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Council Climbers.

UTOPIA is here! Or so it would seem from the headline "Fraternalities Will Co-operate in Ball Decorations" which appeared in the Nebraskan Wednesday morning. If they do co-operate, it will be the first time in history, but one suspects that the prediction was only the work of a naive committee chairman. He'll be disillusioned, we fear, when he begins trying to get that flouted co-operation!

It isn't that the Greek system is entirely bad, but the workings of the system in the Interfraternity Council, which we presume is the organ thru which the hoped-for co-operation is to be sought, is certainly open to question.

The delegates themselves are often worthy men, but so thoroly are the creeds of their respective organizations imbed in them that they accomplish little of value. To put it less gently, every member has only one thing in mind—his own house.

The Interfraternity council, of course, does not stand alone in this respect. Human institutions uniformly reflect human tendencies, and selfishness bulks large among those traits.

BUT it is not the Nebraskan's contention that a perfect organization should replace the council. The Nebraskan does contend that the present composition of that council might be changed to bring perfection a little nearer. The basis for membership in the council has long been subject to criticism in these columns, and it will continue to be until delegates become not "activities juniors" who seek to climb, but proven seniors who may be expected to attain more nearly unprejudiced views.

A body as important as the Interfraternity council could be deserved the most experienced men among the Greeks to conduct its business. When the membership of the council is confined to those men, when their experience enables them to approach comparative freedom from the pettiness which characterizes the "climbers," when, in short, seniors take over the reins so ineffectually held at present by juniors, then perhaps the council will achieve some of the dignity, authority, and respect it deserves.

Meanwhile, expectations of co-operative, constructive work among the fraternities can only bring a smile. The climbers succeed in climbing, to be sure, but they succeed in trampling the whole Greek world while so doing.

Twenty Percent.

THE Student council took a wise precaution Wednesday when it insisted that the Y. W. C. A. submit for consideration its financial plans of operating a student book exchange. The council having previously passed a resolution limiting the YW to a ten percent profit on books handled, unless special permission should be obtained, desired to know why the YW needed a twenty percent margin which according to announcements, they intend to charge.

The women's organization is to be congratulated on instituting the plan for a co-operative book exchange when the need of the stu-

dents to purchase books more cheaply and realize more on their old books is particularly apparent. But the organization should not allow the idea of making money for themselves to enter too strongly into their laudable desire to provide a service to students.

A reasonable profit for the organization is justifiable. There will also be expense connected with the running of the exchange. But inasmuch as the YW has been granted privileges of rent free space and is being run to some extent in competition with commercial enterprises, it is under particular obligation to run its enterprise largely on the basis of providing a money saving institution for the benefit of students.

The council is right in attempting to look after the interests of the students. Its action is not in criticism of the Y. W. C. A. but rather is taken as a safeguard against overlooking the broader interest of the student body in preference to the need for money. The former must stand first.

The First Lady.

SOME people say she is courageous, and some say she's a fool. About all we can say about Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt's broadcasting attempts is that she is probably unwise. Whether one agrees with what she says or not, and a large part of what she says is so trite as to defy disagreement, we doubt that the fact her husband was elected President of the United States qualifies her as an oracle of American womanhood. If her abilities before the elevation of her husband to national prominence had been such as to demand expressions from her about problems of the American home, etc. there would be no reason why she should not continue her public discussions. But without passing judgment on her abilities as an adviser to mothers or young people, or whomever she advises, we think it would be better if she did not take advantage of the position she holds thru no merit of her own to dispense advice under the auspices of a beauty preparation company.

Contemporary Comment

The Art of Living.

THERE is a character in fiction called "Tillie the Teaser." She is better at arousing desires than in satisfying them.

Films, musical comedies, novels and other wish-fulfillment agencies are not the only Tillies arousing needs which can not be satisfied this side of Hollywood boulevard, and end only with frustration. Institutions of higher learning may be among them.

More education: More money; More happiness... On this line of reasoning, many parents labor long hours for the honest dollar with which to send John or Mary to college. But if John falls into the toils of "Tillie," college supplies him with more desire and ambitions than means for gratifying them. Things which he can not possess and powers beyond his capacity to experience, converge in the balloon of his new desires. He finds it is easy to be ambitious. Why should he be content to put in an honest day's labor for home-ly returns, when he need only sit by the fire a la Cinderella and wait until his coach and six materializes in the shape of a sheepskin?

Neither the schools nor the students, in our estimation, are as liable for this unwholesome condition as are outside individuals who willfully or wishfully circulate misconceptions. The latter are well meaning persons who imagine that the cure for the nation's ills is indiscriminately broadcast education. In the other group, we have the insurance company which advertises that a degree is worth \$100,000. Their business is selling

send-your-offspring-to-college policies to ambitious parents.

Such propaganda assigns a misleading emphasis to the part education plays in delineating earning power. A liberal education does not guarantee "a place in the sun." It does not necessarily increase a man's earning power. It does not decrease his susceptibility to unemployment. What is more, a liberal education does not even attempt to do these things.

