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## Successful? Yes, But.....

THE curtain has gone down on what has probably been the most smoothly conducted rush week in the history of Oregon fraternities. A new rushing plan, the product of many a night of weary lucubration by members of last year's interfraternity council, has stood on trial and won the general verdict "excellent" from all who remember the hot charges and counter-charges that were flung over the campus this time last year.

What a time they had last year! At the close of a rough and tumble rush week charges were brought against five or six houses who were thought to be the chief offenders against interfraternal decency. Followed then a month or so of heated bickering ending with the refusal of the accused houses to pay the fines levied against them.

We don't mean to say that, in contrast, rushing activities this fall went off without a hitch, for that is not exactly true. The new system is by no means perfect and there is even reason for doubting the wisdom of one of its major features.

LAST year the interfraternity council recognized the prevalence of certain abuses in the way fraternities rushed and pledged their men. The council was compelled to notice both the great absence of sportsmanship in interfraternal relations and the disregard showed by individual fraternities for the welfare of rushees.

The most flagrant abuses were "holding out," hiding a rusher where rival fraternities could not reach him; "date-breaking," prevailing upon a rusher unwisely to break his rushing engagements in favor of a single house; "knocking other fraternities," telling a rusher stories damaging to the reputation of other organizations; "pin-planting," secretly giving a rusher a pledge button binding him to pledge before he may legally do so; and "hot-boxing," submitting rushers to various high pressure methods of persuasion.

With these unethical practices in mind, the interfraternity council set out to draw up a new set of

rushing rules. In drafting the new code extensive use was made of an investigation by Stanley King of Pi Kappa Alpha who had spent weeks in studying the procedure on other campuses. Also considered was the plan advanced by Bill Corman of Phi Sigma Kappa, the main feature of which was the "sealed bid."

WHAT happened when this plan was put into play?

Have the old abuses been corrected? This is the important question. And, briefly, the answers is "Yes, but . . ."

Yes, in many respects the plan has been successful. There can be no doubt but that the new plan, insisting as it does upon the close registration and supervision of freshmen, has done away with "hold-outs" and "date-breaking." And "knocking of rival fraternities" also apparently disappeared in the fine spirit with which the new rules were executed.

But "pin-planting" and "hot-boxing," the two abuses that the "sealed bid" was to obviate—well, they are still with us.

Some two weeks ago the Emerald, in a superlative mood, declared its hope that a "sealed bid" might do away with the "hot-box." Our hopes were poorly answered. "Hot-boxing" took place almost as though the new rules had never been heard of.

And the charge of "pin-planting" was gracefully side-stepped by persuading rushers to sign written promises to pledge.

IT looked swell on paper. But, like many a grand design, translated into a working reality the "sealed bid" plan revealed its short-comings. Last spring it was conceded that the drawbacks to the plan—including absence of a personal contact in pledging, in some respects valuable—would be more than offset if the plan were effective in preventing "hot-boxing" and "pin-planting."

We still have those two abuses, and now we are saddled with the additional problem: what are we to do with the "sealed bid" plan?

## Fascism, Communism Or Democracy?

THE eruption of fascist-communist riots in London and Paris on Monday should renew in John American's mind fears of the trouble two extremes of political thought can provide.

Unquestionably the trend in Europe today is toward a class warfare, rather than, as has heretofore been true, disputes between nations; and the danger to the American democracy, though three thousand miles of water separate us from the storm and strife of our mother continent, is great and deserving of calm thought on the part of the citizens who can turn this country to radicalism of fascism.

MEN who have recently returned to the campus after months spent in Europe, have noted the birth of class warfare, which, in its present widespread effect, is unparalleled in the world's history. Fascists and communists beat each others' heads in from England to Rumania, with the exception of the countries which have already declared themselves for the Left or the Right. Spain is the present fever spot, but the malady is sorely felt throughout the continent, and probably will soon make of the most cultured nations in the world a giant apoplectic.

