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THE FRATERNAL GAMBLE

A game of hide-and-seek, guess, and be lucky or hiss, has just been concluded by almost sixty frateinities and 1200 freshmen. It was stienuous game, with much presumably at stake; there have been, no doubt, worries and elation, happiness, minor heartbreaks and despair, mived into the lives of the participants. And when it's all over, 2000 invitations to enter frateinities have been extended, and 400 acceptances have been recorded. The scramble is finished for another year, and loose ends

scramble is finished for another year, and loose ends may be picked up at leisure.

It is possible to over-estimate the importance of the issults of this haphazard process by which a class is eventually divided almost evenly between finiterinty and non-fraterinty men. It is gratifying (if you're a iraterinty man) to think that here was a wise and just explosion to the processing selection between the eligible and ineligible. It is easy to raise barriers and distinctions that are abound if they

The ideal of brotherhood is a splendid lure. To those who were fortunate enough to find bids and desires led, it represents temporary satisfaction at least. They will soon discover that fraternity life is not least. They will soon discover that fraternity life is not roseate continuation of rushing. Then importance is already diminished, their status changed from king to servitot. But the majority will accept this, and slip into the great mould of the average, and be content Some new pledges will wonder before they graduate whether they are satisfied, whether they were wise in choosing as they did. They will encounter conditions and structure would be forced.

tions and situations unheard of in rushing talks. Some too, should but will not reglize, when they tend to feel

too, should but will not realize, when they tend to feel superior, that they were remarkably lucky, and nothing more. There are necessarily many who will never justify their selection as fraternity men.

In the same way, there are many men among the great group of non-fraternity students who are better equipped than their flaternity classmates to wear piedge-pins. It is impossible to make fair decisions when they are based upon chance recommendation, and a few hours of acquaintance. Some in the freshman class have been overlooked by many houses where they would fit merely because there was no friend or alumnus who urged their cause

many instances non-frateinity men may go further and be more content than the further and be more content than those who have the backing of chapters in every state in the nation. It is possible to establish bonds of friendship which are just as strong as much-vaunted brotherhood, and to gain prominence on individual merits.

There is no golden circle around the word fraternity, no curse set on the word non-fraternity. Any student who have without the great warms of multiple states.

nity, no curse set on the word non-fraterinity. Any student who has watched the great game of rushing closely will set up no sharp line between the two types. The rew pledge, in his elation, and the unpledged, who may feel dissatisfied, can avoid a popular delusion if they remember that chance, as well as merit, plays a strong role in fraternity selections

A SHORTER RUSHING PERIOD?

ess during rushing season, a unanimous appro of the present rushing code would be next to impossible Nevertheless, there seems to be a very definite and emphatic agreement on one phase of the code, and that concerns its length.

concerns it: length.

The fifteen-day period was undoubtedly too long and Interfraternity Council would not be making a mistake to cut it down materially next year. To say that the last week of rushing began to drag would be stating it mildly. During the final days before the season's close many fraternities originated their own silent periods and kept a few meals "free from rushees"

champions of the fifteen-day rushing period say that it is impossible to make the proper selection of ireshmen in a cuitailed period. If the period were longthened to twenty or twenty-five days, fraternities would experience the same difficulties. It is next to impossible to judge satisfactorily the qualifications of a prespective pledge in a few roofs. First mittee agrees impossible to judge satisfactorily the qualifications of a prospective pledge in a few weeks. Frategutier agree that pledging has a great element of chance connected with it, so why prolong rushing until all conceined are thoroughly tired of the whole affair?

There are a few other details which will have to be thrashed out in Council. For instance, there has been a great deal of sentiment against beginning rushing on

n great deal of sentiment against beginning rushing on the first day of Freshman Week. And that two-day silent period at the close of rushing is certainly an excellent opportunity for the lend-pipers

On the whole, we believe that the code this year was nearly satisfactory except for the length of the rushing period. Although it must be admitted that there are some points against it, we would like to see a rushing season next year composed of two five or six day periods with a day's test between each period.