The Minnesota Employment Stabilization Research Institute, in its nationally known work, has tabulated more than eight thousand college graduates in its unemployment survey. On Nov. 3, Dr. M. T. Trabue of the institute, opening the annual convention of the Association of Urban Universities, said some of the unemployed college graduates hold advanced graduate degrees and Phi Beta Kappa keys won by superior scholarship. The number of college graduates who are now unemployed is as large as the proportion of less well educated persons. These are conclusions, not of opinion, but of fact. He said further:

"It is unfortunate that living, as these unemployed young people seem to have learned it at college, involves a number of rather expensive tastes and habits which cannot be supported financially by means of any of the skills or knowledges they acquired at college."

Unfortunately, when Joe College comes to his chosen university for a liberal education, he is not bargaining for a trade, occupation or specialty, nor for a course in how to get a job or how to get a raise; nor for an insurance policy against unemployment. If he has been told that an education is an investment like a stock or bond, he has been misled. He cannot put a diploma in a safe and let it go to work earning dividends for him while he snoozes in an easy chair.

A liberal art course seeks to equip young men and women to live, rather than to earn a living. Students and their parents would do well to understand the aim and the function of a liberal education before beginning, sight unseen, to buy one.

..... —The Minnesota Daily...

RUTGERS STUDENTS HAVE CAMPUS BANK

Institution Capitalized at \$200; All Regular Services Given.

(CNS)—Students of economics at Rutgers university this week were gaining first-hand experience in the theory and practice of banking as the result of the formation of a campus bank, capitalized at \$200.

Students act as tellers and comprise the board of directors of the bank, which functions as an agency for the granting of loans to other students. All regular banking services, except the maintenance of checking accounts, are offered.

"The bank is a pedagogical experiment, which makes the university's course on money and banking realistic and aids the student to grasp the theory more readily," according to Professor Eugene E. Agger, head of the economics department.

SOCIETY.

Alums Return.

The Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta formals will attract many alumnae who will return for their party are Jane Stringer, Omaha; Margaret Munn, Omaha; Lucille Jorne, Seward; Carlotta Davis and Evelyn West, Grand Island; Josephine Berglen, Wahoo; Helen Deane, York.

Gamma Phi alums who will come to Lincoln are Edna Kummer, Columbus; Margaret Barker, Omaha; Martha Sterrecker and Mardel Rucker, Omaha; Lorraine Stevenson, Beatrice; Alva Viergutz, Columbus, and Amelia Luikart, Norfolk.

Chaperons Announced.

Sponsors for the Gamma Phi Beta formal dance at the Cornhusker Friday night have been selected. They are Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Koch, Dean and Mrs. C. H. Oldfather, Mrs. F. H. Beetle, house-mother and Mrs. Anna Marsh. Special guests at the event will be Dean Amanda Heppner and Miss Elsie Ford Piper.

Honorary Meets.

Alumnae members of Sigma Alpha Iota musical honorary were entertained at the home of Mrs. Howard Kirkpatrick Monday evening. Miss Ruth Dreamer and Mrs. H. W. Meginnis were the assisting hostesses. A buffet supper for the twenty-three members was served late in the evening. Red and white taper candles and flowers were used in the decorations.

Alumnae Entertain.

Yellow roses and orchid sweet peas were combined for the table decorations when alumnae members of Kappa Delta sorority held at dinner Monday evening. Mrs. Barlow Nye, Mrs. T. H. Schiefen, Miss Ruth Rotsford, and Miss Eleanor Hinman were the hostesses.

Mothers Meet.

Alpha Omicron Pi Mothers' club entertained at a benefit bridge at the chapter house on Tuesday. Hostesses were Mrs. J. W. Carr, Mrs. L. F. Seaton, and Mrs. Vernie B. Cheney. The next meeting will be at luncheon at the chapter house on Feb. 14.

Officers Are Chosen.

Phi Tau Theta, Methodist fraternity, elected officers at the meeting Tuesday evening. Those who will hold positions are Kenneth Millet, president; Henry Gembals,

vice president; Paul Day, chaplain; Carol Wilson, recording secretary; John Stover, corresponding secretary; Marvin Edmiston, treasurer; Rev. W. C. Fawell, advisor; and Mrs. W. C. Fawell, honorary sponsor.

Kappa Sigs Elect.

Tom I. Kerl was elected president of the Nebraska chapter of Kappa Sigma at the election Monday evening. Dick Bulger, Lee P. Young, Harry Letton, Harold Hinds, and Ralph Eldridge.

Gamma Lambda, honorary R. O. T. C. band fraternity, held its monthly banquet and meeting Wednesday night at the Annex. Plans are being made by the organization for a party to be held sometime next semester. Jack Plamondon, president, is in charge of arrangements.

EINSTEIN WILL TALK TO 3,000 STUDENTS

College Men and Women Plan to Meet in California.

Approximately 3,000 college men and women are expected to convene in the Civic Auditorium at Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 23, to hear Dr. Albert Einstein and other authorities speak on "The World Economic Situation." The program will be broadcast over a national hookup.

The success of a meeting on "World Armaments," also sponsored by the Southern California Student Body Presidents association, was responsible for the decision to sponsor this meeting.

Among the featured speakers of last year's meeting were Dr. Einstein; Dr. Charles A. Beard, government and American history authority; Dr. Robert A. Millikan, scientist and winner of the Nobel prize, and Dean McHenry, who was president of the University of California at Los Angeles last year.

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