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CRASHERS.

DESPITE the fact that most formal invitations to fraternity and sorority parties include an engraved "present at door" ticket, rollicking crashers persist in squirming through ball room portals and infest all downtown affairs in loud numbers. For uninvited and unwanted guests to push themselves into private parties is reprehensible practice but a pastime based on long custom and unfortunate social conditions.

It is easy to understand why many fraternity men regard crashing as a simple way of having a good time and an easy way of achieving some measure of social popularity. Conditions which make party "busting" a fashionable form of recreation are not hard to discern. Here are some of them:

1. There are few dancing parties of a university atmosphere which students may attend on weekend nights. The university and organizations connected with it do not provide a general social outlet of this nature accepted by all.

2. The lad who "rates" or "makes" most of the spring, formal and fall parties is looked upon as a social success. The fellow who must resort to movies to entertain a date is hardly a social equal, his acquaintances agree.

3. Sorority girls coyly insist on attending downtown affairs and the youth who has no bid to such parties will find most Greek letter coeds difficult about going with him.

4. Downtown parties are the cheapest form of amusement any man could desire. Possible car rent and refreshments are the only cost items.

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CRASHERS are not to be criticized too harshly.

Crashing has become traditional at the university and almost a part of the student's human nature. But it is not to be condoned. It involves the idea of going somewhere one isn't wanted. It breeds an unwholesome spirit in the university. Students get the idea a thing is all right as long as a person can get away with it.

Furthermore it detracts from the enjoyability of a party. Unwelcome reprobates jamming the dance floor certainly add nothing to the good time. Their presence results in an increased number of broken shirt fronts, trampled toes, bruised backs and wretched arms. Attempting dancing a breezy foxtrot when such a mob is present rivals any football workout.

Remedies for crashing? It is more difficult to construct them than to slither the party system with criticism. The only adequate remedy, and one which probably will never be adopted, involves changing the spirit of those students who thoroughly delight in forcing entrance into a hall from which they should rightfully be excommunicated. Espousing that change of spirit is like shouting against ocean breakers; ineffective, useless.

NO PLAN can be evolved whereby crashing will be entirely eliminated. Crying out against it is buffeting the prevailing social order. The rascals who want to slip into a ball room without an invitation will always find a way.

Admittance cards would certainly prove more effective if their presentation at the door were required, if men who didn't have a ticket were absolutely barred from admission. To avoid crashing by latecomers who might slip through minus their tickets with a group of promenaders, a plan of showing the card to doormen on entering the ball room each time should prove satisfactory.

Such tactics, however, are revolting to many fraternities and sororities. They do not wish to commercialize their parties to the extent of branding all attendance with a rubber stamp as per jitney dance halls.

Crashers may be placed in a permanent category just like fraternity men, P. B. K.'s, bars, athletes and what not. Ever present, they will always be a problem for party planners to provide for or against. But analyzed in any way it is small, cheap and contemptible to crash parties.

A DUTCH TREATISE.

"DUTCH TREAT" dates at the New Jersey College for Women have been heartily endorsed by the girls there. They consider a date "one of those not so rare occasions of a frivolous nature when the man thinks twice before selecting his necktie and the girl add an extra dash of powder to her nose."

Under the Holland plan, which finds prompt reception in coeducational schools—from the men, the dater and the dated share the expense of the social plunge between them. This, in the opinion of the New Jersey girls, eliminates the probability of gold digging. One of the major difficulties, however, would be that they boys with the gold might get many a dirty dig.

Several arguments are advanced in favor of the plan. Possibly the majority of the coeds at the University of Nebraska think "Dutch Treat" is a football star, but they would soon become educated. Such conduct would cause some of the Greek goddesses to stay at home with their books occasionally, perhaps.

Most coeds at the University of Nebraska receive as much money from their parents as do the men. "Fathers of the boys," wisecrack the New Jersey girls, "may be luckier than the fathers of girls, but they may not be wealthier." Hence, the proportional representation idea.

In addition to this point, the "Dutch treat" girls believe that their system is wise from a moral

standpoint. They believe that girls, having paid their own way to movies, for example, would be less apt to feed the swain a line to show their appreciation. This, doubtless, would eliminate much of the hand-holding in moving picture emporiums.

A beautiful dream, sighs the college man, but some of the brothers would be slipping up and paying the full amount. Bootleggers of dates, it would seem.

