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60,000 OUT OF 200,000

That 70,000 out of the 200,000 or more fresh men who entered college last fall will not return as

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sophomores next year, and that only 60,000 out of the entire 200,000 will ever graduate, is the prediction made in a recent article dealing with University enrollment. The article further states that 80 percent of the energies of the faculty and administration are absorbed by the lowest 15 or 20 percent of the stu-

We have here in concise form two of the biggest reasons why American universities are having a hard time of things, especially in their efforts to attract and keep high-class men on their faculties.

If the finished product and aim of colleges and universities, at least in so far as the student end is concerned, leaving out of consideration research work, is the college graduate, there appears at once a tremendous waste in the lower classes when 200,000 freshmen dwindle down to 60,000 graduates by the end of the four years.

The freshman and sophomore classes of practically all colleges and universities from the largest to the smallest are glutted and choked. Instead of having a top heavy organization, we have a bottomheavy organization which drags down the rest of the structure—the flowering junior, senior, and graduate

Drags it down because too large a part of the faculty must of necessity be occupied with instruction of students in the elementary courses. This means either that good professors must spend much of their valuable time teaching elementary courses when they should be leading older students in advanced work. or that the faculty is glutted with a lower level of instructors who understand well the mere mechanics of the subjects they are teaching and are able by simple rote method to impart their grain of knowledge from year to year, but who are not qualified enough to attain the higher professorial ranks. It also means that really capable young instructirs are doomed to several years of submerged teaching before they can hope to break through the ranks of fellow instructors into professorial chairs commensurate with their abilities.

Above all this disproportion of underclassmen means that colleges and universities must spend too large a share of their expendable funds on half-baked education of those who drop out, at the expense of a more complete education of those who get the full benefit of the full four years and are best able to return back to the university and the public the benefits of their education.

The problem of the colleges and universities, then, is in some way to select out of the 200,000 eager freshmen the 60,000 who will be able to survive most creditably the full four years. The saving in cost of instruction of all those that drop out, applied than support. to the education of all those who remain would solve all money problems for some time, and make it possible to attract and keep first-class men in the face of competition with industry and commerce. In addition there would be eliminated nearly all of the present low 15 or 20 percent of the students who sap most of the energy of the faculty and adminis-

Now the above sounds mighty simple in writing, but in practice it is a tremendous task.

Many of the old eastern colleges which for years have been swamped with applications from more students than they can possibly take care of, have for many years selected their students on the basis of merit and qualification with the direct intention of limiting the student body to those who would benefit most. The systems vary from recommendations of graduates to the most advanced intelligence tests. Just how successful these various selective measures are is hard to say, but several university executives have only recently spoken in favor of still more qualitative selection of students. At private colleges and universities such as the

above-mentioned old eastern schools, such a selection of new students can be relatively easily accomplished. The governing bodies in most cases have absolute power over such matters and matriculation is a privilege rather than a right.

But at state universities which probably have the largest disproportion of underclassmen, it is a different matter to attempt to limit enrollment to those students whom the faculty would select as most capable.

Practically everybody is a taxpayer in some form or other, and, therefore, practically everybody proclaims in consequence the right to send his son or daughter to the state university.

Practically every attempt of state universities to limit enrollment meets this opposition of people who demand that their children be admitted. In fact there are many people who even question the right of the university to dismiss students who fail after

matriculation to meet the standards expected. State universities, then, are under a peculiar handicap. They receive more than their share of the thousands of students who come for only a year or two. They must accept practically all these students without discrimination. And they must, in many cases, accomplish all this with the limit of funds appropriaed by legislatures which often do not appreciate the

The relation of this discussion to the present agitation about the professors who are leaving Nebraska unite evident. Nehraska like every other state unity has a large number of freshmen and sophoconstations from the state must be given at the of "light wines and beers."

