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**THE POOR FRESHMAN**

The New Student publishes an article by C. Ralph Bennett denouncing the present method of treating the freshmen in the large colleges of the country. As a teacher of freshmen in his college, Mr. Bennett has a sympathy and understanding of the average first-year student that is not rivaled by many. Instead of the usual picture of the young country lad who comes to college to become the victim of the pranks and jeers of the upperclassmen, the freshmen of today are just average human beings, full of energy and enthusiasm for the life in store for them.

"Freshmen are beginners," continued Mr. Bennett. "They are taking their first step alone. They haven't yet learned that step. They have been accustomed to high schools and prep schools and their methods and their teachers. They have never felt so unimportant, so very small a ripple in so very large a pond. But they aren't certain that they didn't take the wrong road at the crossroads. They are from Missouri, these youngsters. They need to be helped. They need to be encouraged."

The article continues that the very thing that tends to discourage the freshmen is done in most of the colleges. Instead of assigning the best instructors to the first year students so that they may have the counsel of a man experienced in the institution, one who would make the course interesting and at the same time impart something of practical value to the class, the youngest teachers are usually assigned to the yearling classes. In a good many cases the instructor is striving for an advanced degree, so that he will not have to stay in the ranks of the freshman instructor, but may advance to the ranks of the instructor of upperclassmen. As a consequence his class is merely a fulfillment of duty, a spending of the allotted hours in the classroom. It is not strange that the class soon assumes the same aspect to the members who have to submit to the dreary, lifeless teaching of the one whose interests are elsewhere.

Upon the teacher of freshmen rests the responsibility of creating the initial impression of the college. Upon him to a large degree depends the interest and enthusiasm of the remaining years of the student's college life. A man in this position then, should better be one of the older men of the faculty, one who can devote his whole thoughts to teaching and who can set the right kind of an example for the members of his class.

It takes the genius of the faculty to take the freshman in hand and get the results from him that can be obtained. The normal freshman is appalled by the college, he regards his instructor as some kind of a superhuman who is totally unapproachable by any less than a fellow-great. This impression is heightened by the average young instructor who is trying to create an aura of majesty about himself. The beginning instructor wishes to appear dignified and a stern fount of wisdom, he appears so to the first-year youngsters when he is trying to be affable or humorous. In his sterner moments he is a fiery-tongued dragon, ready to act the part to the extent of removing the student from school.

Small wonder that so many freshmen fail in their initial attempt. They are treated as upperclassmen when what they need is a breaking-in to the college and its methods, an acquaintance with the ideals and purposes of the institution. It is a subject that is of vital importance to the rapidly-growing college that is neglecting its freshmen in the pursuit of higher laurels in the field of education and it is one that should receive the consideration of all such institutions.

**WELCOMING THE VIOLET**

Next Saturday the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers will meet the University of New York Violet and the "four centaurs" upon the gridiron. The New Yorkers will come to Lincoln with the record of eight victories in as many starts. Of course Nebraska will endeavor to end the New York schedule with a defeat of the Violet, but let us give them a chance as they have never re-

ceived elsewhere. This will be their first trip of any length away from the scene of bright lights and metropolitan commerce. They will no doubt be keen observers of our customs and actions; and our hospitality will be cause for them to judge us.

We believe that the students of the University of Nebraska should take utmost care and give every effort to make a good impression upon the minds of our visitors. This, of course, applies to all our visitors, but this being our last home game and our opponents being easterners we would suggest that students endeavor to send them back to the "big city" declaring that never have they received such hospitality as at Nebraska.

Everyone knows the embarrassment to Nebraskans following the Notre Dame game last year when scheduling games between the two schools was broken off. We all felt that the charges of the South Bend folks were false and entirely without grounds. Nevertheless, the fact stands that we no longer play the Rockmen. And our impression on eastern schools was no doubt injured by the incident. All this happened because of alleged insults by Nebraskans on the Notre Dame team.

