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## Slashing the Cost Of Student Activities.

**A**FTER a vigorous campaign conducted by the Kansas student councils, the student body in a referendum has just ratified a proposed plan for a student activity tax at that school. The plan now goes to the chancellor of the university and then to the board of regents for approval.

The Kansas fee is \$8.75 per year, according to the plan, payable in semester installments. For this price every student receives an athletic ticket, a ticket to all varsity parties, the privileges of the student union building at Kansas, a ticket to the regular course of lectures, plays, concerts and debates sponsored by the student councils, and a couple of other minor fees which students already pay.

Under the present plan at Kansas whereby each student pays for each of these activities separately, the cost would amount to \$26.75. The activity tax ticket is slightly less than one-third of the cost of these various privileges if purchased separately by each student.

**NEBRASKA** has no lecture and concert series such as is carried on at the University of Kansas. We have no student union building with facilities for student recreation of all sorts such as Kansas has. But our various activities are just as valuable and the activity tax is just as well designed to care for them here as it is at Kansas.

Furthermore, if any progress is ever to be made toward providing the student body with such desirable privileges as hearing famous musicians in regularly scheduled concerts, or hearing outstanding speakers, there must be a guarantee of financial stability before such a program could be undertaken. The activity tax would provide adequate machinery for making possible such advantages.

While the general setup adopted at Kansas is hardly applicable to this university, it does illustrate the tremendous saving in money to students thru co-operative action. An equal saving can be guaranteed at Nebraska no matter what activities are included in the plan.

The Nebraskan believes thoroughly that the activity tax is an essential step toward putting existing student enterprises on a stable financial basis. Equally essential is the necessity for providing students these various privileges which are so much a part of campus life at a price within everyone's reach.

We've been wondering for some time what distinction there is between the faculty members invited to parties as guests and those invited as chaperones. Maybe the solution of the chaperone question is to call them all guests. It does sound better.

## Postpone Initiation Rites.

**F**IRST quarter scholarship reports were distributed to fraternities Monday. The reports, according to an Interfraternity council rule, enforceable by the dean's office, must be received by each fraternity before any pledges can be initiated. In other words, every pledge to be eligible for initiation must not only have made an average of 72 or better the preceding semester but must have no delinquencies at the end of the first quarter.

We can imagine the wail of despair which arose in many fraternity chapter meetings last night when it was discovered how many pledges who had been carefully nursed thru the first semester to achieve the 72 average, were found to be delinquent in some course for the first quarter. That wail was no doubt louder this year than ever before, because every man who can be initiated now looks like a veritable gold mine to fraternity treasurers.

Rather than resort to gnashing of teeth and tearing of hair over the situation, fraternities would do well to postpone initiation ceremonies until sufficient time has been given delinquent pledges to clear their records. Such a course of action will also provide an easy method of quashing the suggestion which will no doubt be made by some brilliant Greeks that delinquent pledges be initiated regardless of their failure to fulfill the eligibility requirements, trusting to providence that the violation of rules will not be discovered.

If the bank holiday continues few pledges are going to have money for initiation fees, anyway, so postponement of the ceremonies seems the best solution of the problem in any case.

A goodly number of canny individuals who had prepared themselves for such a contingency as a bank holiday by stowing away cash in safety deposit boxes, were somewhat stunned by the original holiday decree which suspended business of safety deposit companies as well as banks.

## Congress Does a Right-About-Face.

**W**HERE are all the guardians of American constitutionalism, of the sacred rights of the people? They, like the money changers, referred to by President Roosevelt, have apparently fled from their seats in the legislative halls and taken to the woods where they cannot hear the huzzahs accompanying the advent of the new president to power, in fact to the greatest degree of power which has ever been conferred on a president of the United States in time of peace.

It was only a relatively few months ago that these guardians were expounding their ideas no less vigorously than they were expounded in the days when the American people were struggling against the tyranny of a foreign ruler. It was they who blocked every attempt of the then president to assume some powers adequate to cope with the tremendous tasks he had to solve, and which the American people have held him responsible for not solving.

