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Nebraska students extend their greetings to Nebraska's Grand Old Man, Jack Best, on the occasion of his seventy-seventh birthday.

"CRIBBING."

With final exams only a month away some ambitious students have already started their crib sheet.

For many years there has been agitation against cheating in examinations.

Of course there will always be cheating as long as public opinion smiles on it.

This is a very bad thing for all concerned. It lowers the scholarship standing of the school and the moral tone of the institution.

In the coming examinations, the students should reflect a different attitude.

CRITICISM OF CRITICISM. Oftentimes the readers of the Daily Nebraskan have occasion to comment upon articles in the paper or points of view that are taken in editorials.

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OFFICIAL REPORT ON INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE

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ties to establish more chapters, by aiding fraternities to get in touch with locals seeking national affiliation, and by organizing certain groups of locals into new fraternities.

The committee, he said, "has endeavored to impress the real worth and merit of the American college fraternity system and to hold up as a goal the highest ideals of citizenship and manhood, for it is felt that the proper guidance in the period of organization will ultimately result in a chapter creditable to any fraternity."

The Committee on Publicity, through its chairman, Peter Vischer, reported that in view of the widespread loose talk regarding secret organizations his committee has an opportunity to do most valuable work for the cause of Greek-letter fraternities.

He reported that the committee has a threefold aim: to keep fraternities informed on inter-fraternity matters through this bulletin, to keep the colleges informed, to keep the general public informed of fraternity aims and ideals.

He pleaded for a friendlier spirit in the press. He requested a closer liaison between the Committee on Publicity and fraternity officers and editors.

He asked particularly that a constant flow of clippings on matters of inter-fraternity interest be kept moving in his direction.

Dean A. K. Heckel of Lafayette led a spirited discussion on "The Movement for Economy in Education" placing the greatest emphasis, however, upon the growing cost of fraternity parties.

He mentioned the value of a faculty financial adviser for all chapters. President Kenneth C. M. Sills of Bowdoin also decried elaborateness and unnecessary expense in the management of fraternity affairs.

Dr. Francis W. Shepardson, former State Commissioner of Education in Illinois and former Dean at Chicago, made a stirring address in answer to the charge of lavishness.

These charges are a result of general expensiveness throughout colleges and in fact through all the business world.

College men, he said, are no longer satisfied with the things their fathers were satisfied with, and their fathers would not have them satisfied with the old order.

"The college authorities who are criticizing fraternities are not playing fair," said Dr. Shepardson. "They talk snobbishness and lavishness and then turn around and encourage huge outlays for the glory of the institution."

Vast stadiums costing upwards of half a million dollars or so are just as objectionable from a strictly scholastic point of view as are silver favors at house parties.

"The time has come when fraternities ought to answer charges against them with a list of the important and valuable constructive works they do. Some criticism is still fair but it melts into insignificance in the face of the constructive work accomplished."

The discussion on scholarship, which took up a large part of the morning session and in which most of the educators present took part, was led by J. T. Caldwell, Scholarship Commissioner of Kappa Sigma.

The fraternity that fails to keep all its men in college fails of its purpose, he said. Good scholarship should be the result of fraternity effort rather than the basis for the existence of the fraternity.

The use of fraternity endowment funds by some fraternities, he said, is evidence of the attitude of fraternities toward scholarship.

"Fraternities are being charged with encouraging their members to pick easy courses," he said. It cannot be true, he insisted, in the general run. Too many students have to follow a prescribed course of study to receive their degrees.

While the college is primarily responsible for scholarship, he said, this responsibility has been shifted by some colleges to the fraternities.

Mr. Caldwell recommended a uniform scholarship blank and explained its working in some detail, to be printed in full in the conference minutes to be published later.

From his reports he learned that freshmen, sophomores, and pledges are responsible for poor scholarship—due to the "weeding out" process. Refusal to initiate a pledge until he has showed that he can pass his work and the "Big Brother" system were recommended.

One of the features of the conference was an eloquent address by Dr. William H. P. Faunce, president of Brown and in a way the "father" of the conference. He told of the growth of the conference from an informal meeting he called years ago in Chicago and expressed the hope that the

conference now grown into a powerful organization has become not a super-fraternity but a clearing house where fraternities may solve their mutual difficulties.