—Uni

survive through the junior and senior years. We don't mean to imply that the instruction in the upper classes is neglected, but only that instruction there is handicapped and can not be improved as much as might be desired.

Faced with the immediate necessity of providing many instructors for hordes of incoming freshmen, we have found it impossible often to reward adequately or furnish adequate laboratory and research facilities for the men of professional rank.

Our one possible solution of limiting the number of underclassmen is quite impossible in the face of has succeeded in making the Uni- what right does it compel us, the stupublic disapproval. An immediate increase in approversity of Nebraska the last word in dents, laboratory material for the ern college diamonds and returned senior. priations is quite unlikely. We must therefore put up Teachers Colleges. The subtle state professors, to pay tuition? Indeed, to Nebraska with four wins neatly with conditions as they are for some time at least, not legislature has made of the Univers- we should receive salaries for serving forgetting, though, that though they may not be the best, they are far from being the worst.

We borrowed "The Hard Boiled Virgin" from legislature eagerly looks forward to would Nebraska become a trulyour lab assistant, and after a careful perusal (of the the time when the best professors in scholarly university—a shrine of cul-H. B. V.) we are ready to state irrevocably that the all Universities will have come from ture. title is poorly chosen for two reasons—the first part dear Nebraska. It is a noble, though of the book, and the last part- because in the first subtle project. However, the system part, she isn't Hard Boiled ..

We-Me.

In Other Columns

STUDENTS AIDED BY BULL SESSIONS

Syracuse Professor Says Popular Discussions Promote Clear and Logical Thinking

The time spent by university men and women in the popular "bull sessionss" is not wasted, according to Dr. Wilson, head of the philosophy department at the University of Syracuse, but it is valuable since it makes students think more logically and clearly.

"We are here to think and to learn how to think. If the fraternity discussion group, or 'bull session,' makes us think more clearly and more logically, it has proven its worth, whether or not the discussion has reached any conclusion," Dr. Wilson stated.

A survey made at the University of Syracuse shows that fraternity women spend an average of three hours a day in "bull sessions", while fraternity men spend only a little over an hour a day.

The favorite time for sessions seemed to be around luncheon or dinner time, or from 12 to 1 o'clock at Nebraska Has night.

Favorite discussion topics for the men were "Women in General," "Prohibition," and "Choice of Careers," while those for women ranged from "The Unreliability and Inconstancy of Men," to "Modernism," and "Value of College Training."

-The Minnesota Daily.

Back to the "Clinging Vine"

Is the boyish girl losing her popularity to the and won from Kansas University, "clinging vine" type, and are majors in physical educa- and Iowa that year. Although track tion unattractive and masculine? These contentions at Nebraska did not have a large folhave been made recently in many coileges and univer- lowing of fans, the interest in the sities throughout the United States.

has been regarded as a forward step in woman's ad- found Husker fans watching a basevancement. Sportsmanship and participation in sports ball game rather than a track meet. were stressed as a regular part of the college girl's life, and physical education for women was beginning to be thought of in the same light as that for men.

But now there is a sudden reaction to women's west and defeated every quintet it physical education. Men are said again to prefer the met on the floor that season. It was girl who "clings." Several Washington men have de- the champion team of the west and clared that they always did prefer the "clinging" girl. middle-west. The most important Perhaps this is because some men like to believe them- game of the season was with the selves king of their little world and the "clinging vine" Kansas University five. Dr. Naisgirl is more conducive to this belief.

Other men have said that the girl who majors in brought his Kansas Jayhawker cage physical education is unattractive because she is mas- team to Lincoln for the important culine. It is true that a small number of sportswomen clash of the season with the Husker have adopted boyish haircuts, high collars, heavy bro- five. The Kansas team was completegans and mannish suits. But the majority of them dress ly outclassed and the Cornhusker in the current mode of short skirts, kick-pleats, and quintet had rolled up 48 points to slim silhouettes as do the other types of girls. Almost the 8 for the Kansas five at the end every woman likes to be thought feminine and within of the game. Kansas was the only her heart is essentially feminine.