It is a little late to be getting around to the realization that if anything important is to be done by government action, it must be done by someone with not only the courage but the power to act. The failures of the people's representatives to reconcile their differences and their petty squabbles have finally become intolerable. There is only one answer. Give the power and the responsibility to someone who can act without consulting every narrow minded little lobby interest in the country. This has been done.

If President Roosevelt succeeds in securing real constructive government action to ameliorate conditions, his success will merit all the praise he will get. But in the

midst of the shouting and praising, it would not be out of place to remember that whatever personal opinions may be held as to the ability of his predecessor in office, Mr. Hoover could not get the demagogues to subordinate their own interests to those of the country as a whole. President Roosevelt has already succeeded, it seems, in relegating the demagogues to temporary oblivion.

A professor points to the fact that a package of Awgwans was left lying unguarded for two days in the Teachers college hallway without being disturbed either as an evidence of the honesty of Teachers college students or a reflection on the quality of the Awgwan.

## LARGE FOSSIL ELEPHANT TOWERS FAR ABOVE HIS BROTHERS IN MORRILL HALL

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negotiations for the discovery, waived his claim and Archie is installed in a glass case in his home state.

After the necessary blasting of many cubic yards of the clay wall in which the mammoth's bones were embedded, the remains were assembled and set up as a temporarily mounted arch in the old museum building and all students and visitors were required to pass beneath it upon entering the first floor.

The sizes, the extreme curvature and separation of its tusks and incisive sheaths, from which the tusks project, and the unusual shortness of the body as compared with its great width are the outstanding characteristics of Maiben's mammoth, according to museum officials. The contrast in the massiveness of the fore limbs in relation to the very short vertebrae seem to indicate that the body must have been unduly foreshortened.

Although several of Archie's original allotment of bones were missing and it was necessary to add parts that once belonged to mammoths of like proportions and similar origin there was fortunately an original to each corresponding part that was added.

Considering that human beings generally lose their teeth when they are about middle aged it is somewhat of a wonder to us that Archidiskodon maibeni possesses a perfect set of teeth. The molars have fourteen ridges bonded together by an unusual thickness of cement and present an alarming picture of the animal's power to crush instantly whatever food found its way into his gigantic jaws.

When Archie was first mounted he was set on feet far too small for the rest of his massive body, this error arising from the fact that several bones of his feet were missing. This error has been corrected and now the huge Archie stands on feet that adequately support his large frame.

The shoulder blades, though large and heavy, are very thin in portions and it seems amazing that they should have been preserved intact. The skull found in several pieces, some very small, presented a difficult problem.

An unusual procedure has been employed in the mounting of this particular elephant. Rather than prop the skeleton up by means of unsightly standards erected beside each limb or suspend it from the ceiling by numerous wires, the men in charge of assembling the parts have driven steel pieces into the hollow portions of each leg bone, and no support is discernible other than the rods bearing the weight of the backbone.

Henry Reider and Frank Bell under the supervision of Dr. H. E. Barbour completed the specimen which represents several years' careful study of this and related mammoths. Archie's size is especially emphasized by the tiny skeleton of the shrew, the smallest of all land mammals, which is exhibited in the same case.

## HUSKER GRIDSTERS OPEN SPRING DRILL MONDAY AFTERNOON

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 Roby, Penney, Copple and Scott, of whom all but Scott have a time to time seen regular action. Back in gridiron garb for tackle candidacy are Gail O'Brien and Walt Pflum. O'Brien will be back to play his third year as a regular and Plum was understudy of Corwin Hulbert last year. McPherson is also back filing his bid, and then there is a bevy of Frosh, some of whom will give the varsity men a run for their money. Outstanding among the yearlings were Fred Brockman, Jim McFarland and Russell Thompson.

Leaders in the scramble for the guard assignments are Warren DeBus and Clair Bishop, who have been regulars for the past two years. Two other guards on last year's varsity squad who are expected to give these two a scrap are Neal Mehring and Elmer Hubka.

Franklin Meier seems to head the list of candidates for center, for he was declared to have ability virtually equal to that of Lawrence Ely last fall.

