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Fading Prestige?

A masterpiece of misinterpretation appeared in one the Lincoln newspapers yesterday afternoon. It was a so-called news story about the plans for an "All Greek week," announced by the university Interfraternity council. The story was headlined "Fading frats to seek lost campus prestige at N. U." and began with the statement that the week would be "an ambitious attempt to bolster fading fraternity prestige." In the first place, the purpose of All Greek Week has nothing to do with bolstering prestige as that isn't necessary, but it is simply to promote a friendly spirit among fraternities and sororities. It is also to follow out the general purpose of all fraternities—that is, the development of leaders among men and women. Fraternity men and women have always held most of the leading positions on the campus and it is natural for leaders to want to learn more about leadership. That is what fraternity members hope to get out of All Greek Week. Instead of suggesting that the fraternities are trying to bolster their "fading prestige," we would say that an All Greek Week such as is being planned by the Interfraternity council, with the aid of the Women's Panhellenic, will further the prestige they have always had and give them background for leadership.

Convo . . .

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college campuses. Experience with this agency was a disappointment both for educational and for military training, he said, and university students and staff members are to be considered with all other groups under the selective service act.

"The best way in which the university staff members and students can serve the great cause is to enhance our seriousness of purpose in the pursuit of our training programs in preparation for any specific call that may come in the orderly operation of the selective service act," declared the chancellor.

He pointed out that the university under the defense program is now offering several types of special courses suggested or requested by the federal government, and is ready to discontinue temporarily any program and introduce additional new ones as the government may indicate.

"Whenever the government may want volunteers from the university men and women for any special types of military, technical or industrial service, the word will be passed to you immediately and recruiting agents will be given all possible assistance in enlistment of student or staff volunteers. A considerable number have already answered calls to special service under the defense program, and others will be encouraged and assisted to do so."

Dean Thompson praised the students for their calmness and judgment during these war years even in the realization of sacrifices which they will be called upon to make. He counseled his audience not to let courage prevent their asking themselves, "Where can I serve my country best in this hour of need?"

"I am convinced after fifteen months of service upon a local draft board that if you possess a skill that can be used in providing more and better materials and equipment, you will be rendering a service to your country by letting these facts be known at the proper time and place," said the dean.

Dr. Thompson said that it may become necessary to draft workers for certain vocations related to defense if the unnumbered vol-

untarily entering them does not meet the demand. Agriculture, mining and fields of pure and applied science are among these, he explained, and "while they do not offer much opportunity for acts of heroism, they are essential."

Dean Ferguson pointed out that the university has trained 169 men in the primary civilian pilot training course and 75 in the advanced course as part of its defense effort. Many of these men have gone into the army and navy units. More than 500 men have completed or are carrying on study in special defense training courses established in Lincoln and Omaha by the engineering college.

There are now 2,078 men enrolled in ROTC courses, he said, of whom 342 are in advanced units. In addition scientific research of a confidential defense nature is being prosecuted by the university under contract with proper authorities.

"So far as the university is concerned, this is an all-out undertaking to which every division is contributing," declared Dean Ferguson. "Every serious-minded student is in line to do his part. More and better trained men and women are the basic need, for upon them rest all lines of progress toward emergence from our difficulties."

Today we are fortunate to attend a university," said Burton Theil. "We should consider it a privilege and an obligation to make the most of these weeks in school until the time comes when we are called to participate in this war. While preparing to serve, we look forward to a time after the conflict when we must call upon the intelligence and resources of our people to rebuild a better society."

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Alumni News

By Lloydene Kershaw

Dr. Edward Charles Eliot, president of Purdue, who was graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1895 and received his master's degree here in 1897, is one of Nebraska's truly distinguished alumni.

Born in Chicago, Dr. Eliot moved to North Platte when a boy. "I was not born a Nebraskan, but the job of making me one was begun so early in North Platte and carried out so successfully there and at the University of Nebraska that not even a residence of 35 years in other states has been sufficient to eradicate the deep seated feeling that Nebraska is 'Home,'" says Dr. Eliot.

