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Glimpses of Purpose.

FROM 8 until 10 o'clock tonight a gathering in Morrill hall will officially open the social season on the campus.

While new and old students wander through the building, men and women representing the administration, the faculty, and various student activities, will greet the chancellor's guests at his annual reception. College deans will receive the entrants, and freshmen will have their first intimate glimpse of the heart and soul of their university.

It is doubtful that many freshmen will see the reception as the symbol it is, but in years to come they will be able to review the event in perspective and realize, perhaps, the greater import of the evening in Morrill hall. Here for the first time students receive a vague impression of the greatness and meaning of the institution of which they have become a part.

Symbolical of the highest purposive ideals is this formal welcome annually extended to students of the new year. As the student guests pass through the rooms and corridors, it is not difficult to visualize the similarity with which the students pass through their university years, receiving the gifts the institution has to offer them. Great though the prizes a university can give in the way of technical training, the intangible values are on an equal level of importance. In the substantial environment of Morrill hall the reception tonight suggests both aspects of university purpose.

Already the institution is beginning to mold new lives, but the chancellor's welcome is at once the formal opening of the new volume, and the allegorical glimpse of the volume's contents.

Receding Hopes.

THE end of rush week so merges with the beginning of actual school work that little time for retrospection is allowed. A backward glance, however, and a survey of the minor scars resulting from the fray, brings to light some conclusions that the interfraternity council proposes to deal with at its first meeting.

In spite of a new set of rules, in spite of a rather thorough attempt to emulate the fairly well stabilized policies of the sorority rushing code, fraternities for another year have numerous corrosives

eating into their foundations. The verdict is not entirely in, and will not be for some time when the interfraternity council's committee on rushing makes its report, but enough evidence is at hand to furnish material for the first look at the results of the rules in force for the first time this fall.

To understand the present status of those rules and to be able to make even this cursory inspection of their results, it is necessary that two things be well understood. First of these is the change which it was hoped the regulations would effect, and second, how it was proposed to effect the change.

The first item, the purpose of the rules, is probably best set forth in an analysis of the original difficulties as the Nebraskan saw the problem a year ago. At that time an editorial pointed out that two troubles dogged fraternity rushing: One was the fundamental assumption that a rushee was to be pledged, instead of being allowed to pledge; the other was the complete failure of the individual house to co-operate in any enforcement of rules because of a fear that the violations of the house would thus be discovered.

It was hoped, when the council's rushing committee sponsored the change to the present regulations, that these two chief troubles would be effaced by a change of rushing procedure. The comparative stability of the sorority system was at hand for a model, and formulation of the fraternity rules was based very largely on the preferential pledging scheme successfully enforced by feminine Greeks.

AS a matter of fact, however, it takes no secret to recognize that this year's rushing among fraternities falls short of the ideal of stabilized and organized procedure. Improvement can be noted, perhaps, in certain details, but the story of fraternity rushing still remains too chaotic a tale.

Some of the dissatisfaction with the new plan may be charged off to the inevitable clumsiness of the inauguration of a new policy. While sororities have been operating under their regulations long enough to be well adjusted to the scheme, fraternities were this year departing from all precedent. Even if no further changes are made in the rules, the male Greeks may expect to see a good many snags ironed out as experience provides an adjusting factor.

But there remain, despite the pious hope that time may bring some natural improvement, difficulties which seem to be inherent in the system. Rushees are still subjected to the "sweat session" procedure. The new rules, if they have accomplished anything at all in this respect, have not made the sessions more concentrated. There is still a great deal of pettiness, even bitterness, involved in what amounts to nothing more than a wild scramble for new men. And the fundamental difficulty on which others are superimposed remains the same: Rushees have actually so little semblance of anything like a fair choice, that the old rules might as well still be in effect.

THE Nebraskan has no program to solve these problems. It is too early to be able to place a finger on the specific trouble underlying the complexities. It is certain that the old ailments have by no means been cured, and after the pending report of the interfraternity council's rushing committee, it may have to be concluded that the problems are too great for the fraternities themselves to deal with.

If this conclusion can be avoided, the Nebraskan sincerely hopes that it will never again be expressed. If it cannot be avoided—and there is room for such a suspicion in the light of the repeated failures of the Greeks to clean up their rushing procedures—then Nebraska Greeks are probably in for some drastic shocks.

Waving the Red Caps.

UNDER the aegis of the organization dedicated to the care and maintenance of traditions—the Innocents society—male members of the class of 1937 find themselves being indifferently shepherded along in the path of other freshman classes, from the door of the Coliseum to the store selling the red "dinks."

