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FACULTY NOT IN IT

AUTHORITIES NOT BACKING ANTI-FRATERNITY BILL.

CHANCE OF SUCCESS IS SMALL

COLLEGE SECRET SOCIETIES IN BUT LITTLE DANGER.

The Bill introduced by Representative Raines Prohibiting College Fraternities in Nebraska Comes From Outside Sources.

With the discovery yesterday that the university faculty is not back of the anti-fraternity bill introduced in the state legislature, the situation of the Nebraska Greek letter organizations is regarded as far from serious.

The publication in a Lincoln newspaper of a sensational story concerning the bill for the prohibition of college secret societies at first aroused considerable interest and there was some fear expressed among university students that the college fraternities might be doomed. It now develops, however, that the university authorities have not requested anti-fraternity action on the part of the legislators. The movement against the organizations is entirely originated in sources apart from the university. This being the case, it is not considered likely that any such radical action as is proposed in the legislative bill will be taken.

Have No Objections.

The natural place for such action to be born would be the board of regents or the university senate. Neither of these bodies has even considered the fraternity question and without a cry for help on their part, the chance of any action being taken by the legislature on its own initiative is small. As long as the need for anti-fraternity action is not felt by the administering authorities of the school, the legislators will probably be wary about participating in a conflict that would seriously embarrass the present quiet status of discipline.

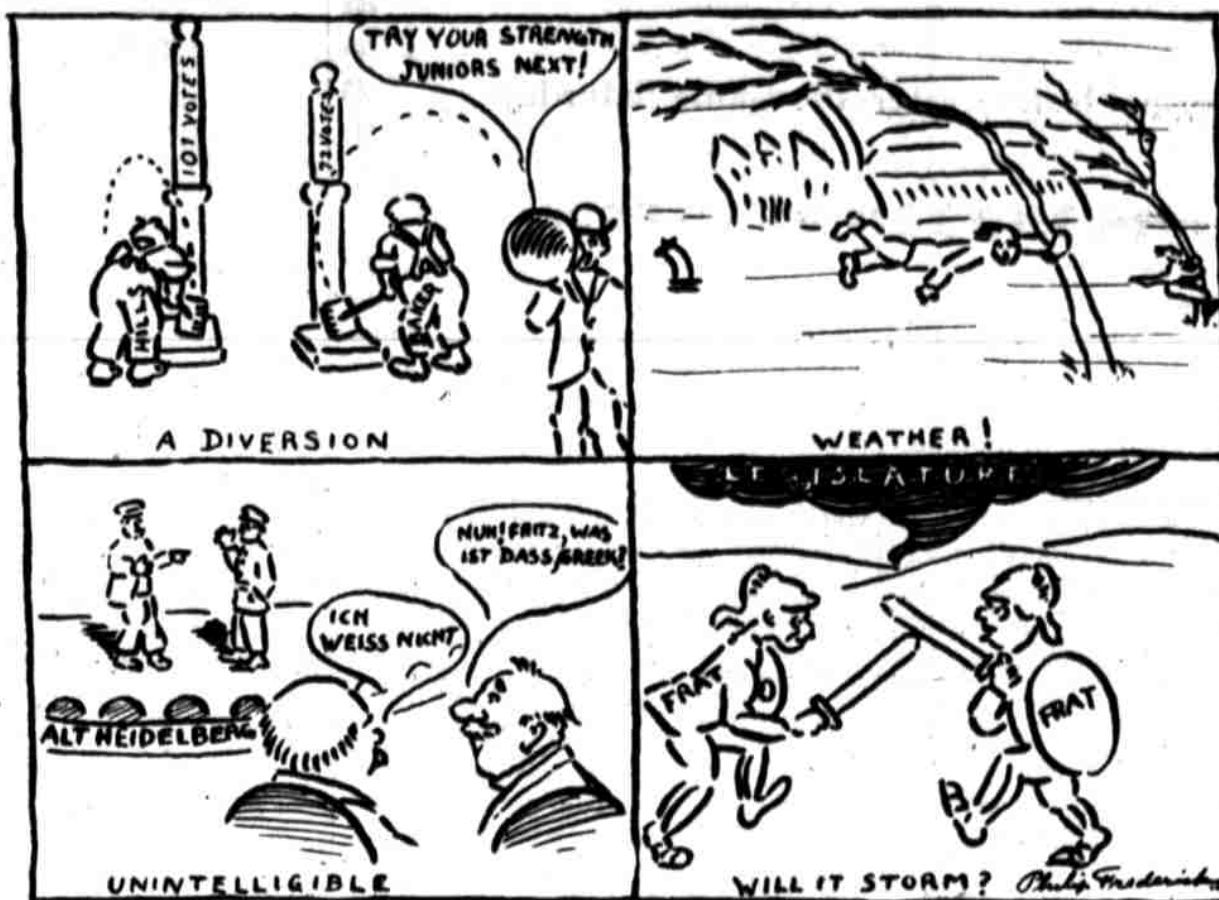
The anti-fraternity bill was introduced by Dr. Raines of Red Cloud. He filed it with the house clerk Thursday afternoon and it was placed on the le of bills to be considered. It provides for the prohibition of all fraternities or secret societies in the universities, colleges or other schools in Nebraska.

