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The Men Are Worried!

Congratulations, felicitations, and deepest sympathies to the Mortar Boards. For the Mortar Boards have awakened the campus. For the first time since the history-making, rib-breaking riot before the Kansas Aggie game two years ago, the campus is agog with an idea.

And well they may be. As two contributors to the Morning Mail point out, what man wants to be known as "Nebraska Sweetheart" or the winner of a male beauty contest? Says W. H. B. "In one of the country's largest universities, where students are supposed to have progressed beyond the stage of paper wads and lollypops, it is absurd, even pathetic."

Both contributors label the idea as a "perfect piece of asininity." We are inclined to disagree. The lethargy which has crept upon the University of Nebraska students has become extremely hard to pierce and this idea is the first in years which has successfully accomplished that task.

It seems highly probable that the man chosen will be a senior and it also seems probable that he will be chosen from the ranks of the activity men. May heaven help him after his crowning. For four long months he will be required to go about the campus with the gibe of his classmates in his ears.

Regardless of whether the idea is good or bad, intellectual or asinine, the campus will owe a debt of gratitude to the Mortar Boards for advancing a new idea on the campus. The party should be a success—there is one fly in the ointment.

Hodge Podge In the Maze.

Architectural drafting rooms for freshman courses in that department were installed in the basement of University hall this week. Now occupying dilapidated old "U" hall are the School of Journalism, the university news and feature service office, the department of romance languages, including class rooms and offices for instructors in French, Spanish, Italian and Scandinavian, the Daily Nebraskan office, the Cornhusker office and the Awwgan office.

The new-comer but adds one more to the conglomerate of odds and ends now housed in the favorite catch-all of the university plant. Incidentally, it points again to the need of a student union building at Nebraska and calls attention to the inadequacies of the present university building facilities.

There are only four classes of people who do not come to university to study. These are freshman, sophomore, junior and senior.

A Note to New Officers.

Advance omens on the coming spring elections pointed toward the Blue Shirt faction last night as the majority group voted three men into office in the Interfraternity council. Custom in the past has dictated that the Yellow Jackets be given at least one officer on the body but the Blue Shirts threw that custom overboard.

The emphasis placed upon faction politics on the University of Nebraska campus has been, it seems, a trifle overdone and this over-emphasis has done the situation no good. It makes little difference, here or in state or national politics, what party swings a man into power. It is not the principles or ideals of the party which are held so high but the capabilities and principles of the man, himself.

The Interfraternity council is the supreme governing body of the fraternities of the University of Nebraska campus. It has long been lost in the maze of motion-making but it is now emerging from that wilderness and is assuming the proportions of a worth-while organization. Chief among its duties are, of course, the Interfraternity ball, the Interfraternity banquet, and the scholarship awards.

Those rules must be revised. It is up to the officers of the council to take steps to see that the situation is rectified. The new officers have this job on their hands and they can not afford to ignore it. The routine matters of the regular business can be cared for easily. It is matters like these which demand the attention of the leaders, and it is matters like these which will test the mettle of those new officers.

There are two distinct types of people who should keep their mouths closed at all times. Those who have gold teeth and those who have not.

No More Booing.

The university athletic department and the university as a whole will be hosts to over three hundred high school basketball players and their coaches at the basketball game this evening. The game promises to be one packed with thrills. Although the Nebraska team has won only two conference games and one non-conference game they will be showing plenty of fight since their win over the Kansas-Aggies last week.

Tonight these high school boys will be shown a high grade of basketball playing which should give them pointers on how good teams play basketball. The teams, however, are not the only ones who will make their trip successful. The student body also has its part to do—that is to show good sportsmanship during the game. In the past at the games the crowd has been in the habit of "booing" the referee when he makes unfavorable decisions.

And then suppose the "popularity king" had to take his girl to the party.

Why not contributions for an easy chair for the editor?

MORNING MAIL

More About Asininity.

TO THE EDITOR: What ingenious creatures these American college girls are! Under the guise of choosing Nebraska's most popular "Joe" they pass off on the unsuspecting student body a high-powered advertising scheme. The thing is naive, to say the least and in my opinion it is the most perfect piece of asininity that I have seen perpetrated during my four years of college.

