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 Enlered at the Pattoffict, State Collere, $\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{a}}$, as secenderlaws mate TUESDAI; OCTOBER 6, 1931 the fraternal gamble
A game of hide-and-seck, guess, and be lucky or miss, has just been concluded by almost sisty frnteinities ond 1200 fitechmen It has strenuous game, with much presumably at stake there have been, no doubt, worries and elation, happiness, muno heartbreaks and despar,
mived into the lives of the participants. And when t's mived into the lives of the participants. And when it's
all ovec, 2000 invitatons to enter fratemities have leen extended, and 400 acceptances have been recorded. The scramble is finshed for another year, and loose enclis may be piched up at lesture.
It is possible to over-cstimate the inportance of the 2 csults of this haphazard process by wheh a class 1.5 eventually divided almost evenly between finternits and
non-fraternty men It is gratifyng (if sou'te a 1 ra-non-fraternty men It is gratifyng, (if sou'te a 1 ra-
tennty man) to thinh that here was a wee and just teinity man) to thunk that here was a wre and just
eclection between the eligble and indigible it is enasy to rasc baruens and distinctions that ane absund if they are analyzed.
The deal of brothei hood is a splended lure To those who were fortunate enough to find buds and deqres that concuded, it remesents temporary satisfaction at least. They will soon diseover that finternty hife is not
$\approx$ roseate contmuation of rushing. Then a roseate contmuation of rushing. Then impottance is already diminshed, therr status changed from king to
servito. But the majoity will accept this, and sip into the great mould of the avelage, and be content
Some new pledges will wonder before they gradwate whethes they are satisfied, whethel they were wise in choosing as they dud. They will encounter condtions and situations unheard of in 1 ushing talks. Some, too, should but will not 1 ealize, when they tend to feel superio, that they were remaak kabls luchy, and nothing
nore. There are necessarily many who will neser nore. There are necessarily many wh
justrify thar selection as fraternity men
Justify their selection as fraternity men
In the same way, there are many men among the
great group of non-fraternty students who are better great group of non-raternity students who are better
equiped than ther fiaternty classmates to wear pledge-pins. It is mpossible to make far decisions when they are based upon chance zecommendation, and a fcw hours of accuanatance. Some in the freshman class have been ox erlooked by many houses where they would fit meetely because there was no fiened or aluminas
who urged therr cause who urged therr cause
In many instances non-frater mity men may go further and be more content than thore who have the
Backing of chapters in every state in the nation It is piocsible to establish bonds of freendship wheh are just as strong as much-vaunted brothechood, and to gain 1rominenee on indwidual merits.
Thene ss no golden errele alound the word fiaternity, no curse set on the wodd non-fintemnty Any stu-
dent who has watched the dent who has watehed the great ganie of ruslung closely
will set up no sharp line between the two types. The will set up no shaip line between the two types. The
rew pleulge, in his clation, and the unpledged, who may feel dissatisfied, can avord a popular delusion if they romembler that chance, as well as mert, plays a strong role in fraternity selections

A SHORTER RUSHING PERIOD?
Frons a group of fraternities erpenencing vayced of the present rushing code would be next to apmosesil of the present rushing code would be nest to mpossible.
Nevertheles, there scems to be a very definte and Nevertheless, there seems to be a very defnite and
emphatic agrecment on one phase of the cold, and that coneerns ite length.
The fiftecn-day periocl ons undoultectly too long and Interfraternty Councll would not be mahing a mistake to cut it down matelaally nest gear To say that the last week of lushing began to dhag would be stating it mildy. During the final dnys before the senson's close niany fraternttes 01 ginnated their own s.
mal kept a few meals "flee from rushees"
Champions of the fiftecn-day rushng period say
hat it is impossulbe to malle the proper selection of nechmen in a cuitailed petiod. If the perrod were lergethened to twenty or twenty-five days, fraterntics wound experienec the same difficultics it is nett to impossible to Judge satisfactorny the qualificentions of a prospective pledge in a few weels Fratcemitieg agree
that pledgung has a gieat element of chance conncected that pledging has a gieat element of chance connected
with it, so why prolong rushing untul nil conceined are thoroughly tired of the whote affar??

There are a few other detals whis
thrashed out in Councl. For instnnce, there has been a great deal of gentiment ngainst beginning rushing on the first day of Freshman Weck. And that two-dny silent perod at the close of rushing is
ient onpoitunty for the lead-pipers.
lent onpoitunty for the lend-pipers.
On the whole, wo believe that t
On the whole, we believe that the code this yoar was neally satisfactory except for the congth of the
rushung peitiod. Although it must be admitted that there nie some points ognanst at, we would like to see a ruslung senson next yeal composed of two five or sas day reriods with a day's rest jetween each penoul.
 incease thent dates along.

Cunously enough, a joke from Froth has been reprinted in The Wrolld's Opmion, Ireland's humorous magazinc. We hear that Al Buono, Fooh editor, pretty happy about it, while Frank Tejan, a true mandng to know how the Irish dared to reprint a joke wthout first asking the permission of the copy ught on ners

Over at the Theta house the grrls were having Miculty in getting phone calls. The phone would ing, a gul would be summonec, and when she came went on for some time, untal-they found out about
wither a Fiosh named Martha on phone duty. It was she ho asked who was wanted, calmly hung up, and then ing fun, etther. It occurred to one of the Thetas that thus Fiosh was probably used to those old country phones that jou have to crank, after hangeng up
Yep, that was it. She asked Mantha about it. "De you have a urral phone at home"" she said
"No, sepled the Frosh, "we have a bell phone."
Nort that the local guessing contest is ovel: A foosh at the O E House took out his rushing card and consulted Bantl's Manual. . . Another one out there went upstarrs to test the beds by bouncing on the spungs . . . Many a house is happy that the scho
lastuc averages duin't come out any sooner. freshman on a luncheon date at Knppa Sigma of the Sigma Nus, "I like those boys pretty well, but I thinh some of them dink ". . Some of the brother had pools on the number of pledges they'd get . Tuo thousand bids wele sent to about twelve hundred
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