

Columbia University Fraternities At War

NEW YORK.—An Associated Press reporter is authority for the fact that Columbia university has a frat war on its hands. And Mr. Grundy is said to have done it.

Says the reporter:
"Mr. Grundy, former senator of

Pennsylvania, told western senators from states not so thickly populated they 'ought to talk darn small.'

The idea got to Columbia and the daily studnet paper translated it into college language for the edification of fraternities whose equipment consisted of a name, by-laws, and maybe a couple of chairs in a dormitory.

Until then the oldest and strongest fraternities were more or less content

with the interfraternity council which enforced an agreement to regulate rushing and other such campus business. Not unlike the western senators, the smaller fraternities talked as they pleased—and the war began.

Fifteen of the largest societies withdrew from the council and drew up a new agreement which provides, among other things, that weaker fraternities can talk only as much as their size and

stability are worth.

For further complication Beta Theta Pi washed its hands of the whole affair and announced independence of any and all groups. Thirteen fraternities remain in the council.

Actual hostility is not looked for until the next rushing season when, under the present arrangement, 'rushing' will turn into 'sandbagging.'

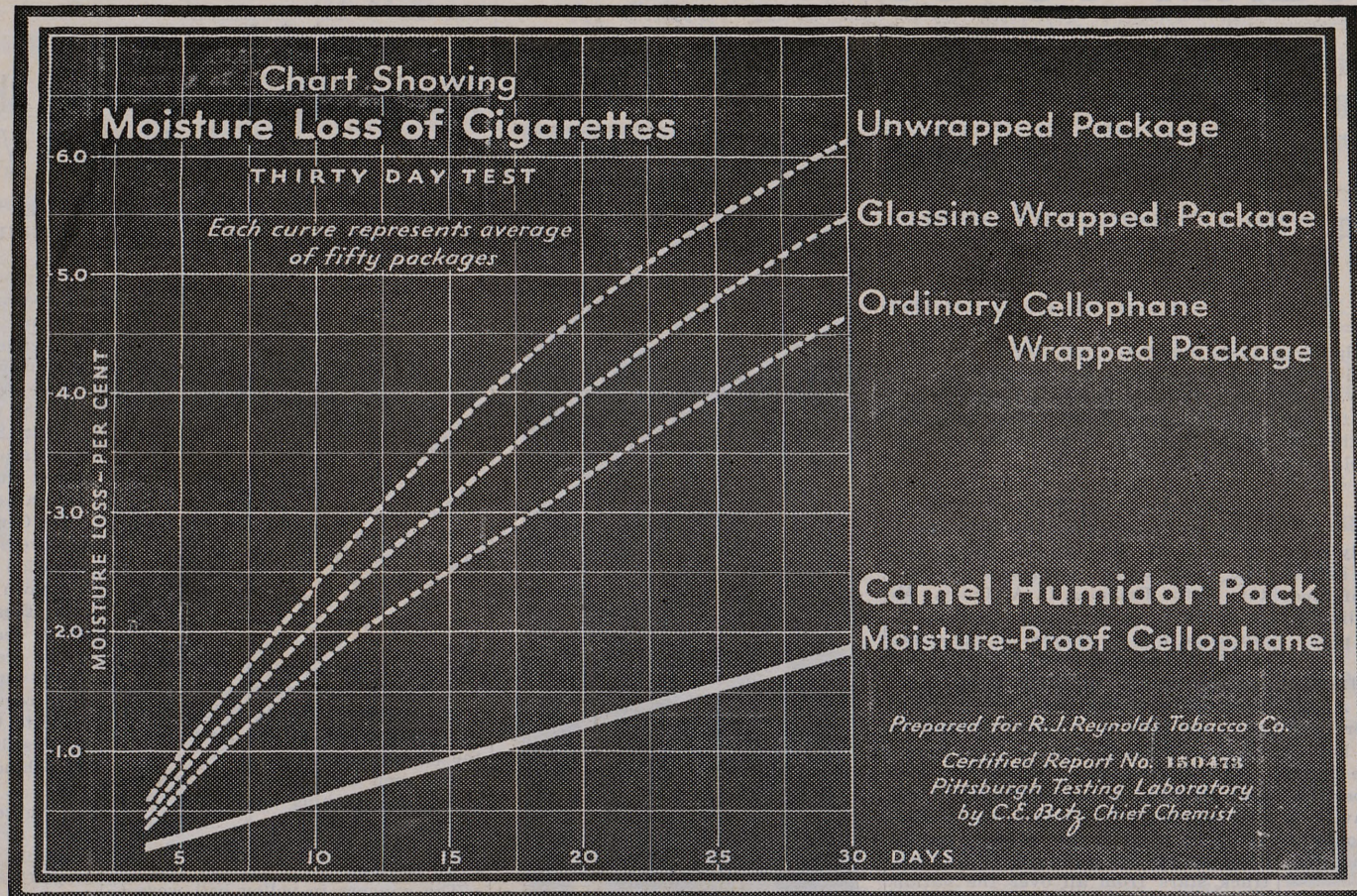
'Sandbagging,' students explained, is a process whereby upper classmen, spotting an eligible freshman, attempt to get him into their fraternity 'by fair means or foul.'

It is a process not conducive to peace of mind on the part of the unsophisticated frosh.

The old agreement was made in 1925."

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