If the method of choosing this most popular man was representative of the consensus of opinion of the whole university it would not be quite so ridiculous. But as it is, each sorority is going to cast four votes and the big "IT" man is to be the one who receives the majority or perhaps plurality. Someone told me once that all the girls aren't in sororities, in fact not half of them are. And what about all these other girls. Are their votes no good? If this man is to be truly representative why not have him chosen by all the women students? When any of the women's honorary places are filled, all the men have a chance to vote.

What, after all, is the basis on which the big shot is to be chosen? Those who spend the most time at the Moon will no doubt be right in the thick of things. Then there is the sorority gigolo, the perennial doormat, who is sure to get the unanimous vote of the particular sorority that he favors with his good looks and masculine charms. He'll be a good bet too. Caking, dating, soft-whispering caballeros will be the vogue and he who aspires to be the darling of Nebraska's "Josies" must be seen in all public places from now on and clothe himself with that smirking, smiling, dashing personality of a big personality man. Well, boys, don't be bashful, just dig out all

the old charms and stick to it doggedly, and maybe you will be the answer to a maiden's prayer, in person.

Women's beauty and personality contests are as old as the world, but this masculine contest is an innovation. Recently two colleges instituted them, and about five thousand didn't. Still there is nothing like being a pioneer in any particular field. It is more or less traditional for the world to admire a beautiful woman, but when it comes to choosing the personality man then the thing becomes a laughing stock. Still, it will be a wonderful thing to be presented at the Leap Year party as the campus shiek, and an honor of which any he-man can be justly proud, or something. And just think, all during the rest of the school year this Romeo can walk about the campus and know that behind him he is leaving a trail of broken feminine hearts and gnashing masculine teeth.

Mr. Nebraska Sweetheart.

TO THE EDITOR: I once heard a college professor remark that students often acted intelligent for almost long enough to convince the doubting public of their sanity, and then did something sufficiently asinine to destroy this slowly acquired confidence. Such seems to be the case at present. So far this year the various student organizations have accomplished many worthwhile tasks and done many things which reflect credit upon the university. Then along comes that stately and august group known as Mortar Board, and contributes the prize high school stunt of the year.

Of all the idiotic ideas which might occur to the average moron, that of selecting a "popularity king" among the men of the university stands supreme. It is the kind of thing that a few of the state's smaller high schools still do when the senior class graduates. In those cases it is probably excusable on the grounds of immaturity and provinciality. But in one of the country's largest universities, where students are supposed to have progressed beyond the stage of paper wads and lollypops, it is absurd, even pathetic.

If the contest could be looked upon as an honor, rather than a farce, there might be some excuse for it. But this is not possible. The contest is destined to become a joke, and worse than that, the kind of stupid joke that reflects upon the intelligence of university students in general.

And now consider the predicament of that highly honored individual who emerges victorious in this contest. To acquire the distinctive title of "Nebraska Sweetheart" is not the highest ambition of any college man. In short, someone is going to be the victim in this

TREND OF THE TIMES

The Literary Digest says we will do it—take a poll on prohibition. In the next few weeks voters will be receiving their ballot thru the mail. In 1930 the magazine poll showed 1,464,098 for enforcement, 1,399,314 for modification, 1,943,052 for repeal.

Not for the magazine but for the nation, college students who are eligible should take part in this vote.

Now comes the charge from the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment that prohibition has cost the government eleven million dollars. Part of this cost, 370 millions dollars, the expense of enforcement. The rest is that which might have been received as taxes. But many of these anti-prohibitionists are also fighting the inequality of taxes. If you tax whiskey or beer it falls most heavily upon the masses. In fact instead of being a progressive form of taxation it amounts to regressive taxation.

It is all right to talk of anti-boarding campaigns. And perhaps much of our trouble is "induced by eyestrain from looking across the Atlantic," but how is the nation going to get money to the farmers and laborers who haven't had the money to board? To get this hoarded money out is one thing. To get it in circulation is another.

England, represented by Sir John Simon, has attacked the French plan of arming the League of Nations. Sir John termed the French plan of securing peace by preparing for war. France on the other hand is not willing to disarm until she is sure international organization will give her security. Arming the League is the way she believes this security can be secured.

