered for the best drilled company and for individual proficiency.

Phi Alpha Delta, a new legal fraternity, has been organized at Iowa.

The authorities at Cornell are threatening to refuse a holiday on Friday after Thanksgiving.