DIRECTOR GAYLE C. WALKER.

BY ACTION of the university board of regents Saturday, Gayle C. Walker, acting director of the school of journalism since shortly after the death of Prof. M. M. Fogg in the spring of 1926, was made director of the school and advanced to the position of associate professor of journalism.

Professor Walker is a product of the University of Nebraska. He received his A. B. degree in 1923 and his A. M. degree a short time ago. Through his efforts the school of journalism, beloved child of the late Professor Fogg, has maintained high and progressive standards, and experienced healthy growth.

Always close to The Daily Nebraskan but never interfering in its policies, Professor Walker has won the respect and friendship of past and present staff members.

He has advanced the interests of the school of journalism and the University of Nebraska throughout the state. By sending senior students to newspapers all over Nebraska for a week of practical laboratory work last spring, publishers came to realize that journalism theory as taught at the University of Nebraska is balanced with practical work—that a certificate in journalism is representative of some degree of practical efficiency in the fertile fields of the Fourth Estate.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA publications have been placed under the thumb of the faculty. Students no longer may hurl uncensored editorial objections at administrative policy and existent university conditions through columns of the Minnesota Daily. Faculty supervisors will see that Minnesota's newspaper contains no comment which might reflect unfavorably upon the institution.

Two reasons prompted the faculty to take Minnesota's publications out of student hands, press dispatches declare. Politics said Gopher pedagogics played the biggest part in staff selections, treatment of news and general tone of publications. Second, the Minnesota Daily's editorials have too often harshly criticized university administration.

Politics should be kept entirely out of student publications. They make little difference in selecting class presidents who hold these titular honors with no duties attached. They make no material difference in election of Student council members whose measures must pass a faculty committee before they go into effect. But in publications there is no room for politics.

Selections of staff members must be made on basis of merit rather than political allegiance if publications circulated throughout the country are to be representative of the student body. If the stench of politics became too strong at Minnesota, faculty members are not to be blamed for taking publications out of student control.

BUT criticism by the student newspaper of administrative policy is no valid reason for faculty supervision. A student newspaper edited by university students must base all assertions on fact. Publishing untruths would lay it open to libel suits. Matters discussed editorially in the Minnesota Daily have met with faculty disapproval mainly because they have not interpreted the position of the university as the administration desired.

Criticism should be encouraged rather than stifled. By criticism improvements come about; progress is made. Failure to take criticism in the proper manner implies there is room for criticism. Otherwise the victim would not mind it. Standing militantly for his beliefs though they be contrary to university policy is to be admired in an editor. Such a position is much harder to assume than one of indifference and laissez faire.

Students at the University of Nebraska need not fear a similar fate will befall The Daily Nebraskan. No effort has been made to throttle the ideas of student editors. The University of Nebraska, the administration feels, is big enough to stand on its own feet despite criticism. Always the administration has realized that regardless of disagreements on the part of Nebraska writers, their interests have been sincere, their motives for a better university. The appointment is effective September 1.

Van Royen a Hollander. Dr. William Van Royen, now assistant secretary of the Netherlands chamber of commerce in New York City, was elected instructor in geography for the coming year. Dr. Van Royen is a native of Holland and has traveled widely over the continent of Europe. He completed his work for a Ph. D. degree in the graduate school of geography at Clark University. The appointment is effective September 1.

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+ Current Comment +

ADULT EDUCATION.

Growth of night classes at the University of Nebraska is indicated by a report that 567 people were enrolled for this work during the first semester. This is approximately a hundred more than a year ago.

Many of the people enrolling for these courses, which are beginning for the second semester this week, are unable to attend university day classes and are desirous of working toward a degree. Others are taking the work because they think it will help them financially.

There are, however, a number of Lincoln people taking advantage of these night classes and of other extension courses because they want to keep up with modern thought. They are individuals who are straining constantly to educate themselves.

In the education of adults is found the greatest weakness of our present educational system, declared one university instructor recently. This professor was thinking of the adults whose education stopped at the time they quit school, whether that was when they graduated from a university or when they were expelled from grade school.

There are self-satisfied individuals who thought they had attained an education when they were presented a sheepskin ten, twenty or thirty years ago. Of course they don't stop learning at that time, but that was because they couldn't entirely check this process. Most of their knowledge acquired since was in the particular business or occupation in which they happened to be engaged. Their knowledge in other fields of thought is so antiquated than an intelligent junior high school boy would put them to shame.