A summary of England's proposal in Sir John's words: "We accept in general the methods and limitations with reference to the establishment of maxima contained in the convention. We support the establishment of a permanent disarmament commission. We urge the abolition of gas and chemical warfare. We press for the abolition of submarines."

United States should call out the army, but not to fight Japan. Monday, a Kansas City detective died with fourteen machine gun bullets in his body when he had thwarted bandits in a planned Mercantile Trust company robbery. The army should be used to fight bandits like those.

HENZLIK ADDRESSES SCHOOL BOARD MEET

(Continued from Page 1.) school system are added to injury to the children's education under such a condition. Advocating a sane, systematic and intelligent procedure in selection of superintendents by school boards, Henzlik brought forward five things, which must be done if this is to be accomplished: 1. School boards must have a clear conception of the requirements of the position as school superintendent in the particular community and must realize the big things that a superintendent is to do. 2. The board must secure data on the personal traits and professional qualifications a man

College Editors Say—

Educational Change.

Popular education is the cry of the American leader who wishes to promote an ideal or replace an outgrown institution with one effectively modern. American education is conceded, commonly, if not by the more astute scholars and professors, to have a quality of thoroughness and practical culture not attained by the other universities of the world.

Illiteracy is practically non-existent in many parts of the country and the percentage who receive education under our compulsory system is much larger than the number benefited by any European system. But the average graduate of a secondary school in France or Germany has an educational background on a par with the average sophomore in an American university.

This does not mean necessarily that another wedge is provided for pessimists who are convinced of the downhill trend of American youth, for students in France attend school six days a week and student in German schools begin studying secondary subjects in the upper elementary grades, while American students attending their first year in college are still on general cultural courses that are a continuation of the high school curriculum.

Individuality is a prerequisite to leadership. And individuality is stifled by the restrictions of the typical American institution. After four years of following the prescribed course of study and activity along with thousands of others in pursuit of the same practical information, original convictions and distinct ideas are dimmed and conventionalized. The product of each university is monotonously like the graduate of every other institution.

The trend is for greater freedom in education, fewer rules and more individual effort. If we cannot provide an example of efficiency in education we can at least follow profitable suggestions offered by others who have experimented with the theories which we have believed reasonable.

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contest, and is going to suffer through no fault of his own. Someone is going to be the "campus darling" whether he wants to or not. It is unfortunate, to say the least, that such a reputable organization as Mortar Board should lapse into a state of mental decline, and should create on the campus an elective position which, by its sheer asininity, will throw the shadow of the ridiculous over the truly worthwhile student offices.

W. H. B.

Sorority Coeds Spend Many Sleepless Nights Worrying About Averages

The past week has been one of tears and sleepless nights for some of Nebraska's freshmen. It has been a test of will power for tenderhearted professors. It has caused many a worried consultation among upperclassmen—and nervous trips to the registrar's office with drop and add slips. In fact, it has been a week of reckoning. For the truth will out and so will the first semester's grades.

Anxious to hear the best about themselves, the pledges who have chummed their teachers assiduously trip to their offices to find out if it has helped them make the required initiation average. More timid souls sink into the offices or slip self-addressed envelopes under the door with an attached note asking that the grade be sent to them. In either case, the results run according to rule and the usual number of freshmen find themselves desperately hunting "pipes" so that they can make it next time. Then follows the excursion to the adviser and the story about ill health and the doctor positively saying that you must carry less hours and not take anything that will worry you or make you nervous.

The story is verified by the heavy lids and the circles under the eyes and the trembling hands. Then there are the letters to be written home—hours spent in convincing the family that professors are crazy and promises that the second semester will be spent in quiet study. Meanwhile the upperclassmen count on their fingers the number

of pledges who have actually made the average. Hard times are here and it looks as if the house won't be full next year. They visit the professors and then they have consultations with each other and whisper about a possibility of lowering the initiation average. This is to be kept perfectly secret, of course, but we just can't afford to lose these girls after all the work we've done on them.

