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INTO THE WASTEBASKET

Defeat of the pet measure of Representative Horvis of Dawson county yesterday afternoon in the house of representatives, a bill which would have brought about second year pledging in the University of Nebraska, marks the second failure of such a measure in the Nebraska legislature. Two years ago, a bill patterned along the same identical lines, perished in the legislature grist mill.

Opposition to the deferred pledging bill was prompted not because of the relative merits of first year pledging in fraternities and sororities. The advisability of compelling freshmen students coming to the University to remain outside the bonds of Greek-letter organizations for a year before affiliation, was overshadowed by the fact that there exist no adequate dormitory facilities for freshman students.

While it has been pointed out that the number of freshmen thrown out to seek rooms in Lincoln, if denied the privilege of joining fraternities and sororities, is comparatively small compared with the total number of first-year registrants, it remains that these four hundred would simply add to the multitude forced to depend upon Lincoln rooming house facilities. The problem of housing University students would become even more complicated and deplorable than it is at the present time.

The deferred pledging bill would have been a boon to home owners who depend upon the student influx, in that they would be encouraged to boost the price of room. Desirable quarters would thus be at a premium for the non-resident student, and far beyond the reach of the average budget. The problem of widening the breach between the University administrative offices and the individual student was also interwoven in the legislation to prohibit first year pledging.

Fraternities and sororities are not unalterably opposed to a deferred pledging plan. In fact, if sentiment was properly fathomed, and soundings were made among the men and women of fraternity groups who are fraternity-conscious and willing to listen to reason, a deferred pledging plan would probably meet with approval. At the present time, however, the issue hovered about the advisability of forcing deferred pledging down the throats of fraternities and sororities before they were prepared for it, and before the development of a dormitory system was assured. Undeniably, however, there was a feeling that the defeated measure was fired point blank at the whole fraternity system.

Interest of the state legislature in the matters of student life on the University of Nebraska campus has been commendable. There is nothing more desirable than to understand that a state's citizenry are interested and informed concerning campus conditions. But there is always the possibility of misinterpretation of the student attitude and behavior. Too often particular cases of misconduct and misdemeanor are accepted as general campus-wide conditions. Hesitancy of student organizations to remedy their own situations is looked upon with askance, with little thought that there is a process of education to be undergone before a thing can be scuttled.

It has taken years to build the University of Nebraska, and will take years to continue the construction. To attempt to right a problem as deep-seated and as consequential as deferred-pledging by state legislation, when there are no dormitories, would have been a step backwards.

Those ten men elected to Pershing Rifles have one consolation at least in regard to the informal initiation announced for tonight—they won't have to wear old clothes.

KNOWING THE TRUTH

Charging the University with sponsoring a socialistic policy, a Havelock taxpayer sets forth in the "Public Forum" column of a downtown newspaper his views regarding the dispensing of free federal service to students of the University.

"No one doubts the advisability of maintaining a first aid station on the campus," he writes, "but there is considerable difference in the maintenance of a free first aid station and a free university hospital of twenty or thirty beds. In addition to the free university hospital, it is to be inferred that other free medical service has been provided."

The taxpayer then proceeds to quote several statements made by Dr. R. A. Lyman, who has charge of the hospital or infirmary, as it has come to be known, which appeared in a recent issue of The Daily Nebraskan. The writer makes the assumption from the deans' remarks that the "free hospital and free medical service are made possible at least to a large extent by the appropriation of the legislature for university maintenance."

If this be true, he argues, why not have the legislature appropriate money for numerous other things, too, so that university students can get an education for little or nothing in the way of expense? It is on these grounds that he bases his charge against the University.

The appropriation charge is emphatically denied by Dean Lyman in a public statement appearing in another column of this issue of The Nebraskan. The

taxpayers' money is not used for this purpose, according to the dean, who points out that the expense of the infirmary and other medical service is entirely covered by the students themselves—through the payment of fees at the time of registration.

There have always been questions of this character arising in connection with university affairs and there will continue to be similar questions as long as the institution is state supported. The public cannot be denied its right to know the untainted and unvarnished truth concerning the University and it therefore justified in advancing any criticisms which it sees fit. A little explanation, however, similar to that offered by Doctor Lyman in this particular case, does much to steer the public on the right track and at the same time eliminating misinterpretations.

Looking over the list of Farmers Fair committees, one wonders why the whole thing wasn't consolidated under one heading—"the committee of the whole."

WORDS TO THE WISE

First quarterly examinations are scheduled for the ensuing week. There is nothing new about that. Some students are known to take first quarterly examinations rather indifferently and especially the tests given the first quarter of the second semester. Most students feel that they have successfully established themselves the first semester and can ride through for a while on their past reputations. What a mistake!

