# Help Week: It's About Time

national collegiate circles as the stomping grounds for the Cornhuskers, the alma mater of Roscoe and Louise Pound and the center of the athletic deemphasis program. Now, thanks to the efforts of the Interfraternity council, Nebraska may be added to the ever-growing list of colleges and universities who have found their Hell Weeks obsolete and replaced them with Help Weeks.

Every year, without fail, The Daily Nebraskan has had editorials to point out the fallacies of Hell Week. And every year the fraternity men continue to sit back in their chairs and say, we had to do it; why can't they? Fraternity men have always come up with stereotyped answer that Hell Week is necessary to unite the pledge class, Maybe it unites them, but only in a combined dislike towards the actives who have contributed to the foolishness and childishness which makes up Hell Week.

For years fraternities have been vulnerable to attack on the one question of their programs for the initiation of new members Chief contention of the fault-finders has been (and still is) that Hell Week activities are anti-educational and do not instill into neophytes true ideals of fraternalism.

But if a fraternity is unable to build its pledges into the desirable type of man without Hell Week. the logical conclusion to be drawn is that the fraternity is not a good one. One of a fraternity's promises to a pledge is that it will endeavor to only succeed in producing over-grown high school

### **How Is This Explained?**

To the fraternity men suporting the advantages of Hell Week, just how would they say that the boy at Lynchburg college who lost one eye benefitted from it? And the pledge who died of burns at St. Louis University? and the sophomore who was killed at Brown university?

A Hoosier athlete Bob Lollar in Feb. 1949 realized that fraternities were wasting manpower and brains with the destructive Hell Week. As chairman of the Alpha Tau Omega's Hell Week, he talked to the assistant dean and it was deeided they have a Help Week. Under his direction, pledges painted a half-dozen churches, helped a widow, repaired homes. By the following year, 20 of the 31 fraternities at the University of Indiana were following the idea of a Help Week and now all 31 fraternities have Help

But the idea of Help Week did not stop on the Bloomington campus. Within the next year it had spread to Purdue, Butler, Bowling Green and De-Pauw. The Indiana faculty believes Hell Weeks responsible for the new attitude.

### **Nebraska Joining Movement?**

As plans of pre-initiation are now underway, it appears as if the University of Nebraska may come part of the Help Week tide. At the National Interfraternity conference at Old Point Comfort, Va. last November, those attending felt college Hell Weeks should be replaced by Help Weeks, and the campus fraternal groups should also play an increasingly important role in worthwhile civic and community affairs. Representing the University IFC at the conference were Harold Meyer, presi-

dent of IFC, and IFC members Larry Nordin, Charles Anderson and Cy Johnson.

Carrying out the decision of the convention, an IFC Help Week committee has been set up for the purpose of unifying Help Week at the University. Next year the committee will contact welfare agencies to see what community projects may be undertaken by fraternity groups. Glenn Rosenquist Cy Johnson, Bob Anderson and Charles Anderson is what are the ATO's going are the committee members.

Bob Reichenbach, IFC vice president, told The Daily Nebraskan that Help Week would function on a voluntary basis. He also feels that Help Week is the only logical course, for certain things have happened to put fraternities in the public's bad eye. A Help Week, he said, would show the public what fraternities are really like.

Hod Myers told The Daily Nebraskan that fraternities can do projects to better the community which will in turn do away with the public sentiment against Greeks. Help Week Committee member Cy Johnson told The Daily Nebraskan he feels a national movement is underway, and Help Week will eventually take the place of Hell Week.

#### Participants Increasing

It is obvious that within only three short years since its founding, Help Week is on the University campus. All but four fraternities told The Daily Nebraskan they had either made plans for Help Week or have already carried them out. This may make him better for the experience, Some frater- be compared to last year when only one fraternities are able to turn out men, granted; but others nity made an effort to do somethnig constructive outside their house by raising money for the Damon Runyand cancer fund.

Theia Xis and Sigma Nus and Farm House already have added a Help Week to their pledge program by donating services to the Cedars Home for Children and Camp Min-Is-Kuya. Last weekend Phi Delta Theta pledges and actives spent 1000 man-hours in painting the home, both inside and out, of a semi-crippled widow. Fraternity members also put in a plumbing system, plastered and repaired the roof. All materials were donated by local business men and only two merchants refused the requests. Chick Battey who was in charge of the project told The Daily Nebraskan that their Help Week work besides adding something to the community, brought unity to the members of the fraternity in a way Hell Week never would. Their project was endorsed 100 per cent by Chancellor Gustavson.

