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CONCERNING PROBATION

Thirty-one pledges of various fraternities were arrested at Lawrence, Kansas, last Thursday night between 12:35 and 2:45 and detained at the city jail because they were unable to answer the questions of the police in regard to their presence on certain city property. Three were arrested, prosecuted, and released the next day for trespassing. The chief of police took the names and addresses of the others and then sent them home. Charges were to be made later. All of this was given publicity in various papers under such headlines as "Hell Week" Waxen Warner as Police Make 31 Arrests.

Probation at Nebraska will start tomorrow night. Freshmen will be forced to submit to such indignities and humiliation as the upperclassmen may see fit. Much innocent fun and a certain amount of fraternal instruction will be indulged in. As such, probation is tolerated by the University.

Until last year it had been the custom of some groups to send their pledges out of the house to perform ridiculous stunts. These varied from parading the main streets in foolish costumes to sneaking through the alleys in quest of something that was never intended to be found. The stunts were created for mere amusement.

It was not uncommon, however, for a situation to arise similar to that which just happened at Lawrence in which pledges were arrested for their unusual behavior and brought before the chief of police. Their names would be entered on the register and the daily papers, ever in the quest for interesting features, would broadcast the incident out in the state. The ideas of university, fraternity, and ridiculous stunt were linked together in a catchy story and headline. And the university and fraternities in general would be regarded in an unfavorable light by those whose knowledge of university life is limited to that read in the newspapers.

It was with this idea in mind, then, that a ruling was passed last year by the Interfraternity Council limiting probation to a shorter period and to stunts to be conducted within the house.

For the University of Nebraska and fraternities at Nebraska cannot afford to have such publicity as that recently carried in the Kansas papers.

The trite phrase, "I do not choose to run", was again repeated when a certain campus celebrity was questioned as to whether she would enter the competition for Prom Girl.

WHO WORE YOUR DERBY LAST WEEK?

Such criticism as that voiced today in the Soap Box by L. A. M. is typical of the opinion held by many students regarding the present checking facilities at the Scottish Rite Temple. Whether the one or "several" coats were stolen, the incident stands as a blot on the success of the party.

But such thievery has not been limited to the night of the Interfraternity Ball. Throughout the fall and formal season, apparel has been stolen with such frequency that many hesitate to leave their wraps in the checking rooms when attending a party at the Temple. It is not an uncommon practice for students to leave their scarfs and hats in their cars—especially the derby, which is being considered as common property belonging to whoever might fancy such a size.

The story is told (and it has been substantiated) of a certain fraternity man who came back to the house bemoaning the fact that someone had stolen his new scarf while he was dancing at the Temple. A few minutes later another one of the brothers came in chuckling about how he had picked up "a mighty keen scarf" while at the party. It was the one belonging to his Greek brother!

The fact that a certain class of students—and we hope that it is limited to a few—are taking advantage of the present checking facilities at the Scottish Rite Temple is deplorable. But that such a situation exists cannot be denied.

The sensible thing, then, is to attempt to correct the evil. Such a thing might be accomplished by either of two methods. One, by elevating the individual's morals to a point where he would refrain from committing any such deed; the other by installing supervised checking so that such temptation would be removed.

As for the first method—even the editor of the Daily Nebraskan shrinks from shouldering such a task. But the second plan could easily be carried out. It would necessitate an additional expense, but the group in charge of the social function would be heartily repaid in the favorable comment with which such an action would be received.

The situation has, in fact, advanced to such a stage that those in charge of parties at the Temple will incur the disapproval of students if they do not provide proper checking facilities.



Daily Nebraskan readers are cordially invited to contribute articles to this column. This paper, however, assumes no responsibility for the sentiment expressed herein, and reserves the right to exclude any libelous or undesirable matter. A limit of six hundred words has been placed on all contributions.

To the Editor: Now that the Interfraternity Ball is over, do you suppose that a word of criticism would be appreciated? Regards—here yours. Having just experienced a touch of the culprit's

contaminated fingers, I feel that a word should be uttered by one of the victims. Being a graduate of the University of Nebraska and an alumnus of the Greek world, I was much astonished at the honesty (?) of some of the supposedly elite Greeks. My impression has been that the Interfraternity Ball was limited, primarily, to men and women of the Greek world. If such is the case—and we have no reason to doubt such—do certain organizations harbor dishonest individuals?

