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Looking Through Blindfolds.

Blinded by the possibility of a small saving on food, coal and maintenance bills, fraternity stewards met in Morrill hall Tuesday night to organize the Fraternity Cooperative association through which all supplies will be bought from the lowest bidders on each respective commodity.

With but little preliminary discussion and only a cursorial investigation both at Nebraska and on other campuses, more than a score of university fraternities are plunging blindfolded into this new association. Just what the outcome will be they themselves do not pretend to predict, but retaliate with the statement, "It won't hurt to try it."

The plan has worked some places, but it has failed miserably at a host of others. Conditions vary and there is no criterion by which success of the cooperative buying idea may be measured in advance of experiment. And experimenting irrationally so often involves paying of a price much higher than possible saving might warrant.

There are, however, a legion of factors which should have been carefully considered before Nebraska's fraternities entered into such a union. First they should note that every school at which the cooperative system has been a success, at least in the midwest, has been a comparatively small one located either in small towns or in cities where schools play but a small part. They should next realize that at Missouri, Illinois and Purdue, schools quite similar to Nebraska in physical characteristics, the plan has been regarded as a woeful mistake, an utter failure.

Lincoln's merchants are not to be ignored in considering the cooperative problem. They are among the university's best friends, donors of prizes, scholarships and awards, liberal advertisers in university publications, cordially interested in the student body, supporters of the football team.

To secure their dissatisfaction and lose their friendship by cutting all but one in each field from the biggest slice of university trade in numerous staple commodities will hurt not each individual fraternity but the entire University of Nebraska. The goodwill of Lincoln's merchants, now held and esteemed by this university, is one of Nebraska's finest assets.

Everyone likes to consider vigorous young manhood as good, fine, honest and true to Cornhusker ideals and principles. This condition, unfortunately, often does not exist. It is well to laud the frankness and wholesomeness of young people today. It is quite another thing to grant to a half dozen selected student buyers the right to choose or select this "lowest bidder."

Close supervision and checking may help. But it cannot prove adequate to cope with possible dishonesty and graft. The co-operative system opens up a new revenue of fraud which should forever remain closed. There are a multitude of ways of getting around the "low bid" idea. There is no means to prevent the X & X company which receives a coal contract for thirty fraternities to make the coal buyer a neat side gift. In fact it would be good business and the gift would be welcome.

Officers and buyers in the cooperative ash-hold office for a year. Annually stewards at societies, by terms of the constitution, are to fraternity houses are changed. Annually the organization of the association will change correspondingly. Each year a new man will buy groceries, meats, coal, etc.

This system cannot make for efficiency. Just how much does a gullible and inexperienced university student know about buying groceries for thirty fraternities? Is he to be given responsibility for feeding nearly 1,000 men in the university?

But the fraternities are all a prattle with eagerness to try the plan. They accept the fact that "It won't hurt to try it." They do not realize the unwholesome and lasting effect that such an association may have if it prove unsuccessful.

And should it prove successful this year, there is no reason to suppose it will continue so. The complete instability of the organization and the facts that it rests almost entirely with students can mean nothing but its eventual downfall and the return to the slightly more expensive but much more satisfactory and practical method of fraternity individuality in planning menus, fixing furnaces and repairing leaky bathtubs.

Where There's Life—

Nebraska's spirit was ridiculed in one of The Daily Nebraskan's feature columns Tuesday morning. That the legendary thing known as school spirit is either artificial or entirely

lacking in the Cornhusker school was suggested by the columnist. We don't exactly agree with that columnist.

Perhaps students have failed to turn out for rallies and pep sessions in the masses that are predicted by those in charge. Possibly class rallies and song sessions have suffered a slight relapse. But the spirit of Nebraska, which was born with this state's university some sixty years ago, has grown with the institution. Legend and tradition have nourished it until now it stands proudly before Nebraska's own student body and her rivals.

Nebraska spirit will live until the university is a thing of the past and its graduates are dead and gone. It is invincible.

For those who suffer twinges of embarrassment and self-consciousness when they allow a slight cheer to escape their lips, we have deep sympathy. To those students who feel no thrill in Nebraska's victory and no disappointment in her defeat we can give nothing but the salt of our tears.

Campus cynics may sneer at exhibitions of patriotism for the University of Nebraska. Give them this pleasure, for life will contain little else for one whose capacity for emotion is lacking.

Another treasure has been added to the Morrill hall collection this time because of a road grader. It always has been common opinion that it pays to keep up the roads.

Co-ed popularity contests are the order of the day. If you're not a sweetheart you might be a queen.

Echoes of the Campus.

Proposed Duties of Class Officers.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

The illustrious (?) class officers have been razed long enough. The following schedule is hereby graciously submitted with the belief that if it is carried out precisely the worthy class officers, will, in time, be fully appreciated and beneficially occupied during their term of office:

Class presidents: Should take turns conducting the traffic at Twelfth and R streets. This would eliminate the need of light and save the city of Lincoln money which consequently would make Nebraska more wealthy and eventually the university should have the finances necessary to lay a sidewalk across the drill field to Andrews' hall. This would greatly benefit all students by sweetening their dispositions. When traffic is scarce the presidents might use the time and place to conduct political campaigns which would insure their election to other honorary positions.

Vice presidents: Should stand ready to step into the president's shoes whenever he gets cold feet. At other times the vice president can patrol the campus and keep on the lookout for prowlers. If this is done it will not be necessary to cut down picturesque shrubbery.