Dr. Raines' bill did not attract any considerable attention from the members of the lower house of the legislature nor from interested spectators. The fact that the senate on the previous day voted by a large vote to abolish high school fraternities was not taken to indicate that their action on the college proposition would be equally drastic. The condition in the higher institutions is recognized to be very different from those existing in the lower grades and this fact would, of course, be considered by the legislature.

What Might Happen.

Although the possibility of the passage of the bill is thought to be remote, university men are nevertheless indulging in considerable speculation on what might happen if it should pass. It would mean that all Greek letter fraternities would be put out of business and that Acacia Masonic society as well would be compelled to close its doors. One of the fraternities having a chapter at Nebraska is by the terms of its regulations non-secret,

"EVENTS OF THE WEEK—AS SEEN BY THE CARTOONIST"



but it is nevertheless a fraternity and would thus come under the scope of the law. Acacia is not recognized as a fraternity and yet it is a secret society, which is prohibited by Dr. Raines' bill.

There has been no anti-fraternity action or agitation at Nebraska for a number of years. Several years ago there was a rather serious effort made to oust the organizations from the school. The effort failed, largely on account of the promise of reform made by the fraternity men. This promise has been kept so that the conditions at Nebraska are not regarded by men from other universities as being comparable to the evils obtaining at some institutions. In view of this and of the lack of objection by the university authorities, the introduction of the Raines bill came as a surprise.

MISS VIBBARD BACK FROM PERU

Y. W. C. A. General Secretary Returns from Normal School.

Miss Ida B. Vibbard, general secretary of the university Y. W. C. A. returned Wednesday from Peru, Neb., where she visited the Peru state normal in the interests of the girls' association. During her visit in the college town she spoke at five services, two committee meetings, and at chapel. This is Miss Vibbard's second visit to Peru this year.

Miss Vibbard believes that Peru has a college spirit that might well be emulated in some ways by university students. Chapel exercises have a compulsory attendance requirement, which, in the opinion of the Y. W. C. A. secretary is most helpful.

Komensky Club Concert.

A concert is to be given this evening in the music hall of the Temple at 8 o'clock for the benefit, and under the auspices of, the Komensky club.

Professor Molzer is to play several numbers on the violin. Miss Camp, who aided Mrs. Dobbs-Helms in her convocation recital, will be at the piano. Several of the talented pupils of Professor Molzer have numbers on the program, among them being Miss Dorothy Manor, who is but seven years of age. Miss Sadlek, a soprano, will sing a number of pieces.

The Bohemians, by whom this program will be rendered, will attempt to show that they still retain the musical abilities for which their nation is noted.

Notice.

The Pershing Rifles will have a practice drill at the Armory Monday morning at 8:00 o'clock. All members are expected to be present.

TO VISIT UNIVERSITY

LEGISLATURE WILL INSPECT THE STATE INSTITUTION.

COMMITTEE ARRANGES PROGRAM

Will Adjourn at 3:30 Monday and Come Directly to the Campus in a Body—To Be Informally Entertained.

Next Monday afternoon for the first time in the history of the University of Nebraska, the legislature of the state will be the guest of the university. If the plans which have been completed can be carried out, the legislature will adjourn at 3:30 in the afternoon and come to the university campus in a body.

It is not the intention of those who have charge of this visit that the occasion may be made one in which to show the needs of the university. On the other hand, the sole purpose of the visit will be to make it possible for the members of the legislature to become better acquainted with the university and to give them an opportunity to inspect any phases of its work that they may feel interested in.

Program for Visit.

Adjourning at 3:30, the legislature will take cars in a body for the university campus. They will first go to the Temple theater, where a short address of welcome will be made by Chancellor Avery. It is even possible that the stay there may be made more enjoyable by the serving of refreshments.

After the exercises in the Temple, the legislators will be conducted in small groups through the different buildings on the campus. In each building a body of professors will be stationed to see that everybody is shown exactly what he is most interested in. The exercises will be entirely informal and the only thing that will be insisted upon is that everyone has fully answered whatever questions he may wish to ask.