"The immense growth of our colleges and universities today makes the grouping of our students vastly more important than ever before," he said. "The sudden expansion in numbers will mean a degradation of inspiration and a depreciation of life unless the groupings of those students are emphasized and developed as never before."

It is impossible for a freshman to love 2,000 men at once. It is like trying to be affectionate with the Atlantic Ocean. A man cannot love all humanity unless he can love a few specimens of humanity first.

And if we are going to back any groupings whatever why not avail ourselves of the historic groupings that have existed for a hundred years here in our American colleges?

"At Brown this year we gave all our freshmen a psychology test before they entered college. Six weeks later, after pledging, we discovered that 56 per cent of those pledged were in the lowest two-fifths of the class judged by the intelligence test."

Not in the college at large this year fraternity men stood higher than the non-fraternity men. When you put those two things together, you try to believe the conclusion that fraternities take in inferior intelligence and turn out superior scholars.

But we ought not to take in inferior intelligence. We ought to demand intelligence at the very gate of our fraternities.

"I think that a fraternity is helpful must live not only for itself but as well for some cause worth struggling and working and fighting for. Psychoanalysis has its dangers. A man who is always watching his wealth and his blood pressure and his heartbeats is not in a condition of health. I hope our fraternities are not always dissecting themselves but are finding some task in the life of the college and in the life of America that is worth while. If every fraternity said: 'We stand for the things that need doing in this university, clean sport, honest work in the classroom and in the laboratory, for the enforcement of law, for simplicity, simple life, honest simple pleasure, and against extravagance and self-indulgence,' if every fraternity would co-operate with the faculty, then it would find itself."

"Let me beg of you of mature years not to lose track of the undergraduate life of your own chapter. If you would keep your ideal, if you would keep young in spirit, if you would keep from hardening of the arteries and hardening of the heart, keep in touch with the undergraduate life of the American college."

The dinner of fraternity editors, held after the conference, brought forth an animated discussion as to the proper function of a fraternity magazine. Is it for the alumni or the undergraduates, is it to present news on what one editor termed "Only Stuff" or articles of serious import, is it to record past history or picture present-day life? Perhaps a competition between fraternity editors, to end in the pinning of a blue ribbon on the "best" fraternity magazine all things considered by a committee of editors at the next editors' dinner a year hence might help give an answer.

The educators present took a vital part in its discussion. Among them were President William H. P. Faunce of Brown, President Kenneth C. W. Sills of Bowdoin, Dean C. R. Melcher of Kentucky, Dean William C. Hammond of Cornell, Dean A. K. Heckel of Lafayette, Dean E. E. Nicholson of Minnesota, Dean A. W. Tarbell of Carnegie Tech, Dean John J. Luck of Virginia, Dean C. O. Guenther of Stevens, and Principal Howard Belmont of Hill School.

New officers of the Inter-Fraternity Conference were elected as follows: Chairman—John J. Kuhn, Delta Chi, Cornell, '98.

Vice-chairman—Willis O. Robb, Beta Theta Pi, Ohio Wesleyan, '79.

Treasurer—Dr. Walter H. Conley, Phi Sigma Kappa, Union, '91.

Secretary—A. Bruce Bielaski, Delta Tau Delta, George Washington, '04.

Educational Adviser—Dr. Thomas Arkle Clark, Dean of Men at University of Illinois, '50.

Executive Committee—Class of 1924, Don R. Almy, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Cornell, '97; Robert G. Mead, Kappa Alpha, Northern, Williams, '93; Harold Riegelman, Zeta Beta Tau, Cornell, '14; F. H. Nymeyer, Zeta Psi, Illinois, '11; Henry R. Johnston, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Williams, '03; L. L. Moore, Sigma Pi, Temple, '61.

Exchanges.

"Can people think better now than they could ages ago?" Most of us would answer, "Yes," without stopping to consider that they might be wrong, but Professor W. O. Lynch, of the history department, declares there is room for grave doubt on the question.

Trains, automobiles, airplanes and all merely natural, industrial developments. They can in no way be taken as absolute proof that the mental powers of the races have developed in the least since the beginning of history, he holds.

The great men of today have built their success on the foundations laid by men just as great in the ages past; so there is no basis for the theory of a great development in the thinking powers of man, Professor Lynch reasons.

There is also a question, according to Professor Lynch, whether or not our ethical and moral standards are higher than they were in the mid die ages and earlier.—Indiana Daily Student.

