

Classes today open NU's 72nd year

Pledge class smallest since depression

Greeks get 56 fewer than last year; 96 less than fall of 1935

With their rush week completed and 252 men pledged, fraternity men on the University campus are wondering today what the fate of their houses will be during the next few years. Figures released from the Interfraternity Council yesterday show a steady decline in the number of men pledging each year since 1935.

The semi-official count revealed the following figures:

348 men pledged in 1935
324 men pledged in 1936
348 men pledged in 1937
335 men pledged in 1938
298 men pledged in 1939
252 men reported pledged in 1940

With fewer men pledged this year than at any other time since the depression in the early thirties, the houses have yet to suffer losses through the conscription bill, a measure which will take the older men, the leaders, from organized houses.

To top fraternity woes are figures from U. S. statisticians which show that the number of students eligible for higher schooling in the United States reached its peak in 1939. In short, the number of students in schools over the country will begin to decline this year. How steady that decline will be (See PLEDGE, page 5.)

Library gets overhauling; is now safer

Move periodical room, order department and fix third floor sag

In a general switch of locations of the various departments of the library, and a strengthening of the structure of the building, the periodical room and the order department have been moved from the third to the ground floor, while the third floor has been made stable by pillars extending from the ground floor and holding up the second story ceiling. The pillars were necessitated because of a sag in the ceiling of the second story, and were further made imperative by the transferring of the Nebraska Historical Society Library with its heavy collection of books to the third floor.

Technical department centralized.

The transfer of the periodical rooms and order department to the ground floor centralizes all the technical departments on that floor, as the catalogue department has already been located there. It also facilitates the handling of books and magazines taken out for binding.

The documents room has been transplanted to the old periodical room, 310. The new location of the periodical department is room 109. The historical society library can now be found in room 306, while the order department occupies room 104.

Actors will have their chance tonight as Uni Theater opens tryouts

All students dramatically inclined will have an opportunity to try out for University Theater this evening at 7:30 in room 201 of the Temple theater, according to Armand Hunter, instructor in speech and dramatic art.

Tryouts for the first play and for the studio theatre will be held at this time. Although freshmen are urged to compete for University Players, Hunter stated that no freshmen are eligible to try out for the first play.

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TNE pays NU cleaning bill; sidewalk painting taboo

"They'd better behave themselves this year!"

Thus spoke Dean Thompson, speaking of Theta Nu Epsilon, national secret society, more widely known as the TNE's, late yesterday afternoon.

"Yes," said the Dean, "the TNE's paid to have their paint-

jobs of last semester removed."

Following the wide-spread painting of the TNE insignia—a skull and cross-bones—on campus buildings, sidewalks, and fraternity and sorority houses last spring, the Dean's office issued an ultimatum that the secret society must raise approximately \$400 to pay for the removal of their paintings. If, according to the resolution, the society did not secure the money, every member of the local chapter was to be suspended from the university. The TNE's deposited the money with Dean Thompson and the removal of the insignia was contracted.

Officials must approve.

The incident of last spring resulted in the approval and adoption, on June 8, by the Regents of the following recommendation of the Committee on Student and Social Organization regarding the painting of signs and insignia on university premises: "... that all advertising, signs, emblems, and insignia produced with any materials on university property and sidewalks adjacent thereto to be discontinued, except such announcements on blackboards in chalk as are approved by the operating superintendent."

When asked what the administration's attitude toward the TNE organization would be this year, Dean Thompson replied that he could not make any statement. "They'd just better behave," he repeated.

Dean stresses precaution in use of new ident cards

Value of the new student identification cards in procuring special advantages and privileges for the student was stressed yesterday by Dean of Student Affairs T. J. Thompson as he called student attention to precaution in use of the cards.

Seven departments in the university may require the card to be shown at any time: the athletic department, finance office, libraries, registrars office, Student Council and its agencies, student health department, and the Union.

Freshmen generally place okay on Junior Division

Faced with the problem of showing their superior intelligence to the upper classmen without asking foolish questions, as only freshmen can ask, 1700 of the new "students" were introduced to college life by a new experimental information bureau, better known as the Junior Division.

Although the freshmen are sometimes unable to realize the added advantage of this new department, they have enthusiastically presented their opinions.

Bill Resse, arts and sciences.

"You get to know yourself better because they know what you can accomplish. It helps freshmen get to be acquainted with each other."