While the plan of entertaining the legislature on the campus is new at Nebraska, it has often been done at other institutions and has always seemed to result in much good. At the Kansas State Agricultural college an entire day was devoted by the students to the entertainment of the visitors. While nothing so elaborate has been planned for Nebraska, the committee in charge feel that it is em-

nently proper that the legislature should personally inspect its main institution.

Y. W. C. A. OFFICERS ELECTED

Alice Compton President of Association for Semester.

As a result of the recent election of officers for the second semester, Miss Alice Compton was chosen president of the Y. W. C. A. in the university. Other officers were as follows: Vice president, Beulah Jennings; secretary, Vera Berger; treasurer, Alice Humpe.

NOTICE.

The tryouts for the junior debating team will be held Monday afternoon, February 21. The question for discussion is, "Should the United States adopt the parcels post?" All candidates should leave their names at the Nebraskan office.

Notice.

Try-outs for junior class relay team will be held Saturday at 4:00 p. m. All candidates be on hand promptly. S. C. SLAUGHTER, Manager.

Professor Barber of the Latin department delivered a very interesting lecture Thursday night at the Lindell hotel auditorium before the Cement Users' association. This lecture was illustrated by lantern slides. His subject was "Building Materials of Ancient Rome," especially dealing with concrete. Professor Barber explained the structure of the many arches, aqueducts and buildings of ancient Rome, as he is very much interested in this phase of Roman history and has made a careful study of the materials which the ancients used in building.

Mr. Weaver, the new reader in Botany II, has adopted quite a new policy. He has announced that he would like to see as many students as possible, as the quiz given the past week seems to have resulted in extraordinarily low marks. His office hours are from 2 to 3, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

By suggestion of the professor in charge and a vote of the freshman law class a decision has been reached to hold the class in domestic relations at 10 a. m. on Tuesday instead of 9 a. m. on Thursday and contracts class at 9 a. m. instead of 10 a. m. as was arranged on the schedule at the beginning of the semester.

Your car fare would pay for a nice lunch at The Boston Lunch. Why go home?

SECOND TIME WINNER

ALPHA THETA CHI RETAINS INDOOR MEET HONORS.

PHI KAPPA PSI LOSES RELAY

DELTA UPSILON ARE FIRST WITH ALPHA THETA CHI SECOND.

Most Individual Points Won by Fleming, Who Takes Two Firsts and One Second—Summary of Events.

Alpha Theta Chi	38
Delta Upsilon	28
Phi Kappa Psi	18
Alpha Tau Omega	16
Beta Theta Pi	3

Total.....103

Alpha Theta Chi won the second annual inter-fraternity indoor athletic meet at the university armory last night with a total of 38 points. This fraternity took the first meet, held last year, and retains possession of the bronze shield which is offered as a trophy for the winners. This shield becomes the property of the Greek letter society first winning the annual meet three times.

In the games last night Delta Upsilon followed Alpha Theta Chi with a total of 28 points. The other societies in the following order: Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Alpha Tau Omega, 16; Beta Theta Pi, 3.

Six fraternities were entered in the contests. Of these Phi Gamma Delta failed to count, while Beta Theta Pi made points in only one event, that being the 25-yard dash in which Swanson finished second, Harry Miner for Delta Upsilon took first in this sprint in :03 2-5. Campbell, Alpha Tau Omega, was third.

Relay Race is Close.

The surprise of the meet, probably was the winning of the relay race by Delta Upsilon. Phi Kappa Psi had been looked upon as the winner for this race, but did not even get in among the point winners. Alpha Theta Chi was second in this race and Alpha Tau Omega third.

Alpha Theta Chi led in the relay until the last lap. Miner for Delta Upsilon, and Fleming for Alpha Theta Chi were the runners of the fourth heat. Fleming had a little start of his opponent, but Miner's speed was too much for the big Irishman and the Delta Upsilon man finished ahead by a small margin.

In the tug-of-war Phi Kappa Psi repeated its trick of last year and took first place. Alpha Theta Chi was second. Delta Upsilon and Alpha Tau Omega, the other two teams in this event, tossed a coin for third place and the latter won.

In the semi-finals of the tug-of-war Alpha Theta Chi defeated Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Kappa Psi beat Delta Upsilon. In the finals Phi Kappa Psi outpulled Alpha Theta Chi.

Sidney Collins, won the shot put for Delta Upsilon pushing the weight 42 feet, 11 inches. Collins also won three points in the fence vault, in which he was second.

Fleming, Best Individual.

Fleming, Alpha Theta Chi, was the best individual point winner, making 13 points. He won first in the high jump, and the high kick, and took second in the shot put.

Alpha Theta Chi took all nine points in the high jump, Fleming, Pool and Davis counting for that society in this event. The same fraternity also

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