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SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1909.

ACTION ON T. N. E.

At a meeting of the university senate held Thursday evening the agitation against Theta Nu Epsilon came to a head and a set of rules were recommended for adoption by the regents. The rules provide that the membership of university organizations must not be concealed and must be made public in the usual way, that no student shall be a member of any organization which exists for the primary purpose of controlling student affairs or which holds banquets at which alcoholic liquors are served, and lastly that the control of the Pan-Hellenic dance shall be vested in the inter-fraternity council.

The above legislation comes as the result of an investigation conducted by a committee of the senate during the past three months. The committee had before them the problem of doing away with certain activities of Theta Nu Epsilon which had generally come to be recognized as pernicious in the extreme. An investigation was conducted into the many activities of the organization and the history and national standing of the fraternity was investigated as fully as possible.

Theta Nu Epsilon has for the past few years had its fingers in nearly every university activity directing its efforts for the advancement of its members and its own profit. Being a secret and powerful organization it has always proved impossible to conduct a successful fight against any of its practices that have aroused opposition. It has made itself very distasteful to the university public by conducting booze banquets in direct opposition to the settled public opinion of the state. It has exercised a powerful though clandestine influence in the social, political and athletic life of the school. It is to regulate these difficulties that the action was taken by the university senate.

While conservative and careful the new ruling must be judged by one who considers all the difficulties involved as eminently fair and just.

There is nothing essentially wicked about an interfraternity organization; there is nothing in the life of the school that makes such an organization necessarily abhorrent. The evils lie in the clandestine methods of Theta Nu Epsilon, that have made it possible for this organization to ac-

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accomplish many things that would at first seem impossible. The evil lies in maintenance of standards by the organization that tend to draw criticism upon the school and the student body. It is the evil and not the organization that the new rules seek to strike.

As far as mere rules can go, the new regulations should be satisfactory. But rules, as such, are of little value. Those who are most deeply interested in the matter will wait to see the manner in which they are to be interpreted and enforced by the university authorities. Here is the important point in the whole matter. If the new rules are enforced to the letter the evils of Theta Nu Epsilon will be largely overcome. If it is known definitely in the future exactly who are members of the organization, and if the members make their conduct conform to university standards, then Theta Nu Epsilon will no longer have the sinister power that it has exercised in the past.

The committee of investigation appointed by the senate has done its work. Rules and regulations have been adopted. The student body now waits to see what will be done in a practical way to put into force the ruling of the senate. It is now a matter solely for executive action, and the movement must be judged a failure or a success on the record made by the university authorities in their attempt to enforce the ruling of the senate.

WILL GIVE "THE TOAST-MASTER."

Dramatic Club Production To Be a College Play.

The plot of the college play "The Toast Master," which is to be put on by the Dramatic Club, May 5, is one which should appeal to college students.

The plot is centered about a sophomore banquet. The toastmaster, Tom Fairface is stolen by the freshmen and secreted at the home of Professor Reed. The sophomores make frantic attempts to rescue him with no success. At length Billy Morgan dresses up as a girl, and is engaged as a servant by the professor. Once established in the house he manages to get the toastmaster out, but not before it is discovered by the freshmen. This leads to a series of complications and humorous situations, and the play is concluded by the arrival of the toastmaster at the banquet at which he presides.

The play is in three acts and will be given in the open-air at the state farm. The cast of characters follows:

- Billy Morgan.....Dick Russel
- "Towel" Fairfax.....Mr. Adriance
- Bob Kenmark.....Mr. Bates
- Henry Reed.....Mr. Coy
- Tom Ripley.....Mr. Wheelock
- George Masintosh.....Mr. Eberly
- Professor Reed.....Mr. Aiten
- Mrs. Reed.....Miss Frum
- Cynthia.....Miss Guthrie
- Buzzer.....Mr. Yates

University Bulletin

May.

- Tuesday, 4.—"The Turkish Situation," by Professor Edwin Maxey. Convocation. Memorial Hall, 11 a. m.
- Thursday, 5.—String Quartet Convocation. Memorial Hall, 11 a. m.
- Wednesday, 6.—Ivy Day. Classes dismissed for the day.
- Friday, 7.—Phi Beta Kappa initiation.
- Tuesday, 11.—Junior Program. Convocation Memorial Hall, 11:00 a. m.
- Tuesday, 11.—Forestry lecture, State Problems in Wisconsin," A. G. Hamel; "Utilization in Wisconsin," J. C. Ketrledge, N7 at 7:30 p. m.
- Friday, 14.—High School Day. No classes excused during the day.
- Saturday, May 15.—Baseball—Drake University vs. Nebraska, 9:30 a. m.
- Friday, 21.—Pan Hellenic Ball. Auditorium.
- Tuesday, 25.—Forestry lecture: "Forest Types in the Philippines," "Bill" Pagaduan; "Forest Utilization in the Philippines," M. Lazo.
- Friday, 28.—Baseball: Kansas University vs. Nebraska.
- Saturday, 29.—Baseball: Kansas University vs. Nebraska.