CAMPUSEER BY HIMSELF

A husky freshman who looked like he might be a good football man was very temporarily rushed at the Tau Sigma Phi (League of Nations) House The brothers were slightly disappointed when the possible athlete began to ask questions. "Hey," he inquired as he was escorted into the house, "have ya got any good rooms here?"

It then developed that the gentleman had gang-ster tendencies. He missed his gat. There wasn't anybody to shoot, at the moment, but he liked the feel of the thing in his pocket. Felt sorta lonely without The brothers suggested that maybe he'd get over that while he was taking Rotissie.

Perhaps this fellow has seen too many movies recently, but, according to his own story, he's a full fledged tacketeer. Used to run beer in the coal regions, but there's a depression in the gangster busi-

When they took the big racketeer in for his free meal he made himself right at home "I guess I an't breakin any rules if I take my coat off," he said. And before you could say "Who-shot-Mickey-Duffy?" he had removed the coat, parked it on the back of a vacant chan, and scated himself. He had the boys pictty well intiled before he finally scrammed.

Note for co-e.is: At St Benedict's College the freshmen are required to wear Princess Eugenic hats instead of dinks. Sorry, girls.

The Delta Gammas at the University of Missouri have decided to spend no more than a nickle of their young gentlemen's funds when they are invited to the local soda fountains. The girls hasten to explain that this measure was not resorted to in an effort to inciense their dates. It's just to help the depression

Curiously enough, a joke from Froth has been reprinted in The Wold's Opinion, Ireland's humorous magazine. We hear that Al Buono, Froth editor, is pretty happy about it, while Frank Tejan, a true ess man, is considering how to word a letter demanding to know how the Irish dared to reprint a joke without first asking the permission of the copy

Over at the Theta house the girls were having difficulty in getting phone calls. The phone would ring, a gul would be summoned, and when she came to answer she would find the receiver hung up. This went on for some time, until-they found out about a Frosh named Martha on phone duty. It was she who asked who was wanted, calmly hung up, and then who asked who was wanted, canny hung up, and then called the girl. And Martha didn't seem to be having fun, either. It occurred to one of the Thetas that this Fiosh was probably used to those old country phones that you have to crank, after hanging up Yep, that was it. She asked Martha about it. "Do

you have a tural phone at home?" she said
"No, teplied the Frosh, "we have a bell phone."

Now that the local guessing contest is over: A frosh at the O E House took out his rushing card and consulted Band's Manual . . . Another one out there went upstairs to test the beds by bouncing on the springs . . . Many a house is happy that the scho lastic averages didn't come out any sooner . . . A freshman on a luncheon date at Kappa Sigma said of the Sigma Nus, "I like those boys pretty well, but I think some of them dlink" . . . Some of the brothers had pools on the number of pledges they'd get . . Two thousand bids were sent to about twelve hundred frosh . . . Well that's over Now where is that list of text books we were going to buy?



Fraternity Averages

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Sigma Tau Phi—
Trangle —
Phi Pi Tau Phi—
Acacia—
Elaia*

Tau Phi Delta—
Tau Phi Delta—
Tau Phi Delta—
Theta Kappa Phi—
Alpha Gamma Rho
Delta Theta Sigma
Phi Kappa Psi—
Sigma Phi Alpha*
Tau Sigma Phi—
Sigma Phi—
Sigma Phi—
Sigma Phi—
Sigma Phi—
Sigma Phi—
Beta Sigma Rho
Omega Epsilon*
Phi Epsifon Pl—
Phi Mu Delta—
Sigma Phi—
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ation Editors Will Asse For Conclave October 16-17 Penn State will be host to the staff: Penn State will be host to the staffs of thirty engineering college magaunes when the Engineering College Magazines association holds its annual onvention here October 16 and 17.

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night.

Prof. Frizzell will speak on "Activitier" and will analyze their value in college and the time that should be devoted to them. The series of discussions precedes the organization of the Hugh Beaver club, freshman organization of the Christian association.

TO TALK ON UNEMPLOYMENT

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