And the professors—they must build up a veritable wall of will power to resist the charms, the tears and the excellently worked up arguments and alibis with which these pledges beseege them. At the registrar's office stands a long line of young hopefuls, starting the semester on a new road—with easy subjects and lots of study time promised them. Hope springs again in their eyes and they pay the dollar necessary for the change with happy hands.

The alumni scholarship adviser comes down to the evening meeting and charges around a good bit—and dwells on the past sins of the chapter and individuals. She points out the defects that have existed in study table the whole year. She recommends that the telephone be disconnected—that the radio be sold and that everyone eat more lettuce.

All in all it has been a trying week. The tension of examinations is over—but the results stand out like a sore thumb. The initiation average seems higher now than it ever has—since so many hours of sixty are flocking around the door.

The dean told the school board men in detail how to approach an applicant for superintendency and how to make complete investigation of candidates' qualifications. "School boards of Nebraska," he said, "are in general composed of the best citizens... honest, successful, well-principled people, but when they get to breathing the stale atmosphere of a board room in the wee small hours of the morning, they seem to lose their ability to judge a matter from the standpoint of public or community good and fall into personal-mindedness."

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BEAUX ARTS BALL WILL INTRODUCE 42ND EXHIBITION

(Continued from Page 1.) like, upon presentation of their identification cards. The exhibition this year has been assembled by Professor H. C. Cunningham of the department of architecture, through direct invitation to a large number of representative individual artists. Notable among the paintings exhibited are "Pan and Guitarr," by Gari Melchers, the "Dean" of the American painters, "Food Bearers" by Miss Olive Rush, who was formerly of the university faculty, "Actress" by Savelly Sorine, "Flamingos," by Mrs. Jessie Arms Botke, two paintings by Dr. Magonigle, who was given the honorary degree of doctor of architecture by the University of Nebraska last June, "Jack and Mrs. Spratt" by Mrs. Magonigle, several paintings by Doctor Fischer, who will speak here on Friday and again on Sunday, three paintings by Eugene Savage, and a special exhibit by members of the Yale university School of Fine Arts, (which are hung in the third floor corridor.)

The principal feature of the exhibit will be a group of cartoons for mural paintings and mosaics by Miss Hildreth Meiers who made the cartoons for the colored tile ceilings and panels in the state capitol interiors and those for the marble mosaic floors in the foyer and rotunda.

Fischer to Lecture. Doctor Martin Fischer, a doctor of medicine, professor of physiology in the University of Cincinnati, painter of note and expert in the chemistry of colours, will address the students of the School of Fine Arts and those of the department of architecture in Morrill hall auditorium at 3:00 p. m. on Friday, Feb. 12th.

Doctor Fischer will speak again at 3 p. m. on Sunday in Gallery "A" of Morrill hall. Doctor Fischer's appearance here and for his contributions to the exhibition, are due to Dean Upson of the graduate college, an old friend of Doctor Fischer's. Doctor Fischer's talk will be of especial interest to Nebraska students.

The Nebraska Art association, it was reported to The Nebraskan, wishes to record its thanks to those industrious students who have so generously aided in the preparation for the Ball and the exhibition. Thanks are due particularly to Miss Mary Sibley and Harold Hart of the school of fine arts, and to Marvin Robinson, Norman Hansen, Wayne Owens, Ray Waddle and R. E. Johnson of the department of architecture.

Special offer to students on Char Portraits made from Cornhusker negatives. Hauck's Studio.—Adv.

START ACTION TO LEVY PENALTY ON 20 FRATERNITIES

(Continued from Page 1.) sent the 20 alleged violators followed a list of the men who, it is charged, were initiated contrary to interfraternity council requisitions. The questions are:

- 1. Were these men initiated?
2. Were they "up" in 12 hours at the time of their initiation?
3. Did they make an average of 70? (Conditions and incompletes to be counted as 55, and flunks as 45.)
4. Did you get the university's permission to initiate the men by securing clearance slips from the office of the Dean of Student Affairs?

In replies so far received, Spencer declared that most of the fraternities on the "blacklist" failed to get clearance slips on their men. The personnel of the scholarship committee is: Ralph Spencer, as chairman, Art Pinkerton, Glen Le Doigt, and Chalmers Graham. A report of action taken will be given at the next meeting of the interfraternity council. The committee leader said.

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