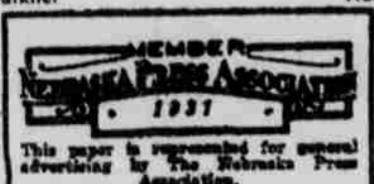


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## Silly Coed Rushing Rules.

Women's self-governing bodies work quite efficiently as they are, say the coed representatives. Or rather, a minority of them. We wonder.

The Women's Panhellenic association has a little gray pamphlet called their "constitution and by-laws." It contains, in the by-laws, no less than eight and one-half printed pages of restrictions on rushing and pledging by sororities. Of these rules, many are disregarded entirely. Others are unenforceable. Others, enforced adequately, are silly and serve no useful end.

The entire code of rushing regulations used by fraternity men on this campus is printed in full on the rush card itself. These provisions, while we regard them as far from perfect, contain no deadwood. What there are of the rules are enforceable and helpful to an orderly rush week.

Let us contrast this simple order obtained among fraternities with the complicated, silly mess presented by the sorority rushing code.

Going over the regulations imposed upon coed rushers, we picked out fourteen points, at random. Careful inspection would probably reveal as many more loopholes in the system. Here are the fourteen we selected by a casual examination of the regulations:

1. In general: No spiking of rushees is permissible. Yet everyone spikes rushees. Because everyone does it, because the practice is so universal, its rather difficult enforcement is neglected. Instead of penalizing groups for spiking, the advisory board penalizes them for sending rushees flowers, or some other silly and inconsequential violation.

2. This advisory board—no one knows exactly what it is, says one sorority girl—it has supreme authority in penalizing for rush rules violations. Yet it is not a representative board. Members of the board may break rules as they will, and continue to penalize severely other violators of less important rules. Members of this advisory board are no doubt conscientious at present, but future members are an unknown quantity.

3. Telephoning rushees during rush week is prohibited, except by the group's rushing chairman, or her assistant. "Her assistant" may mean anyone in the house. How, then, enforcement? How, in the first place, can the advisory board or anyone else check every telephone call?

4. Services of men in entertaining rushees are not permissible. Heh, Heh! We know too many men who have been pressed into service to entertain sorority rushees, and "incidentally, answer questions about sororities just the right way."

5. Preferential bidding: Each sorority turns in a list of approved rushees. Each rushee turns in her choice of sororities, first, second, third . . . Each sorority invariably draws as pledges exactly the list they sent in as "approved." If this is not proof of spiking, what can it mean?

6. No rushing registration week. This means simply that freshmen girls must register unaided. Elsewhere on the campus the competition is free and unrestrained.

7. No high school girl may attend, during her high school career, a sorority party, formal or informal. If there are more than five members of the sorority present, it is a rushing party. If there are five or less, it is not a party. These informal group rushes go on all over the state each summer. How, then, enforcement? Why, in the first place, such a silly rule?

8. More generally, no Lincoln high school girl can be entertained at any informal social affair at which there are more than five members of the same sorority, and no members of any other sorority. This is a year-round restriction. It is hard to enforce, and serves as a means of catching violators only on rare occasions. Why such a rule? Says one coed, "If my mother entertained at a tea, and invited any high school girl, along with persons not in school at all, I could not be present without incurring a penalty for my sorority."

9. There shall be no "conspicuous rushing" on the campus at any time. What in the name of merry heck is "conspicuous" and what is not?

10. No sorority shall entertain a rushee except as an "occasional" guest. We are about out of adjectives. The rules speak for itself in proclaiming its own silliness.

11. Expenses for rush parties shall not exceed \$125 for the registration week period. Accounts must be submitted . . . The provision is universally broken and disregarded.

12. No girl shall be pledged who was a member of a local high school sorority. We laugh and laugh and laugh!

13. There shall be no undignified probation . . . Now just what, pray tell us, do they mean by that? Fraternity padding is at times not

without its dignity.  
 14. The entire code of by-laws, of which the rushing restrictions are a part, may be amended by members of the Panhellenic council. But spiking, we hear, was discussed quite frankly this fall . . . A committee was appointed to investigate the situation in other schools, preparatory to some action or other . . . The matter has been forgotten . . .

Lest we be rebuked as "mere men" who can know and understand nothing of the women's own little world, we wish to say that each one of these points was brought to our attention as the "pet gripe" of some sorority coed or other. They should know.

One thing about this Oury-Church affair: Lots of people are finding out that there is such a thing as a federal council of churches, and that there is a Mr. Leavitt, and a Mr. Hunt, and a Mr. Cavert.

Innocents back with the student union building project. It seems none the worse for its temporary absence from the light.

Communists in China give warning notices, signed with the word "Kill." And here we were just about convinced they were the most peaceful of all the pacifist organizations. One doesn't know just what to believe nowadays, does one?