The first of a series of classes for students of subnormal weight will be held today at 4 o'clock under the direction of Dr. J. W. Bowler. Cards giving the details regarding the course have been mailed to each of the 150 men who will be required to attend these classes.

Dr. Bowler will devote the first few classes to elementary instruction and advice as to proper diet, both group and individual instruction being given. Students will be excused from other recreational activities during the period of their attendance at these classes. As the men attain normal weight they will be permitted to elect their own recreational activity once more.

Last year 145 men attended the classes and at the end of two months the average gain per man was nine pounds.—The Dartmouth.

FULL LENGTH SKIRT LAUGHS. Yes, there is a material difference between a long and a short skirt—ranging all the way from an inch to a yard. The fashion decree demanding the long skirts will put the woman to the test. If she a slave to fashion? Was the short skirt a result of the era of woman's rights coming into being? Or, was the shortening of skirts only one of fashion's dictates to be obeyed by woman without question? If woman does not unanimously endorse and wear long skirts

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U-NOTICE

Notices of general interest will be printed in this column for two consecutive days. Copy should be in the Nebraskan office at five o'clock.

All Bandmen Notice. Appear in uniform for 5 o'clock practice Thursday. Pictures of the band will be taken at the Temple.

Industrial Club. Miss Erma Appleby, secretary of the University Y. W. C. A. will speak to the industrial group at the Grand hotel, Friday noon.

All Organizations. Officers of all student organizations call at Student Activities office and straighten up outstanding bills before Christmas vacation.

Phi Delta Phi Meeting. Kappa Sigma House, 6 p. m., Tuesday, December 19.

Americanization. Girls are needed for Americanization work under the auspices of the University Y. W. C. A. See Miss Appleby at Ellen Smith hall.

DeMolay. Regular DeMolay meeting, Tuesday at 8. First meeting under the new administration. Appointments of committees will be made. Activities for the winter, plans for the dance, and the annual "stag" will be made.

81. News-Writing, the Newspaper. The three members who failed to sign "copy" written in classroom December 12 will please call at the office at once and do so.

M. M. POGG. Green Goblins. Special meeting of the Green Goblins at the Acacia house Thursday at 7:15. Very important.

Commercial Club. Business meeting of the Commercial club Thursday, 11. Social Science 303.

Girls' Rifle-Shooting. A new section in rifle-shooting for girls has been opened—sessions to be held at 5 o'clock Wednesdays. Girls not on the waiting list should see Miss Clark at once.

Home Ec. Club. Home Economics club business meeting Thursday in Ellen Smith hall at 7:15.

Calendar

Thursday, December 14. Wesley Guild meeting, 7 p. m., Social Science 112. Green Goblin meeting, 7:15 p. m., Acacia house. Art students dinner, 6 p. m., Art hall.

Friday, December 15. Phi Omega Pi winter party, Chamber of Commerce. Cornhusker banquet for all men, Scottish Rite Temple. Cornhusker costume party for all girls, Armory. Alpha Phi formal, the Lincoln.

Saturday, December 16. Union open meeting, 8:30 p. m. Alpha Kappa Psi dance, Sigma Phi Epsilon house. Delta Upsilon house dance. Kearney club Christmas party, Faculty hall. Kappa Phi-Wesley Guild kid party, 8 p. m., East Y. M. C. A. Temple. Lambda Chi Alpha house dance. Pi Kappa Phi informal, Lincolnshire.

Farm House dance, chapter house. Catholic Students Christmas party Windsor hotel, 8 o'clock. Pi Kappa Phi dance at Lincolnshire Saturday night. Lutheran club social meeting, 8:15, Y. M. C. A. room, Temple. La Trentaine, open meeting, Faculty hall. Home Ec. party, 3 p. m., Ellen Smith hall. Kappa Delta party, Ellen Smith hall. Sigma Chi Dinner dance (formal) the Lincoln. A. A. E. Dance, K. of C. hall. Sigma Alpha Epsilon informal, the Lincoln.

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will it mark the freedom of fashion? In other words, will woman become individualistic in fashions and relegate so-called style to the historic past? Perhaps a solution of the skirt problem would be to make skirts of elastic material so that they may be stretched when long skirts and in style and contracted when shorts skirts are the vogue. Laughs on skirts are always in fashion in "Topics of the Day" Films which are always long on laughs in theatres everywhere.



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