

SOCIETY NEWS



House Dances Figure Prominently In Plans of Various Greek Groups

Friday and Saturday Nights Will Find Many Sororities And Fraternities Entertaining at Parties Planned by Pledges and Actives.

Many sorority and fraternity houses on the campus will be the scenes of informal parties this next week end. For Friday night are scheduled a bowery dance at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house, an Alpha Gamma Rho party at the house, and a Phi Omega Pi house dance. On Saturday night there will be parties at the Kappa Delta and Alpha Delta Pi houses given by the pledges of the respective sororities, a dance at the Sigma Nu house, and another at the residence of Sigma Alpha Mu.

Sigma Nu Party Will Feature Panhellenic Idea.

Different sororities will be represented in the decorations which the Sigma Nu's are planning for their house dance Saturday night, using the Pan-hellenic motif. Music for the party will be furnished by William Higdon and his orchestra. About sixty couples are expected to attend the affair.

House Dance Planned By the Phi Omega Pi's.

Members of Phi Omega Pi will entertain at a party at the chapter house Friday evening. Prof. and Mrs. Earl H. Bell will be the chaperones. The house will be decorated in accordance with the Washington theme. Music for the dancing will be furnished by Eddie Vandenburg and his orchestra.

Pledge Party Listed By Alpha Delta Pi's.

A St. Patrick's day house dance will be given by the pledges of Alpha Delta Pi for the members of the active chapter Saturday evening. The affair will be chaperoned by Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Horner, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Corey, and Mrs. Ida Bumstead, house-mother.

STATE Now

Advertisement for Constance Bennett in 'LADY WITH AN APOSTROPHE' by Ben Lyon and David Manners. Includes photo of Bennett and text: 'ADDED JUNIOR FEATURES'.

Advertisement for 'Don Cossack' Russian Male Chorus. Includes photo of a man in a military-style uniform and text: 'The Greatest Event of the Season 35 Male Voices'.

Large advertisement for Lincoln Theater Now Open. Features multiple showtimes with posters for 'Orpheum' (Frankenstein), 'Lincoln' (Marie Dressler in Emma), 'Stuart' (Marlene Dietrich in Shanghai Express), 'Capitol' (Buster Keaton in Plumber), and 'Colonial' (Stepping Sisters).

FRESHMAN ADVISORS EXPLAIN USES OF PHYSIOLOGICAL TESTS

(Continued from Page 1.) The tests indicate and just exactly how the tests are used at Nebraska are matters which all three of the advisors were decidedly careful in explaining.

Professor Jenness, who has the largest group of students to take care of, files his examination results and uses them only occasionally when he feels that the results on the examination may serve to throw some light on the nature of a student's trouble with his school work. Students who have difficulty with their work and whose test scores indicate they are slower than other students, according to Mr. Jenness, are often advised to carry a lighter load of work.

When we can refer to the psychological tests, we are able to get something of an idea of how much work the student is able to do," he said. Both the American council examination, and the Ohio State university test, presuppose a considerable degree of educational training in contrast to some of the other psychological tests such as the army Alpha tests which are designed to measure intelligence of people who have had little or no education.

Speed, Accuracy Count. Both tests used are designed to measure speed and accuracy in the performance of relatively simple operations. This kind of a test gives a good indication of what a student's possibilities are in his school work. It is because these tests only measure this type of ability, Mr. Jenness indicated, that there is considerable prejudice against their use.

The test does not pretend to show whether a person will get along well or badly in life, declared Mr. Jenness. "No matter how high a score a person may make indicating as it does a real degree of ability, the result does not show whether the person has other essential qualities to make him successful or unsuccessful. That is why we make no attempt to use the tests as absolute indications of worth."

Nevertheless the tests are put to really constructive use in cases of individuals who have occasion to consult the various freshmen advisors. In the Teachers' college and the Engineering college, freshmen classes are comparatively small, and the freshmen advisors come in close contact with the individual students and have an opportunity to use the tests to a greater extent.

The Ohio tests used in these two colleges are composed of three parts, the first a vocabulary test, the second a grammar test and the third a test in reading. As Professor Colbert said, the tests do not classify one as dumb or bright, they merely indicate his ability to some extent, and measure to a degree his speed and accuracy.

