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THE REAL IDEALS

In a recent issue of The Nebraskan we spoke of the principles upon which fraternities were founded and of the manner in which they have been forgotten.

Fraternities, we think, strive for the following things: Social prestige, Conformity, Special polish, Public respectability, Grades.

The social prestige of the fraternity is chiefly responsible for its strength and permanency. Most college students today regard the fraternity as the sure road to popularity and social success.

The strongest influence of the fraternity is exercised for conformity. Freshmen who deviate from the conventional mode of dress or actions are promptly disciplined.

Public respectability is desired. While drinking is usually discouraged the greatest crime is to be found out.

Grades are usually desired, not as an indication of intelligence or true scholarship, but to raise the fraternity's standing in the comparative list.

From the fact that fraternities fail to live up to their ideals one need not infer that the institution is an entire failure.

But the principles listed above are the real ideals of the fraternities of today. If the fraternity men would recognize this and cease to spout in fine generalities, they would not only be honest with themselves, but they might also do something to better the principles.

NOT WORRIED

Floyd Simonton, of the University of Kansas, refused to accept a Phi Beta Kappa key because he considered the prevalent system of grading a false criterion of scholarship and a dangerous foundation for intellectual idealism and achievement.

"In the last three years, so far as I am aware, only three students have declined to accept membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Two of these were women.....During the same period, we have had about 6,000 acceptances; hence the declinations do not bulk very large and Phi Beta Kappa is not at all worried.....It is a very simple matter, of course, for a young man to manifest a supercilious attitude toward Phi Beta Kappa.....You can readily see that we do not worry at all when they take this attitude. Phi Beta Kappa will not miss them."

It is a poor reply for the secretary of the great scholastic fraternity to make. It neither weakens the convictions of those who agree with Mr. Simonton nor strengthens the arguments for Phi Beta Kappa and the grading system.

Many believe that Mr. Simonton's charges against things as they are are valid, but few have seen fit to consistently act in accord with such convictions. The national secretary is right when he says that Phi Beta Kappa need not worry at present.

AT LAST

One sorority recently started something new at Nebraska by inviting "stags" to its formal dancing party. The stage's presence made possible what are known as "cut-in" dances. This plan has been used in many other colleges and universities throughout the country.

Social functions at Nebraska have come into a peculiar state, especially those which are formal. The man very seldom dances with anyone except his guest and therefore the woman usually does not dance with anyone except her escort.

When someone asks what the student expects to get out of college the answer will invariably include "a broad acquaintanceship, many good friends I would not otherwise make."

But we have lost sight of this purpose. There is almost no attempt made by the guests to acquaint themselves with the other guests and with the hosts or hostesses.

THE CULTURED AFRAMERICAN

The difficult situation in which the educated colored people of America may find themselves is discussed by L. M. Hussey in the current issue of The American Mercury.

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lie institutions as the University of Nebraska.

Mr. Hussey reports that in the south, the cultured negro is thwarted by such a strong social fabric of prejudice that he is ever tempted to migrate northward.

In the North the condition of these negroes is so completely reversed that the dangers are equally serious. Poets, musicians, and painters whose race caused neglect in the South, are recipients of excessive notoriety in northern cities.

Despite these conditions, Mr. Hussey is optimistic. In concluding, he writes, "no other race is so persistent, or so sharply cynical. By virtue of this saving cynicism the intelligent black who has escaped the rigors of Southern isolation, having come North, accepts the excessive plaudits of white men with a concealed grin.

On The Air

University Studio broadcasting over KFAB (340.7) Thursday, Feb. 11 9:30 to 9:55 a. m. Weather report by Prof. T. A. Blair.

Calendar

Thursday, February 11 Grace Coppock Tea, 4 to 6—Ellen Smith Hall. Women's Athletic Association Banquet—Ellen Smith Hall.

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quett—Ellen Smith Hall.

Friday, February 12 Kappa Sigma Formal—Roseville. Pi Kappa Alpha—House dance. Alpha Tau Omega Formal—Lincoln Hotel.

Saturday, February 13 Basketball Game—Creighton College. All University Valentine Party—Armory.

Phi Sigma Kappa—House dance. Delta Zeta—House dance. Phi Delta Theta—House dance. Beta Theta Pi—House dance. Alpha Gamma Rho—House dance. Phi Gamma Delta—House dance.

Notices

Pershing Rifles Tryouts Tryouts for the Pershing Rifle Company will be held at five o'clock today.

Union Literary Society Union Literary Society will hold an open meeting, Friday at 8:30, at the Union Hall in the Temple.

Tassels Tassels will meet Thursday at 12 o'clock for University Night rehearsal.

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Lutheran Bible League Lutheran Bible League will have a Social meeting Friday, February 12 at 8 o'clock, in the Temple 204.

Iron Sphinx Iron Sphinx pictures will be taken February 10, at 12:15, Campus studio.

Freshman Bible Class The Freshman Bible Class will not meet this Thursday night.

Education Students All Students registered in the Department of Educational Service, see that there is a copy of the schedule of your classes on file in the office.

Math. Club There will be a Social Meeting of the Math. Club in Faculty Hall at the Temple, Thursday, February 11, at 7:00 o'clock.

Engineers Important meeting of the Chemical Engineers, Thursday at 7:30, in Chemistry Hall 102.

Delian Literary Society A Valentine Kid Party will be given by the Delian Literary Society, Friday, February 12, at 8:30 in Faculty Hall.

Komensky Club A business meeting of the Komensky Club, Thursday, February 10, at 7:00.

Commercial Club Commercial Club picture will be taken Friday, February 12, at 12:30 at Campus studio.

Corn Cobs Corn Cob meeting, Thursday at 7:00 at the Temple. All members must be present for University Night rehearsal.

Delta Omicron Monthly business meeting of Delta Omicron, Thursday, at 7:15, at Ellen Smith Hall.

Kappa Phi Kappa Phi meeting at Ellen Smith Hall, Thursday evening, February 11. A musical program to be given. All Methodist girls invited.

Celebrate Eleventh Centenary The University of Pavia in Italy, which is known to be the oldest university in Europe, recently celebrated its eleventh centenary.

Many Men Defective Only 35 per cent of the 680 men at Syracuse university are physically fit. Flat feet and defective eyesight are the common defects.

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