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MINORITY CONTROLS COUNCIL

SEVEN MEN ASSUME CHARGE OF INTER-FRAT BODY.

SEMESTER PLEDGING ADOPTED

New Plan Gives Alumni Power—Semester Rule Effective 1913—Exception Made as to Brothers.

By the appointment of an executive committee composed of seven members, the inter-fraternity council Tuesday night practically surrendered its control and supervision over the affairs of the fraternities at Nebraska. This committee is composed of three faculty members, one of whom is the chairman of the council, two alumni, of whom one is the vice-chairman of the council, and two undergraduate members of the council. The personnel of this committee is as follows: Professors Lees, Hunter and Buck, J. J. Ledwith, Verne Hedge, Ernie Frank and C. F. Radcliffe.

This body will have charge of all business of the council in the interim between meetings. It will, in addition to this, be the sole judge of alleged infractions of the rules and will affix penalties for the same. It will also have charge of the business and financial affairs of the council.

Ruling Final.

The rulings of this committee are final. The council has the power to reject the committee's report, but to do so a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the council is necessary. To students who are familiar with the methods of the present controlling regime, the possibility of ever mustering such a majority appears quite remote. Also the apparent lack of interest manifested by alumni members of the council as evidenced by their absence from meetings discourages the idea of the council exerting its authority as a body.

A semester rushing rule was adopted, the council deciding that no fraternity shall entertain, rush, pledge, or initiate any student until after he has completed twelve hours. This rule does not go into effect until September 1913. An exception is made in the case of brothers, they being allowed to pledge upon entrance into the University.

The present rushing rules will be effective one more year, the only change being that the week for rushing has been advanced to the fourth week of school instead of the second, as was the case last fall.

FETE DAY CAUSES RUSHING.

Annual Invasion of High School Youths Causes Fraternities to Spruce Up.

Although both the inter-fraternity and sorority councils have passed the semester pledging rule, rushing at Nebraska is as strenuous as ever.

It is particularly in evidence this week because of the coming of two hundred or more eligible high school students for Fete day, Saturday.

Many of the prospective freshmen will be entertained at the fraternity and sorority houses. Dates have even been made with high school students who are only freshmen and sophomores in order "to get in early."

Because more men than girls come to Lincoln for the day, most of the dances given Saturday evening are by the fraternities.

GIRLS MEET DIFFICULTY IN LEAVING FOR A PICNIC

Underclassmen Lay Traps to Prevent Seniors From Enjoying the Day.

Although the faculty have given their full consent to the annual Sneak Day of the seniors, nevertheless the class of 1912 experienced some difficulties in their celebration yesterday.

Underclassmen, who were anxious to prevent their friends from enjoying themselves, gave the seniors the most of their trouble. One junior girl, who tried to lock a senior in her room and prevent her from going, had her hand badly bruised.

At one of the sorority houses the three seniors were so afraid the younger girls would kidnap them that they went away Tuesday afternoon and stayed with some of the girls who lived in town in order that they might not be prevented from going.

One of the senior Black Masques was called away from their picnic Tuesday by one of her younger frat sisters and told that her fiancé had been seriously hurt. She was anxiously getting into the waiting automobile when she saw the younger girl's mouth twitch and the "joke was up."

The professors, for the most part, took the day as a matter of course. One kindhearted prof, whose class is mostly composed of seniors, excused the remainder of the class, thereby winning their lasting gratitude.

HEAVY WORK ON SENIOR PLAY

Miss Howell Holding Nightly Rehearsals—Steckelburg Working on Music for Play.

Work on the senior play is going on rapidly. Miss Howell, the coach, has ten rehearsals a week.

Mrs. Green, of Chicago, is in charge of the fairy ballet. Besides the four fairies who have speaking parts in the play, there will be some fifteen or twenty girls, of all classes, who will take part in the "aesthetic dances."

In addition to the ballet, there will be other special features. A large vocal chorus has been organized which will be trained by Carl Steckelburg of the University School of Music.

Mr. Steckelburg's orchestra has been practicing the Mendelssohn Midsummer Night's Dream score for the past three months and rehearsals with the cast, ballet and orchestra will soon begin.

"Stub" Hascall, business manager of the play, went to Omaha Tuesday to spend a couple of days selecting costumes and making financial arrangements for the play.

It is probable that only one performance of the play will be given on account of the expense and energy required to repeat it. There will be nearly a hundred people in the production, including orchestra, cast and ballet, making it the most ambitious spectacle ever put on by University students.

IVY DAY NOTICE.