These students will likely be caught napping and before they realize it they will be far behind and finally be burdened with extension reviews to regain their lost reputations. It has been found that the second semester furnished more distractions from study than does the first. In a few weeks spring will be reigning fully and there is nothing quite so hard for studying to combat as warm, balmy weather. It furnishes many subtleties to the student, besides encouraging a general attitude of contented lassitude.

All these things should be considered and should students be tempted to "let up" on their work they should look ahead. Now is the time to be gaining momentum. Sluffing now is only a forerunner of a hopeless chaos of back work. It must be reckoned with sometime.

No excuse for coeds going without lunch—the Y. W. has announced free coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

The Prom committee has secured a Chicago orchestra for the final formal of the season. It will be just as well with the dancers if the machine guns are left at home.

A fellow flying from New York to San Francisco wore a raccoon coat. It is gratifying to know that a raccoon coat is good for something.

A student could go to school for half a semester before he found out whether he needs any more education or not. But grade cards come out eventually.

Spare time doesn't mean time to spare during exam week.

OTHER STUDENTS SAY—

THE RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE

So often do we hear people make the remark about the wrong man being placed in an office, and so often is it demonstrated in our public office-holders, that when, as the title suggests, the contrary is found some comment is warranted. The position in question is a particularly trying one to its holder as he is required to punish and at the same time remain and, if possible, retain the friendship and respect of the punished. The office is that of dean of student affairs.

There are but few of us, even though possessing a clear conscience, that on receiving a request to see the dean in his office, do not experience a sinking feeling. Yet after the appointment or visit (for that is what it becomes) there is not one, whether guilty of some mistake or not, that does not feel that here is the right man in the right place. He feels that his case will not only be considered fairly, for that is his right, but that it will also be considered from the standpoint of a student by one who is interested in the student's welfare.

It is this happy combination, so rarely found, that enables the student to leave Dean T. J. Thompson's office feeling that here is a friend who takes personal interest in him. As long as student affairs are placed in the hands of such men as Dean Thompson the students can be assured of not only a fair and impartial view of their trouble, but also of a friend whenever needed.

A STUDENT.

Wonder how many students know what's taking place next Monday.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

QUEEN OR POLITICS?

Another year has rolled around, another Junior Prom is in the making, another orchestra has been engaged and another committee frets and bothers all of the campus hoping to make the annual dance an annual success.

Another election approaches, another series of campus political maneuvers is in the offing, new student politicians are beginning to pull the strings and set the bait and another Queen will be selected when the smoke blows away.

What kind of Queen will she be? Will she be beautiful and attractive, popular, prominent on the campus, a sorority leader, every man's girl or the "spouse" of any certain male political leader, a good dancer or one with a good bank account?

Since the Junior Prom was instituted, all these types of "queens" have been honored. Sometimes the honor has been merited, and other times the distinction of being Prom Queen has been questionable. In many cases bad politics and underhand methods, such as are a blot on the name of a university, have "darkened" the winning candidate so that even the dance itself was a flat failure.

The committee owes it to itself to make the Prom Queen selection entirely above board. Every possible safeguard could not make it a clean campaign if those who are vitally interested do not so wish. There is little honor, however, in being a Prom Queen if the selection is made through fraud or even political stress.

And so, another year, another dance, all may bring new twists in campus politics, something different in political campaigns and the choosing of an excellent Prom Queen with all the qualities she should have. The most important quality is that she be elected because of her beauty, popularity and merits of character alone.

—Indiana Daily Student.

A STUDENT LOOKS AT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By David Fellman

President-elect Hoover is now busily engaged in Washington with the important task of rounding out his cabinet appointments. It is reported that he has already definitely filled seven of the ten positions. The positions still open are those of the departments of labor and agriculture and the attorney-generalship. Senator Borah of Idaho, Mr. Hoover's greatest campaigner, refused the attorney-generalship, on the ground that he can do more for his country and his party by remaining in the senate. Mr. Hoover is especially cautious with his appointments to the labor and agriculture posts, as he wants to appoint men to those positions who will help to solidify popular sentiment in favor of the republican party. With a popular labor leader and a popular farm leader in the cabinet, Mr. Hoover's position will be inestimably more secure.

The house of representatives is consistently refusing to approve the senate's special appropriation of \$24,000,000 for the further enforcement of the dry law. The senate's appropriation is an unusual one in that it puts \$24,000,000 at the disposal of the president, to be used by him, at his discretion, in the enforcement of the Volstead Act. The republicans in the house are blocking every attempt to raise the regular appropriation for enforcement, which amounts to \$2,727,000.