Ira Epstein, Sigma Alpha Mu president, told The Daily Nebraskan that SAM Monday night completely abolished Hell Week from their constitution and Help Week plans are underway.

#### Chance For Us

Maybe Hell Week will die on the University are on the wane all over America. After watch- camps. Maybe it won't. But the fraternities have are on the wane all over America. After watch- camps. Maybe it won't. But the fraterinties have ing the new spirit at work for more than two years the opportunity to be one of the leading pioneers. Thought for the day: Just bepleted and big bronze letters of the St. Peter pleted and big bronze letters of the St. Peter pleted and big bronze letters of the St. Peter pleted and big bronze letters of the St. Peter pleted and big bronze letters of the St. Peter pleted and big bronze letters of the St. Peter pleted and big bronze letters of the St. Peter pleted and big bronze letters of the St. Peter pleted and big bronze letters on reason you have to look down on the front of the building. There was a specific pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the Nuter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the Nuter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters of the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters on the story of the St. Peter pleter and big bronze letters are pleter and big bronze letters and better pleter and big bronze letters are pleter and big bronze letters are pleter and better pleter and big bronze letters are pleter and better pleter and bette serious purpose to school, probably are greatly now beginning to realize they have a responsibility your nose. to the community as well as their chapters and in it? that a worthwhile project will unite the pledges far better than a Hell Week ever will.

> Help Week has finally gotten a start on the Power Superintendents campus. The Daily Nebraskan commends all organizations backing it and hopes that it will continue cal and mechanical engineering grass, which seems to cause a lot to stay as long as Greek organizations exist on the departments will be hosts to some of trouble on Ag campus.

To the narrow-minded fraternity men who insist on giving the pledges hell, The Daily Nebraskan suggests they talk to some veterans who have been through real hell. It would make Hell Week look mighty silly .- S.G.

# Spiritual Spring

Lent, the season of "spiritual spring," as one writer expresses it, begins today.

"when ploughshares go deep into the soil, break- reading, study of the Bible and memorization of fire a shoulder-to-shoulder match It is the "season of repentance," he continues, ing furrows to receive new seed. Lent is the season scripture. of decision, when fields are planted, weeded, cultivated. Lent is the season of awakening, when leaden skies open into vistas of blue, when the Sun calls forth to new life the sleeping seeds of Goodness."

The writer has used a physical metaphor to express a spiritual truth-a truth that is too tremendous for mere words and even beyond human understanding. Using the "spring" figure of speech, the writer has described at least one aspect of Lent, but merely describing it has no meaning or purpose for Christians, True, Lent is a state of mind, or more correctly, a state of spirit. But such conditions are so abstract as to be incomprehensible to the human mind.

Somehow Lent must be translated, if not in spirit at least in action, into the physical, everyday world. For this purpose campus religious houses and organizations are trying to define a portion of the meaning of Lent in specific attitudes and ac- the glory of God." tions. Roman Catholics have long incorporated "giving up something" for Lent; Protestants have not been so definite.

To vivify Lent Christian denominations, including Protestants, seem to be realizing the significance of the visible Lenten participation and have come to include in their programs definite actions

One student house on campus this year has distributed to its students a leaflet enumerating neveral suggested immediate objectives of Lent.

## Margin Notes

The University daily takes both little and big steps toward strengthening and expanding its facilities. Action by members of the Board of Regents at their recent meeting sent the University a long way on its road to academic perfection, Highest on the list of University improvements is the addition of a psychiatric unit at the College of Medicine in Omaha and a one million dollar grant for a University Teachers college high school to relieve crowded conditions at the present high school.

Congratulations and hearty thanks from The Daly Nebraskan to the Board of Regents and all other official bodies advancing the progress of the

# Daily Thought

He who overcomes his anger subdues his entest enemy.—Syrus.

"I. A half hour each day spent in private worship before 9 a.m., including prayer, devotional

"2. Prayerful evaluation at the day's end. "3. Thanks to God before each meal.

"4. Weekly attendance at public worship.

"5. Weekly participation in some program of student religious group.