Galen Broken, arts and sciences.

"Close contact with the faculty in a school this large helps to let the kids know the teachers and to feel free to consult them."

Jane Johnson, teachers.

"My advisor didn't turn up. She was four hours late. It wasn't very efficient."

L. John Meredith, arts and sciences

"It is good to have close contact with advisors for it gives one ideas on what subjects to take in pre-

Daily to continue news bulletin service in Union

Keeping students and faculty informed on the fast-moving events of the European war, the NEBRASKAN starts its news bulletin today in the Union lobby.

Three times daily—8 a. m., noon, and 5:30 p. m., members of the staff will post the latest news flashes. Accompanying these war bulletins will be maps showing the area of conflict.

The news bulletins were begun last semester and so much interest was shown in them that Editor-in-Chief Norman Harris decided to continue them this year.

Love bequests Uni \$25,000 for loan fund

Lincoln philanthropist turns over large part of estate to university

Probate of the will of Don L. Love, former mayor of Lincoln who died last Thursday, revealed a bequest of 25 thousand dollars to the university for student loan funds. The will also provided for a similar bequest to the University of Iowa. Residue of the estate will then go to Nebraska university, Frank A. Patterson, attorney for the estate, said that at this time no estimate of the amount of the residue of the estate could be made.

The 77 year old philanthropist's most recent bequest to the university was a gift of \$45,000 on July 24 to be used in the construction of a cooperative residence hall for women on the campus of the agricultural college. The sum of \$55,000 was given to the university in 1938 for the erection of Julia L. Love hall, a women's residence on the campus which is being used.

The second of the two women's halls will be completed on the campus of the agricultural college early in 1941. The new building, to be known as Love Memorial hall, will have two stories and a basement, a brick construction, measuring 106x38 feet facing on Holdrege street west of the Agricultural hall near the arboretum.

Enrollment falls behind 1939 figure

Appointment plan brings steadier flow; prevents bunching of registrants

The first day of classes opened today after a three-day registration period, during which 675 students registered Monday and 809 Tuesday. The registrations this week plus the students who registered last May brought the total

1. Junior Division students cannot complete registration until all pre-registration guidance examinations have been taken.

2. The following schedule of make-up examinations at the Temple Theater Auditorium will apply:

Thursday, Sept. 19—9 a. m., psychological and English examinations; 2 p. m., reading and mathematics examinations.

Friday, Sept. 20—9 a. m., psychological and English examinations; 2 p. m., reading and mathematics examinations.

registration to 3,684 students compared with 4,536 at this same time last year. The total enrollment Tuesday evening was 4,493; while last year at the end of the second day of registration the total was 5,605. Wednesday's total was not available from the registrar's office at the time the DAILY went (See ENROLLMENT, page 3.)

Counselors usher frosh in coliseum

Mary Bullock directs group of girls helping new students register

Coed Counselors are the girls who help the new women students feel at home. Initiated this year under the direction of Mary Bullock, 1940-41 president, the Counselors usher and assist anyone who is registering. Ninety girls are helping at the Junior Division in the coliseum from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., by ushering and assisting the professors.

Wednesday evening a party was given by the Counselors in Ellen Smith Hall where Dean Hosp, Miss Elsie Piper and Miss Letta Clark were introduced. Dean Hosp welcomed the new girls to the campus and the president introduced Board members. Six hundred girls attended.

162 Coed Counselors

There are 150 Coed Counselors on the campus beside the board of 12. These girls were chosen by the active board from the group who filed last spring. Half the membership is affiliated and half are unaffiliated. The board, composed of six seniors, four juniors and two sophomore women, was elected by the women of the campus.

This week Coed Counselors are getting in touch with all new women on the campus in an effort to further acquaint them with campus life. All Coed Counselors are ready to give information and advice to all who need it.

Executive board consists of Mary Bullock, president; Frances Keefer, vice president; and Jean Powell, secretary-treasurer.

Freshman may purchase '44 caps in Daily office

Editor-in-Chief Norman Harris declared today that, "All freshmen who could not get their caps in the registration line will be able to get them in the DAILY office during the period ending on Sept. 28."

This service is for those that were not in the financial position to acquire this hair-decoration, and those that did not think the head-wear worth its price. If, by chance, someone changed his mind, he will be presented with a red cap having the numbers 44 in white in front.