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Taking Guesswork out of Rushing

A long period of study and consideration reached its logical conclusion Thursday night when the interfraternity council decided to make its rushing chairman and secretary a permanent position with year to year continuity.

Exactly when the idea first occurred to the council is not known, but it should be some indication that Walt Miller, president of the council, was talking about the possibilities of such a plan within the first month of fall term. His principle was sound, namely that the lack of continuity in such organizational positions as rushing chairman was a near-fatal weakness. Cases in point were recent and plentiful.

THE post of rushing chairman is a peculiar one. The appointee, always a fifth-year man, is detailed by the council to supervise rushing, mostly in fall term, to see that the rules are enforced and that everything runs as it should. In every case the appointee has never had the job before and obviously has to start from scratch in learning it. The only way he can even find out what to do is to consult the man who did it the year before and try to piece together enough material to begin with. Under such conditions the rushing chairman has invariably started behind the eight ball with a colossal lack of knowledge of what he is about to do; he must and does get the idea very quickly, before having been exposed to the flood of rushing very long.

Dynasty Dies Young

ONE of the most certain things about rules which look good before they are put into practice is that they will be revised after they have been tried awhile. For a case in point the yell king situation is a fresh and valid example.

Not quite a year ago new rules governing the election of the yell king were passed. Included therein were provisions making the yell dukes the only line of succession. In other words, anyone who never became a yell duke could never become yell king. The theory here was that one should grow up in the job, that training was required, and that seniority should be worth something.

Whatever else may be apparent about the change it is undeniable that the new way is democratic, which the former arrangement was not. A chance is thus afforded to widen the field of competition away from the closed corporation idea.

In making such a position permanent, to be administered by a young faculty member, the council has taken a long step toward stabilizing the handling of rushing. Many of the old evils attendant upon rushing have disappeared in recent years, but there is still room for improvement, which means the new rushing chairman will have an opportunity to accomplish much.

HOWEVER, the council has thus committed itself to another example of advisory seniority. The new secretary, being more or less of a fixture, will in a year or two outrank everyone else on the council in experience and seniority. This is also an advantage. His advice will carry more weight than the rest of the council put together. Or at least this will happen unless previously provided in the articles which make the job permanent. There is a question as to whether the council could afford to let any of its already none too substantial power get away. Apparently this point is acceptable, for the step has already been taken.

Next thing for the council to do is to find a young faculty member who is not a member of a local fraternity, who has enough of a mind of his own to kowtow to neither the senior faculty nor the interfraternity council, who is a good administrator, and who possesses all the best qualities of a first-class diplomat.

In making this decision the committee was faced with many problems. In fact it was questions which could never be satisfactorily answered which brought the reversal, such as what happened to the sophomore yell duke or junior who failed to become yell king, how long was the tenure of the yell duke, and why should not just anyone be given the opportunity? The Gordian knot was cut with the new provision.

REJECTION of the closed corporation idea in the yell squad may be a warning to other kindred activities that the ground underfoot is getting shaky. The rally committee is not the only other example of closed corporation, in which there is no short cut to the top except through the ranks, but the principle is apparent in this instance.

It is difficult to build fences around activities of this type, where the question of whether training is needed is debatable. There is always the possibility that there is better material outside the fence than within the pale.

Regardless of the ethical or other considerations, the fact remains that there is still no yell leader, but at least the ball is rolling at last and the end is in sight.

Behind the 8 BALL

With JACK BRYANT

Geraldine Donovan loomed as the obstruction to a clear swing by the big sororities for Little Colonel honors last night. Rumors have been circulating the campus that several of the larger men's houses and the smaller coed living organizations are revolting against the "big four" and plan to put in an independent.

Side Glances
Sigma Chi promoting a bridge tournament . . . Alice Lucas, Gamma Phi glamor girl . . . Bette Peterson, career woman . . . Now Frank Gray is wondering why he and his Pi Phi haven't been mentioned recently . . . June Olson, new Tri Delt pledge . . . Charlotte Collins now calls one roommate Kappa and the other Sig after they sheared some of her locks . . . then there is Katie Bates, who threatens, "I dare you to say I'm the cutest girl on the campus!"

Social Mix
Best weekly informal get-together is the Susie-sponsored tea . . . you don't have to drink tea if you don't like it, and besides they have "scrupulous" cookies . . . Another of Miss Buchanan's promotions . . . Assistant Professor J. L. C. Ford makes everything clear by declaring, "I wrestle myself." How confusing . . . It is rumored that Roma Theobald is going steady with Joe Gurley.

Misery Loves Company
Fiji pledges took matters in their own hands Tuesday and beat the upperclassmen to the draw by getting their traditional pig-shave winter term instead of waiting for the compulsory shave spring term. "And were the upperclassmen scorched," they boast. One of the many English instructors patted himself on the back the other day as he gave his class a mid-term on the University catalog. "The best exam I've done," he commented.