As a result, the campus blossoms for a while into a place of colorful headgear, but there is no reason to believe that precedent will not be followed again and that the blossoms will gradually fade, to die almost unnoticed. It is inevitable that the caps should be discarded after a certain length of time, when the new students begin to be more completely absorbed in the university, but it is a reflection on any sort of tradition that the process should be so anemic.

If the freshmen are going to wear red caps—

and the only reasons they shouldn't are too logical to become a part of an effective appeal against the wearing of the caps—then it is the business of the Innocents to make a real effort to enforce the requirement.

Every year, of course, it is alleged that such an effort is being made. There is invariably a succession of half-hearted attempts to make the campus believe that the caps are being worn by all first year men, but it takes very little observation to discern that such attempts are merely a great smudge arising from a small fire.

The very fact that such effort has been expended in the past has been concentrated on the comparatively small number of freshmen living in fraternities explains in part why no recent yearling class has really displayed the cap as its badge. An honest, organized and thorough attempt should be made to reach the unaffiliated freshmen, if the Innocents are sincere in their belief that the red cap tradition should be maintained.

Tassels Meet Today

At Ellen Smith Hall
There will be a short meeting of all Tassels today in Ellen Smith Hall, at 12 o'clock noon.

Methodist Church Will Greet Students Sunday

A social hour at 5:30 o'clock Sunday evening will be on the program for student members of the St. Paul Epworth league, St. Paul church, 12th and M. The hour will be followed by a devotional service at 6:30. All Methodist students will be welcomed at the meetings.

Dairy Club Head Wants Action.

Joe Huffer, president of the Varsity Dairy club on ag college campus, has announced the first meeting of the club to be very soon. Raymond McCarty and Paul Swanson, vice president and secretary of the club, are both back in school, and Huffer expects an active club this semester, he said.

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CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

A Glance

At the NRA.

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The president's re-employment agreement was promulgated to meet this contingency, with the object of bringing up purchasing power and price levels with some degree of simultaneity. It was recognized that re-employment must be swift and immediate to avert disaster.

What has happened in these turbulent months of the recovery administration's action? Many employers, signing the NRA code, have reduced working hours as prescribed, but they have not hired men to fill in the hours left vacant by the 40 hour schedule. In other words, the 40 hour week was sufficient to handle the busi-

ness of many corporations. That was the first blow.

Anyone who has bought a sack of flour, a suit, or a basket of peaches in the last month knows how swiftly the price level has risen. Even the stock market, that most irregular of barometers, is reacting to the new deal boom of prices.

That is the situation. Re-employment is slow; price advances are rapid. The result? Who would be bold enough to answer: "Complete chaos"? On the other hand, it would be a bold man indeed who would see cause for encouragement in the present situation.

This editorial does not intend a criticism of the NRA. Editors all over the country are unselfishly co-operating with the program and in such a plan where publicity is essential this co-operation is a splendid thing. But there is no advantage in playing ostrich. If a setback is imminent we should be prepared for it. And if everything works out as scheduled we will have been none the worse off for the discussion. The Daily Californian.

filling bottles with all kinds of queer smelling chemicals, and in general, getting ready for the first chemistry laboratory sessions. Not long now until one may expect to hear Ag freshman girls leave the dairy building engaged in some such conversation as this: "How did you work that first problem? Did you multiply or divide? Goodie! I got that answer too. How did you answer that question about whether an atom was the smallest unit of matter than can be seen under a microscope? Sure it is. That's what I said, too. Oh, don't you think Mr. Abbott is just the nicest man?"

UNOFFICIAL COUNT SHOWS 250 MEN FILE PREFERENCE

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is evident that freshmen are thinking twice before deciding to pledge. A strong undercurrent of opposition to the new plan indicated that drastic changes and amendments will be demanded by the majority

of fraternities when the Interfraternity council meets Tuesday night for the first time this fall.

