Rush Plan Reconsidered



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Gunmen Attack Truman

WASHINGTON—(/P)—Two gunmen—identified by the secret service as members of the Puerto Rican Nationalist party—were shot down yesterday while charging on Blair House "with the purpose of shooting the President."

President Truman was taking a nap in an upstairs room of the temporary executive mansion at the time.

One of the men, identified as Criselio Torresola, was killed in a furious exchange of shots with guards at the President's home. Three of the guards were wounded.

The secret service said Torresola carried two letters from the head of Puerto Rico's violently anti-United States party, Pedro Albizu Campos.

The other gunman was wounded.

Gunman Identified

U. E. Baughman, chief of the secret service, identified him as Oscar Collazzo, 37, of 173 Brook Avenue, The Bronx, New York. Shot in the chest, he may live.

Torresola, a young man, also from New York, was killed instantly. A bullet passed through his head from ear to ear.

Two of the White House officers were in "very serious" condition. Baughman said Collazzo told secret service agents:

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For Tomorrow Night

HOMECOMING HOSTESS Lee De Jarnette is being shown plans of the Sigma Phi Epsilon and Kappa Kappa Gamma proposed noise parade float. This picture was taken in the Kappa basement. Scenes such as this one may be seen throughout the campus where decorations have to be constructed to be safe from rain.

Noise Parade Begins at 6 p.m.; Oregon Band to Lead Floats

The annual Homecoming noise parade will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, where floats are to be lined up, Roger Nudd, parade chairman, announced Wednesday.

The parade will be led by the University band, which will be lined up on University St. at 19th. Floats are to line up behind the band in the order of their appearance to the area.

The parade will turn south from University street to 19th, west

on 19th to Alder, north on Alder to 13th. At this location floats will be stopped and one will be allowed to proceed through the judging area at a time

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ERALD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1950 NUMBER 30 Frosh Athlete Loss Cited by Aiken; IDC, IFC, Confer

Loss and prospective loss of freshman athletes prompted dormitory and fraternity men Wednesday to reconsider the men's rushing and pledging program.

Student Body President Barry Mountain and Head Football Coach Jim Aiken, with other members of the athletic department, appeared before members of the Interfraternity Council Tuesday night and the Council of Men's Dormitories Wednesday afternoon, to explain how the rushing and pledging program now in effect is reacting within the ranks of freshman athletes.

The football coach said he had "no intention of interfering in student politics," but he wanted the two groups to know how their present policy was affecting freshman athletes.

Aiken told both groups that because of the "hands off' policy, the freshmen "think Oregon is unfriendly. Many of the freshman athletes," Aiken continued, "call themselves untouchables."

Aiken informed the two groups that he had spent several hours in the dormitories Monday night talking to freshman football players. He told the group that many of the yearling athletes have already made up their minds to leave the University because of the unfriendly atmosphere.

The head coach pointed out the instance in which frosh quarterback. John Spreen has already withdrawn from school, and returned home. "We have lost at least two athletes already," Aiken added, "and I'm sure more will leave if this situation continues."

Old Policy Discussed

The situation the athletic mentor referred to was the "hands off" policy by which, under penalty of fines, no fraternity member is allowed any social contact with freshman men. The rules putting that policy into effect were drawn up by the Interfraternity Council following adoption by the IFC and the IDC last year.

The Council of Men's Dorms Wednesday afternoon, after hearing Aiken, Mountain, and other athletic department officials, drew up a proposed rushing program which would permit fraternities to rush and pledge within the next three weeks. (For the complete proposed program see page 6, column 4.)

Under the IDC proposal, fraternities may rush and pledge for a period of eight days between now and Nov. 22. Following that time, no further rushing may be held until the second week in winter term and the second week in spring term.

The program was submitted to the IFC late Wednesday night for approval. Mountain said it was only a temporary program, intended to remain in effect until the end of spring term.

Aiken, talking to members of the IFC Tuesday night, pointed out that in the past years freshmen, especially many of the athletes, have pledged fraternities and have participated in fraternity functions.

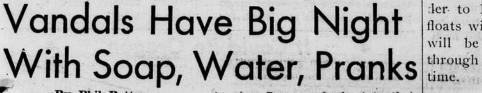
New 'Cold Shoulder'

"Then they didn't have any desire to leave Oregon," he added. Now, according to Aiken, freshmen tell him that they are shunted by upperclassmen.