Dr. Eliot was a teaching fellow in chemistry at the university from 1895 until 1897, the year he received his master's and then went to Leadville, Colo., as superintendent of schools where he remained until 1904.

In 1904 he went to Columbia university as associate professor in education and received his Ph.D. from Columbia in 1905. He taught at the University of Wisconsin, acted as Chancellor at the University of Montana and became president of Purdue in 1922.

During the latter part of 1938 Dr. Eliot served as special advisor to the regents of the University of the Philippines, and he is the author of a number of books on state school systems and school supervisions. In addition he has served as advisor to various state and municipal education commissions.

Dr. Eliot, who is a Phi Kappa Psi, said in 1939 in an address before the Indianapolis alumni club, "The University of Nebraska has accomplished more in its poverty than many universities in their riches."

Party . . .

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to all students and faculty members. These refreshments will be distributed in the Pan-American room, Room 315, and parlors ABC. At 9 students will join in singing carols grouped around the huge lounge Christmas tree. They will be accompanied by an organ.

Members of the double quartet from the school of music which will sing between acts of "A Christmas Carol" are Bob Kellog, Fred Prentis, Ann Jacobs, Elaine Libsock, Carol Wherry, Marjorie Hayes, Cecil Elye and Hal Moore.

Morale . . .

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patience of danger has a protective effect.

"5. Question all rumors. Don't let them affect you emotionally.

"6. Trust those in authority. They are the only ones in a position to know the facts.

"7. Don't worry near children. They are easily excitable and spread anxiety quickly.

Don't Worry.

"Just as an inexperienced public speaker allows his worry about the audience or his own failings to distract his thoughts from the talk he is to make, so many civilians dissipate their energies worrying about conditions they cannot

Collegiate Oddities . . .



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control and lose their effectiveness for necessary duties.

"Civilians often worry so much about war conditions that they lose efficiency in their work and their personal lives. This increases their anxiety. Any prolongation of worry leads first to inefficiency, then to personal breakdown. At a time when America needs the full efficiency of everyone, it is essential that we realize what our immediate task is and do not allow worry to distract us."

Honors Day . . .

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answering," said Dean Bengtson reviewing his speech. "I will attempt to point out the solutions to this problem and to those that arise from the three distinct cultures in this hemisphere: Latin, Anglo-American, and Indian."

The economic development of the United States is primarily industrial and agricultural, but Latin America is fundamentally agricultural and mining. Dean Bengtson continued. "How we will solve the consequent clash of interests is a problem of immediate importance." The head of the junior division asserts the study of Spanish in America and the study of English in Latin America would help solve this third problem.

Smoke stack of Oberlin college's heating plant, reconstructed after skirmishes with OPM over sheet steel supplies, is one foot higher than its 154-foot predecessor.

Cincinnati Lions Recuperate From Vivid Paint Jobs

By Associated Collegiate Press.

Here's a release from the University of Cincinnati that we pass on without comment:

College papers in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Oxford, Ohio, please copy: If it's any satisfaction to Carnegie Tech and Miami university pranksters, paint they applied to Mack and Mick famous stone lions guarding the entrance to the University of Cincinnati's McMicken halls, has defied the best efforts of the city highway department's high-pressure steam cleaning equipment.

Operators worked for several hours with "cold steam" and chlorinated lime to remove generous traces of excess football enthusiasm in the form of green and red paint. Although the lions do look whiter, the clashing colors are still easily discernible.

The lions were marked with green paint the night before the Carnegie-Cincinnati football game and with red paint several days before the Miami-Cincinnati game. Labors of university employees with paint remover had little effect. The cleaning process will now be left to time and the elements.

Largest concrete dome in the world, 110 feet in diameter, is at McAllister auditorium of Tulane university. Hayden Planetarium dome, 90 feet in diameter, is next.

The Union Opens Wide Its Doors

for the

Christmas Party

Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol"

Presented by the University Players

Free Coca Cola and Brownies

8:00 P.M. TONIGHT

Faculty and Students Welcome

