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## We Hereby Resolve - - -

THEY thought they had us, but here we are again—a bit battered by the summer squall of "handies," "mouthies," "knock-knocks" and other raging inanities, but, withal, fresh-of-eye, we hope, and eager to take up our task of helping the campus see itself.

Summers are lazy things. Fun and all that but one gets out of gear, coasting along in that blissful neutrality of mind that comes when academic paraphernalia is stowed for three fleeting months of work and play and sunshine. Now, we must get ahold of ourselves, coax ourselves back into the old scholastic traces.

Where were we when we left off last spring? We had a huge unfinished docket.

LET'S see—there was something about the military situation. A campaign was shaping to take the "must" out of compulsory military training; initiative petitions with many signatures were afloat, and the measure was to appear on the ballot this fall.

We were lauding the interfraternity council for its efforts to prevent the recurrence of such a noisome situation as that which grew out of last year's Rush Week. More about that below.

We were lending our support to a student committee that was preparing recommendations for curricular reforms, a plan that was to divide the sheep from the goats, the gist of which was to provide a definitely generalized education for some students and specific professional training for others. Competent advisers for guiding undergraduates into their proper niches were to be chosen. It still sounds all right.

We were about to take a photometer—one of those gadgets for measuring the intensity of light—into different study halls and living organizations. We were going to set the campus on its ears with charges that Oregon students were burning their eyes out, studying under improper lighting conditions.

And we were on the verge of hauling several campus honoraries on the carpet, and which charge a pretty fee for rendering services of questionable worth.

THESE issues and a dozen others, which will come back to us, are by no means dead, and the 1936 Emerald intends to revitalize them, not that it will take any great shock, for, like us students, they have only been vacationing.

In the fashion of each new Emerald we start the year full of high resolves to put out a paper more professional in tone, more accurate in its accounts, more searching in its quest for news, more versatile and fresh in its endeavors at humor, and more unrelenting in its efforts to rout the elusive spectre of "skull-duggery" in campus politics.

And, dag-nab it! we think we'll do it.

## 'Eat, Drink, and Be Wary'

It's your show this year, Freshman! This year you really can decide for yourself what fraternity to join. Those lordly sophomores you see parading their new and nappy moleskins around the campus this fall danced to a different tune this time last year. They merely deluded themselves when they thought they determined their own fraternal fate.

You've probably never heard of the "hot-box." Freshman. Along with several other nefarious fraternal practices it disappeared in the reforms that followed last year's rough-and-tumble Rush Week. In spirit, it was a medieval chamber like the room with the constricting red-hot walls in Poe's "Pit and the Pendulum." One by one the lamb-like freshmen were led in, and a perspiring time they had of it as obligations for a week of dining and dancing began to haunt them, and as their hosts became more and more hotly urgent.

Well, you've got them over a barrel this year, Freshman. They dine and dance you and show you a merry week, but when Saturday rolls around you'll go up to Johnson hall and indicate your own preference, and no amount of fraternal bull-dozing will guide your decision.

Don't let them kid you either, Freshman. Don't let them feed you that "old stuff about their "powerful national organization." You're not eating and sleeping for the next four years in a national convention. You're here to go to school, and in pledging a fraternity you are selecting both your living companions and your immediate social environment for your academic career. So, have a good time this week, but be wary.

Have a good time, Freshman, but also take advantage of this week before the start of school to learn what you can of the scholastic ropes. Of course, though, none of you is so green as to suppose that Freshman Week is provided simply to replenish fraternity rosters, although that may be an enjoyable phase of it.

Well, good luck!

## New Rushing Rules

### ARTICLE V Membership Pledge

The following pledge shall be made, executed, and subscribed to by all the members of the Interfraternity Council of the University of Oregon, and shall be binding upon such members:

We, the undersigned members, duly elected, and representing fraternities of the Interfraternity Council of the University of Oregon, do hereby solemnly pledge ourselves and our respective chapters to the following duties, obligations, and agreements.

**Section I.** Any violation of the "Membership Pledge" shall be reported by the president or temporary head of any house, to the Tribunal by one o'clock of the first week following Freshman Week.

