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155 DIFFERENT PINS

To the list of useless statistics in the latest issue of Awgwan might have been added the following: If the organization pins worn by students at the University of Nebraska were piled together, eleven 10-ton trucks would be needed to haul them away.

By actual count there are 155 organizations on the campus which have pins. This is taken from the best available authority; probably a dozen or so were missed.

In addition to fraternities and sororities there were organizations for every conceivable purpose; for each department, for people interested in some activity, for twins, and even for girls with red hair.

There are anchors, stars, shields, arrows, axes, slabs, and probably pieces of sewer pipe and dog houses. Armed with a late edition of Baird's Manual of College Fraternities, one might recognize a third of them if he were able to delay their owners while the badges were examined. Unaided by this handy compendium of information, even the most sophisticated student would probably not be able to identify more than one-sixth.

Whether all members of these organizations are acquainted with all the other members is doubtful. In some cases there are students who belong to from three to more than a dozen. Some of these people modestly wear only three or four pins at a time; others' vests glitter with them. To remember all the grips and pass-words is indeed a task; often it is impossible.

The amount of money that is spent on these organizations must be amazing. Initiation fees alone run from five dollars to about one hundred dollars. Most of them are between ten and twenty-five dollars.

Few students, however, go through the university without joining one or more organizations. The man who is graduated entirely unadorned with some assorted badges is either strong-willed or most eccentric.

What is the purpose of all this organization? In most cases very little. The common plaint that this organization must "do something" to "make itself known on the campus" is indicative of their lack of purpose. Some are really powerful, some terrorize freshmen—some do nothing. Most of them have some supposed purpose other than to be entirely social.

Many of these organizations are of some value, but not for the "purpose" which they usually claim. They are of value only in a social way; in them the members become better acquainted and form friends outside of their immediate group.

This is the so-called purpose, actually, of the honorary organizations (so called, though few are honorary.) There is, of course, a place for organizations. But because of that there is no reason to form the many clubs and societies that crowd onto every campus.

Before joining an organization the student should think the matter over carefully. He should decide as to whether the social advantages warrant the outlay, whether the purpose of the organization (and its work) is for the advancement of something worth while, whether it will aid him when he leaves school, or if it is a

real honor while he is still an undergraduate. He should avoid those groups with a sham purpose or none at all, or one in which the new members are taken in so that the old members may take the initiation fees and pull out financially even with the board.

NOISE

There is reference in an old history to a battle in which the Romans engaged. In this battle, it is said, the Romans shouted vociferously, so terrifying their opponents that the battle was won with ease.

The value of noise in a conflict did not end with the Romans. It still is a potent factor.

Tonight there will be a rally in which the students of the University can aid their team by making noise. Winning is always desirable, of course, and plenty of noise will aid materially.

Two years ago before the Notre Dame game more than five thousand students held a rally that was almost hysterical in its fervor. The rally had two results, it left off enthusiasm and gratified the mob spirit, and it helped a great deal toward winning the game. The Huskers went out the next day and played over their heads.

Some of that spirit tonight will have the same effect.

WHAT OF OTHERS?

In the College Press today is an article taken from The New Student, a newspaper devoted to the interests of the university and college student. This article tells what is being done and thought at other universities about the second-semester or delayed pledging. It is worth reading.

Reports from the universities over the country indicate that nearly all are seeking improvement in their fraternity rushing systems, and in most cases delayed pledging is adopted as the solution.

The College Press

Dizzy Rushing

Now that the high-pressure salesmanship of fraternity rush week is over with, many campus leaders are wondering how to doctor up the ailing system of freshman rushing.

During the opening college days the desirable freshmen are courted by a well dressed mob. For a period, lasting in various colleges from two days to a week they are caressed by courteous upper-classmen and scamped by scheming cliques. During this abnormal period of excitement they choose their companions for the following four years.

"Mistakes, and a lot of them, have been made this rush week," declares a western college student. "Hasty judgments have been the order of the ceremonies; men and maids were judged after a few moments of trivial chatter, first appearances counted for everything, while no inward look at the real person could be obtained." In addition to this, an eastern editor cites the harmful effect on the freshman of a distorted sense of values. "The freshman will suddenly learn that he has come here chiefly to become affiliated with a Greek letter organization to which any sort of education is only secondary in importance, and being a freshman he will believe this. The glamor of the chapter house, the thrill of the fraternity man's automobile which is at the freshman's service, the gracious attention of those unbelievably sophisticated individuals, the upper-classmen, will leave him as dizzy and elevated as does a heady wine."

Deferred rushing is at present the most hopeful solution. Last year the Interfraternity Council of Columbia decided to defer rushing until Dartmouth faculty passed a ruling which postponed rushing until the sophomore year. The faculty of the University of Syracuse strongly recommends second semester rushing. At Colgate University the Maroon calls for a change from the conventional method of rushing and mentions deferred rushing as a possibility. A student commission of Underclass Relations is now working on a new system at that university.

—The New Student.

Attend the Rally Tonight at 7:15.

Ask Student Organizations Giving Serious Plays to National Conference

Student dramatic organizations that give serious plays have been invited to participate prominently in the first national Conference on the American Theater to be held at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh on November 27 and 28 of this year.

Announcement of the conference is considered as a recognition of the changing conditions in the theater in this country, especially with regard to the growth of the community playhouse movement and the widespread interest in college theatricals.