We pause for a moment to extend our sympathy to Colonel Lindbergh. The poor fellow can't even visit his fiancée without the whole world knowing about it. He is pledged to Miss Anne Morrow, daughter of our ambassador to Mexico. He flew from Eagle Pass, Texas, to Mexico City, last Sunday, for a little social call. This fet was the feature story in most of the Sunday editions of all the papers in the country. Incidentally, this little jaunt of America's air hero strikes one a bit philosophically. It looks like it is no feat at all to hop from one country to another to see your best girl. This is surely an age of mechanical wonders.

Europe is at present suffering from an intensely cold winter, one of the worst in recent years. A number of people have been reported frozen to death. It is also reported that Sweden is suffering from lack of coal, because of the ice-bound southern coast. Industries are being handicapped because of lack of fuel, and ships are held fast in the ice, some of them having been unable to move for over three weeks. They are being provisioned by airplanes.

The new Nationalist government of China, which seems to have finally established some semblance of order in that troubled country, is at present facing its first test of power. Its authority is being challenged by a separatist revolt in Shanghai, where certain military leaders are attempting to establish an independent zone. It is reported that the national government has the situation well in hand.

Elaborate provisions are being made for the inaugural of President-elect Hoover on March 4. There will be a nation-wide hook-up of radio stations so that the whole country will be able to hear the inaugural address. Those who are so fortunate as to possess a television outfit and there are about 20,000 of them in the country—may be able to actually see the ceremony, as well as hear the words uttered there. The inaugural of the vice-president, Charles Curtis, will be broadcast right from the senate chamber. It will be the first time that a microphone has been put in the chamber of the United States Senate.

The fight between the Stewart and Rockefeller interests for the control of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana goes merrily on. The Rockefeller family and interests are out to unseat Colonel Stewart from the presidency of the company. It is reported by those who seem to know the facts that the Rockefeller group has already secured over fifty percent of the proxies and that Colonel Stewart will go on March 7, when the board meets.

Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, famed explorer and humanitarian, made an interesting statement at a banquet recently given in his honor in New York. With eight years of experience in relief work during and after the war, Doctor Nansen has a bitter taste for war, and is deeply concerned with methods of disarmament. But his plan for disarmament from the ordinary schemes

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proposed by various statesmen. Said Doctor Nansen "We need have no war unless we wish to. It depends entirely upon our free will. If we would work really efficiently for peace among the nations of the earth, we must begin from within—in the people themselves. It is not so much the disarmament of armies and navies that is important; it is the disarmament of the human mind."

BETWEEN THE LINES

By LaSelle Gilman

As Sherman said, "Columning is a heck of a life," especially when the one writing it has nothing to do with it. (An opportune moment for readers—if any—to breathe, "He never does.") However, the disappointing spring weather sang its siren song in my good ear and I left books to be reviewed another day, whitening away the time with such highbrow literature as True Story and Pep. Tho I did commune with Mr. H. L. Mencken thru the medium of his March American Mercury. Conservatives may snort or gasp, but the Mercury is snuff reading if one takes it with a grain of salt and avoids being the timid soul by inhaling it word for word.

First of note, for those interested in the sports side of journalism, William Henry Nugent has written an enlightening article on "The Sports Section." He deals mainly with the rise of the section from obscure notices to pages with editors in charge. And also with the lingo the page has produced—that is, the glossary of words which we may call slang if we will, but which are indispensable to the page. He gives their origins and various connotations. It is good reading. And allow this quote: "When I consider the amount of space given over to sports my intelligence is offended, but my editorial judgment supports it."—William P. Beazell, assistant managing editor of the New York World.

George Jean Nathan, in his Clinical Notes, writes a pungent word or wet on Radicalism in America. The chief point he makes is the fact that radicals are not-wits in this country, the European radicals far surpassing them. The English, French, Russian or Italian radical commands respect even in quarters where his doctrines prove distasteful. But Gompers and Debs, Nathan argues, had nothing but a gift for soap-box oratory. "The profoundest thing the rank and file of American radical masterminds have been able, with concentrated effort, to think up to say against American capitalism in the whole last thirty years is that the late J. Pierpont Morgan had a red nose and a mash on an actress."

And I also notice that as a prophet, I'm not so bad. Several months ago, when I reviewed Middletown, I made a guess that H. L. Mencken would pounce upon it and hold it up with loud cries of approval, for it is the type of book that is meat for such as Mencken and Sinclair Lewis. Middletown is reviewed by Mencken and he urges it on every reader in America—chiefly because it has more to do with the Babbitts, and Main Streets. Seems to me, tho, that Main Street and Babbitt did enough; let's forget it.

