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**THE TIMID SOUL**

Modestly and naively announcing that they will be in session tonight to receive complaints for infractions of the interfraternity council ruling governing probational activities, the probation committee of the council will prepare to pass judgment on most recent violations.

That there were violations of the ruling saying that all activities on fraternity probation programs be confined to the house was evident during the probation period last week end. Excursions about the city, in quest of articles that could not possibly be found without disturbing the peace of some other party, were not killed off by the ruling. Nonsensical junkets about the campus with sufficient evidences of probation to humiliate the pledges, and sufficient evidences to disturb and arouse interest of others, stunts carried out in the environs of the houses—the least observing saw some of these exhibitions.

And those interested in campus affairs and those who keep an eye on campus happenings, who knew that a ruling had been passed to eliminate the outside-the-house aspects of fraternity probation, had nothing to do but stare open-mouthed at the violations.

Absence of serious accidents, general let-up in the rigorism of probation because the majority of the fraternities kept faith with the council ruling and sought to eliminate undesirable aspects of probation, the shortened period, without doubt made probation a comparatively drab event as far as general campus-wide interest was concerned. But, because there was an improvement over other years, does not mean that the fraternities who showed absolute defiance to the council ruling and exhibited pledges in public, on missions that were absurd and disturbing, should escape with mild passing comment.

The probation committee will sit tonight to hear complaints, but it is doubtful if any great number of complaints will be registered. The fact that violations were made by four or five fraternities, and that the general tone of probation was moderate, that serious accidents were unrecorded, will dampen the protests that flared up when violations were close at hand.

Laxness on the part of an individual or an organization to condemn and complain about the practices of another group is certain to follow, because of the danger of producing an open wound between groups. Especially is this so, when punishment is on tap for the violator. The situation is no different than the tattle-tale of playground days.

Few complaints will be registered with the committee. The committee will have to investigate the infractions of the council ruling on their own accord. They cannot sit back and offer the excuse to the council that because so few complaints were registered, action in these few cases was foregone.

If the work of the council in eliminating the phases of probation which take place outside the chapter houses, attract attention, disturb the peace and harmony of the community, is to net a safe and sane, comprehensible system of pledge training, violations during the first year of that ruling must be taken into account and punishment administered.

The respect of the council is at stake, cooperation that does exist between the fraternities is slipping away when fraternities can violate the rulings made in interfraternity council meetings. How futile it is to suggest reorganization of the interfraternity council when its work is now held in low esteem by the fraternities who send representatives to the meetings of the council.

Students, too, have a hard time living on their salaries.

**EDUCATION OR AMBITION**

On his eighty-second birthday, Thomas A. Edison, made the statement to a press correspondent that if a boy has ambition, he does not need to go to college. This statement was an answer to one of a long list of questions, both scientific and non-scientific, that he is asked on each birthday.

If this statement has any significance, then there are thousands of young men and women who are wasting their time in our educational institutions. Because, if they have ambition, according to Mr. Edison, they do not need to go to college, and if they do not have ambition, then they are wasting time and money in attending because it will avail them nothing.

It is the common conception that the desire for education and self-betterment arises from this so-called ambition. In other words, ambition is the great driving force that has given rise to our educational system and enables this vast system to be continually filled with students and its number of applications to increase every year.

It must be remembered, in considering Mr. Edison's statement, that it is possible he has confused the two terms, "education," and "ambition." Possibly he has used them synonymously and thereby lost the significance of the two words.

Mr. Edison, electrical and scientific wizard, has gained world wide fame and recognition. He has probably contributed as much to our present civilization as any living man. He is entitled to the

gratitude and respect of the whole world. Yet it seems, that absorbed as he is in his experiments, he has lost touch and sympathy with the mass of struggling humanity which surrounds him and has failed to see the significance of the competition among college trained men.

New class presidents can arrange for their two duties today—calling the meeting for the election of the vice-president, secretary and treasurer, and arranging to have their picture taken for the Cornhusker.

**MORE PROTECTION**

Night classes and library work at the University are causes for the presence of coeds on the campus after nightfall. Numerous complaints were heard last year concerning prowlers who frightened the girls by following them.

A few nights ago, an occurrence accentuated the old problem. Returning from a night class alone, a coed was followed and molested by a prowler.

To do away with such occurrences in the future, more lights should be installed on the campus and another night watchman employed. A particularly dark stretch of sidewalk to the east and north of Social Sciences seems to be a favorite particular hiding place for the prowlers. With more lighting facilities and better protection by a watchman available by call, the present evil and fear could be done away with.

As long as it is absolutely necessary for coeds to visit the campus after nightfall, devices for their protection should be installed. Their rights to freedom from annoyance should be safeguarded and assured.

Perhaps the infirmary would be a good place for some of the car drivers who try to run the stop signals.

**THE BARBAROUS POLL**

If you would mix  
In politics  
Your memory must be fine.  
You must recall  
The names of all  
The men in your combine.

It isn't vital that you know  
The men for whom you vote  
The slate is there, you have to go—  
For you are in that boat.