Whether the movies and other forms of light entertainment have really "killed" the commercial theater, particularly the "road business, and whether the movement in community playhouse activities and in the college can elevate standards in American drama, are questions that will be carefully discussed at the conference. One of the chief purposes of the meeting is to study the potential influence of the community playhouse movement and to ascertain also, the nature and extent of the movement now going on in American colleges for the promotion of interest in the serious drama.

The invitation list, according to Dr. Thomas S. Baker, President of Carnegie Institute of Technology, and author of the plan of the conference, includes all of the American universities and colleges and the community playhouses. As far as it is possible, informal student organizations which give serious plays are being invited to send delegates. In addition, the list includes theatrical critics, and representatives of those theatrical groups that include pro-

ducers, playwrights, actors and artists.

"The program," according to Mr. Baker, "will be so arranged as to bring out not only the nature of the work done at the colleges, but also to show the significance of the community theaters. It is felt that the relation between the college theatricals and the community theaters is very close. The representatives of the colleges will be given an opportunity to tell what his institution is doing for the cultivation of the drama." Such questions as the purpose, college credits, etc., will be considered during the sessions."

Among those who have already accepted invitations to speak are Otto Kahn, New York banker, whose name is identified so often with progressive movements in art education; Brock Pemberton, prominent Broadway producer; Vincent Massey, Toronto business man who built and endowed the theater at the University of Toronto, the outstanding Little Theater of Canada; and Professor George P. Baker, chairman of the newly-organized department of the drama at Carnegie Institute of Technology, which incidentally was the first institution in the country to organize a department, are expected to lead some of the discussions.

As a sidelight to the conference details, it is planned also, by special permission of the author, to have a production of one of Galsworthy's plays presented by the students of the department of drama of Carnegie. B. Iden Payne, who gave up his work as a producer to become a full-time professor of drama at the Pittsburgh institution, will direct the production of the play.

No Longer the Mighty

David Starr Jordan didn't have in mind the many dope upsets in last Saturday's grid games when he stated that the leaders of the nation were more and more coming from the by-ways and high-ways; but he did express the modern trend of closer competition in every walk of life, the little, unheard of individual crowding out the widely heralded hero with his blatant band and corps of press agents.

It was not more than a decade ago when only the teams flying the colors of the famed Big Three could rate top column space in the better sport pages of the country. Nor was it many years past when a degree from any law college other than the East's exclusive few was considered hardly better than no degree at all. But today a flaming tornado comes out of the backwoods of Kentucky leaving the mighty Crimson machine scoreless; a graduate of a small college out-accomplishes a son of the larger institution.

And what is true in the world of the university is also true in the world of business and industry, men from the cities finding themselves more and more in competition with more from the country. And the result of this ever-increasing competition will be leaders better qualified to fill their positions, men in the arts, business, and industry more capable of producing original ideas. It will make for the ideal—a nation supreme in mental prowess, no great portion of which is centered in any one locality.—Colorado Silver and Gold.

OHIO STUDENTS RECEIVE SPORTSMANSHIP RULES

Teaching true sportsmanship by means of handbills is an innovation being adopted at Ohio State University. At a recent basketball game, 7,000 handbills with five rules of good sportsmanship printed on them, were distributed among the students present. However, the bill did not stop at mere elementary instruction in being a good sport; they deal also with smoking, fairness, courtesy, and hissing. Further instructions on the bills defend the right of the coach to do his own coaching.

Attend the Rally Tonight at 7:15.

Calendar

Saturday, October 17
University of Washington-Nebraska game.

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Notices

Y. M. C. A.
Girls interested in Y. M. C. A. memberships are invited to attend the discussion groups at Ellen Smith hall on Tuesday at 11 and Thursday at 5.

Jewish Students
Reception for Jewish students at Temple B'Nai Jeshurun, South 20th, Friday evening.

Dairy Club Mixer
Dairy club mixer Saturday night in Home Economics, Agricultural campus.

Lutherans
Lutheran Bible League will have a social Friday in Parish Hall of the Trinity church at 13th N.

English 9 (Argumentative Composition).
Examination papers are in boxes (U. H. 106). M. M. FOGG.

Awgwan Contributors
Contributors are requested to begin to turn in copy at once for the November Awgwan, which will be called the "Weather Number." Copy will not be accepted later than October 23.

Union Literary
Open meeting of the Union Literary Society Friday evening at 8:30.

Spanish Club
The Spanish Club will meet in the Teachers College 221 on Saturday at 8 o'clock.

Juniors
Have your Cornhusker pictures taken immediately at the Hauck or Townsend studios.

Komensky Club.
Meeting of Komensky Club Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Faculty Hall.

Chess-Nats.
Meeting of all students interested in chess in Y. M. C. A. room, Temple Saturday at 7:30.

Seniors.
Have your Cornhusker pictures taken immediately at the Hauck or Townsend studios.

Delian Literary Society.
Opening meeting of the Delian Literary Society, Friday evening, Temple, room 202.

R. O. T. C.
All members of R. O. T. C. advance or basic courses, wishing to work on Military Carnival, sign up in Military office, Administration Hall.

Conducts Mental Tests.
Prof. Charles Fordyce, chairman of the department of educational psychology and measurements, was in Norfolk last week to continue the mental tests being conducted in the Norfolk schools.



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Here at last! Hot Malted Milks at the Idyl Hour!

—drop in after classes today, and see one made on the new machine that heats the drink as it makes it! Sip one, and you'll roll your eyes rapturously with delight. They're almost too good to be true! One of these ho malted milks with a Tost-wich from the Idyl hour make a lunch that will give you new pep for your afternoon classes. Try their Sunday dinners, too; a good one at 50c, and a fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings for only 75c.

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