-University of Washington Daily, schedule that season.

Second-Year Pledging

ning's bill requiring all students to wait one year before joining a fraternity or sorority seems to be about there were as many varieties of basevenly divided. If anything, there is more opposition ket ball suits as there were men on

forced upon them by the legislature, but its merits other would wear an ordinary workshould be none the less apparent.

With the present system "rush week" is a mad scramble, and when the smoke has cleared away one can view the wrecks. All of these organizations are Nebraska in the '90s and this was the much alike, but in the eyes of the freshmen there is a Nebraska tennis association. The considerable difference. Hence many feel they have tennis association was founded in the made mistakes and experience considerable regret.

The stock argument against the bill is that, if a as the first president. Nebraska had fraternity is of any value, it should be allowed to get but two tennis courts that year and in its work on the freshmen. The value of a frater- they were located at the west steps nity is highly problematical, but that is of no great concern here. However, fraternity men are inclined to clique together and leave the non-fraternity man outside. Perhaps in this first year an unorganized group of freshmen might learn a little of the democracy that sometimes comes later, if at all.

Passage of the bill would occasion some trouble for the fraternities for a year, probably, but they would no doubt survive. With proper safeguards to prevent too much "rushing" and endanger the scholarship of fraternity man and freshman alike, the new law should be a blessing, instead of the feared innovation it now seems to be held.

No "Drunks" Wanted

One of the outstanding features of "Ole Miss," new college comic magazine which makes its first appearance this month and which is edited exclusively by women at Mississippi State College for women, will be the absence of the customary "drunk" story. Beer

episodes are not welcomed by the editors. Editors of college monthlies throughout the country immediately will direct gibes at the young ladies for excluding the "wet" material and will cry like so many grimalkins. In the meantime the fair editors will continue with their faces in the other direction, put

out their magazine, and, without much doubt, sell it. There is need right now for publications orexigenically affecting readers in courses that lead away from, rather than toward, liquor. To judge from our monthly college magazines, America, and particularly young America, is steeped in inebriation, whereas, as a matter of fact, conditions are not half so bad as they are made out to be.

Continual harping on the subject only serves to bring about more injurious effects. Getting drunk, either the reveling in it or the avoiding of it, is not a real problem in the lives of very many of us and it has no constructive element to offer for consideration. Why flaunt the subject before us, then, in a tiresome

The young women of Mirsissippi are to be commerded for their courage in attempting a publication that is free from all reference to the hackneyed subfor whom elementary instruction must be pro- ject of "fire-water." The risible qualities of the magn-This inherection, in the absence of increased zine probably will not suffer any because of the lack

-University of Washington Daily.

The Campus Pulse

Dear Editor: Here, the truth! We are deceived as to the true na-

used is rotten with corruption. What right has the subtle state ture of this institution of learning. legislature to PAY the professors for After all, our subtle state legislature enrolling in this institution? And by ity of Nebraska a seminary, a finish- as subjects for the professors and the ing school, for professors. With such professors should pay tuition for the a purpose in mind, the subtle state privilege of working with us. Then

Anything for reform!

LON.

Notices

TUESDAY, APRIL 19 Home Economics Club meeting Tuesday April 19 Ellen Smith Hall at 7 P. M.

Program.

Theta Sigma Phi
Important meeting Theta Sigma Phi in
SS 218 at 5 o'clock Tuesday, April 19.

Tassels meeting Tuesday night April 19
at Ellen Smith Hall.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
Scabbard and Blade
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Scabbard and Blade meeting Wednesday
in Nebraska Hall 205 at 7:15.
Girl's Commercial Club
Girl's Commercial Club meeting Wednesday at 5 o'clock at Ellen Smith Hall.
Scabbard and Blade
Scabbard and Blade meeting in Nebraska
Hall 205 at 7:15.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Viking Weeting and initiation at the Delta Tau Delta house Thursday at 7:15.