But we ourselves cannot "point with pride." The presidential election of 1936 has shown, for the first time in America's history a class split that accounts for the varying results achieved by the Literary Digest and Fortune magazine polls. The Digest, with its straw votes sent principally to property owners, shows a definite Landon trend, while Fortune, which sends out personal interviewers to laborers and relief workers, shows an equal drift towards Roosevelt.

DEMOCRACY is engaged in its crucial test now in Great Britain and France. America is scheduled to follow. Whether we are able to maintain the political equilibrium of our fathers, or stamped into a form of dictatorship, may depend a great deal upon the million young Americans who are now in schools of higher education in the United States. If democracy is to succeed, young America must be convinced of its efficacy.

ing, or should "take arms against" this bold-faced go-by of my senior dignity, which I do radiate, I assure you, I am not prepared to say. But just you wait.

The second (these are still the threefold stuff) was when the staff over at Ye Igloo examined me for possible heartbeats, possible blood pressure, possible evidences of something which I again hasten to assure you I certainly am not. One of the boys over there was really quite amusing, quite clever, I thought. He was doing some of the examining and his hands were easily the coldest I have ever had the pleasure of having had run over me (that's rather well put I'd say). And whenever anybody giggled or gasped at his touch he'd murmur, "Yaaaaa—the paws that refreshes." Really very effective, yaaaaa.

All of which brings me to the crack I've been saving for you—that is, for some of you. It seems that one Frank Nugent, reviewing "The General Died at Dawn" for the N. Y. Times, claimed that Clifford Odets had let his leftist admirers down with it. The quip, to wit: "Odets, where is

thy sting." And to this, which you will remember from Walter Winchell (I'm just a bit sentimental about this one): The colored lady had on so many or-chids she looked like a well-kept grave.

And finally to this: "Honey in the Horn" must be a favorite hereabouts, but it's escaped me thus far . . . George Seldes, who wrote "Sawdust Caesar" okays "Hail Caesar," by his successor as Rome correspondent for a met daily . . . Both were kicked out of Italy—one way to fame and fortune apparently . . . Dr. Beall, the Italian prof (nomo—he's United States, through an' through) has an engaging habit of wanting to know "is this clear to anybody?"

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## Lloyd Ruff Helps Draft Flood Control Project

Lloyd Ruff, assistant in the geology department, this summer helped to draft the geological reports of the Willamette flood survey. This project, carried out by the United States army engineers, was under the direction of Ernest McKittrick, graduate of the geology department of the University. It was a preliminary survey of all tributaries of the Willamette, preparatory to building dams for flood control, irrigation, and power.

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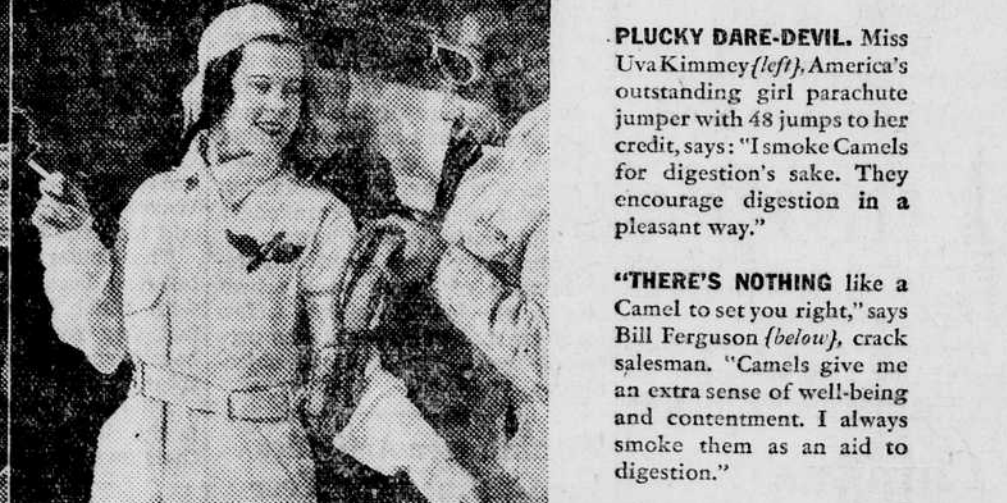


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