"6. Regular Christian giving in proportion to in-

"7. Intellectual growth as a Christian by reading at least one book each month in the fields of Dr. Leverton Discusses Health Christian biography, doctrine, devotion, church his-In Book, 'Food Becomes You' tory or emotional problems of living.

"8. Earnest and regular endeavor to confront others with the claims of Chrsit by deed, honest and prayerful discussion and a persuasive conviction that Christ is the Lord of all life.

"9. Expansion of one's sense of social concern trition in the department of home drawing and painting of the University Christian attitudes and accommics, wrote in her new book, trated the book jacket. through constructive Christian attitudes and ac-

"10. Doing all things, no matter how small, to

While the accomplishment of these projects is not the purpose of Lent, the student house hopes that through action may come inspiration; that through a combination of the physical and the spiritual, Lent may become a season of true Christian growth-or at least a season for planting the seeds which may sprout and bear fruit.

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## Barbed Wire



Barb Wylie .

What I would like to know to do with the 14 pound goose that was recently delivered to them? It seems four campus coeds, finding the day dull and uninteresting, set out on a two hour search for a goose to surprise certain brothers in the fraternity. The bird was presented at the front door decked in a bright blue jacket with ATO in gold this campus who would like the blue and gold derby. At last signing this "anonymouse" because reports, the Tau's had decided to have the goose for dinner, not as a guest, but couldn't find a pledge that could or would kill it.

answers to these questions. We are answers, the tau answers to these questions. We are answers to these questions. We are the signing this "anonymouse" because everyone thinks they know all the answers, but our last question is, "Do they really?"

TWO NEBRASKA COEDS

News of the recent debate tourney held over the week-end on the campus is that various delegates from other universities were shocked when the prob-lems of fixed and paid elections, theft and vandalism on college campuses were raised. We take it as a matter of course, but to smaller schools the whole idea must sound horrifying.

"cramming" to pass. At a recent Monday night the latest in marriage, as the next neeting of a local womens roup, the social chairman of the clan arose and announced will swing into discussions on meeting of a local womens group, the social chairman of the clan arose and announced that a delegation of fraternity brothers from various chapters was coming to this campus for a convention and they wanted dates for the weekend. She then asked for names of interested girls to be referred to the local chapter. One coed, evidently looking for greener pastures, piped up with:

"There's no percentage in dat ng a fella from another campus." After quietly looking over the group for a few seconds the social chairman said: "No, but it's an excellent way

to acquire a pen pal."

Has your bucket got a

## **Engineers To Entertain**

100 public power district superinendents Wednesday night.

The superintendents, represent-ing districts throughout Nebraska, will attend a dinner at the Union. Prof. Walter F. Weiland of the mechanical engineering department will address the group on "Stability of Oils" at Richards laboratory after the dinner, then

the superintendents will tour Richards laboratory and Ferguson Riflers Drill For Meet

The University rifle team will Lawrence Saturday.

be chosen for the trip: John Mcties committee for students who
Elhaney, Vincent Goeres, Paul
Jordon, Don Overholt, William
Norris, Richard Jackson, P. L.
Perry, Duane McCutchan, Ron

McKarris, Salvaday, Night Caba.

## Letterip

Follow The Leader?

Dear editor: We are all in college now and old enough to make our own decisions, Why do we all play a make-believe game of "Follow the Leader," relying too much on what the next guy does or has?

How many are really here for an education? Is everyone on campus trying to outdo the next guy? What is the real reason for Greek letter societies? Why should dates come before studying? After you have been on a date, why do the fellas and girls always ask "What is he or she?" before they ask "Who is he or she?" Is it better to live a clean life and have few dates or have many dates and live with a guilty conscience? What kind of girls do the fellas really want? Why are three-fourths of the students on this campus trying to impress somebody?

letters on the back and a pert answers to these questions. We are



Local Stuff - - - -

TWO NEBRASKA COEDS "You sure came in high last night, Ed." (Daily Nebraskan Cartoon.)

### Korn Kernels

## Ag Better Living Series To Discuss Marriage Adjustment

To you who are beginning to worry about six week exams, here is a helpful hint from Princeton. A Princeton University student got a high grade on an exam by relaxing with a couple of beers round by this week's Ag Better Living series at 5 p.m. today in the Ag Union. Also featured at the Cabarotte ret are television, dancing and other games.