## Prairie Literature.

Easterners sneer at the lack of literary appreciation found among the inhabitants of the middle west. They complacently sit back at their ease and remark in a superior fashion that someone or other has published a book written by "a westerner"—"some wild melodramatic effort, no doubt!"

Such critics are not entirely wrong; neither are they wholly right. The middle west has a literature all its own. It has writers who have become famous throughout the world. It publishes books that attract nation-wide comment. It does all this—but evidently does it for the benefit of the eastern critics alone. For the people of the middle west waste no time in reading their own good literature.

Students at the University of Nebraska are even less interested than older citizens of the state in its writers and its books. Considering the allegedly superior background of the college man and woman, it is rather inexplicable, this trend toward abhorrence of good poetry and prose.

The fact, however, remains. Students are not interested in good literature—not even the fiction and biography of their own country and age. The opportunity is not denied them—far from it. Here on the campus is published The Prairie Schooner, Nebraska magazine of the best current middle-western literature.

Here on the campus, too, The Schooner languishes. Its circulation is very poor. It has chills.

Out in the state, and in other states as well, the publication is extensively read, and praised by all its readers. On the campus, it has very few readers to praise it.

We can think of no worthier cause crying for action. If each fraternity and sorority took one subscription, the circulation would take a sizeable jump. And the cost, to each of the Greek-letter organizations, would be but one dollar per year.

It is too good an opportunity to let slip, for a dollar's worth of eaking will do little for the student in the way of giving him any sort of an education. Caking conversation is, in the main, "Fuh?" and "Uuh-huh!" Hardly cultural, surely.

And there is a bare possibility that reading good literature might be worth the time and the dollar.

Our gripe today: Instructors who expect us to arise, dress, breakfast, and arrive on the campus in time for their nine o'clock classes—and then fail to arrive themselves.

We understand someone is investigating prospects of giving Awgwan an office. We're surprised, but nevertheless rise to offer congratulations.

## MORNING MAIL

Now That It's Fixed Up—

TO THE EDITOR:  
 I read with considerable amusement the letter of A. A. Misegadis, wherein he stated that he did not doubt the authenticity of the colonel's accusations, and adds to the list of communist-influenced organizations the labor unions and the political parties. Yes, there is indeed ground for apprehension when our laborers and our government turn "Red," and are mediums of communistic propaganda. Since the war these subtle though unprincipled propagandists have been permeating American thought with their Utopian ideals. Let us not sleep, America awake! Communism is upon us!

Paradoxical as it may seem, according to Misegadis ". . . thousands of dollars are being spent annually in this country to carry forward the message of communism . . ." These thousands pour annually out of starving, destitute, bankrupt Russia to pay an "unscrupulous preacher, teacher, secretary, labor leader, and politician for subtly using his organization to further the cause of communism . . ."

'Tis indeed a blessing that bankrupt Russia should assist these Americans, thereby lifting a financial burden from our shoulders. A solution for our unemployment problems, maybe!

The letter then states that when the questions concerning "Who brought Rabbi Kahn, Professor Todd, Clarence Darrow, Norman Thomas, and others to Nebraska, are cleared up . . . we will have to admit Colonel Oury is stating facts and should be asked to tell more about the activities of these fanatics . . ."

The Nebraska Bar association brought Clarence Darrow here, and the Y. M. and Y. W. are guilty of having secured Norman Thomas. Now, since this point has been cleared up, and the fanatics are revealed, we can turn to the colonel for "more about the activities of these fanatics, instead of condemning him for giving some timely warnings."

AMUSED.

## PERSHING RIFLES INITIATE

Honorary Military Society  
 Takes in Twenty Men  
 at 5 Today.

Pershing Rifles, honorary military organization, will initiate twenty men this afternoon at Ne-

braska hall, announces Captain Claude Gillespie. The candidates for entrance into the group are slated to assemble at 5 o'clock.

The twenty men are: R. K. Halter, E. G. Huddleston, Richard Rice, Ralph Moore, H. E. Winter, Richard Moran, L. E. Humphrey, William Gordon, Miles Houck, R. D. Joy, Edward E. Brodkey, F. R. Byron, R. F. Clark, Clifton Cona-

way, Norman Jeffrey, W. B. Potter, Robert Scott, R. F. Swanson, E. H. Weller and C. A. Sorenson.

## CONBOY, HIT BY MOTORCYCLE, IS CUT AND BRUISED

John Conboy, University of Nebraska freshman, received minor

cuts and bruises when he was struck by a motorcycle driven by John Stepeck Tuesday evening at Twelfth and R streets. Conboy was taken to the Lincoln General hospital where he was attended by Dr. W. A. Campbell. The driver of the motorcycle was also injured in the accident. Conboy is an Alpha Sigma Phi pledge.

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