The backfield positions seem to be well taken care of, with a number of very capable lettermen on hand. Hubert Boswell, Tater Fahrbruch, Bernie Masterson, Jack Miller and George Sauer all have performed extensively as regulars in past campaigns.

No longer do expectant fathers have to wait for a nurse to announce to them whether its a boy or girl, according to University of California scientists. Experiments with rabbits have proved perfect in 90 percent of the cases in announcing pre-natal statistics.

## RELIGIOUS WELFARE COUNCIL WILL MEET

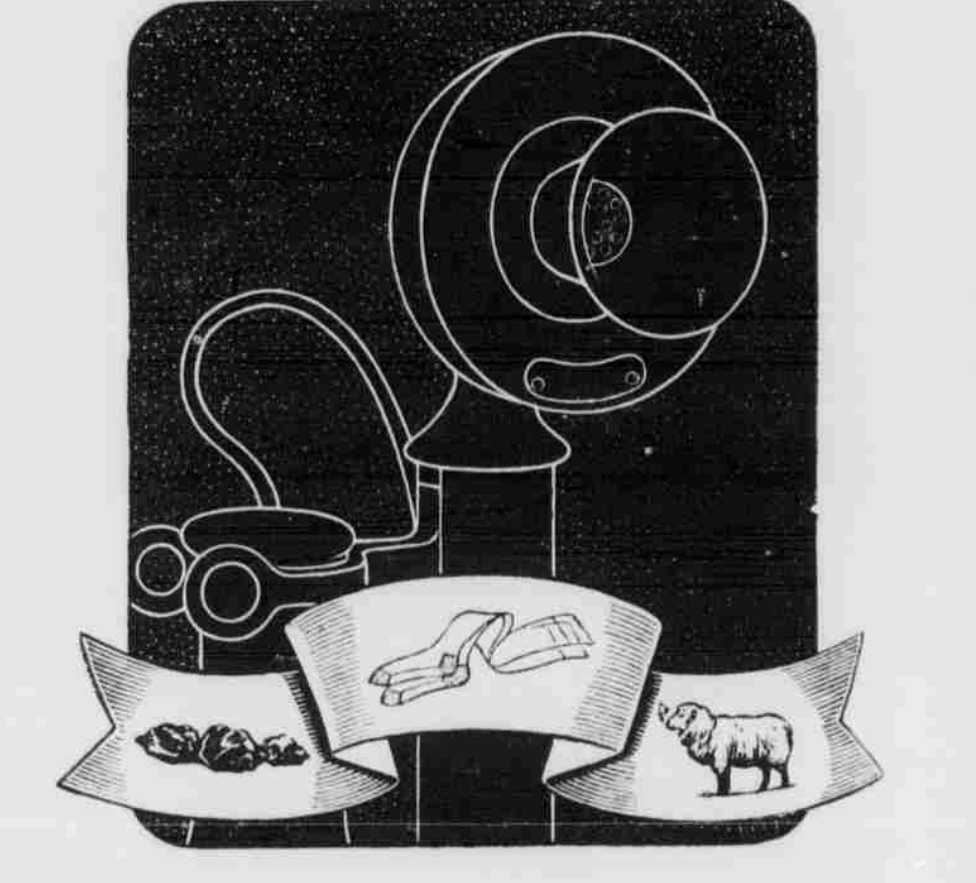
### Joint-Meeting of Workers Monday to Arrange Special Program.

The Council of Religious Welfare will hold its monthly meeting Monday, March 6 at the Temple cafeteria. The final plans for the Religious Emphasis program, to be staged March 31 to April 5, will be discussed. This will be a joint meeting of religious workers, faculty members of representatives of student groups. Professor B. C. Hendricks will preside.

Miss Bernice Miller, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., announces that the Religious Emphasis program is quite a new movement on this campus. Special leaders from other cities will be here to conduct the meetings at which religious perplexities will be discussed. The program and the names of speakers will be announced on Monday after the meeting.

Back to Barter Week. Long's Trade Slips.—Adv.

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