**Section II.** On the day following the Tribunal will begin considering cases. The president of the house making the complaint, and the president of the house on which the charge is made, shall appear before the Tribunal.

**Section III.** Any penalties imposed upon a house by the Tribunal must be complied with within seven days unless appeal is taken within that time to the Student Advisory Committee. The decision of the Student Advisory Committee shall be final, and must be complied with within seven days.

**Section IV.** Penalty: automatic social probation for one term.

**Section V.** No organization member shall pledge any man until he is a duly registered student of the University of Oregon. No man shall pledge (1) Sunday noon one month following the Sunday of rush week, unless

he accepts a sealed bid on Saturday afternoon of rush week or on Saturday afternoon one week following.

**b.** The sealed bid plan shall be as follows: Each organization member shall present his bid to an office designated by the Dean of Men, not later than 1:15 P. M., on the Saturday of Rush week. Bids shall be typewritten in triplicate on one sheet of paper each, with the names in alphabetical order, said bid to be signed by the president of the organization. Bids shall then be checked against the following fraternity preference slip:

### FRATERNITY PREFERENCE SLIP University of Oregon

Indicate your choice as 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. There must be at least three choices indicated. As soon as you have filled out this preference slip, go to the authority in charge and present your slip. He will compare your preference slip with the bids of the fraternities and if your first choice coincides with a bid of a fraternity, you shall be immediately considered a pledge to that fraternity, and will sign the pledge card. If such is not the case, you may, though you are not compelled to, accept another bid made to you by another fraternity indicated on your preference slip. Then go to the selected house.

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| ..... | Alpha Tau Omega     |
| ..... | Beta Theta Pi       |
| ..... | Chi Psi             |
| ..... | Delta Tau Delta     |
| ..... | Delta Upsilon       |
| ..... | Kappa Sigma         |
| ..... | Phi Delta Theta     |
| ..... | Phi Gamma Delta     |
| ..... | Phi Kappa Psi       |
| ..... | Phi Sigma Kappa     |
| ..... | Pi Kappa Alpha      |
| ..... | Sigma Alpha Epsilon |
| ..... | Sigma Alpha Mu      |
| ..... | Sigma Chi           |
| ..... | Sigma Nu            |
| ..... | Sigma Phi Epsilon   |
| ..... | Theta Chi           |

No fraternity member, pledge, or alumnus shall contact any rushees after 12 noon of the Saturday of Rush Week, or be in the vicinity of the office in which the bids and preference slips are being checked. Contacts shall also include telephone calls.

**c.** Pledging shall consist of the offering of the bid to the rushee and his acceptance as evidenced by his signature on the following pledge card. This card shall be dated.

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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL

By signing this statement, I hereby declare that I have accepted the invitation to pledgship in the \_\_\_\_\_ Fraternity of the University of Oregon.

(Signature of Pledge)

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The witness shall be either a representative of the house concerned or a person duly appointed by the Interfraternity Council of the University of Oregon.

**d.** No man with a preparatory school decie rating of one shall be eligible to pledge the first term he is in school.

**e.** Penalties: Each organization agrees that the violation of this section shall be punished by any or all of the following penalties:

1. Forfeiture of the right to ever initiate the man so pledged.
2. Prohibition of the man so pledged from living in the house of that member, should he become initiated in that fraternity.
3. A fine of from one to twenty-five dollars.

**Section III.** The following rules shall govern dates:

**a.** Official date cards are to be in triplicate; one copy of which is to be kept by a duly appointed officer of the Interfraternity Council of the University of Oregon, one by the fraternity, and one by the rushee.

**b.** Each rushee must have an official date card issued by the appointed officer, for which the rushee shall pay the sum of (\$1.00) one dollar. Unofficial date cards may be issued by the fraternities. Penalty: Rushee forfeits right to pledge for one term.

**c.** Each fraternity shall have not more than two dates a day, not more than five during the week, with each rushee. Penalty: A fine of from \$5.00 to \$25.00.