Several overcoats were stolen at this said party last Saturday (I happened to be one of the victims). The value of the coat lost interests me little—the culprit may need the coat worse than I. My objection is this, however. Why not stage such social functions where honest and adequate checking is possible? No one can be held responsible for the recent losses other than those in charge of the Ball. Check the thief in the bud and further spread would be impossible.

I am a staunch believer in the theory of the survival of the fittest. May no overcoat thief step in my pathway!

L. A. M. '27

In Other Columns

CROWDED CURRICULA

When the college man makes his formal entrance into the world after graduation, he is naturally subjected to a minute and microscopic examination. His mental makeup is the basis of consideration so to speak. On the results of this inspection depends his status in the social and business circle of the community in which he is desirous of residing. Far from being a cursory inspection, this examination is a rigid test, governed by the rules and conventions of society. Too often a specialized, highly trained scientist fails to achieve the honor and consideration due his mental capacity, because he is lacking in one essential. What that essential characteristic consists of cannot be definitely stated; it can only be descriptively defined as polish.

Whether or not the present day conception of the college man is iniquitous or erroneous is beside the question. The fact is that the college man is always judged, very often too severely. The first requisite to satisfy the concepts of the majority is that the college man be well read. Not well read in the particular branch of work on which he has concentrated in his college career, but well read in all branches. It is taken for granted that the average college man has a certain amount of learning. The surgeon knows how to operate; the diagnostician is well versed in the intricacies of the maladies of the human system; the brain specialist is considered to have a thorough knowledge of the mental processes of this animated body. All this is taken for granted and does not constitute the criterion by which the college man is judged. The criterion has its foundation in matter extraneous to the curriculum.

The curriculum in most colleges, despite all averments to the contrary, is becoming too specialized to permit of any but the most necessary reading. It stands to reason that when the demands of a lecture schedule are too burdensome, when too much concentrated research is required for a specific branch of study, very little time is at the disposal of the student. It will be admitted that a great deal of leisure time is necessary if every man is to have a thorough acquaintance with the modern and ancient literature, history and philosophy. And when the curricular demands of a system have become so great that they make it practically impossible for the student to do any reading, no one will deny that this system is defeating the very purpose of education.

We know that many men will not attend literature or philosophy lectures, because they are more interested in economic or scientific work, but these men should be given more opportunity to acquire the culture of literature and philosophy in their leisure hours.

—The Holy Cross Tomahawk.

A co-ed may act kittenish, but she's liable to be darned catty behind your back.—Oregon Daily Emerald.

THE COLLEGE STUDENT'S RELIGION

The constant cry of college students of today for the abolition of compulsory church and chapel and their changing code of conduct has brought on them a great deal of adverse criticism. They have been called atheists in the ugly sense of the word. The professors who are deemed responsible for their religious corruption are thought to be radical free-thinkers completely out of touch with the world outside the college walls. The whole attitude is greatly exaggerated and viewed with alarm by the country at large.

This attitude is not a sudden revolution in thinking and does not endanger the future of present day civilization. It is merely a very earnest attempt of thinking students to adjust themselves in a world which has been greatly changed by the increased emphasis and advance of scientific thought; a great war; economic prosperity and numerous other influences. Their turning away from formal religious expression and dogmatic creeds to a large measure is not a lack of interest in religion, because its problems take up a considerable part of their thoughts and conversation.

After a careful study not only of Christianity but of other important religions the student has decided that religion's primary purpose is to inspire people, and teach them how, to be good. Because of the difference in the environment in which they were reared they no longer get the inspiration from formal church worship their grandparents did. They do not despise their grandparents for their beliefs, however, as so many think. Nor do they reject in toto the Christian religion. They accept the parts of it which they realize must be embodied in every successful organized society. The difference lies mainly in the inspiration. Many of them are no longer affected by the emotional appeal of church ritual and the supernatural elements embodied in the various creeds. They are attracted to a very large extent by an intellectual interest. They are not accepting any principle without a thorough examination of it, and what they do accept becomes an intrinsic part of them and means infinitely more to them.

