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The staff extends especial thanks to Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Snyder and Mr. Driscoll. Without them the publishing of a Woman's Edition would have been impossible.

The persistent aim of the staff of the women's edition has been to present to the University public truly and fairly, the interests of the women of the University of Nebraska. They have hoped and tried to produce a paper which will cover these varied interests. They have attempted to present a paper that will be as nearly a normal college paper as it is possible to make it with a once a year appearance. An issue of this kind, purposely covering the activities of the women for the year, cannot be a fair example of a college paper. A staff composed entirely of novices with no journalistic experience cannot hope to present a typical newspaper. If they have succeeded in getting into definite for a few of the interests and problems of our women, if they have awakened a serious thought for more altruistic spirit, if they have succeeded in bringing to the attention of women their calling opportunities, their efforts to make this a woman's paper will be rewarded.

May they be granted tolerance for their failures and for their successes the fair credit due to serious purpose and earnest intent.

Among the organizations in Nebraska there is in each class a small group of girls formed into a society designated by one of the following names: Mystic Fish, Xi Delta, Silver Serpent and Black Masque. These organizations are self-perpetuating. The members are chosen by their immediate predecessors.

These societies were organized for the purpose of promoting class spirit and general activities. It is a good thing in some instances for leadership to be centralized, and with the idea that a few girls in close organization could better propel college interests, could act more quickly and more effectively than larger organizations, these societies were formed. It was the aim to select representative girls who showed ability to take hold and push whatever legitimate project came within their reach.

Some of these organizations, however, have not lived up to the high and worthy purpose for which they were created.

They have fallen into the rut of ex-

isting only in and for themselves, with a party or two a year and no sacrifice whatever for the college community. As soon as an organization does that, it is dead as far as usefulness is concerned. One reason for this falling off is the fact that the electing members have not held up, above everything else, above personal prejudice and preference, above society affiliations and the like, the prospective qualifications as a leader. A girl may be pleasant and agreeable and much loved and yet not possess those qualities which make her a successful captain. Good, faithful soldiers are always a necessity, but in these particular organizations captains are needed.

It is hard not to show partiality in the selection of girls. It is hard for a girl to withstand the desires and expectations of her immediate friends. But the strongest girl will have the good of the greatest number so strongly at heart, she will view life from such a broad horizon, that she will be willing to make whatever sacrifice is required to see the best qualified girl as her successor.

Our organizations should not savor of the spoils system. Can we not put "party prejudice" aside? Now that the time is at hand for the choosing of girls for next year it is well to think of these things. Is the girl you have in mind equipped for the service she is to perform? We have enough of mere society in college. What we need is conscientious, self-sacrificing pushers. Is your girl a pusher who will look unselfishly toward the advancement of college interests? Is she willing to make sacrifices, or will a sunny day find her doing bench work instead of attending rallies, supporting athletics or other all university affairs? Does she even have at heart the interests of her own sex? Will she strive to obtain for women more adequate accommodations, rest rooms, lunch rooms and other calling needs?

If she is not one of those who is willing to give of her time and of her self to better general conditions and to participate in and advance college interests, then she is not the girl you want. She will prove to be so much dead timber, which in time, will ring the death knell of your organization. Remember always, that usefulness and leadership are the two primary requisites for the members of these organizations. Such organizations are an important feature of our college life, and can do an inestimable amount of good if they are composed of altruistic material.

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