We should not allow another such embarrassment to be brought upon us. The way to insure ourselves against another such incident is to give the New Yorkers and their followers the biggest and best reception ever given a visiting team at Nebraska. Although we feel that we did no harm to Notre Dame we must prove to the east through our courtesy to our Saturday opponents that the charge of the Notre Dame authorities was false.

No doubt most of the Violet gridders and most of the persons who accompany the N. Y. U. team here Saturday have never been this far west before. It might seem humorous to some of us that many New Yorkers still believe that Nebraska is in the midst of "the wild and woolly west," and that the stage coaches are still seen throughout the state. This idea is still quite prevalent among easterners who have never been out here. We do not intend to imply that the New York footballers believe such things, but we want to be sure that they do not go back with similar ideas.

Not only Nebraska, but the middle west and Missouri Valley will be judged by the easterners. So it behooves the Nebraska student body to do three things. For Nebraska, and for the University of Nebraska, and for the Nebraska hospitality, we must make the Violet aggregation realize the true Nebraska of today, give the easterners a good impression of the University, and correct the impression made following last year's Notre Dame game.

The big rally and torch light parade scheduled for Friday night is to serve two purposes: a send-off for Nebraska's Cornhuskers before their departure for Seattle and a welcome for New York. This is the last rally of the year and heretofore the torch light parade was used only to welcome Notre Dame. Nebraska students should take this opportunity to do these things. This is the chance for Nebraska to show New York a good welcome, show the east the grounds for Notre Dame's action, and show the east the true Nebraska spirit.

**THE COLLEGE CLUBS**

The World Forum's battle of words over the merits of the fraternity system ended Wednesday with the address of Prof. John A. Rice. Mr. Rice, in his criticism of fraternities, has stated the matter quite pointedly (and we think, fairly); but he has added little to the discussion.

The Daily Nebraskan last year spent considerable space in denouncing the supposed faults of fraternities, which were catalogued with thoroughness and zeal. Such matters as deferred pledging, probation weeks, scholarship, and others, were taken up. Letters were sent to the national presidents of a number of fraternities asking their opinions.

As far as the editor was able to observe, he accomplished nothing by this, unless one is to regard a few arguments with members of his own fraternity as an accomplishment. The

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**Notices**

**Alpha Kappa Psi**  
Alpha Kappa Psi meeting Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Commercial Club Rooms.

**Dramatic Club**  
Dramatic club will meet Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

**Xi Delta**  
Xi Delta meeting at 6 o'clock Thursday evening in Ellen Smith hall.

**Math Club**  
Math club meeting Thursday, November 18, at 7:30 o'clock in room 204 Temple building. Miss Schill will give a short discussion of the "Coconut Problem", after which there will be a social hour.

**Y. W. C. A.**  
The Y. W. C. A. on the Ag campus will give a tea in the Home Economic parlour Thursday Nov. 18 from 4 to 6. All members invited.

**Farmer's Formal**  
All committee chairmen are to get in touch with their members and report at room 305 Ag Hall at 7:30 P. M. on Thursday evening. Important business is to be brought up so all committees are requested to be present one hundred per cent.

**Physical Education Club**  
An important meeting of the Physical Education Club will be held Thursday evening, Nov. 18, at 7:10 p. m. in S. 101 Women's Gymnasium (West Entrance).

All sophomore, junior, and senior physical education majors should be present.

**Corn-Cobs**  
There will be a meeting of Corn-cobs Thursday night in Room 154 Temple, at 7:15. This will be one of the most important meetings of the year. No excuses will be given Freshmen for not attending. There will be a meeting of active men immediately after the general meeting.

**Dramatic Club**  
There will be a meeting of the Dramatic Club Thursday Nov. 18 in the Dramatic Club Room. Program begins promptly at 7 o'clock.

**Lutheran Student Club**  
Lutheran Student Club will meet in the Temple, Room 204, Saturday evening Nov. 20. Program and refreshments. All Lutheran students urged to attend.

**Angwan Contributors**  
Angwan contributors are requested to begin turning in copy for the Christmas number, to be issued December 10. All contributions must be in by November 30; copy turned in before Thanksgiving will be considered.

fraternities, en masse, did not rush against him; they seemed to be entirely unaware that their very existence was at stake. Their complete ignorance of what was going on was crushing.

