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Editorially Speaking

Comment continues on College Greeks vs Barbs

But must it be 'vs'?

University Greeks vs. Barbs. That old favorite theme for collegiate controversies has been dusted off and given a new coat of comment in a recent issue (March 2) of the Saturday Evening Post where Margaret Weymouth Jackson harangues against the affiliated groups in her fictional "Goon Castle," and Fred H. Turner, dean of men at Illinois, appraises them as valuable features of college life in an article, "And Some Are Chosen."

If "Goon Castle" is an expression of Miss Jackson's true sentiments, she just plain doesn't have any use for college sororities or fraternities. Her story tells of a young girl, Judith, who was not asked to pledge a sorority when she enrolled in the state university. At first she is overwhelmed by a sense of inferiority and failure and refuses to allow herself to like the girls living with her in the dormitory. Gradually, however, she sees what horrid people live what horrid lives in the sororities and what marvelous people do what marvelous things in the dormitory, and so in the end she decides that it was a stroke of fortune that allowed her to go through university unaffiliated and thereafter refuses to like anyone who does favor the sorority system.

The weakest point in Miss Jackson's denunciation of the sororities and fraternities is that she steadfastly refuses to allow one redeeming point in their favor or to find one single fault or weakness within the dormitories. All of the people living in Greek houses are perfectly terrible and their lives therein are enough to raise the eyebrows on a sphinx. And all of the people living in the dormitories are so sensible and good and kind that even a little snob like Judith finally has to admit it. Because Judith is a snob whether Author Jackson intends it or not, and her sense of values is not quite balanced. She thought that the purpose of coming to university was to join a sorority and that anyone who didn't get pledged might as well leave school. So perhaps the sororities were being just a little astute in not pledging her, since later she is as much a snob against sororities as earlier she was for them.

It is hard to be convinced by an argument which so obviously refuses to see another side—especially when one thinks of the important role that Greek organizations have played in the history of U. S. universities. In the first place if Judith really was the fine girl the author would have us believe, it is beyond imagination that no sorority would have asked her to pledge. It is quite possible that she might not have been asked by the group which she preferred, but certainly she would have had a very good second choice begging her to join. Any acceptable student with the desire and the money can find an organization which he will like and which will like him—at least if we may take Nebraska as an example and we believe that we can.

As dean of men at the University of Illinois, Fred H. Turner obviously is one who knows the inner workings of the fraternity system. He points out real-life examples of how fraternities have benefitted students who have come under their influence, and how they try to base their selection of members on real human values rather than artificial acquisitions. Then very sensibly he explains that even so one can remain unaffiliated without having a blight cast on his life. A student owes his first loyalty to his university

and no fraternity wishes to alter that situation. A student comes to school to get an education with joining a fraternity quite secondary, and Greek organizations are as ready to recognize that as anyone. But man is by nature a social being and the college fraternity is consequently a natural feature of college life. All organizations must stand criticism, whether they be Masonry, women's clubs, labor unions, or churches, and fraternities have faults just like the others because after all they are made up of human beings. But they exist because they meet a real human need—a need for a strong, common bond which unites the individual with fellows who are congenial to him and who can help him attain what he could not attain alone.

It is natural for one to wish to be identified with a group—and it must be a relatively small group in which one can positively identify himself as an integral part. That is one of the drawbacks of a large dormitory, and inevitably one will find social division of the latter into floors as residents unconsciously attempt to set themselves up in more workable small groups. Probably the other major drawback of dormitories in the minds of fraternity affiliates is that anyone may live there and consequently there is no way of selecting residents on any basis of congeniality, mutual interests, similar background, or any other valid bases for happy group living.

The DAILY does not wish to set itself on the side of either affiliated or unaffiliated groups in this discussion. It merely recognizes that Greek organizations have played a valuable role in the development of this campus and of the thousands of men and women who have used it. At the same time it sees no reason why students who for one reason or another do not affiliate themselves with a fraternity should not have happy, fruitful, and successful university careers. In other words, is there any reason for attempting to stir up antagonism between the two groups or strike unflattering comparisons either way? Both come to the university for the purpose of securing an education and each sets up residence here in the manner most their liking. To say that either should adopt the other's ideas is absurd. Both fraternity houses and dormitories have their advantages and disadvantages. It is up to the individual student to weigh them and decide which should be most agreeable and beneficial for him. As long as fraternities do not become mere residence halls, and dormitories do not become overgrown fraternities, there is a place for both and there is no reason why they cannot continue to exist together amicably side by side as valuable adjuncts of the college scene.

Contemporary Opinion

CRIBBING AND GRADING

Cribbing is held to be one of the inevitable results of a system that places much importance on competition and grading. If a system must be employed that tempts students to cheat on exams there must be careful supervision to see that all students take the exams with equal opportunity, and that students who do not cheat are protected from those that do.

We are not discussing this subject publicly without first having thought of the unpleasantness involved. But we are convinced of its importance to the campus and we feel that although at times beneficial changes may be brought about by suggestion to responsible persons, this problem should receive editorial airing.

At the University of Cincinnati grades are important—many things depend on them—rank, scholarship, jobs after graduation. Perhaps this is why cheating has become an institution at U. C. and its results are extremely harmful and extremely unfair. The student who does not cheat is the victim, the student who does is usually the victor, and the instructor is unhurt in either case.

