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ONE YEAR OR ONE WEEK?

The Sophomore pledging rule whose proposal has caused so much discussion among the local Greeks, is a question which is worthy of some consideration. This system is now in effect in many universities, but is, as yet, so young that its success or failure cannot be determined.

It is argued that a year's experience in the University as a non-fraternity man will enable the new student to accustom himself to the necessities and new experiences of college life. He is not greeted upon his entrance to the University by a round of smokers, dances, and promiscuous handshakings, which tend to give him the wrong impression of the purpose of an education. Furthermore, his first week of school can be devoted to the initial application to his studies, which is so essential; his mind is not in the continual state of excitement which is the result of conjecturing and indecision as to "what to do."

A year's time to decide would, in a great many instances, avoid the mistakes in choice of a fraternity which are under the present rushing system quite frequent. A freshman, usually lacking in mature judgment, and very apt to be influenced by "white collars" and a social reputation, cannot safely choose his friends after six days' acquaintance.

Nor, for that matter, neither can a fraternity, composed of from fifteen to twenty men. The freshman who is strenuously "rushed" by a several fraternities can have, at best, two or three dates with each organization. Can his hosts, in that short time, decide whether or not they wish to be his constant companions for four years? Can they tell whether he is a fellow who "has the goods on him," or whether he has come to school for the express purpose of "making a fraternity?"

These constitute the main arguments in favor of the new plan. On the other hand, the financial status of the fraternities presents a serious problem, even under the present system, and the pledging or initiating of new men who support the house fund and the table, often forestalls indebtedness. A fraternity returning in the fall with eight or a dozen men, part of whom live in Lincoln, faces a serious proposition.

There also arises the question, Would not a great many desirable men be "spiked" long before the expiration of the school year? Would not secret

work and the length of the struggle for the men result in much needless hard feeling between the various fraternities?

Thus the question presents itself; there are many additional arguments on both sides which will bear investigation. We stand open to suggestions, in the way of editorials, on this subject.

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NEBRASKA FARM NOTES.

Charles Hayes, '15, spent Sunday at his home in Omaha.

Miss Effie Gravert, '15, spent Sunday at her home in Omaha.

H. E. Abbott, '14, spent Sunday with his parents, near Tecumseh, Neb.

George Petring, '11, spent Sunday with his sister, Miss Kathrine Petring, at H. E. hall.

Dr. L. B. Sturdevant will address the boys of the School of Agriculture at convocation this morning.

Claude Nider, who has been absent from school for some time on account of sickness, came back to school again today.

Henry Rueter and Henry Stubbe, both sophomores at the Farm, spent Sunday, March 31, with Mr. Rueter's father, near Wabash, Neb.

The first regiment of the School of Agriculture cadets had their first battalion drill on the campus yesterday.

The carnival given by the Y. W. C. A. girls Saturday night was a success in every way. The seniors had a photograph studio, the juniors impersonated the faculty, the sophomores had a gypsy fortune-teller in one booth slide in a side room. The freshmen had a menagerie, the Ceres Club sold candy and the Y. M. C. A. had a special booth. Ice cream was also sold by the Y. W. C. A. girls. During the evening a musical program was rendered. Fifty dollars was cleared and this money will be used to help send delegates to Cascade, Colo., to the Y. W. C. A. summer conference.

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Is Appointed Bacteriologist.

Samuel Coopersmith, M. A. 1912, has received an appointment as bacteriologist in the Bureau of Chemistry at Washington. He has been a fellow in the Zoology department of Nebraska University for the past two years, and is an A. B. graduate of the University of North Carolina. He expects to go to Washington in a couple of days.

Tells of Civil War.

Professor Barber gave the cadet regiment an interesting talk last night on his Civil War experiences. He

served for three years as a Union soldier, and during that time he met with all the hardships of army life. Notwithstanding this, he was able to keep a daily record of his experiences, and it is from this diary that he based his talk to the regiment.

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