Great Year Of Sport In 1899

(Continued from Page One.) yard dashes. In 1899 Nebraska showed it skill on the cinder path spring sport was increasing every For several years physical education for women year. The interest in spring usually Basketball Team Was Sensation

The basketball team of 1899 was the sensational court team of the muth, the father of basketball, conference team appearing on the

The champion basketball team at Nebraska back in '99 was not outfit-Opinion of university students on Senator Ban- ted in regular basketball uniforms but each man had his own suit and the team. One player wore a foot-Perhaps the students object to having the plan ball jersey with red trunks while aning shirt and white trunks.

Tennis Association Formed Another association was formed at Husker school with C. D. Chandler

of U-Hall. Tennis had a large following from the start and continued FEW FILED FOR growing. At the present time it holds the interest of a large number of students during the spring and summer

Ever since the great collegiate braska, the pigskin pastime had always met with great success-up until the season of 1899. This was the big off year for Nebraska, after the years of success on the gridiron. Cornhusker followers were somewhat disappointed but not discouraged junior, one sophomore, and one senafter the poor showing of '99. The disastrous year of 1899 was a boon to the coming years for Husker grid men. For in the next year the Ne- the eligibility if the candidates which braska football team came back to the Student Council has asked prosprove to Cornhusker fans that their pective candidates to watch most hopes were realized and that Nebras. carefully. They have also asked that ka still reigned supreme in the foot- all candidates check their standing in ball world. The defeats of '99 gave the registrar's office before filing. rise to a new and greater Nebraska football team.

Disastrous Football Year Seven teams were met on the field

in that disastrous year of 1899. Out of the seven games the Huskers only won two, tied one and lost four. Lincoln high and Drake University were the only teams to fall before the Nebraska team, while Kansas University, South Dakota, Kansas City

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husker eleven.

But with an unsuccessful season

on the gridiron, the baseball team that spring tried to even matters and when the season was over the Nebraska baseball nine was proclaimed the strongest that had represented the Husker school up to that time, ship on the council. The Husker nine took a long road trip to the east where they established their name on all the big east- candidate for graduation shall be a tucked away.

Thus closes the eighteenth century in Nebraska sports and with the class. opening of the twentieth century, which we will take up in the next issue, Nebraska is well on the road to the pinacle of success in the field ester and have a scholastic average of sportdom.

(To be Continued.)

SPRING ELECTION

(Continued from Page One.) sophomores the highest man and the ron Weeth, and Esther Zinnecker game of football was played at Ne- highest woman offices in this semester's freshman class, will make up the official Student Council next year.

There will be three persons named for the Student Publication Board for next year by this election, one ior member.

Rules are -Listed

There are certain rules concerning The rules are:

1. Any student with less than 24 semester hours shall be a freshman. This is to include all students with such university credit rating whether



Medics, and Ames defeated the Corp- a four-year course or more, or les than a four-year course.

2. Any student with from 24 to 52 hours shall be a sophomore.

3. Any student with from 60 to 88 semester hours will be considered a junior, and is eligible for member-

4. Any student with 89 semester

5. Candidates shall be members of their specific school or college and

6. Candidates shall have made at 6. Candidates shall have made at least twelve hours the preceding sem. of at least 75 per cent for all sem-

esters in school. 7. A candidate can have no standing delinquencies.

These rules will be watched carefully by the Student Council in order to make the election as fair as pos-

Members of the election committee are: Richard Vette, Sylvia Lewis, By-

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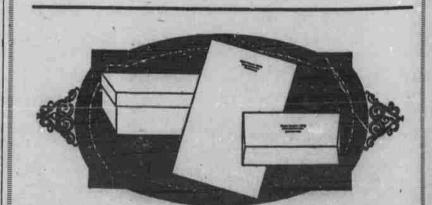
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