Last week, in this column, I suggested that Nebraska might have a "Type." Several students talked it over in a coffee-shop afterwards. The opinion seems to be that Nebraska does have a type, but its peculiarities are somewhat vague. One argued that the truly representative Nebraska type is an athletic worshiper, more so than other colleges, both east and west. Another expressed the belief that our type is the rough-and-ready, sheep-akin-coated, corn-fed barbarian. I can't agree with the latter; it smacks too much of the prejudiced ideas of the so-called intelligentsia. But what are we marked by? Snobbishness? Indifference? Spontaneity? Shallowness? Enthusiasm? It's rather difficult to find out unless one gets an unprejudiced, calm, analytical view. What impresses the outsider?

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International Education Secretary

Of National Y.W.C.A. Is Guest Here

Miss Helen Thoburn, secretary for international education for the national Y. W. C. A., is the guest of the university Y. W. C. A. this week. Miss Thoburn is internationally known as an exceptional fine speaker, and students on the fine campus will have an unusual opportunity in being able to hear her, for she will speak at a great many meetings during the week, including World Forum and Vespers, both at the College of Agriculture and the downtown campus.

For eight years, until last year, Miss Thoburn was a secretary in the Chinese Y. W. C. A., and for a time she worked with Grace Coppock, a Nebraska graduate who went to China as the first woman missionary sent to that country by the Y. W. C. A. Grace Coppock organized the Y. W. C. A. in China, and because she insisted upon giving it into the hands of Chinese leaders it is today headed by Miss Ting Shu Ching, a young Chinese woman who was trained by Miss Coppock to succeed her. It was under Miss Ting that Miss Thoburn worked while she was in China.

Fifty Will Aid Drive

The Y. W. C. A. in China, as Miss Thoburn explained to a group of fifty captains who will work in the drive, whom she met at five o'clock Monday in Ellen Smith hall, has taken over nearly every activity that is in this country sponsored by a particular organization with a very specific purpose. Child welfare, women's labor problems, physical education for women, nursery schools, and social life are all sponsored by the Y. W. C. A. because there is no other organization

in the country which is able to do these things, or willing to do them. Chinese people are very quick to take up new ideas once they make up their minds to adopt them, according to Miss Thoburn, and when they do adopt a western custom they go all the way, and take no half-way measures, so that it becomes a real problem for leaders to keep them from going too far. Many Chinese women have turned to the Y. W. C. A. as a means for securing social contacts, a desire which directly opposes ancient traditions in China with respect to the real place of woman.

Explains Odd Name

The shortened form of the Chinese name for the Y. W. C. A., when it is retranslated into English is Green Years, and though many strangers wonder at the color scheme, when the Y. W. C. A. paper is put out under the title of the Green Year, with a blue triangle directly below, the symbol has a very vital significance to those who are working in the movement in China.

Early in March the local association sponsors a drive for funds to be sent to China to promote the work which is being carried on there by the Y. W. C. A., and it is to make the work which this money supports more vital to individuals on the campus who will contribute to the fund, that Miss Thoburn has come to Nebraska. Nebraska was the first group to sponsor such a drive when it began a campaign for funds to be sent directly to Grace Coppock in 1915. Miss Coppock has since died, but the fund is still raised in her name as a memorial to her.

"type" made a side-mark which was interesting if true. Having attended eastern schools and therefore not speaking for a snobbish effect, he stated that Nebraska students, in comparison with eastern students, are extremely lacking in culture, finesse, "smoothness." He believes that the Nebraska students are crude, with their corners still rough and sharp. Literal-minded, he said; materialistic, unread, uneducated when we graduate. The eastern student is polished, he stated, with widely varying interests in literature, politics, the arts, et cetera, without being intellectual snobs. Rather strong, I suppose, and yet others have said the same thing. Something to think about, at least.

Yesterday I read an article dealing with the civilizing of the West. The range is gone, the cowboy has vanished, roads are made of gravel, schools have sprung up, and the Indian, the fierce, liberty-loving, war-like Sioux, has gone the trail of the setting sun. Today I read a news clipping, to wit: "Amos White, a Sioux Indian, bit off the end of his wife's nose so she would be less attractive to other Indian men. Today he was sentenced to two years and eight months in the State Penitentiary." (South Dakota.) More proof that the West is gone. An American Indian can't even bite off his wife's nose without getting thrown into jail!

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