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NOT SO DUMB

Seniors and juniors who like to wave their hands and say, "Oh, HE'S just a freshman!" received a jolt yesterday morning, if they were really awake when they read the announcement by the sophomore and freshman presidents that no class committees will be appointed this semester.

While the dignified, intellectual, cynical, practical, and logical seniors and juniors continue a practice so silly that every single person on the campus can enjoy the joke, the underclassmen calmly proceed to abolish it. It takes a "mere freshman" to brand the practice as useless!

The seniors announced their committees a usual, being careful to do so early in the semester in order that the appointees may have plenty of time in which to do nothing. The juniors came forth with the customary long list of names, solemnly declared that they intend to "do something," held a secret meeting, and made the sensational and astounding announcement that they will sponsor a Junior Prom. This is indeed a worthy project, but it may interest Daily Nebraskan readers to know that the proposal had already been advanced and considered at a meeting of one of the junior class societies.

All of which indicates that the freshmen and sophomores aren't "so dumb" after all. The freshman president did not even go the trouble to call a meeting to talk about it. The sophomore president called a meeting on the remote chance that the members of his class might care to attend, found that none but the politicians did, and quickly reached the conclusion that the thing might as well be dropped.

If the juniors and seniors haven't sense enough to know that a corpse cannot be brought to life again, we can console ourselves with the thought that the upperclassmen who will take their places have that much intelligence at least.

The outlook for the future is so brightened by this action, that we are tempted to join the eternal "bigger and better" brigade. The University of Nebraska will be a great school a few years from now. The freshmen and sophomores are exhibiting horse sense, University Night is beginning to amount to something. Rent-a-Fords may soon be as obsolete as the horse and buggy, and the Daily Nebraskan is receiving nearly enough student-opinion letters to fill the editorial page.

Hurrah! Hurrah!

IN REPLY

"A Fraternity Man" contributes a letter to the "Other Opinions" column today which is well worth reading. He objects to a statement concerning the number of fraternity men and non-fraternity men who are graduated, which was made in the editorial column of The Daily Nebraskan last Sunday.

The information which he believes is inaccurate was obtained from Dr. R. J. Pool, chairman of the Interfraternity Council, who made a similar statement (if the author's memory is correct) at a meeting of the council. Possibly the impression was secured, as "A Fraternity Man" suggests, from the records of an individual fraternity. The facts which our correspondent has gone to the trouble to dig out are interesting, and we suggest that some of the interested fraternity members whom he believes should be allowed to solve the problem make a further investigation, covering the records for the past five or ten years.

"A Fraternity Man", evidently assumes that the editorial which he criticizes was written by the editor of The Nebraskan, who is not a fraternity member. It was written, however, by a contributing editor of this newspaper who is an active member of one of the oldest fraternities on the campus and the representative of his organization in the Interfraternity Council.

We do not agree with his conclusion that persons outside of the fraternity "can do little to improve the situation, mostly because non-fraternity people do not, cannot and will not understand the problems of the fraternities. The real problem of

the fraternity, as Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn declared in an address here last winter, is the non-fraternity man. The relations between the Greeks and the bar are vital to the entire system. Both views are needed to fully understand the problem, and this newspaper is desirous of presenting both.

The writer also assumes that the editorial which appeared Sunday was antagonistic to the fraternity system. We regret that such an impression was created. It was intended as impartial, destructive and constructive criticism of the entire system. The author has given us the following signed statement of his aims:

"In writing the editorial, I had no intention of giving the impression that I am hostile to the fraternity system. It has, I think, great possibilities which are seldom realized. It was to point out its deficiencies, with the hope that they might be remedied, that I wrote the editorial."—Edward Morrow.

NEGRO LITERATURE

If negro literature is mentioned, many people think of Booker T. Washington. They have never read the work of any other great negro writer, and scarcely know that there are others. Negro Literature Week, which is being sponsored this week by Semper Fidelis of the University of Nebraska, will be worth while if it brings college students in contact with the writings of these people.

A list of recommended negro literature, prepared by the group sponsoring this movement, follows:

Poetry—American Negro Poetry, James Weldon Johnson; House of Falling Leaves, Wm. Stanley Braithwaite; Color, Countee Cullen; The Weary Blues, Langston Hughes; Harlem Shadows, Claude McKay; Bronze, Georgia Douglas Johnson. Fiction—House Behind the Cedars by Charles W. Chestnut; The Fire in the Flint, Walter F. White; There is Confusion, Jessie Fausett; Cane, Jean Toomer; Batuala, René Maran; The Conjure Woman, Charles Chestnut. General—The New Negro, Alain Locke; Gifts of Black Folk, W. E. B. DuBois; The Poetic Year, Wm. Stanley Braithwaite; Negro in Literature and Art, Benjamin Brawley.