'Fraid?
Is a certain Fiji a bit leary of Nancy Hay's five brothers? What happened to his Pi Phi? Bill Ehrman is taking flying lessons every time he gets enough money to pay for one . . . Fritz Kirkpatrick, Sigma Nu, spent some time in the infirmary and upon arriving home was greeted by a huge LILY! They won't say who sent it . . . Then there is Maxine Simpson's "Don't be silly," with an effective arch of the eyebrow.

Joe Gurley, who is getting a head start on the Whiskerino, is all for promoting a battle royal between the Supermen, Alley Oop, Mammy Yokum, and Pop-eye. Berger Rovick gets called down by his wife as some of his playmates play jokes . . . Connie Averill now has Bill Phelps following her . . . Jean Spearow, escorted by Bob Flavelle, entered the Siberian Sweetheart contest, but didn't know it until two days afterwards.

Helen Culp might soon sport Gerry Blagen's Fiji pin . . . Connie Morrill now sings, "My heart belongs to Cal." Butch Thompson, Sigma Chi women authority, takes out Norma Harris, another Marshfield prize.

They Did It
According to some law school authorities a thing isn't libel if it is true. Several witnesses tell the story the same way, so we print it, with the understanding that possibly it isn't true. To get on with the story, Bill Lubersky now ADMITS that he and some other law school buddies did, sometime, paint on the shack out in front of the morgue, (art museum) the following words: "New Student Union Building, Virgil Earl endowment." Now the student union committee is sore . . . CAN THEY SUE?

How quickly I sprout wings! Breathe it low, "You're sweet!" They drink it as a treat. The mascara on my eyes—It's a winner that I prize. Keep eyes moist with a sparkle, Keep the lips a sensuous red. Draw his arm about my waist, "Bump!" he fell like lead! A little kiss will quickly settle In your hands the golden metal. Now away before he's wise! Off to catch some other flies. —JAN BREVET

The BAND BOX

By BILL MOXLEY

Lovers of good music, swing or classical, should be sure to hear the music recital to be given next Tuesday evening by George Hopkins and Hal Young. Far from being dull or sedate, when Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Young give a concert they give a real show with enough color and variety to please everybody. Mr. Hopkins, in his "Suite Jazz," has a group of compositions which are tops in subtle rhythm and intriguing variations. The very titles speak for the exciting type of music: "Dusky Rhythm," "Black Diamonds," "Hum, Black Boy," "Moondown," and "Snake Eyes." These tunes sound as good as they look and their gentle swing tempos will please anybody with a sense of rhythm.

Funny Talk
When it comes to different professions acquiring a language all their own, the popular music magazines from around swing-conscious New York, just about win the prize. Happened to see a title under a picture of Jan Savitt the other day. It went something like this: "Young Man with a Fiddle. Jan Savitt stepped from years of deft stragistics for the longhairs to shuffled swingsties for the crewhairs and has since beaten his way out of this world." It must take years of training to be able to interpret a bit of lucid information like that.

Popularity Makers
College students are recognized as the price-establishing factor for young bands which are trying to get ahead in the musical world. Name bands play a total of about 1500 college proms a year which amounts to gross payments of around \$2,500,000. If a band can establish a collegiate popularity which brings it into the \$1500-a-date class, it can become a successful band on regular ballroom and theater dates.

An interesting sidelight on the re-popularization of classical melodies in modern arrangements is the effect it has on the compositions in their original form. The revival of "My Reverie" by Debussy, and "Our Love" by Tschalkowsky, increased the sale of other classical compositions of these composers by 300 per cent. The popularity of the modern version of "Martha" resulted in seventy-five extra performances of that opera in its original form!

A recent far-eastern poll on music tastes reports that people in the Pacific Northwest prefer the "hill-billy ballad" type of music.

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This Week's Church News

By BETTY JANE THOMPSON

With Wednesday being Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season, thoughts of church groups are turning to the Easter season and its elaborate and beautiful pageantry.

The first corporate communion service of the church will be held Sunday morning at 8 o'clock with emphasis being laid on student participation. After the service, the group will meet for breakfast.

A second in a series of meetings on international affairs will be held Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. With Jerry Osborne joining two of last week's leaders, Joe Jackson and Don Treadgold, the group will discuss the question "Should America Invoke a Trade Embargo Against Japan?"

'Everyman' Rehearsed
Rehearsals for the allegorical play "Everyman" have been under way for some time at Wesley club. Directed by Adrian Martin, the play will be presented at different churches between now and Easter, with local production scheduled for an evening service February 11.

While the drama club works on the play, the worship committee is planning services for Good Friday. Sunday evening Wesley club meeting will be the first in three on parables. Rev. Charles Funk, director, will speak on "Give and Forgive" at 7 o'clock.