Your voting taste  
May go to waist  
Or jacket—who can tell?  
A ballot straight  
That is your fate  
Now have you chosen well?

The party leaders tell you how  
The papers tell you when.  
The Student Council won't allow  
Four votes by just two men.

If the election  
Shows selection  
Then let us all rejoice  
But anyway  
There'll come a day  
When we shall get our choice.

So Yellow Jackets, Blue Shirts too  
Come join the voting throng  
And Independents, listen do—  
You simply can't go wrong.

Voters experienced a little difficulty yesterday in thinking of four suitable candidates for Prom girl.

**OTHER STUDENTS SAY—**

**WAGGING THE DOG**

The article by E. S. R. in the Tuesday Nebraskan presents the arguments of the fraternities in favor of the probation system. When argumentation descends to the use of such sympathetic phrases and "weasel words" as "decried so pathetically," "a false analogy," "to insinuate," "of spiteful things," etc., it loses its value. To stay on the side of reason, is to argue to some point; to sing out phrases is to depart from reason.

There was no malicious intent in the article written by P. B. Nothing was said in spite. It was not insinuated that the purpose of probation was simply to amuse the upperclassmen; it was stated definitely. The analogy objected to, is perhaps not so false when we consider that sorority girls are subjected to the same educational procedure as the men and that personality—a thing which fraternities attempt to develop—is a matter of mental growth, in either man or woman. Hence, the methods which build character and personality in one case should be equally applicable in the other.

It will be admitted that many freshmen come to the University both excessively dumb and extremely cocky. It will also be admitted that many leave the University in almost precisely the same state, due, simply to the fact that they are what they are, and neither the efforts of the instructors nor the good intentions of their fellow lodge members, can be of any avail. It will never be admitted that the sole aim of probation is the correction of these boorish individuals. Perhaps the upperclassmen are well-intentioned but, the true purpose, whether they will admit it or not, is to entertain themselves with the predicaments to which they subject the Fresh.

Does the University have no ability in itself to bring about the culture of its students, or must one turn to the fraternities to gain culture? Has the University less influence over its students than a fraternity? Is the fraternity the only existing organization on the campus that can make men out of fools and fools out of men?

"No," you will retort, E. S. R. "There are the sororities." Let it be said again that there is no malice intended.

The fraternity supplements the University, but only this. It is not the organization which is capable of developing the student; nor does it take an organization to develop one. Everyone has his rough edges; but is it necessary to point them out directly? Would it not be better and more effective to show one his defects by subtlety?

E. S. R. would have us think that a man, not enjoying the great benefits of one of the munificent brotherhoods which cling to the university, is utterly lost.

He would have us think,  
Though somewhat trivially,  
That, to put the matter brightly,  
The tail doth wag the dog.

—P. B.

Another "test" of popularity is in order now that the Awgwan has announced an election of a "Mystery Girl."

**LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

Define Bootlegger  
Hous. Sends Message  
'Enough is Enough'  
Chop at Code Law  
(By Bob Kelly)

Mr. Webster's dictionary says that the word bootlegger is a slang word. The Senate, Monday afternoon, declared itself in favor of defining a bootlegger and using that word on the statute books. Bootleggers are not only those who sell or transport liquor, according to the wording of the bill passed by the Senators.

The definition includes one who solicits or accepts orders for the delivery of intoxicants. He or she is also a bootlegger who sells liquor directly or indirectly through his or her employees or servants.

The House, Tuesday morning, decided to lend some advice to the Congress of the United States in session now at Washington. In a resolution introduced Monday and approved Tuesday they said to Mr. Howel, Mr. Norris and the six members of the federal House of Representatives: Be it resolved, that the legislature of the state of Nebraska requests the senators and congressmen from Nebraska to use all honorable means to secure the prompt enactment by Congress of legislation which will increase tariff protection on meats and its by-products.

The legislators think that the home market for livestock should be protected. It is noteworthy that the proter of the legislature contains, not a few livestock growers.

The legislature is in no mood this year to increase salaries. Most of the annual requests for increases in salaries have been assassinated in the committees.

The House did reconsider its action in postponing a bill to increase witness and jury fees. Tuesday on the floor of the house they discussed a bill which would provide for the payment of the salary of the register of deed out of the general fund rather than the fees collected in the office. It also raised the salary of the register of deed in Lancaster county. In spite of the fact that the proposed raise had the sanction of the Lancaster delegation the members decided that "enough is enough." There are enough candidates for the position, they pointed out.

The House, in committee of the whole Tuesday afternoon, considered a bill to amend the state primary law. The bill provided that the county convention shall be held prior to the primary election.

The primary laws of Nebraska are more intricate than the proverbial Chinese puzzle. Debate on the chamber grew into an argument as to the relative intelligence of the friends and opponents of the bill. Opponents claimed that since no one could properly explain just what the bill would do it should be indefinitely postponed. Those in favor of it, after growing weary of trying to explain it, intimated that some of the legislators do not have the intelligence to understand it. The opponents came back with the remark that anyone who would introduce such a bill does not show much intelligence. They finally advanced the bill.