This, perhaps, supports Mr. Rice's opinion that fraternity men are not interested in anything beyond football, dates, and "getting by". But it at least illustrates the point we are about to advance; that the fraternities are too firmly entrenched to be done away with and that the best that can be done is in intelligent direction.

The Inter-fraternity Council acted wisely last year in limiting probation weeks. It should have done away with them. But, at least, it moved in the right direction, and one may hope

considered first. It is suggested that contributors look over the exchange magazines in the office for ideas. Copy may be submitted at the office or given to Betty Bell or Dwight Wallace.

**Pep Meeting**  
Pep meeting for Freshmen boys Thursday night at 7 o'clock in Social Science auditorium. Discussion of Olympics. Every boy out.

**Freshman Engineers**  
On account of Olympics there will be no orientation class held for engineering freshmen on November 20.

**Delta Omicron**  
Members of Delta Omicron meet at Ellen Smith Hall Thursday at 7:15. Important!

**Pre-medical Banquet**  
Pre-medical banquet Thursday evening, 6 o'clock, at the Grand Hotel. Dr. H. H. Waite, department of bacteriology and pathology, will speak on "The Evolution of Medical Science". Dr. Marvin, physics department, and Dr. Brown, chemistry department, will be guests.

**Mystic Fish**  
An important meeting of the Mystic Fish Thursday, November 18, 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall. All members please be present. Important!

that it will continue its work. At present the council is non-workable through lack of representatives. It may remain that way.

So it is. The fraternities are here; they will probably stay here; and improvement will come slowly, if at all. Therefore one may accept the situation placidly, with occasional outbursts such as the World Forum's to remind him that some one, at some time, regarded the fraternity as less than perfect.

**College Press**

**ADVANCEMENT (Daily Trojan)**

"Motion picture colleges" in which the professors appear to the students on the silver screen, delivering their lectures by a machine for voice reproduction are heralded as the next development in the educational world. Under such conditions faculty members would be "immortal" since their lectures could continue after their death.

At a meeting of the New York Electrical Society, Dr. E. B. Craft demonstrated the educational possibilities of the Vitaphone, talking motion picture. The system is said to be "not only possible but probable," by Dr. Craft.

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college educations are of no avail, to say nothing of being unfounded. Unless of sub-moronic mental capacity, no one should go through college without absorbing a certain amount of information without effort. Fortunately, most of those registered in colleges are there to make the most of the possibilities, and not merely let knowledge "soak in."

Unlimited achievements are in store for the educated class of the future, despite the rabid predictions of the cynics in regard to college educations.

Y. M.

**EVERY CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION**

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University of Idaho, where he was professor of chemistry and chemist of the agricultural experiment station from 1899 to 1901.

With the exception of the years he was connected with the University of Idaho, Dr. Avery has been a member of the University of Nebraska faculty since 1896, when he was made adjunct professor of chemistry, a position he held until 1899. In 1901, he was appointed professor of analytical and organic chemistry in the university, and in 1902 he was made professor of agricultural chemistry and chemist of the University of Nebraska experiment station. From 1905 to 1908, he was head professor of chemistry in the university. In the latter year he was appointed acting chancellor of the university, upon the resignation of E. Benjamin Andrews. He was acting chancellor until May 20, 1909, when he was appointed to the position of chancellor.

During the world war, Chancellor Avery was connected with the United States army in the chemical warfare service.

Seven members of the University of Nebraska faculty, including Deaf. E. A. Burnett of the college of agri-

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culture, president, and Chancellor Avery are attending the meeting of the Association of Land Grant Colleges. The others present are Dean O. J. Ferguson of the College of Engineering, Prof. H. W. Brokaw, director of the agricultural extension service, Prof. W. W. Burr, assistant director of the Nebraska agricultural experiment station, Miss Margaret Fedds, professor of home economics and Miss Mary-Ellen Brown, state extension agent in women's work.

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