College Religion Continued
The Plymouth club will continue their discussion of college students and religion with the topic "The Religion of a College Student" at a 7 o'clock meeting. At the morning hour, Rev. Williston Wirt will speak on "The Grace of God."

Dr. Edward Hulme Talks
Dr. Edward Hulme of Stanford university will preach Sunday morning at the Community Liberal (Unitarian) church. His subject will be "The Affirmations of Life." At the 4 o'clock drama hour Adrian Martin will present "The Drama of Job."

The young married group will meet at 6 o'clock, and at 7:30 Dr. H. G. Barnett, instructor in anthropology, will speak at an open forum on "White Civilization and Native People."

Debated Article Discussed
"The Failure of the Church," the article in Fortune and the editorial in the Christian Century which created a heated debate recently, will be the topic for consideration at Westminster house Sunday evening at 6:30. Bob Knox will be leader. Catherine Lauris is in charge of the 6 o'clock tea hour.

Adrian Martin will speak at the 9:45 group Sunday morning on "Religion and Drama." During the week the group will have charge of the morning worship period over KORE at 7:45. Those taking part are Jack Newton, Peggy Lou Smith, Elaine Nelson, Catherine Lauris, Relta Lea Powell, and Bob Knox.

Mrs. Turnipseed Speaks
Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed, director of dormitories, will speak at the Lutheran Student association meeting at 6 o'clock in the YW bungalow. Dorothy Lou Simonsen and Martin Schedler are in charge of the evening's meeting.

A trip to the snow line is scheduled for next weekend with Orin Wechsler, Doris Hanson, Dave Hunter, Kenneth Erickson, and Hortense Alaska in charge.

Philosophy Prize Named for Rebec

To be known as the George Rebec prize, \$25 will be awarded annually to the undergraduate student writing the best essay on a philosophical topic. Dr. H. G. Townsend, head of the department of philosophy, announced Friday morning.

The honorary prize was established by friends of Dr. George Rebec who has been connected with the department of philosophy and the graduate division at the University since 1912.


Serving first as professor of philosophy and head of the department, Dr. Rebec was also director of the Portland extension division and dean of the graduate school. In 1933 when the state system of higher education was reorganized he became director of the graduate division for the state system.

Of the establishment of the prize Dr. Townsend said: "It seems particularly appropriate to endow a philosophical prize in his name because of his devotion to the ideal of making a philosophy the symbol of the most reasonable, the most reasonable, the most tolerant and the best way of life for all men whatever their occupation."

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A YEAR IN A DAY

By WES SULLIVAN

1914
January 6—The senior class is starting a race to see who can raise the largest moustache.
A new kind of dance called the tango has hit Oregon. The faculty is worried whether the new step is proper.
January 8—Track Coach Bill Hayward has been taking motion pictures of his track team in action for the past few months. He is starting on a state-wide tour shortly to display the result.
Seniors' Moustaches Avenged
The junior class while dedicating their class fountain to the University made some rather caustic remarks about the seniors' new moustaches. They even went so far as to produce a painting of four of the largest crops backed up by the faces of their owners. The general result was that the juniors' spokesman was tied to the senior bench and given a large moustache of blue paint. A few other insurgent juniors cooled off in the mill-race.
January 15—The PanHellenic council is considering installing house mothers in the Universities fraternities.

Students Lost at Spencer's Butte
January 20—Four University students were lost near the base of Spencer's Butte last night. Because of a prowling cougar they had to spend most of the night in a tree.
January 24—The first talking picture ever made will be presented in Eugene the day after tomorrow.
February—Jack-the-Grabber, who has been terrorizing University coeds for many years was almost captured by Henry Heidenreich, a junior, as he was coming home last night. He heard the screams of two girls and raced to their aid. The man, whom he described as short and wearing a derby, escaped as he heard the approaching footsteps.
Medical School Gets Campus
March 9—Portland, Oregon—A tract of land comprising about 20 acres on Terwilliger heights has been set aside as a campus site for the University of Oregon Medical school.
March 17—The interfraternity council was formed today.
May 9—Preliminary sketches have been made and work is

In the Mail

L'AMOUR, TOUJOURS
Mister Editor:
Hate to cast any shadow on Miss Angell's news-note but I do think she should check a few bull-sessions before making rash leads. The dominant and almost exclusive topic of male gatherings is still "women" while females still puzzle verbally into the night over "men." Fees come and go but human nature is static.
As usual,
J. P.
Note—Angel was only working on the principle that news is something where there are some new answers. There are few new ones concerning what "J. P." claims is number one on any week's conversational hit parade.
IN THE FALL
Ha, they do not know it—How I love to fish! This is their dish! "You know so many things," ready to begin on the new administration building. The actual construction will get under way sometime before June 10.