**d.** Dates shall be from 8:00-11:00, 11:00-2:00, 2:00-5:00, 5:00-7:30, 7:30-11:00.

**e.** A rushee can only break dates at the office of the appointed officer on the day prior to the date. Dates must be broken in person by the rushee in the presence of qualified representatives of each house.

Penalty: Rushee forfeits right to pledge for one term. Organization member is liable to a fine of not more than \$25.00.

**f.** Each fraternity is responsible for each rushee to the extent that said rushee must be at the chapter house of the said fraternity at the termination of his date with the house concerned. This applies to all dates except the 7:30-11:00 date. He must be available to the house having the next date with him within a ten minute period after the conclusion of the date. This means that he cannot be withheld and that information as to his whereabouts is not sufficient; he must be at the chapter house.

Penalty: Forfeiture of the right to pledge the rushee for one term. **g.** No fraternity may have a rushee out after hours. After hours include from 11:00 P. M. to 8:00 A. M., or any portion thereof. Penalty: Organization member is liable to a fine of not more than \$25.00.

**Section IV.** Each organization member shall notify the Dean of Men's Office not later than three days after pledging a man, and the public announcement of such pledging shall appear in the Emerald within three publication days. The violation of this rule shall be punished by a fine in the discretion of the Tribunal, of not more than \$10.00.

**Section V.** All pledge pins must be worn in a visible place. Penalty: A fine of \$10.00.

**Section VI.** Each organization member hereof, and the individual members thereof agree not to approach a pledge, or to bring influence on a pledge, or in any manner attempt to break the pledge either directly or indirectly, of a man pledged to another fraternity. Violation of this rule shall be punished by the following penalty: A fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$25.00.

**Section VII.** Each organization member agrees not to pledge or initiate, to offer an invitation to pledge or initiate for membership, to any man who has violated his pledge with, or membership in another fraternity, until one calendar year after the council is notified of the violation. The violation of this rule shall be punished by 1 and 3 or 2 and 3 of the following penalties.

1. Forfeiture of the right to ever initiate the man so pledged.
2. Prohibition of the man so pledged from living in the house of that member, should he become initiated in such fraternity.
3. A fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$25.00.

**Section VIII.** Each organization member has the right to voluntarily release a pledge and thus allow him to affiliate with another fraternity at any time.

**Section IX.** Each member agrees that the name of the man who has been released from his pledge shall be handed to the Dean of Men's office and sent to all other fraternities within three days. The neglect to do this shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10.00. The release card must state whether or not the man has any financial obligation to the house.

**Section X.** a. Each organization member agrees not to initiate a man until he has made a minimum grade point average of 1.75 for twelve hours in a preceding term, and that should any circumstance arise that would justify the allowing of a member of the Interfraternity Council to initiate a member who has not made the required standard, such case should be presented to the Tribunal, provided for in the Constitution to settle disputes.

**b.** Each organization member agrees to report the initiation of

men to the Dean of Men's office within three days of initiation.

**c.** The violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$10.00.

**Section XI.** Each organization member agrees that in talks to Rushees there shall be no knocking of other fraternities; opinions shall not be stated concerning any but one's own fraternity, and all facts shall be based on some reliable authority.

Violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$25.00.

**Section XII.** No organization may keep a rushee in a fraternity house over night during Rush week, such construed to include annexes, and homes of fraternity members.

Violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

## Innocent Bystander

By BARNEY CLARK

(Ed. Note. The Innocent Bystander, scourge of the campus in other years but now respectably employed on a real grown-up newspaper, comes back to get in our hair as guest-artist for today's Emerald.)

The giggling horde is upon us!

For the convenience of fraternity and sorority salesman the Bystander has prepared the following short questionnaire for use in breaking the ice with freshman prospects. Once memorized, it is practically invaluable during the difficult teeing-off period.

1. "You're a freshman, aren't you?" You know it and he knows it, but you might as well get it out of the way. The answer is "Yes."

2. "How do you like it down here?" Any well-behaved freshman will automatically repeat "Swell!" Any deviations from the normal should at once be reported to the Dean of Men.

