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Reviving The Rush Rules.

THE Interfraternity Council fulfilled previous expectations Tuesday by throwing out the present system of fraternity rushing rules. As is the customary procedure, the new rules to "eliminate cut throat methods" are being devised.

The council's action Tuesday night was not an unusual procedure, for Nebraska fraternities are fast becoming famous for annual revisions and amendments to the rush rules.

The regulations abolished this week were drawn up by Greek councilmen October 1932, and obviously enough were hailed as the best yet to be tested by the trial and error method of Nebraska fraternity men.

Essentially the rules were patterned largely after the Pan Hellenic system of rushing regulations. Theoretically, the plan was the most progressive step taken by the Greek council in the way of perfecting "fool proof" rules. Fundamentally they introduced two revolutionary changes. The first was the preferential bid system, designed to eliminate the high pressure methods employed by the brothers of the jeweled pin in pledging rushees. The second change provided for a faculty committee to enforce the rules, thus taking this important power out of the hands of petty fraternity politicians.

Judging from the number of "howls" voiced last fall, this system was far from satisfactory. Certainly the 18 to 5 vote for abolishment should convince even the most skeptical that something was wrong. The vote actually represented, we feel, the expression of several squabbles over ambiguous provisions in the system.

But with the complete abolition of the rushing rules, Greeks will be given a chance to legislate a new code. Indeed we should say that they have a clean slate from which to build the "best system" yet to be devised.

But in their haste and fervor to get regulations completed before spring vacation, fraternity men would be wise not to overlook the merits of the recently abolished system of rushing regulation. They should also, of necessity, make the necessary revisions for majority acceptance. The Nebraskan feels that Greeks would be by far the wiser if they include in the new rushing code the following provisions: 1. Faculty control and power to settle rushing violations. 2. Forbiddance of rushing after rush week for a stipulated period of time. 3. The provision that nonrushee may not have less than one nor more than three dates during the entire rush week, or more than one date a day.

In spite of the number of revisions and frequent amendments to rushing rules, fallacies and conflicts continue to appear. At the outset the elaborate system established in 1932, and others gone before, have been, as a rule, so utterly complicated that the average rushee is confused—even dumbfounded by the maze of rules and provisions he must conform to. He has little conception of what he must do, and less understanding why he should do it.

But the mistakes of rushees are more than overbalanced by rule misconceptions of Greeks. It is a rare fraternity man who thoroughly understands, much less conforms, to the provisions of rushing regulations.

Viewed as such, the interfraternity council should adopt a system of rushing regulation that is easily understood by the rushee and the Greek alike. Indeed this virtue would aid immeasurably in cleaning up the rush week absurdity.

For years the Nebraskan has hailed new rushing revisions as the salvation of Nebraska fraternities. The editors have made their assertions guardedly, however, by qualifying plaudits with the promise that "it should be a good system if it is en-

forced." This year the Nebraskan goes a little farther. We predict that the new rush rules will be wholly satisfactory, if they are enforced rigidly and honestly.

Obviously enough, the success of any "rush week code" devised by ingenious councilmen rests ultimately in the hands of fraternity members. The efficiency of the regulations does not lie in the direction of machinery as much as it does in the path of actual administration.

We do not suggest very foolishly that the Nebraska fraternities should adopt the honor system during rush week. In fact we seriously doubt the value of the time honored phrase: "There is honor among thieves." We do feel, however, that fraternity men should recognize these obnoxious evils of the system, at least it would eliminate a great deal of superfluous legislation.

The Student Pulse

Brief, concise, contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters accepted do not necessarily indicate the editorial policy of this paper.

Commenting on Mr. Grimes' Comments.

TO THE EDITOR:

In the Sunday, March 4 issue of the Omaha World-Herald feature section under the book review heading appeared the following quip: "Candor forces the admission that the Nebraska university 'Awgwan' still fails to be funny, in spite of the fact the editor this year is an attractive coed. There seems to be something in the life of Nebraska which prevents that gay effervescence of spirits which produces native wit. Barred from course fun, the belly-laugh and sly innuendo, the university students seem unable to be comic. It's a pity."

Thursday the March issue of the magazine, which we call a humor publication in spite of the words of the Omaha writer, appeared. It was a take-off on Vanity Fair, and tho I am in no position to know whether it is a good take-off on that magazine, I should like to state that it was a mighty good issue, in fact I consider it the best of the year. In order to be entirely fair, I should like to state it wouldn't have to be very good to exceed some of the issues in quality. I am in no way connected with the staff of the Awgwan, so as an outsider, I believe my opinion is entirely impartial.

The Omaha writer states that the Awgwan "fails to be funny," but he fails to define what he wants in humor. It's mighty easy to criticize, that is offer destructive criticism, but I take note that no constructive criticism is offered by the metropolitan razzberry man. After all, university students are merely trying to learn, and such critics as the Omaha book specialist are always welcome to offer suggestions to their struggling inferiors.

There is a real argument which can occur when the question comes up as to what constitutes real humor. The pun is generally conceded to be the lowest form of humor, but it takes a vocabulary and some knowledge of words to enable one to be a good punster. A university English professor was heard admitting that fact in a class last spring. Is a line at the expense of others humor? It seems that the Omahan would think so, but that is easy humor. What is the native humor he speaks about? Is one born with it? Does it flow out as easily as a river flows downhill? Is humor or wit effortless in its development? Or is humor developed by constant, methodical toil, and a conscious form of writing? These are a few of the questions which puzzle me, no doubt puzzle the members of any humor magazine staff, and seem to puzzle the World-Herald book review specialist if his letter is any indication as to his condition.

The task of creating humorous literature is a difficult one, and writers criticizing their fellows should be a little less caustic and a bit more considerate.

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TODAY'S NEWS.

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his views on proposal to restore the pay cut to federal employees and to give additional compensation to war veterans.

Bill Hawkins, lineman for the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company, was badly burned above the waist and about the face and head when his clothing caught fire from an electric arc at an electric light pole near the 9th st. power plant. He was working with Walter Thompson, who was only slightly burned.

In Chicago police radio flashed directions to all available squad cars at 12:30 p. m. to speed to a south side neighborhood where John Dillinger and a woman were reported to have been seen. They had been notified that the escaped killer was driving past the Southmoor hotel at Stony Island avenue and 67th street in a sedan with a woman.

Today local CWA projects will drop from 702 to 645 from their

payrolls. This number will be taken from those working directly under the city engineer.

Band Fraternity Will Name Officers March 15

A dinner and election of officers was scheduled for March 15 by Gamma Lambda, honorary band fraternity, when it held the regular meeting on Wednesday evening. The organization also voted

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