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If the shoe fits, wear it!

Today's DAILY carries a story on the student athletic book sale. For \$5, students can purchase tickets to all home football games, basketball games, track meets, wrestling matches, and other athletic contests. We can remember back three years ago when fraternities and sororities with 30 members reserved blocks of 75 and 100 tickets, some of them got last in the draw and had to sit on the cinder track or didn't get seats at all.

That's human nature, we guess. The athletic department reserves 6,000 seats for students and faculty members. It didn't mind admitting a few friends into the section. It knew well that organized houses padded their lists. But the organized houses didn't appreciate the freedom they enjoyed. Consequently, the last two years and from now on, they have limited and must limit their reservation to the number of members included in their group. All of which serves them right. They had a lot of rope and they hung themselves.

But they learned their lesson. The football ticket deal is, however, just an example of how fraternities are cutting their own throats.

As serious as the ticket problem seemed at the time, it isn't at all as serious as the problem fraternities are going to face next year and the years following.

With a steady decline in fraternity pledgings during the last three years, organized men's groups are taking notice of the decrease in their memberships. Some houses are worried. Others, who haven't been hit yet may well thank their lucky stars they've been spared. Houses that formerly never pledged less than 20 and 25 men now take 12 and 15.

The reason for the decline doesn't exist in the fact that the DAILY published a fraternity costs survey either. That's as absurd an argument as we've heard. The reason exists in rushing methods, and the peculiar qualities some fraternities demand of an entrant before they consider pledging him.

The snobbish reputation some Nebraska fraternities have garnered themselves over a period of two decades is another instance of too much rope with the consequent stragulation. Independent students who can afford fraternities abound on this campus and undoubtedly would pledge fraternities if there were something more than artificial and social advantages. Those fraternities where genuine brotherhood and honest to goodness friendships can be found probably won't suffer in the long run. They'll have to string along for a while until more people find out that many fraternities won't take anyone less than the son of a \$10,000 a year man. That's just a figure, but we think entirely indicative of the condition prevailing in many houses.

Fraternities as often as not, pledge the wrong men. There are hundreds of boys entering this school who need fraternity training... not all of it, but this society of ours, every man should develop his personality and character so that he fits in with those he associates with and will associate with.

But some fraternities want only those men who appear to know their place already and who seem to have already developed their personalities. They want to apply what they call the "polish." Why don't they get down to business and benefit the whole university just as they are supposed to do and once did do? The fraternity system has received aid and support thruout its existence here and on other campuses and has given very little in actual return.

Rumors have circulated... no one knows where they started or what truth is in them... that the administration is watching the fraternity system with a critical eye. If the rumor is true, fraternities had better watch their step. Democratic traditions exist in this university too and some fraternities don't seem exactly in accord with them.

Night classes open Monday

Registration in evening courses set for tonight

Registration for the university night school will be held tonight only in Grant Memorial hall from 7 to 9. Evening classes begin Sept. 30.

For most courses fees will be \$4 an hour in addition to a \$1 registration fee. Before registration slips are accepted, all fees must be paid.

Advisers and instructors will answer questions and help students register. A. A. Reed, director of the university extension division, will be in charge of the registration.

Second time for separation registration

This is the second year that evening classes have held a separate registration date. Formerly students registered the first class night.

Majority of students are Lincoln teachers and business people. Special education classes are held on Saturday morning to which teachers working for master's or doctor's degrees come from many parts of the state.

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tially bases his prediction for a successful year for Nebraska on the gridiron on the fact that last year the team defeated both Pittsburgh and Minnesota for the first time in one year. "The Cornhuskers lost only ends by graduation and Coach Biff Jones has two full teams," he says. "Nebraska should win the Big Six title and rank among the nation's leading teams."

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will end with a song and yell session.

Innocentius Bob Aden will act as master of ceremonies. The Corn Cobs and the Tassels will occupy reserved sections in the coliseum, while the Innocents and the Mortar Boards will be seated on the stage. Forrest Behm, Innocent, and Marion Miller, Mortar Board, have been in charge of arrangements.

Cornhusker filings reopened; 15 jobs still to be filled

With no applications for over ten important positions on the 1941 Cornhusker staff, upperclassmen were given until Friday at 5 p. m. to get a start in activities—with a title.

"Men's positions are wide open with the fewest applicants in years," Bob Aden, yearbook editor announced. Among the jobs open to men are man's organization editor and fraternity editor, both stepping stones to editor-in-chief in the past.

Only 15 people have filed for positions, and many of them applied for the same job. Of the 25 places thrown open to upperclassmen, only one person has applied for several jobs and most of them are sought after by less than three.



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Bulletin

AIEE will hold its first meeting of the year Wednesday in mechanical engineering 206. Watch the bulletin board for the time of the meeting.

Union Matinee dance will be held in the ballroom Wednesday at 5 p. m. Students are required to present their identification cards for admittance to the dance. There is no admission charge.

Student Council members will meet tomorrow, Wednesday, at 5:00 p. m. in room 313 of the Union and the Council program of the year will be outlined.

Corn Cobs will hold a smoker for pledges tomorrow, Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m., in the Union. All men students, excluding freshmen and seniors, regardless of affiliation, who are interested in qualifying for membership in the club are urged to attend.

Corn Cobs and Tassels will meet at 10:15 a. m. at the Union to participate in the parade to the Coliseum for the Freshmen convocation. Members must be in full

uniform. Cob sweaters are now ready at Simon's.

Palladian Literary Society will hold an open meeting Saturday at 9 p. m. in Palladian hall on the third floor of the Temple. All interested Barbs are invited to attend.

Tassels will meet at 5 p. m. in room 203 of the Temple to report on University Theater ticket sales.

Tassels, Corn Cobs, and Freshman Band members will assemble at the Temple today at 10:30 a. m. in uniform in preparation for the Freshman convocation.

New alumni club organized by local businessmen

Electing Herb McCulla president, a group of Lincoln businessmen and women met in the Union yesterday and organized a Lincoln Alumni club, the incentive being Nebraska's alumni plight, that of having 53,000 alumni but only 2,449 with membership cards.

Chancellor C. S. Boucher in commenting said that Nebraska's alumni seniors situation had no equal anywhere among universities of the same size.

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