3. "What are you going to major in?" This will get you a variety of answers, ranging from "Huh?" to "I'm going to be a lawyer, I guess." Here the good salesman gets a chance to show his mettle. If the stooge says "journalism" you can counter with "Fred Colvig is a personal friend of mine. If you like, I'll introduce you to him." If he says "Art" you can say, "A lot of the fellows in my house are art majors. I'll introduce you to them and they'll be glad to show you the ropes."

If he happens to hit your major, you're fat. You can become his own personal uncle for the duration of the week, with an inside track that the wolves in the other tongs can't touch.

If, with this flying start you can't make the grade you're not worthy of your pin. Remember, any salesman worth his salt clings like a leech and "service" is his watchword.

An item in the Oregonian the other day revealed that Oregon State fraternity pressure groups have been at work. Our sister campus has received \$88,000 for the moving of barns and pig pens, relieving a sales hazard that has long handicapped O. S. C. houses. Underground sources hint that our own interfraternity council will institute a counter-move, requesting the PWA for \$30,000 to finance removal of the Phi Delta house to the edge of town!

A wave of matrimony has swept over the Thetas in the last few weeks. Jane Miner has gone and done it, Peggy 'Nit-Wit' Chessman and Dorothy Fenton will take the dive late in October. Which

proves there is one way, at least, of getting around the Dean of Women!

A betting pool in the Shack is laying 5 to 1 that the ancient yearn of the freshman who, confused by the pillars in front of the Delta Gamma House, buzzed the bell and asked the house-mother if this was the administration building, will again appear on the campus. So far there have been no takers, since this amiable antique has been a yearly favorite ever since the dive was constructed.

The gigantic Clark Foundation Survey of the Migratory Habits of College Freshmen was released today. This stupendous undertaking, involving at least 1,471 man-hours of investigative work in the College Side, reveals in its summary that:

Fully 421 of the 952 freshmen entering the University of Oregon fall term of 1936, or nearly all of the male applicants, are attending college because (a) they will get better jobs when they graduate, or (b) they will make contacts that will be invaluable in the business world, or (c) they couldn't get a job at home.

Fully 97 per cent of the women entering are attending college because (a) it's the thing to do, or (b) they want to acquire social background, viz. "culture," or (c) university women marry a better class of people.

Significant trends are seen in the cases of Homer Blenkinsop, Sigma Chi rushee, who is here because he got on the wrong train, and Godfrey Pinkus, prospective journalism student, who is here because his mother married a Sigma Nu.

Informed observers are giving small credence to the hopefully advanced statement that fraternity rushing this year will be clean. Administration forces have pinned their faith on the ruthless severity of Thomas "Tiger" Tongue, practically a guarantee of a smooth surface appearance at least, and experts have agreed that under his rule there will be no unpleasant incidents. One observer admiringly declared that "Though it may not be clean, it'll sure LOOK clean with Tongue at the helm." It is felt that Tongue will have little trouble maintaining discipline, since he has successfully lived down the night-shirt and Valentine's Day episodes of several seasons back.

Neatest trick of the pre-rushing period according to subterranean reports is the deal involving the A.T.O. pledge who became a Chi

Psi in order to keep on eating. The Alpha Psis were in on this indirectly, though they know little about it, and the odor of old Cheddar is once more wafting across the campus. Al "Wailing" Wall is keeping quiet like a mouse, while the boys on the hill beat their heads against the walls and lament their lagging foot-work.

The Phi Psi house, after a summer spent in co-educational activity, has relaxed once more into its normal "for-mer-only" status and Frenchie Lacau has his bed back.

When word reached Los Angeles that Bob "Can I Help It" Prescott's pin had found a resting place on a Eugene bosom, the temporary coolness noted last spring in the Jeffer's heart gave way before maidenly wrath and anguish. News that the dam had broken reached Prescott several weeks ago and he immediately left for the south on the first freight, abandoning pin, parents and job without a word of warning. He was in such a hurry to reach L.A. that he passed up a free airplane ride from Medford on down. There have been no progress reports to date, but nobody has seen Casanova Junior in Eugene yet.

It is definitely reported that the Chi Omegas will NOT use the

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