It is similar to the reformation started by Luther and his contemporaries about 400 years ago. He rejected the dogmatic form of Catholicism existing at that time. By changing the religion to fit the time in which he lived and by getting people to think about it intelligently instead of blindly accepting it, he made it live again in a real way. This is similar to what a large part of the students are trying to do now and for which they are being severely criticised. However, instead of being subjected to an inquisition, their punishment is confined to verbal condemnation, a more refined instrument of opposition.

—Amherst Student.

Notices

Wednesday, February 8

Candidates for Teaching Mr. R. D. Morris, Director of the Department of Educational Service, will meet all candidates for B. S. teaching positions on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 5 o'clock and those seeking grade positions on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 5 o'clock in Room 200, Teachers College building.

Perishing Rifle Picture The Perishing Rifle picture will be taken at 12 o'clock at the campus studio, Wednesday, Feb. 8. Uniforms are to be worn. Faculty Dinner Faculty dinner this noon at Chamber of Commerce, "Dad" Elliott will speak. All faculty members asked to be present. Reservations may be made through the University Y. M. C. A.

Thursday, February 9 Delta Omicron Meeting of Delta Omicron in Ellen Smith hall at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Math Club The Math Club will meet Thursday in S. 5101, at 7 o'clock. Mr. Miller will talk on "Mathematics as Applied to Insurance." There will also be an election of officers.

There will be a W. A. A. Tea for all University Girls Thursday, Feb. 9, at Ellen Smith Hall from 4:00 to 6:00 o'clock.

Friday, February 10 Sigma Delta Chi The Sigma Delta Chi picture for the Cornhusker will be taken Friday, at 12:30 at the campus studio.

Saturday, February 11 Debating Picture The group picture of all men debating this year on all collegiate contests and of any other Delta Sigma Eho students not debating this year but still in attendance at the university is to be taken Saturday, February 11, at noon at the campus studio.

Monday, February 13 Sigma Xi Open meeting of Sigma Xi at Auditorium of Morrill Hall, Monday, February 13, 1928. Dr. R. J. Pool, chairman of the department of botany, will give a lecture "On the Florida and Florida of Gamie George." The public is invited.

Tuesday, February 14 Pharmacy Picture The Pharmacy picture will be taken Tuesday, February 14, at 11:50 a. m.

Graduate Scholarships Several graduate scholarships in Economics and Business Research of the value of \$200 each will be available next year. The scholarships are intended primarily for graduates of the University of Nebraska but are open to graduates of other universities. Applications should be filed with Professor G. O. Virtue, chairman of the Committee on Scholarships, before March 1.

Wednesday, February 15 Square and Compass Club The Square and Compass club will meet the third Wednesday in February instead of the usual second one. This will be February 15. N. A. Bengston, member of the University faculty, will speak on Central America.

Five Sororities Select Candidates Prom Girl

(Continued from Page 1) This does not mean that the field of competition is limited only to those who are backed by some sorority. Any graduating senior girl is eligible for the honor, the basis of decision being her social prominence, and her activity in school affairs.

Only members of the Junior and Senior classes will have a part in the student election Tuesday, each person voting for four candidates. The votes will be counted by the committee in charge of the Prom, with a faculty committee. They will announce the six leading candidates for final selection which will be made by those attending the Prom.

Elliott Speaks About Morals

(Continued from Page 1) Elliott flayed many of the evils that develop from associations among men and women of the new age. He used emphatic examples to illustrate his points. He pointed to modern dancing, drinking, and petting parties as chief among the strong detrimental influences working sad effects upon the lives of young people. "It is the duty of every man to guard the sanctity and sacredness of the home," said "Dad" Elliott in concluding, as he appealed to the students to lead upright lives and to exert themselves to the utmost in guiding others along the same path.

Voting for May Queen Begins

(Continued from Page 1) Mortar Boards are desirous of having a representative vote and are urging all senior women to make special effort to cast their votes during the two day period, members declared last evening. The entire responsibility rests with the senior women, so cooperation with Mortar Board is essential, active Mortar Boards point out. Polls will be open from 9 to 5 o'clock today and Thursday.