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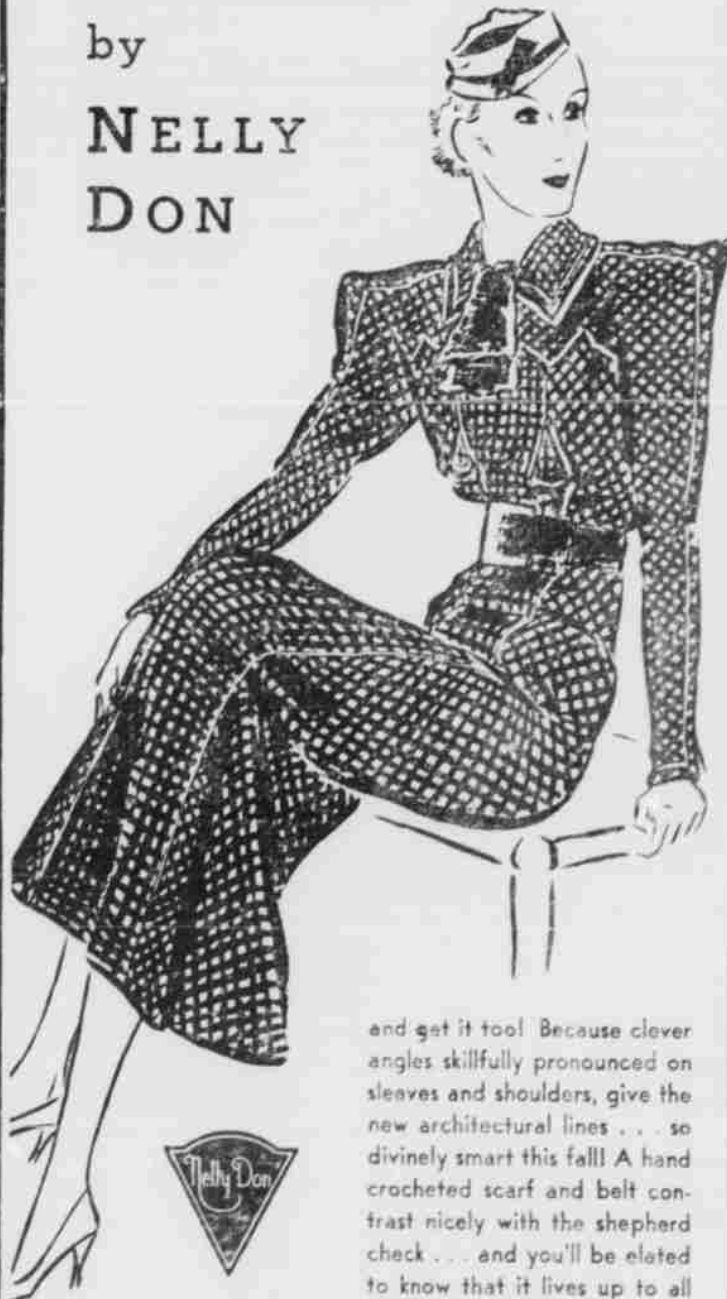
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Ag College

By Carlyle Hodgkin

DOWN TAKES AN ALTERNATE

When Dr. P. A. Downs, Royce Fish, Bruce Ford and Bill Halston, Nebraska's dairy products judges, headed for Chicago late Thursday afternoon, there was a fifth member in the party. It was tall, sober James "Jimmie" Warner, Ag college junior.

Coch Dow's last minute decision to take Warner to Chicago as alternate means that next year Nebraska will have one experienced man on its team. Until the past two years it was customary

to take an alternate. But in '31 and '32 the alternate was left at home. Thus the men on the team last year and those that left for Chicago Saturday are all entirely green. Not one of them has seen a contest or known anything about the procedure.

Having as one of its members a man who has been there and seen the show should be a boost to Nebraska's team next year. Let's hope the alternate idea will be continued.

CORNHUSKER COUNTRYMAN

What shall we do about the Cornhusker Countryman? Ag college students need the magazine—at least the editors would like to think they do. Potential Ag journalists need jobs—otherwise how will they ever change from potential to kinetic? But no staff was definitely elected last spring. No one has sold an inch of advertising or written an inch of copy or sold a single subscription.

To seek counsel from the faculty seems fruitless. Mr. Prescott says "Talk to Professor Crawford." Professor Crawford says "Talk to Dean Burr." And Dean Burr is either "out" or too busy to talk. Everyone—both on publications board and staff—seems to be waiting for someone else to say "Go."

I hazard a guess that we'll have a Countryman. It will be late, but being late has two advantages: There will have been sufficient activity on the campus to furnish interesting material to print, and, more important, all the Ag college freshmen, thinking they have experienced all the thrills, gone up in all the balloons, and are now down to the flat earth for a hard semester's grind, may find in the Cornhusker Countryman one more pleasant surprise.

ATOMS AND TEST TUBES

R. C. Abbott, whom Ag freshmen will know better as the semester passes has been busy these last few days cleaning test tubes, polishing glass pipettes,

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