"When the freshman athletes come into the Student Union and see fraternity men they know on the teams, they go over to talk to them. But, after polite remarks, the fraternity men excuse themselves and leave."

will be allowed to proceed Both meetings were called by ASUO President Mountain, who invited through the judging area at a Aiken and other members of the athletic department to talk to the two groups. Mountain and Aiken discussed the problem Tuesday morning.

Mountain and Aiken told the Emerald that some repercussion has come from outside the University. Alumni have called both men, asking what has happened.



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The city of Eugene—battered, bruised, and buffeted—is still recovering from an onslaught of Hallowe'en pranks Tuesday night.

The fire department reported more than 15 fire plugs were broken open; arterial stop signs were pulled down. Fraternities invaded sororities while the sororities were out soaping fraternity house windows; vandalism, tubbing, waterbagging, and mass raids were prevalent.

All was not peace and quiet in the independent's realm, either. Someone moved a small car up against the door of John Straub dining hall, jamming it in between two posts. Anyone strolling down Onyx by the dorm Tuesday night was in danger of being waterbagged.

Greeks Celebrated

But it was the Greeks who really went to town. Zeta Tau Alpha reported that they came downstairs last night—to investigate some strange noises—and found their furniture being dragged onto the porch by some men and there being thoroughly soaked.

The Pi Phi's had a long report

to give. Someone broke into their sun porch, and swiped a davenport; there were men all over the sleeping porches; one of the Pi Phi benches was found in a nearby tree, and another was located by the library. They also found a jeep had been parked on their front lawn, and two "no parking"

signs were resting beside it.

On the good side of the ledger for a moment, the Fiji's, SAE's and Campbell Club members took turns guarding the large parking lot on Alder street all night. This was done to prevent a repetition of last year, when sand was poured into gas tanks and other tricks were pulled on unsuspecting auto owners. This year, as a result of this patrol, only a few soaped windows resulted.

Beds Disappear

Alpha Phi residents were all at the Sigma Nu house, helping in a party for children of Eugene. They returned—under heavy escort as they had heard there were some men waiting for them—to find their bedding had been dumped out of the sleeping porch windows.

Sigma Kappa, with its acres of (Please turn to page seven)

Judges will be located on the

All floats must enter University from 13th. University will be blocked off at 15th, 18th, and 19th Sts.

If it is raining when floats are lined up Friday for the parade, decorations will be judged immediately after the parade starts. Other phases of the parade will be judged in the oneblock judging area.

Student Union lower porch and the judging area will be between 13th and 14th streets. The location of the judges here will enable a large crowd to gather. The lower porch and terrace will be available for students and Alumni. However, Nudd has requested that living organizations which are located along the parade route (Please turn to page seven)

Oregana Schedule. .

Oregana picture schedule: Thursday: Zeta Hall, Stan Ray Hall

No pictures will be scheduled Friday because of Homecoming activities. Mountain told the Emerald Wednesday afternoon that he felt it was in the interests of the entire student body to present the problem and try to solve it before any more athletes leave because of the rushing program.

Mountain said: "The deferred rushing program as set up last year has obviously failed to accomplish the ends we had hoped it would."

First indication that things were not running too smoothly in the deferred rushing program came Monday night when the tribunal of the Inter-fraternity Council met to discipline members of the group which had violated the rushing regulations.

Frosh Athletes Disciplined

At that time, eight fraternities were fined. Eighteen freshmen, most of whom were athletes, were denied pledging privileges, pending appeal. Four of the eighteen, including Spreen, were originally denied all privileges to pledge or rush any house for the entire year.

Reaction from within fraternity circles caused the IFC Tuesday night to dispense with the tribunal and use the entire IFC as a body to hear complaints as to rushing violations.

During the course of the investigations by the IFC Tribunal, it appeared that many of the violations had come about through contact between upperclass members of athletic teams with freshman athletes.

When Aiken appeared before the IFC Tuesday night, he told them that he had hoped that that body might be able to find some way to ease the strict rushing regulations.

Speaking for the Council, Glen Holden, former president of IFC, told Aiken that the "hands off" policy was not intended to discourage anyone from attending and enjoying Oregon. Holden added that the "hands, off" policy was set up primarily to protect the fraternities.

"When the original program was set up," Holden continued, "we wanted to hold rushing at the beginning of fall term. The IDC wanted it at, (Please turn to page seven)