University Players Will Give "Tommy"

(Continued from Page 1) the indecision of Marie to choose between two suitors, both seeming equally eligible. Marie's parents decide to take matters into their own hands by strongly recommending one of the two young men. Matters take a peculiar turn when Marie finds her feelings favoring the other man instead, while the situation is somewhat complicated with the deliberate scheme of Tommy, Marie's favorite, to incur the enmity of the girl's parents. Everything ends happily, however. "Tommy" Has Popular Appeal This drama has a cosmopolitan appeal that will make it popular with everyone. The play itself is light, and entirely different from the type of productions which the Players have offered so far this season. All evening performances will start at 8:20 o'clock, matinees at 3:00 o'clock. Season tickets will admit to all evening performances and the student matinee Friday. Tickets may be purchased at the Ross P. Curcione Co., and the Temple boxoffice.

Venetian Scene Is Skit Award

(Continued from Page 1) The etching, which was donated through the courtesy of a Lincoln merchant, may be exchanged for another picture, if it is not satisfactory to the winner.

Skits Should Be Original Skits will be judged on the basis of originality, humor, and cleverness. However, skits may be musical as well as humorous. All acts will be judged by the University Night committee. They may be handed or mailed to Wilbur Mead, general chairman of the committee. A maximum limit of fifteen minutes for presentation has been placed on the skits.

A definite date for the production has not been set but it will probably come the second week in March.

Qualms and Worries Beset Pledges

(Continued from Page 1) as long as they wished. It often interfered with the freshman's studies, and jurisdiction by the council became a necessity.

Upper classmen will be more than in disfavor. They will be cussed and discussed. They will be called very bad names, (behind their backs of course), and the one who swings the hardest paddle will be hated the most.

"But all's well that end's well" and scars of probation week will be exhibited with pride to fellow freshmen next week. Awful moments will be remembered as enjoyable ones and when it is all over they will admit it wasn't bad and that they had a good time themselves. It is not so terrible and they will voice the same opinion, that they wouldn't take a million for their probation week nor would they give a dime for another.

Jonston Pleads for Cultured Life

(Continued from Page 1) the memory of the past master to even touch the keyboard," said Dr. Johnston.

This Is Age of Specialization "This is the age of specialization," he asserted, "a specialization which has both its advantages and its disadvantages, because a specialist's outlook and experience are likely to limit themselves. Remember the lament which Darwin made toward the close of his life, that the aesthetic part of his nature which, if it had been properly developed, would have helped him to enjoy his old age, had dried up and atrophied. This great scientist wished that he might live his life over again in order to develop his aesthetic appreciations."

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"We should all try to be general practitioners," he went on. "We should get from our university education a general knowledge, a culture, an attitude of appreciation and taste for the broad, enduring things."

"The game's the thing, but it's not all the thing. Through associations with the mental giants of all the years we should be able to get their great ideas blended in our minds and subconscious personalities where they will generate power in us. These great ideas and associations are companions and give zest to life after one's profession is left."

"Religion is absolutely primary. It is the heart's inner communion with God and makes experience comprehensive."

"When we gain, by conscious efforts to broaden our lives, a philosophy, a theory of existence and a taste for the better things in life, we have a comprehensive, wonderful hope that escapes the tragedy of a fragmentary mind," he concluded. Preceding his talk, Bernice Trimble played a special piano solo. Maurine Drayton led the meeting.

Companionate Marriage Is Disapproved

(Continued from Page 1.) questions, only one girl said she didn't care to be married. And before her story was ended she broke down and openly confessed that "if the right man came along" she might be willing to substitute marriage for a career. Most of the answers ran something like this: "I want and expect to marry. I believe a woman's place is in the home....I believe that a woman should marry only for love and companionship."

Forty-six of the fifty girls wanted to have children. The numbers varied from few to many. One girl wanted as "many as she could afford."

The modern college girl, the questionnaire indicates, does several things her grandmother didn't do, but she has at heart the same ideas. The only difference is that instead of sitting around with bated breath and patient expectation for the "right man" to come along, she goes out and finds him.

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