Secretaries: May take the minutes of class meetings. They may keep count of attendance and if twenty-three students attend instead of seventeen they must try to discover why the other six came. The secretary should keep on file fool-proof alibis for students' cuts and with these as reference, students can remain in school for a longer time.

Treasurers: Should check up on all money spent for postage stamps. This will provide a way of telling how often students write home. Penny banks may be established in lobbies of various buildings where students may deposit leftover lunch money. Thus classes may establish a fund to help educate the wild men of Borneo.

Sergents at arms: Will automatically become head colonels of the cadet corps; if they happen to be women, they may become honorary colonels. Other officials of less importance should be eliminated. C. L.

Too Much Money!

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

Several appeals have been made recently through the columns of this paper, asking for stronger student support in the Cornhusker sales campaign. Perhaps one of the main reasons the student body is not giving the Cornhusker wholehearted support is because it costs too much money. By the time a student has paid all the way from \$1.50 to \$6 for the pleasure of viewing his own countenance on the pages of the yearbook, he hasn't much margin left with which to buy a book.

A junior or senior must pay \$4 to have his picture in the junior or senior section. If he wants his picture in his fraternity section alone, it costs him \$1.50, and if he wants his picture in both the fraternity and junior sections it costs him a total of \$4.50. Then if he belongs to any other organization which has its picture in the Cornhusker, he has to pay for each one of those pictures, with the net result that after he finishes paying the photographer he has to eat sinkers and coffee for the next week in order to make up the deficit. Naturally when he is approached by a Cornhusker salesman seeking to extract an additional \$4.50 from his painfully flat pocketbook, he simply can't take the rap.

Another thing which arouses a student's ire is to find that it costs him almost as much to have a picture of his own used as it does to have a new one taken. Why should it cost a junior or a senior \$4 to have a picture used which was taken the previous year. The Cornhusker collects a half-dollar from the photographer for every fraternity and sorority member's picture, and \$4 for every sorority or fraternity member who has his or her picture in the junior or senior section.

It is true that the costs of producing an ambitious annual like the Cornhusker is tremendous. Yet it seems that the book could be produced without placing such an unreasonable drain on the student's purse. If this is not possible, why not do away with the useless and expensive brig-a-brag, that adorns the yearbook and turn out a tasteful, dignified book at a much lower cost.

The students would be far more satisfied, every man and woman on the campus could really afford to buy a book, and the Cornhusker would be even more representative of the student body as a whole than it is now. N. O. A.

A Student Looks at Public Affairs.

By DAVID FELLMAN.

We are a race of funny Puritans: we prohibit dice and poker, and actively support stock exchanges and race tracks.

A man with ambitions of rising in the business world is lauded for his constructive purpose; if he seeks to rise in the political world, he is suspected of sinister designs.

The American newspapers work at cross purposes; they seek to purify in their editorial columns, a public mind which they debate with their front pages.

Legion as are the faults of democracy, it is still a vast improvement over rule by a man luckily born.

Democracy in education, a fair chance for all, rich and poor, to the fruits of higher learning, is the glory of America.

Massachusetts is a paradox among the sisterhood of American states; though she still has a Puritan, witch burning social attitude of mind, she also has one of the most advanced legislative codes in the United States.

In this day of widely diffused education and critical knowledge, popular catch phrases, simple slogans, and traditional dogmas still control the public opinion.

Sincerity and honesty in the conduct of government business are excellent virtues, but they are no excuse for stupidity and inactivity.

One of the most common of all present day fallacies is the assumption that the decline of the institutional orthodoxies of religion means a decline of the religious spirit.

Silence at the right time is a wise executive attitude; but total abstinence from speech is irritating, vacillating, and smacks of incapacity.

The confounding of prohibition with temperance was the most grievous error the American people were ever lulled into believing.

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never be written so long as the congressmen refuse to reconcile the interests of their own respective constituencies with the interests of the nation as a whole.

The stagnation of a people is as dangerous and as unsatisfactory as revolution.

STUDENTS PLAN VOCATION TALKS FOR DISCUSSION

Electrification will be discussed at the American society of agricultural engineers meeting tonight. The students who worked in the various power companies in the state during the summer vacation will tell of their experience.

Eugene S. White, who worked for Western public service company of Scottsbluff, Neb. Wayne Cantral, who was employed by the Iowa Nebraska Light and Power company in Lincoln; and Francis

FINE ARTS BAND GIVES PREMIER VARIED PROGRAM

The Fine Arts band, conducted by William T. Quick, presented its first concert of the season at 8 o'clock, Tuesday morning in Temple theater. The program consisting of classical and popular selections, featured a trumpet solo by John Schildneck. The program followed: Barber of Seville, Intermezzo from Nala, Trumpets with variations.

Large advertisement for Ben Simon & Sons overcoats, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and the text: 'About Now is when a smart new Overcoat comes in handy especially on these crisp November Evenings', 'University men are wearing Dark Oxford grey and Dark Blue', 'Coats are medium long', 'Single and double breasted models', 'Better breeze in and look 'em over before old king winter decides to pull a fast one and lets us have a bit of snow and ice', '\$35', 'Every coat unconditionally guaranteed', 'Ben Simon & Sons', 'BENJAMIN ARMSTRONGS'.