The reading part of the test discovers the ability of the individual to read quickly and comprehend what he has read. This ability to comprehend is generally recognized as one fairly good indication of intelligence, according to Mr. Colbert.

Reading Test Used. In the Teachers' college results of the reading section of the test are used extensively. Professor Corey teaches a course in the correction of reading deficiencies. Those freshmen who make a low score in the reading test are given the opportunity to take another specialized test in reading ability. If they again show up poorly in this test they may be advised to register for the course to correct reading habits.

The ability to read rapidly and comprehensively is one of the most essential attributes of a good student, in Mr. Corey's opinion, and his course is designed to develop this ability to the fullest extent. A number of students each semester, who have not taken the psychological test or who have received fairly good scores in the test register for the course in order to improve their ability to read.

The course, which is purely elective, uses a manual which provides a number of exercises designed to improve the eye movements of the reader. The proper movements of the eyes on a printed page is the basis for rapid and comprehensive reading. Further exercises are provided as the student's ability progresses gradually.

"We get a number of students," declared Professor Colbert in describing the practical use of the results of the tests in the Engineering college, "whose test results are not consistent with the work they are doing in the college. The psychological test results provide us with information so that we are not working quite so blindly in giving advice to these students."

Find Different Causes. Dr. Colbert cited the example of the student with a high test score whose work is poor. With the information provided by the test score, Mr. Colbert has a place from which to start in his effort to discover where the discrepancy is. Sometimes it is found by questioning that the student is doing full time work aside from the school work, that he is engaged in a number of other activities which take all his time, that he is having some difficulty which is worrying him, or that he is absolutely uninterested in the work. Occasionally, too, he said, students are discovered who are just plain shuffers.

"When a student has a high test score and is doing poor work," he continued, "we have a basis for

assuming that one of these causes is present. If the student is in Engineering college because he is forced to go, or if his real interests lie elsewhere, we can find it out usually in this way. In any case we are able to get more accurate ideas of the troubles which delinquent students are having and can give more adequate and helpful advice."

That the tests are never used as positive proof either of intelligence or non-intelligence, nor as infallible evidence of ability was emphasized by all three of the freshmen advisors. The fact that results are never used as the basis for advising students to leave school or anything of that sort was also stressed.

As Dean Ferguson, of the Engineering college expressed it, in commenting on the use of the tests: "We can use the results as rubber hammers to pound the students with, but we never use them as axes to decide their fate."

Results Filed, Checked. The Engineering college test results which have been kept for two years will be accumulated for a number of years and the results checked with the graduates from the college and those who drop out of school, according to Mr. Colbert. This will give a better basis for judging the value and the accuracy of the tests.

Some colleges and universities in the country whose enrollment is limited are using psychological tests extensively in selecting applicants for admission. Statistical results prepared by psychological research workers show that there is a relatively small percentage of students who flunk out of school from a given group which ranks highest in a psychological test.

From the group which ranks in the lowest half of a given intelligence test, a comparatively high percentage flunk out of school. Highly selective schools use this knowledge in picking their applicants from the highest ranking group of applicants after giving them all one of these examinations.

That such a use of the tests could never be made in a state institution is self-evident. Nevertheless, the use of psychological tests in a variety of constructive ways is gaining headway throughout the entire country. In the opinion of Mr. Jenness, the results of the tests cannot be relied on entirely, but he believes the tests will be steadily improved and that the practical uses of them will also be constantly increased.

Former Instructor of English Seriously Ill

Dr. Charles William Wallace, former professor of English literature here, is seriously ill at his home at Wichita Falls, Tex., according to word received in Lincoln Saturday. Dr. Wallace has been on leave of absence for nearly twenty years, having left the university during the oil boom to secure funds for further Shakespearean research in London.

JOURNALISM SCHOOLS ATTACKED BY AUTHOR

Book by Leahy Deals Blow to Profession Taught in Universities.

Journalism, the profession producing newspapermen in the classroom rather than in the city room, received an attack from the fourth estate in the latest issue of "Newspaper Adventure Stories" by John Howard Leahy.

The author, who claims editorship of a newspaper and graduation from a journalism school, contends that these schools should be abolished on the grounds that they fail to offer either practical instruction or a cultural background. He complains that colleges pride themselves on large enrollments, disregarding the likelihood of employment after graduation.