WE SECOND THE MOTION!

"KEEPING UP"

Partly because of our zeal to get started and partly because we have not formulated any definite statement of the object of this column, it made its initial appearance yesterday unaccompanied by an explanation. We expect to continue it, and let you discover a purpose if you can. Things which others have said better than we are able, shall appear here from time to time. The article today is from The Daily Cardinal of the University of Wisconsin, and deals with a situation in the Big Ten which is practically duplicated in the Missouri Valley:

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all its zest and interest for them. "Who started this spring football practice anyway? Only one university had to start, the remainder were immediately forced to take it up in order to keep up. They were compelled to do it, they couldn't get behind Lizzie. Wisconsin was one of the last to take up spring practice and until it did the clamor for it was deafening, and any poor success at the game on the part of the Badgers was laid to failure to hold spring practice.

"Besides this 'keeping up with Lizzie' feature of spring practice there is the improvement of the game factor. More highly trained teams are placed on the field as a result and possibly the games are more perfectly played. But does this factor justify the amount of time and energy which men are forced to sacrifice for the sake of spring practice? Is it the purpose of universities to raise the standards of football? Would the sun make a good refrigerator? Spring practice aids materially in giving college football that taint of commercialism that has been so deplored recently. In demanding so much time and so much downright hard physical labor of the men who wish to make the team takes the game out of the category of sport for play and makes it a business, and the business is entirely too serious.

"Do football players like to get out for spring practice? Does spring practice give them more football than they want? Through personal contact with football players at Wisconsin we have been assured that they do not like it and neither do the coaches. Yet, as long as one university does it, all will have to do it to keep up, to be in the swim, and be able to win games.

"Action on this matter can only be in concert, taken at the meetings of the Big Ten coaches, just as action was taken to curtail the amount of the time spent in practice sessions. We hope that abolition of spring practice will be the next step."

On The Air

University Studio, broadcasting over KFAB (340.7) Wednesday, March 17 9:30 to 9:55 a. m. Weather report by Prof. T. A. Blair. Road report and Announcements. 10:30 to 11:00 a. m. "The Arrangement of the Furnishings in a Home," by Miss Edna Benson, Head of the Design Division, Department of Home Economics. 1:15 to 1:30 p. m. Address by Rev. Harold E. Fey, Christian Church Student Pastor, "The Dreamer."

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To the 82 Correspondents: Copies of the papers containing the signed stories are being distributed to you as fast as they arrive at Bulletin-Board III, in U 105A. The letters from editors will also be of interest to you.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Girl's Commercial Club There will be a business meeting of the Girl's Commercial Club at Social Science 102 Wednesday, March 17, at 5 o'clock.

Tassels The Tassels will meet Wednesday at 7:15 instead of Tuesday, at Ellen Smith Hall. Bring all money for the Cornhusker.

Math Club Math Club will meet Thursday, March 18, at 7:30 in Social Science 212.

Dramatic Club Dramatic Club will meet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Dramatic Club Rooms.

Lutherans The Bible League will meet for Bible study in Faculty Hall Wednesday at 7 o'clock.

Inter-Denominational Student Xi Delta Xi Delta will meet at Ellen Smith Hall at 7:15 Wednesday.

Musical numbers by Miss Ruth Grant, Contralto. 3:00 to 3:30 p. m. Sixth lecture of a Radio-Correspondence Course for credit on Act II, Scene I, of "The Philosophy of a Ranchman of Uz,"—an interpretation of the Book of Job, by Dr. F. A. Stuff, of the Department of English (Professional).

8:05 to 8:30 p. m. "Checking Up on Seeding Machinery," by E. E. Brackett, Professor of Agricultural Engineering.

"Brood-Sow Bungalows," by M. B. Posson, State Extension Agent in Animal Husbandry.

Banquet Thursday, March 17, at 6 o'clock a banquet will be served at the Grand Hotel, after which an address will be made by Thomas Q. Harrison, secretary of the League of Youth for Peace. Tickets may be obtained from the University pastors.

Campus Studio Only about one-half of the fraternities have made arrangements to have their pictures taken for the Cornhusker. The remainder will have to make arrangements within the next ten days.

W. A. A. A special meeting called for W. A. A. Wednesday night has been postponed.

Christian Science Society The Christian Science Society will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 in Faculty Hall, Temple Building.

A. S. M. E. A dinner talk will be given by Professor W. H. Kavanaugh of the University of Pennsylvania at the Grand Hotel, Thursday, March 18, at 6:30. Plates may be reserved at Room 203 in the Mechanical Engineering Building at a cost of 50 cents.

N. E. S. A film on the mining and manufacturing of brass and copper will be shown at the meeting at 10 o'clock Friday morning in Room 110 in Nebraska Hall. All engineers are invited.

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