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THE IRON SPHINX.

In a Student Opinion yesterday the nail was hit squarely on the head when it was said that the class organizations are not "honorary" but "inter-fraternity honorary." The Iron Sphinx is composed of two men from each social fraternity at Nebraska, and in addition to that two non-fraternity men.

Is the representation in the Iron Sphinx fair? For approximately every fifteen sophomores in the fraternities there are two representatives. For the entire non-raternity body of sophomore men there are just two—the organization, with such a representation should not even be recognized.

Presumably the Iron Sphinx are to deal in the best way possible with the problems of their class—the organization is supposed to have the best men the class affords. How can all the problems of the class be dealt with if only those acquainted with one-half the problems try to solve them all? Will, under these conditions, many of the problems be attacked at all? Will this organization really have the best men in the class—the thinkers, the workers—if only the fraternities are represented?

This organization has done practically nothing during its existence. Why? It is too much a partisan affair—every man has an axe to grind, and by working under cover, by leaning in such a manner that the balance of power will swing this way or that, his end may be accomplished.

If the Sphinx were truly representative, there should be twice as many non-fraternity men as Greeks. The benefits would begin to accrue at once. There could be no politics in the group. The natural leaders would dominate and instead of the social organizations to which a man belongs deciding who would be the leader, spontaneous leadership would be the big thing, and a powerful organization would result.

The increase in numbers would strengthen the society. One of its big functions is to be ready, at the time of an emergency, to help in every way possible. If a group of seventy or eighty men could be called together in a few minutes when the occasion demanded, they would be adequate to meet any situation which might arise.

Every man working for Nebraska makes a better Nebraskan. If each year forty or fifty more men than at the present time could wear the arm band or pin of the organization, forty or fifty more men would have a better feeling toward Nebraska.

If there is a slight bitterness between the Greek and non-Greek, this addition to the class organization would very greatly help in making the wound heal and the spirit of Nebraska be truer blue than it has ever been before.

THE DRIVING POWER

Forty-seven hundred students attend the University of Nebraska. Has it ever occurred to you that there are nearly forty-seven hundred different reasons in the consciousness of these people for getting an education.

Perhaps the greatest reason for most of the students being here, is the vision of a greatly efficiencized earning power after graduation. This ideal keeps many at work who otherwise would "play around."

Many students regard Nebraska as a playhouse in which they may gad about to their heart's content, worrying only four times a year, when

there is danger of dismissal because of delinquency. After their first semester here, however, they have not more experienced members of their clan and have learned what the 'pipe' courses are, what professors are a little easy (when three or four are optional when taking a prescribed course), and quickly mastering the art of re-writing, in a hurry, the painstakingly prepared work of their more serious fellows.

Another class of students are those that have brushed up against the outside world and have come out second best in the encounter. At present there are many army men in the university that came to the realization that education is a necessary essential quality to those who would be leaders.

In the lines of chemistry, medicine—in fact all subjects in which there is research work to be done—are found the steady, grinding sort of people, to whom the discovery of some new substance, or reaction, means more than financial success. This class must attend the university to get the training necessary to carry on their work.

To a greater or less extent each and every one of these driving forces are present in Nebraska students. The incentive to work may be influenced by a desire to more quickly gain the end hoped for.

The ideal Nebraskan is the one who has just the right amount of the above qualities. He hopes for enough of a financial success so that his family may have plenty of the world's goods; he must play enough so that he will not go "stale" and so that he will be able to meet his social obligations in later years in a manner becoming his position; he must have learned that the world is not easy and that a battle is before him; he must care enough for his chosen endeavor to want to add new things to it—to make it better, and he must work constructively.

A Thought For Today.

"These are the things I ask of thee Spirit Sorcerer:
Strength for the daily task
Courage to face the road
Strength to help me bear the traveler's load
And for the hour of rest that comes between
And inward joy in all things heard and seen."
—Van Dyke.

EXHAUST

According to a report from the Greenwich observatory the moon is moving faster than its scheduled speed. We suppose the moon is just trying to keep abreast of the times.

Wanted: Trustworthy girl as general, able to wash and milk two cows.

"Good to the last drop" said the aviator as he sped faster downward with his parachute.

She: Why do they say "standing armies?"

He: Because that's what the army does most of the time. X. Y. Z.

An optometrist is a guy who takes a blind date.

To some men "starboard" and "port" suggests only food and drink.

"He's in the best of spirits," said the brewer as his son fell into a vat of beer.