The movie will also be shown at the half-way mark in the test. See, it just takes the right kind on adjustment in marriage. This is the last chance to catch up on If any of you Aggies like to Block and Bridle show. Also,

If any of you Aggies like to square dance, now is your is the last chance to catch up on chance to get in with the Ag Country Dancers. They are having a special meeting Friday night to decide future events. Also, they are planning for the leadership.

Also on the Ag agenda this week is "Pot Luck With the Profs" Sunday night. This offers a swell chance to get ac-quainted with some of the members of the Ag faculty and their wives. Also, you get a free meal (and they really heap up the plate, too) and get to use some of the games and enter-tainment provided by the Ag Union. If you wish to attend, sign up by Friday in the Ag Union office.

hole on the inside, and it's hoped that the agronomy department can move in early this summer.

We also hope that the new sidethat the re-routing of traffic will Faculty members of the electri- not cause more cutting across the

Ag YM and YWCA now have the ball rolling on plans for Estes Carnival. Estes Carnival will be held March 21 in the College Activities building, and proceeds will go towards sendto the summer Estes conference in Colorado. Ag organiza-tions that wish to have a booth in the carnival are to turn in a rough draft of the booth by March 7. The winning booth will receive a traveling trophy.

with the University of Wichita mittee meets again Thursday handsome prince, who thanks Ma-and the University of Kansas at night from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Ag rie for saving his life and invites awrence Saturday.

Union. Arts and handicraft is her to go with him to the magic
Eight of the following men will sponsored by the Ag Union activie chosen for the trip: John Mcties committee for students who

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this week's Saturday Night Caba-

dents may sign up for livestock showmanship contests in the Block and Bridle show. Also, this is the last week that coeds may sign up for the coed west-ern style horseback riding con-

Drawings for the animals will be held Saturday.

## -Chords And Discords-

## **Nutcracker Suite Tells** French Story In Music

Dave Cohen

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite depict the children marching to anks as an outstanding favorite the party. "Dance of the Sugarranks as an outstanding favorite Work on the outside of the new among his compositions. He wrote Agronomy building has been com-it in 1891 for the St. Petersburg

The story of the Nutcracker Suite concerns a Christmas-party and what happens after it. Of all the presents she re-ceives, Marie, the daughter of the host, is particularly fond of a German nuteracker. It is shaped like an old man with massive jaws that cracks the nuts. During the course of the party some boys break the nut-

That night, Marie cannot sleep Tchaikovsky's themes to millions for thinking of her broken toy, of new listeners. Quietly she slips downstairs to have another look at it. She hears a rustling sound, and before her eyes the Christmas tree grows taller and all the toys come to life. The rustling noise has been caused by a group of mice, who attack the toys. During the course of the battle the nutcracker chal-

fairy tale entitled "Story of a Nutcracker" as the plot for his suite. The Columbia album of the Nutcracker Suite begins with the opening overture en-titled—"Overture Miniature." It serves as introduction to the coming party and is scored for strings and light woodwinds. The cellos and bases are conpic-nous by their absence, and the overture is light in class. The sole excerpt from act one is the "March." It's strong rhythms

Plum Fairy" is a very delicate dance featuring the piano. The other numbers in the album in-clude Russian Dance, "Dance of the Reed Flutes" and "Waltz of the Flowers." It is interesting to note that several name bands, including Freddy Martin and Glen Miller, have recorded Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite in dance though their arrangements do not fall within the same category as those of the symphony orchestras,

Ella Mae Morse's new record. "The Blacksmith Blues," is one of the top discs on campus, Miss Morse does a fine job of singing. Her phrasing is smooth and with the rhythm pattern set by the band, she sets a strong blues

lenges the mouse king to single Gordon MacRae's latest disc is combat. Just as the mouse is about also a campus hit. "Green Acres" to kill the nutcracker, Marie is done in a free, easy-going style. throws her shoe at him and he MacRae's singing is characteristic will receive a traveling trophy. is killed, while the other mice of the crooners of today, but he scamper away. Immediately the is far above the rest with clear nutcracker is transformed into a unadulterated singing.

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Separate chapters are devoted Chamber of Commerce, 12 noon. to the importance of weight, losing and gaining weight and needs group, 4 p.m., Ellen Smith south-of motherhood. Daily diets are east room; leader, Elaine Smithoutlined for men, women and berger.
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