Orders for the Ivy Day lunches have to be in by Tuesday night so the committee request that all students buy their tickets at once, or at all events, before Tuesday noon. The price of the ticket is twenty-five cents and this includes admission to all of the functions of the day.

SENIORS LOSE DIGNITY ON THEIR MILFORD OUTING

Over a Hundred Skip Classes to Participate in the Youthful Pastimes.

Over a hundred seniors arose early yesterday morning, ate little or no breakfast and took an early train for Milford. Although the girls outnumbered the boys three to one, this fact was ascribed to the demands of camp, and the undue proportions in no way affected the spirit of the occasion.

A large part of the morning was spent in exploring the Blue river, paddling about in flat bottomed boats, and sliding down the fire escape at the Old Soldiers' Home. The latter diversion proved the most popular and although it resulted in bruises and torn clothes, it was declared well worth the while.

Driven by the pangs of hunger, all the picnickers assembled at the station to greet the noon train, which brought the lunch. The same was transported to the picnic grounds and devoured without further ceremony.

The afternoon witnessed an informal dance on the veranda of the Soldiers' Home, a ball game, visits to the Shogo Bottling works, more sliding down the fire escape, and much photography and rambling about.

The only sad feature of the entire day came to light when the conductor discovered that on the return trip ten faces were missing. As to whether they had returned on an earlier train or whether they are still in Milford, had not been settled late last evening.

NINE MEN ONLY FILE FOR BOARD

Competition for Places on Athletic Board Limited to Only a Few Men.

Only nine men have filed as candidates for election to the athletic board out of which number five will be chosen by student voters.

Competition for these places, however, promises to be keen as all of the aspirants are men of prominence and influence. Mr. O. Hanzlik received his "N" in basketball this year and is a member of the law college. C. B. Underwood is a basketball and baseball man and is a law student. J. A. Rodman is a junior law and a member of the varsity baseball squad. O. W. Miller is best known for his activity in wrestling circles. He is also a law student. A. H. Hittner has served one year on the athletic board, has two years on the basketball team to his credit, and is a senior academic. D. J. Harmon has been for two years on the varsity football and track teams, and is a member of the freshman law class. W. I. McGowan is a two year track man and is a law student. A. A. May, a junior academic, is also a two year track man. W. C. Becker is a senior academic and has been on the track team for two years.

So far the campaign waged by these gentlemen has been a mild one and the election, which will be held next Monday, May 20th, promises to pass off quietly.

There will be an important meeting of the Ivy Day committee this afternoon at 1:00 o'clock in U. 106. Members of all the classes are requested to be there.

OWEN JOHNSON OFFERS PRIZE

POPULAR AUTHOR LOOKING FOR REMEDIES.

CONDUCTED BY NEW YORK TIMES

\$150 to be Given for Best Plan for Social Organization in Colleges.

A \$150 prize has been offered by Mr. Owen Johnson, through the New York Times for the best constructive plan for social organization in colleges and universities. Mr. Johnson is the well known author of "Stover at Yale," whose frank criticism of social conditions in our colleges and universities has attracted much attention. He is himself a graduate of Yale and was a member of the Alpha Theta Phi fraternity.

Schools Neglectful.

He thinks social organization is the greatest problem we face in higher education and that universities have, in some respects, failed in their duty to develop democracy and good citizenship. Contrary to most university reformers, he does not oppose athletics. "They're the one great leveler," he says.

The problem of social organization for democracy has been taken up at Princeton through the freshman and sophomore eating houses, where these two classes are assembled as integral bodies; at Harvard various clubs have greatly assisted the democratic influence of the Union; in most of the state universities social organization has developed in the form of fraternities. Other colleges have dormitories in which first and second year men are required to live.

Idea to be Judged.

The plan offered need not be new or novel; it may be a defense of a system already in existence. The prize is not given for the excellence of the composition, but for the possible effectiveness of the plan in safeguarding education and democracy.

Anyone wishing to compete should send their plan in typewritten form to the college editor of the New York Times. The best of these answers will, from time to time be printed in the Times and be paid for at regular space rates.

SOPH TICKETS ALL OUT.

Idea of Second-year Class for Dance at Capital Beach Proves Popular.

Members of the sophomore hop committee report that they are turning away dozens of would-be purchasers, having sold out their allotment of tickets early in the week. The chairman of the committee has announced that he sold the last ticket Monday.

The dance does not come until the evening of Tuesday, May 21, which will be the evening before Ivy Day. The popularity of the hop is probably due largely to the innovation of holding a class dance at the Beach.

Many tickets were reserved some time in advance. The members of the committee have been instructed not to hold these later than Saturday night or Monday morning. In case their owners do not call for them by that time they will be sold.