We are wondering if Audley Sullivan and His rough-neck gang Of Corncobs intend To exemplify Nebraska Spirit during the Basketball season as They so commendably Did on the gridiron. Won't they look fine Cavorting over the Coliseum floor, waving Their corn stalks Aloft and puffing diligently On their hods? Great stuff, boys—Keep it up!
—F., JR.

In Years Gone By
Nineteen Years Ago Today.

The Nebraska football season ended victoriously with the defeat over Northwestern, 12 to 0.

Seventeen Years Ago Today.
The sophomore and freshmen football teams played off the 46 which occurred two weeks before resulting in a victory for the sophomores, by a 6-5 score.

Eleven Years Ago Today.
The inter-collegiate debating team, representing Nebraska in her contest against Illinois, left for Urbana, accompanied by Professor M. M. Fogs,

who directed and coached both teams in their preliminary preparation.

Seven Years Ago Today.
The Cornhuskers get one man on the all-American team and five on the all-Western team.

Six Years Ago Today.
Miss Amanda Heppner gave a talk at convocation on the German theater.

Two Years Ago Today.
Miss Freda Myer, of Lincoln, who represented five states at the international convention of Women Workers, at Washington, D. C. spoke at the Y. W. C. A. vesper service.

Cornhusker Queries

Q—How large a city was Lincoln when the university was founded?

A—Lincoln had few more than 1,000 inhabitants at that time. There was no water except well water, few or no sidewalks, a gas plant was not begun, and the site for the campus was far out of town.

Q—When did Nebraska last play Iowa in football and what was the score?

A—Nebraska played Iowa last in 1919 and the score was 18-0 in favor of Iowa.

Q—What is the tradition of the bell on U hall?

A—The bell has been on U hall since its erection, and in the early days called the students to chapel. In later years it has been used to summon students to convocation.

Q—When did school activities begin to be prominent?

A—School activities came into prominence in the early eighties. At first the Hesperian Student was the center of interest and after that a school spirit began to grow.

University Calendar

Thursday, December 1.
Phi Omega mmeeting, 7:15 p. m., club room, law building.
Christian Science society meeting, 7:30, faculty hall, Temple.
Wayne club business meeting, 7 p. m., art hall.
Morterboard dinner, 6 p. m., Ellen Smith hall.
Silver Serpent meeting, 7:15 p. m., Ellen Smith hall.
Pershing Rifles meeting, Nebraska hall, 7:15 p. m.
Commercial club meeting 11 a. m., S. S. 305.
Alpha Kappa Psi business meeting, 7:30 p. m., S. S. 102.

Friday, December 2.
Kappa Kappa Gamma fall party the Lincoln.
Kappa Alpha Theta freshman dance Lincolnshire.
Phi Gamma Delta house dance.
Commercial club party, the Lincoln.
Home Economics club, Ellen Smith hall, 7:15 tonight.
Acacia fall party, Rosewilde.
Lutheran club meeting, art gallery, 8 p. m.

Saturday, December 3.
Alpha Omicron Pi freshman party, chapter house.
Bushnell Guild house party, Saturday, December 3.
Silver Lynx fall party, the Lincoln.
Franklin club party, 7:30 p. m., art hall.
Delta Delta Delta dinner party, Lincolnshire.
Catholic students' club dance, K. of C. hall.
Twins club 8 p. m., the Barr home, 1104 D street.

UNI NOTICES

NOTICE.
Nebraska field has been leased for a game of football between Nebraska Wesleyan university and Wayne Normal Saturday, December 3, at 2 o'clock.
Passes to the university home athletic events do not admit bearers to this game.
Signed: F. W. LUEHRING,
Director of Athletics.

Union.
Open meeting in Union hall, Saturday, Dec. 3 at 8:30 p. m.

Mechanical Engineers.
Stag party at the Caves, Friday, Dec. 2. Meet at the M. E. Bldg. at 5:30. Back by 8:30. Tickets 35 cents. Every M. E. out!

Pershing Rifles.
There will be a meeting of the Pershing Rifles on Thursday evening, December 1, at 7:15 p. m., in Nebraska hall. Election of new members and other business. All members of the Rifles must be there without fail.

Girl's Cornhusker Party, Dec. 10.
The first ten organizations who hand in their names and the name of their stunt to Marjorie Barstow by December 3, will be given parts on the program. Each stunt is limited to three minutes.