"Schools of journalism live, breed, and multiply for very simple reasons," Mr. Leahy writes. "With the higher education debauched as it is by courses in millinery, fire insurance, salesmanship, embalming, and fly-casting, why should there not be room for journalism?"

"Will the lamentations about the need for contraception in these institutes for journalists keep out the little boys who want to be foreign correspondents, moulders of minds, Winchells, and Browns; will they keep out the little girls who thrill to the legends of the fascination of the city room, who, emancipated, don't want to be school-marks, stenographers, or incubators?"

"Indeed not. The veriest numbskull who fills a bench in the classic halls knows that there may be room for him in this over-crowded occupation, for have not other numbskulls made their mark in it? Do not the present practitioners leave the work in droves to seek greener pastures, and thus make room for undisciplined aspirants?"

"Pedagogical dust" is the term Mr. Leahy applies to journalism textbooks, quoting from "Newspaper Writing and Editing" by Dr. W. G. Bleyer as follows: "A special feature article may

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MISS POUND REVEALS TIMES WHEN SHE HAD TITLES

(Continued from Page 1) school in June," says Miss Pound. In 1916 Miss Pound was state golf champion and from 1920 until 1928 she was the ranking local woman golfer. For nine years Miss Pound was the possessor of the Country club championship. She won the first women's city championship in 1926.

"I have never held a prize or a title for figure skating but I was supposed to be the only woman in the state who could make the Maltese Cross backward, the double grapevine, and many waltz figures. "I have also liked to ski—I have a beautiful pair of skis from Sweden—but I had less experience with these sports than with tennis, golf, cycling, and skating," she asserted.

Aids Physical Department. For about ten years Miss Pound was associated with the basketball teams of university girls, at the invitation of Mrs. R. G. Clapp, then head of the physical science department for women.

Miss Pound says: "I helped with tennis tournaments for girls, and with track meets, without pay, in addition to my regular teaching duties. Nevertheless no basketball team that I coached was ever defeated."

Games were played with Missouri university, the Haskell Indian girls, the Omaha V. W. C. A. team and the Peru Normal team. The games attracted many enthusiastic spectators, and were chaperoned by the chancellor's wife, Mrs. W. J. Bryan, the governor's wife, and many other prominent Lincoln ladies. Men's rules were followed when the stronger teams were played.

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be defined as a more or less detailed presentation of some interesting subject in popular form adapted to rapid reading." According to Mr. Leahy, "Not all the published work of the professors rises to these absurd heights. Most of it is merely dull, flat, uninspired, contrasting strangely with the spirit of the thing they write about. Occasionally they are plainly childish."

Professor Koch Talks at Hastings Meeting

Dr. H. C. Koch, professor of secondary education was guest speaker at the annual professional meeting of the Hastings city teachers in Hastings Wednesday evening. Dr. Koch's subject was "Times and the Teachers."

Dr. Koch has recently been notified by the American School Board Journal that his article, "The High School Principal in the Role of Supervisor," will be included in the contents of that publication's April issue.

TWO ALUMNI VISIT ENGINEER OFFICES

Returning alumni who visited the college of engineering offices last week are Donald G. Taylor, '30, on leave of absence from the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing company, East Pittsburgh, Pa.; and John L. Parker, '24, assistant foreman of power plant, Long Island City Power plant of the Pennsylvania railway, Long Island City, N. Y.

Advertisement for Buck's Coffee Shop. Text: 'LOOK ? REDUCTION 20c TO 15c On Malted Milks ALL FLAVORS Use Your 15c Trade Coupons From Long's AT Buck's Coffee Shop FACING CAMPUS'.

Large advertisement for Wilson Brothers Haberdashery. Features an illustration of a man in a suit and text: 'Leaders among men and men's apparel have Lagniappe'. Includes details about shirt quality and prices: 'A popular model with trim pointed collar attached and barrel cuffs. Splendidly tailored of Strand broadcloth, firm and lustrous, \$2.50. Other Broadcloth shirts, \$1.95, \$3.00, and \$3.50'. Wilson Brothers, 528 S. Wells St., Chicago.