Fraternity Rush System Revised

Agitation that was started eight or nine years ago by campus leaders who are now out in the business world to change rules regulating the fraternity rush system was finally culminated in January with the Board of Regents approval of a new rush code which will become effective next September.

Back in 1927 and 1928, Frank Dennis, '29as, through the columns of the Oklahoma Daily was advocating radical alterations of a "barbarous system." In the succeeding years through the student paper, its editors, Savo Lottinville, Paul Kennedy, Dick Pearce and those of more recent years, have annually cried for changes in the system that countenanced "hot boxes" and "high pressure salesmanship."

Although the new system which was proposed and battled through the Interfraternity council by Albert Kulp, '33law, Norman, retains many of the features of the old plan, it is a definite improvement on an archaic system.

After preliminary skirmishes in the Interfraternity council, the plan was finally debated openly in November, adopted in December and given the Board of Regents for approval in January. The regents voted to give the plan a trial next fall.

The new system is designed to protect students who come to Norman at the opening of the rush period with a determination to go through all the dates they have signed. It is also framed to make provisions for those students who already have selected the fraternity of which they wish to become a pledge.

Thus, fraternities will be less likely to "sweat box" these students, since the fraternities will realize they can not prevent them, under a strict penalty, from filling their other dates. Rushers will be offered bids at the time they are filling dates. At the close of six dates they will report to a second assembly in the auditorium where they must decide finally which fraternity they wish to pledge.

Those who signify they do not wish to go all the way through rush may pledge at any time they wish after the
Branan in Race for Legislature
Herbert Branan, '32a, Muskogee, has entered the state legislative race in Muskogee county and promises to make primary activities interesting in his county.
Branan was interested in philosophical problems when he attended the University and was one of the mainstays in the Philosophy club. He also was active in the Indian club and Y. M. C. A. work. After graduation, he organized the Sooner Alumni club in his vicinity of the state.
The Muskogee Phoenix said of Branan: "An active leader in work of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, Branan is an ordained minister of that denomination."

"Branan, a graduate of Muskogee Central High school and of the University of Oklahoma, said that he intended to base his candidacy on taxation reforms and a sensible school policy which would permit a full term for every school in the state."

"For the first time a candidate for any office, Branan was president of the Muskogee League of Young Democrats in 1927. He is now president of the Sooner club and active in church work. He is engaged in the real estate business."

Radio Short-Course Planned
A two-day short course in writing for the radio has been announced for February 2 and 3 by Phantom Mask, honorary radio dramatic fraternity, through its president Bruce Wiley, '34eng. Class meetings will be held in the Oklahoma Union and will be open to the public.
The short course was designed to assist persons planning to enter original radio dramas in the state contest sponsored by Phantom Mask. The contest will close March 3, 1934.

Speakers for the short-course include Gayle Grubes, manager of WKY, Oklahoma City, Daryl McAllister, WKY program manager, Wayne Campbell, head of the Oklahoma City University dramatic art department, Rupel J. Jones, head of the University dramatic art school, Homer Heck, '31x, dramatic coach for WNAD, University station, and John Dunn, University dramatic art professor.

New Fraternity On Campus
A chapter of Theta Kappa Phi, national social fraternity, has been installed at the University. The charter was granted in January to Delta Phi Epsilon, local petitioning group.
As well as eleven charter members and seven pledges Theta Kappa Phi has three honorary members: Most Reverend Francis Kelley, bishop of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, T. Austin Gavin, Tulsa attorney, and Reverend Joseph Hallissy, chaplain of Mater Admirabilis student chapel in Norman.