The House members do not want to get any blame that is not due them in the way of taxes. They advanced a bill Monday that requires the county treasurer to separate the state taxes from the county taxes on the tax receipt.

One of Governor Weaver's pet measures to reorganize the state administrative system was discussed in the Senate Tuesday. The bill would transfer the collection of the gasoline tax from the department of agriculture to the state treasurer's office. The secretary of agriculture is an administrative code office. The state treasurer is

a constitutional office and not under the control of the governor. It is a move to weaken the administrative code.

**ELECTION POLL RESULTS SHOW OFFICE WINNERS**

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although declared ineligible in the competition for senior presidency, was given four votes.

**Dox is Cheer Leader**

Charles "Chick" Dox, of Omaha, is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, and is senior yell leader and a member of Kosmet Klub.

Paul Burgert, of Lincoln, is a member of Beta Theta Pi, Kosmet club, Junior-Senior Prom committee, varsity party committee, Pi Psi-Alpha Pi (national pep organization represented at Nebraska by the Corn Cobs), and is junior yell leader.

Claude Rowley, of Clyde, Kansas, is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and a backfield football man. Harrie Shearer is a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Munro Kezer was chairman of the election committee and Prof. E. W. Lentz, of the Teachers' college, served as faculty adviser.

**MORTON TELLS OF OPPORTUNITIES IN ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOL**

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tered. They were asked to be honest with their replies.

**Few Cases of Failure**

There were 429 cases, and only thirty, or about seven per cent, were taking the course because of failure in the subject at some previous time. On the contrary, 115 of them were doing the summer work in order to complete the four years of the high school in less than four years of time.

Students in the Teachers' College high school, said Professor Morton, come from farms and small towns as well as Lincoln and vicinity. Many counties are represented. The present student body ranges in ages all the way from fifteen to forty-five years old, he added. Professor Morton has a very good opinion of the average high school student.

"Our young people of high school age are really a serious lot of folks," he said. "They are often misjudged and sometimes falsely accused, but my experience in working with them for many years justifies my saying that they are, in the main, wholesome and fine."

**Dr. Pearse Visits Here**

Dr. Arthur S. Pearse, who received his master's degree here in 1904, and is now professor of zoology at Duke university, visited the campus Monday during a brief stop before going on to Japan where he will carry on investigations for the Rockefeller institute concerning parasitic diseases.

New York—(IP)—With a view to presenting a bill in the state legislature, writing from the statute books of the state many bad laws, the New York University Law School is conducting an intensive legal research.

**THE SPASM**

Winter came, went, and came again. And with it came another spasm. There must not be much to that ground hog business after all, because if the not so-called spasm was able to see his shadow, it would be able to see his shadow on February 2. He should either swear off or change his bootlegger. But still we have winter weather.

But that doesn't prove anything, as the campus politician remarked when it was found that he had voted twice.

We are about to select a Prom girl. It would be too bad if the one elected did not happen to have a date for the Junior Prom. Perhaps the honored one should have been named at the Interfraternity Ball, everyone was there.

"Seems me," said the chimney sweep when asked how he liked his business.

The question is, if a basketball player takes a shot every time he goes down the floor, will he get tight?

Silence is golden, but when the instructor calls on you, it pays to have a silver tongue.

Oh, yes, Class elections have been held. The Spasm offers its congratulations to the defeated candidates. Perhaps the victorious ones will soon realize that there is some truth in the statement that the class presidencies do not mean anything.

Probation was held last week. Quarterly examinations are due next week. Freshmen have their alibi for being delinquent at the first reports.

The thinking student is today wondering just how the Indians managed to get along in the cold Nebraska weather without classrooms where they could get the Turkish bath effect.

CANDIDATES FOR PROM GIRL ARE DECIDED BY VOTE  
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dent council. She is also a member of Sigma Kappa.

Lorraine G. Gamble, Knoxville Iowa, is a senior in the Arts and

Sciences college. She is a member of Delta Gamma. Irene Lavelly Corning, Iowa, is a member of Delta Delta Delta. She is majoring in Fine Arts. Ruth Shallcross, Bellevue, is a member of Mortar Board and is a senior in the Arts and Sciences college.  
**Committee At Work**  
The committee is working steadily on plans for the party, and intends to make this one of the outstanding parties of the year. Decorations will be handled by a professional interior decorator. It is planned to make the arch through which the Prom girl will be presented, the feature of the decoration motif.  
Tickets for the Prom will go on sale at five o'clock this afternoon. Junior or Senior representatives who wish to sell Prom tickets are requested to meet with the committee at five o'clock today in room 107 Social Sciences. Tickets may also be purchased from members of the committee or from the representatives at the Cornhusker office.

Salem, Ore.—(IP)—All Williams college fraternity men who owe money to their houses and have not made arrangements for the payment of the same before the end of the semester, have been barred from taking the mid-year examinations at the college. This was decided by the faculty following a plea made by the fraternities to the college officials.

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