Civil Service Examinations.
Examinations for the federal civil service will take place in the near future. See the bulletin board, Temple building, for specifications and exact dates. For further information call at the civil service window, post-office. Professor A. A. Reed, director bureau of professional service urges anyone, at all interested, to look this up.

Palladian.
An original farce, "The Corner Drug Store," will be presented by the Palladian pharmacists at the regular open meeting, Friday 8:30 p. m., third floor Temple building.

Wrestlers! Attention!
The wrestling class will meet for the first time at 4 p. m. Monday, December 5, in the chapel. (Soldiers memorial hall, room 201.) All candidates for the varsity wrestling team should report at this time or at 4:40 p. m., Monday, December 5. Regular varsity practice will be held from 4:45 p. m. to 6 p. m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 4 p. m. to 6 p. m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Menorah.
An interesting program has been arranged for the Menorah meeting which is to be held Sunday, December 4, 1921 at 8 p. m., at faculty hall, Temple building. All members are urged to attend. Visitors are cordially welcome to be present at this meeting.

Faculty Men's Dinner Club.
The dinner, scheduled for Friday, December 2, has been postponed to Saturday, December 3, Grand hotel, 6:30 p. m. Chancellor Avery and Dr. Barnouw will be the speakers of the evening.

NEWS OF THE DAY

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view that the matter is up to the western conference officials who meet in Chicago Saturday.

A proclamation has been issued by Governor McKelvie approving the observance of American education week, beginning December 4, as recommended by President Harding and the national commissioner of education. He includes with it a plea for training children in selfreliance and emphasizing the principles of industry, thrift and integrity.

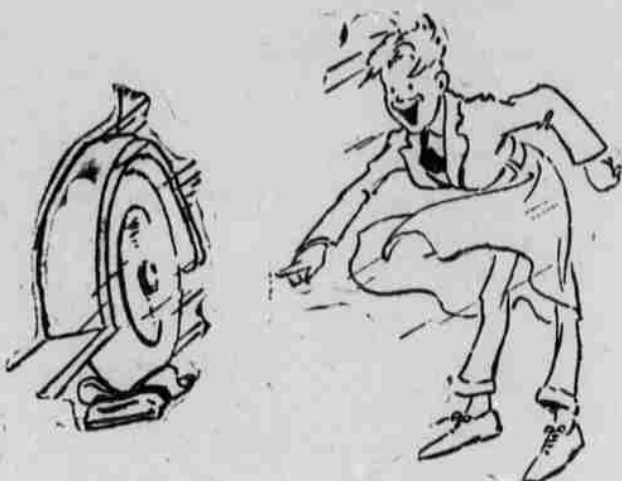
The governor criticises some tendencies of the existing school system, particularly matters which distract the attention of pupils from their educational work. There would be less complaint of high school taxes, he says if those entrusted with the management of schools would put as much honest, conscientious effort into the work as was done by the old time educators who had less to work with, and if parents would give their full co-operation.

"In my opinion, the social life of the children of school age at the present time as actually demoralizing," Mr. McKelvie declares, "not alone because it is not always surrounded with the proper moral safeguards, but because there is too much of it.

"Fine school buildings, expensively equipped laboratories, and high salaried teachers will not be able to instill common sense and good judgment into the minds of children whose time outside of the school hours, is given over largely to social activities and play. Nor is it possible for the forces of education to control this situation, so long as it is encouraged and condoned by parents and society. The home must be regarded as an abiding place, and not a mere whistling post along the way to social engagements."

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No doubt you probably GAVE as many misfit gifts as you received—and this year you don't want to do the same thing. We have a splendid way to prevent this unfortunate happening.

"ASK GIFT GRANNY." THAT'S THE PREVENTION.

Gift Granny is on the balcony at Rudge & Guenzel Co's. Store and is there just for the very purpose of helping people give the correct gifts—gifts the recipient wants and needs.

All you do is to write, phone, or tell Gift Granny that you want to give Mary a present. Leave Mary's address—and that's all. Gift Grann sends her a courteous letter saying that someone—she doesn't tell who—wants to give her an acceptable gift for Christmas. Gift Granny is very thoughtful, for she even encloses a blank form for Mary to tell what she wants—the color, size, etc., and, too, there is an addressed envelope for Mary to send in her list. Then Gift Granny, just as soon as she receives this list, slips it in an envelope and returns it to you. And there you are—you have what Mary wants—and you KNOW she will be tickled to death with what you give her.

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