REVISED MERCHANT OF VENICE.

Shylock Demands Bail Player's Leg as Forfeit.

The boys of the Palladian literary society gave a revised version of the "Merchant of Venice" at the society's hall in the Temple last evening. A large crowd was present, the Union society attending in a body.

The play was a decided success. As revised, the principal characters, Antonio, Bassanio, Gratiano, Salanio, and Salarino, appeared as football players. The plot carried them through a game with Kansas, a very realistic football struggle being presented on the stage. Antonio is hurt, Shylock, the doctor is called in as medical attendance. Fearing the credit of the athletic board to be bad, Shylock demands Bassanio's signature to a bond which specifies that in case the debt be not paid, he shall forfeit his leg.

Payment of course fails, the doctor demands his bond, the trial is held and Bellario delivers Bassanio from the clutches of Shylock. Local hits were freely interspersed throughout the piece.

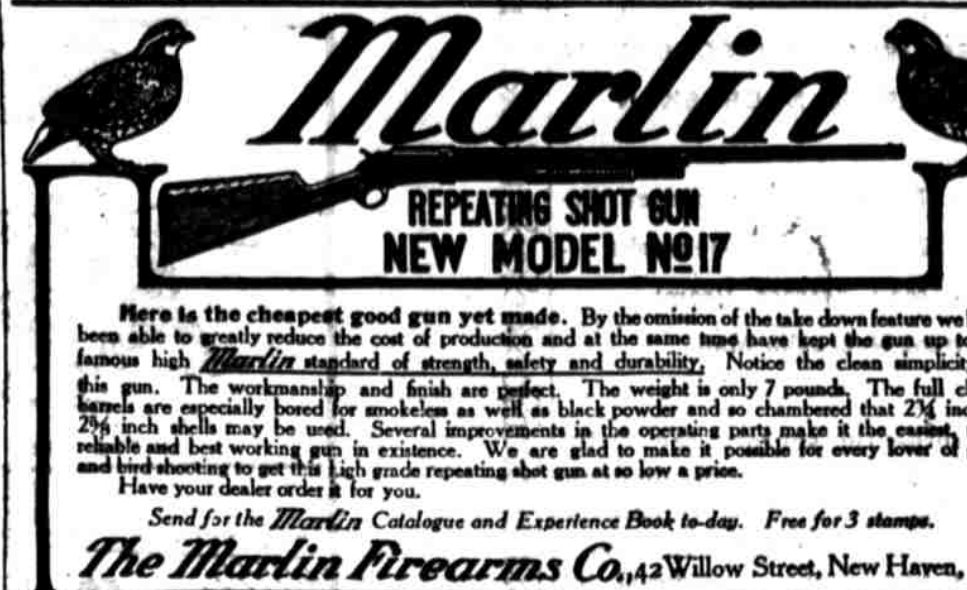
The cast of characters is as follows: The Duke.....Mahood

- Antonio, a football player.....Ballenger
- Bassanio, his friend.....Hills
- Shylock, a Jew doctor.....Reinsch
- Launcelot, a servant to Shylock.....Rice
- Gratiano, Salanio, Salarino, friends to Antonio.....Jorgensen, Petrashek, Dye
- Angelo, or Bellario.....Fingley
- Leonardo, athletic doctor.....Rutledge
- Orlando, minister.....Tate
- Luclio, servant of Orlando.....Hadlock
- Escalus, policeman.....Heffelbauer
- Football players and attendants: Plasters, Pelster, Hinman, Spaulding, Dickinson, Ketrledge, Scotney, Seaton, Guidinger, Harding, Clark, Frost, Greer, McDonald, Davison, Peters.
- Stage manager.....McCall

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Social Ethics Class, 12:15—Prof. Paul H. Grummann, leader.  
Speaker—Mr. A. L. Weatherly.  
Subject—"The Saloon Problem."

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Happenings of the Past

Seven Years Ago.

Two hundred students and professors assembled at the Burlington station to give the debaters who were going to contest with Minnesota a great send-off.

Six Years Ago.

Minnesota asked for a track meet with Nebraska to be held at Minneapolis. The offer was refused as a meet was scheduled with Knox on the only date open for Minnesota.

Five Years Ago.

In the interclass track meet the freshmen were victorious with a good margin of points.

Four Years Ago.

University debating board made a call on the regents for funds to raise indebtedness and permit the carrying on of intercollegiate debating in the future.

Three Years Ago.

Palladian, Union and Students' debating societies passed resolutions condemning the method of electing student members of the athletic board.

One Year Ago.

A double column article appeared in the Daily Nebraskan declaring that Theta Nu Epsilon was seeking to dupe the fraternities.

NOTICE—PHI BETA KAPPA.

A meeting of the seniors elected to Phi Beta Kappa will be held Tuesday morning, May 4, at 11:30 in U 112. The election of the student speaker at the initiation banquet will take place.

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