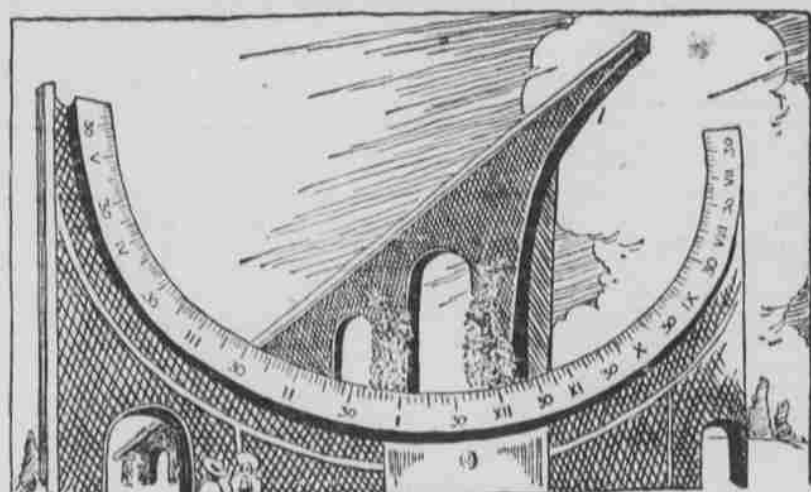
There are many types of exams, the written essay exam, changed year after year is the one normally used on this campus. Cheating in this case usually takes the form of cribbing from notes or books, talking, and copying. Students are often plagued by people seeking information. Not to give is a breach of campus underworld etiquette—you are no longer a good fellow. Instructors are loathe to "police" a room, and advisedly. When they maintain diligent watch the air of tension is disturbing, and when they do not, students cheat.

Rubber on the sole of a shoe to turn the pages of a book; upholstery tacks on the bottom of a drawing board to slip it across the floor; girls with notes in their stockings; boys with notes in the folds of their sweater, on a pencil, or written on the palm—these are some of the carefully worked-out details. These facts may seem impossible, they may seem improbable—but they are true.

We are not crying "scandal." We are not condemning the students that cheat, the instructors, or the administration. Situations like these will arise wherever the pressure of grades exist. But we do say that the popularity of cheating has been growing. We do not like the spirit that it induces. And we claim that the student who does not cheat is entitled to some kind of protection.

—Cincinnati News Record.

Collegiana



The WORLD'S LARGEST SUN-DIAL IS ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MANILA (PHILIPPINES). IT IS 65 FEET WIDE AND 40 FT. HIGH!



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NEGRO BUTLERS OF THE U OF ALABAMA FRATERNITIES HAVE A FRATERNITY OF THEIR OWN — THE SIGMA KING!

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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TODAY

SYMPHONY CONCERT.
The University symphony orchestra will give a concert in the Union ballroom at 3 p. m.
SUNDAY EVENING CLUB.
Professor Clifford B. Hendricks, will speak at the meeting of the Sunday Evening Club of the First Plymouth church at 8:30 p. m. His topic will be "Science in Everyday Living."

MONDAY

STYLE FORUM.
Robert Surrey, ace style scout in men's fashions, will conduct a forum at 4 p. m. in parlors XYZ of the Union.
VESPER CHOIR.
YW Vesper Choir will rehearse at 8 p. m. in Ellen Smith hall.
REQUEST PROGRAM.
There will be a record request program on the Carnegie music set at 4 p. m. in the faculty lounge of the Union.
SIGMA DELTA CHI.
Members of Sigma Delta Chi will have their picture taken at the campus studio at noon.

Le Rossignol named MC for Texas convention

Dean J. E. LeRossignol of the bizad college will be toastmaster at the annual dinner meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business April 19 at Austin, Tex. He will also take part in a panel discussion on the "desirability of a two-year terminal course in business administration," and "miscellaneous problems of business schools."

Guilford speaks to Psi Chi

Dr. J. P. Guilford, director of the bureau of instructional research, will address the University of Minnesota chapter of Psi Chi, psychology society, April 11 on the subject "Factors in Personality."

Nomination Blank ALL-AMERICAN COLLEGE QUEEN CONTEST

DAILY NEBRASKAN:

I hereby nominate the following student, who is in good standing, as an entrant in the All-American College Queen contest and submit photograph for judging.

Nominee's name
Address
Ht. Wt. Age
Signed
Address

(Nomination blanks must be in DAILY Office not later than 3 p. m., March 13.)

Winter to speak on psychology

S. Adelia Winter, assistant principal of Irving junior high, is the first scheduled speaker for a series of lectures in a new Girl Reserve leadership training course which will be held in Ellen Smith hall at 3:30 on Tuesday afternoon. The topic of Miss Winter's lecture is "Teen Age Psychology." The Y. W. C. A. and teachers college are sponsoring this course which will enable girls who wish to take up this work to have training and information. Certificates will be issued to girls at the end of the six lectures which will signify that they have had sufficient training for handling a Girl Reserve group.

Smith takes new post

Professor Linus B. Smith, chairman of the department of architecture, has been named one of a committee of three to present the college viewpoint before the National Architecture Registration Board in its meeting at Louisville, Ky., May 20 and 25.

Alexis talks to women

Dr. J. E. A. Alexis, chairman of the department of modern languages, will address the Beatrice Women's club April 1 on the subject of "International Relations."

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