Night schools are only one means of keeping up with the procession but it seems probable that they will increase their influence in adult education. Intelligent reading is the most effective method of education that is available to the average individual. It isn't necessary to attend school in order for the adult to continue his education although sometimes this is the most efficient method. The Lincoln Star.

MILESTONES AT NEBRASKA

1925.

Pi Kappa Alpha was leading in the interfraternity track meet.

Roland Locke equalled the world's record for the 50-yard dash at a Kansas City meet.

Plans were under way for the first "Journalism Week."

1926.

Fred Ushring accepted the position of director of athletics at Nebraska.

The Innocents pledged their aid in the campaign to reduce the high cost of living.

A meeting was called of the university post of the American Legion.

1915.

The second Mid-West Quarterly, edited by Professor Frye, was just off the press.

The varsity basketball team left on a trip to play Iowa State college and Drake university.

1910.

An editorial of the editor of The Daily Nebraskan complained that university men continually smoked in the presence of ladies.

E. H. Hahne, a barb, was elected president of the junior class.

The sophomores elected R. D. Hawley, a Sigma Nu, class president.

DR. RAYMOND MADE NEW ENGLISH HEAD

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English department, is on leave of absence until September 1, 1930, when he will become emeritus dean and professor of English. He had served as chairman of the department since 1882. During the past year the department has operated under a faculty committee of which Prof. S. B. Gass is chairman.

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Dr. C. W. M. Poynter, who has been acting deal of the college of medicine at Omaha since September 1, 1929, was named dean of the Medical College hospital. Dr. Poynter took the place of Dean J. J. Keegan, who resigned last year. He joined the university faculty in 1905 as professor of anatomy. He also served during the war as acting dean. Dr. Poynter became chairman of the department of anatomy in 1919.

Walker succeeds Fogg.

Prof. Gayle C. Walker, who has been acting director of the school of journalism and assistant professor, was advanced to director of the school and associate professor. Prof. Walker was named acting director of the school June 1, 1926, following the death of Prof. M. M. Fogg, the first director of the school. He became assistant professor in 1927.

Dr. Hal W. Stoke, associate professor at Berea college, was elected assistant professor in the department of political science. Dr. Stoke received his A. B. degree from Marion college in Indiana in 1924. He received his A. M. from the University of Southern California the next year and received his Ph. D. this year at Johns Hopkins. His appointment is effective September 1.

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RHODES GIVES WYOMING OFFER HEAVY THOUGHT

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latter replying that any announcement at this time would be premature.

Rhodes arrived in Cheyenne Friday from Laramie, where he conferred Thursday with the president of the university relative to the position. He planned to return to Laramie late Saturday, for further conferences.

Friday noon Dr. Crane declined to say whether any announcement of the appointment of a new mentor for the school would be withheld until the quarterly meeting of the board of trustees in March.

Faculty appointments are customarily ratified at the March

meeting of the board, but it is thought that a tentative agreement may be reached between Rhodes and the executive committee before that time, as a result of the conferences.

Rhodes, who besides turning out a baseball team that took the Big Six title last spring, was coach of a formidable freshman football team last fall, declared here Friday that he was highly pleased with the University of Wyoming.

He said that he was especially impressed by the equipment, the manners of the members of the faculty he met Thursday, and the spirit of the student body.

"The only thing lacking," he said, "is adequate material and I think that the movements now under way will remedy this deficiency."

Rhodes referred particularly to the statewide movement of the university alumni organizations and the state department of the American Legion to enroll Wyoming athletes in the University of Wyoming.

Although emphatically declining to comment upon any discussion of a contract, Rhodes declared that he found "that Dr. Crane and I fully agree on a statement of ideals and on matters of policy with regard to the future development of the department of athletics at Wyoming."

At a meeting of members of the "W" club and other student organizations Thursday, Rhodes repeated that he was strongly impressed by the spirit of the Wyoming student body.

Rhodes addressed the weekly meeting of the American Legion luncheon club here Friday, and conferred with Cheyenne alumni and other interested university boosters.

The Cornhusker coach is receiving much support for the position of head coach at Wyoming from University of Nebraska alumni who are now living in Cheyenne, Laramie, and other cities of the state.

English Large Department.

The department of English is the largest department on the university campus. The first semester last year the total course registration was 3,968. During the second semester it was 3,577. Twenty-two faculty members cared for these students.