

The Daily Nebraskan

Station A. Lincoln, Nebraska. OFFICIAL PUBLICATION UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA Under Direction of the Student Publication Board

Published Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday mornings during the academic year.

Editorial Offices—University Hall 4, Business Offices—West stand of Stadium. Office Hours—Afternoons with the exception of Friday and Sunday.

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice in Lincoln, Nebraska, under act of Congress, March 3, 1879, and at special rate of postage provided for in Section 1103, act of October 3, 1917, authorized January 26, 1922.

SUBSCRIPTION RATE \$1.25 a semester Single Copy, 5 cents

EDITORIAL STAFF Editor: Victor T. Haekler. Managing Editor: Julius Frandsen. NEWS EDITORS: Elise Holovitchner, Millie Ginn, Lee Vance, Arthur Sweet, ASSISTANT NEWS EDITORS: Herbert D. Kelly, Neola Skala, Fred R. Zimmer.

CONTRIBUTING EDITORS: William Collier, Victor T. Haekler, Kenneth W. Cook, Edward Morrow.

BUSINESS STAFF Business Manager: Otto Skold. Asst. Business Manager: Simpson Morton. Circulation Manager: Richard F. Vette.

Another letter from O. V. B. appears in the "Other Opinions" column this morning.

It is unfortunate that our contributor did not make this exposure earlier in the year. Coming as it does, at the very time when new members of the Innocents are presumably being chosen, O. V. B. may reasonably be suspected of having a political axe of his own to grind.

Many persons may question the wisdom of our acceptance of these letters. The contribution today has been examined by a prominent and experienced attorney who assures the editor that it contains no libel. The subject matter is of general interest, and the charges made, if true, warrant a general house-cleaning within the Innocents.

The Nebraska believes that the charges demand an answer. The collection of data covering the past five years was convincing evidence that the Innocents are not an honorary group, but a corrupt political organization. There is no room at Nebraska for such a society if it cannot be fair and impartial.

The alumni who boast of the airtight election system devised for the society should answer O. V. B. The faculty members who cooperate with the Innocents should see that such corruption as O. V. B. exposes is eliminated. The members of the society cannot expect to retain the respect of fellow students if they permit these letters to go unanswered.

They need not sign their names—their identity need only be known by the editor.

A reasonably careful inquiry among the friends and persons supposed to be familiar with the facts, convinces the editor of The Nebraskan that there is considerable truth in O. V. B.'s assertions. Silence on the part of the accused will be construed by this newspaper (and by readers, too) as admission that they are true.

In that case, The Nebraskan will urge students to demand a thorough house-cleaning.

There is a very definite place in student life for a society such as the Innocents pretend to be, but there is no room for a fake honorary. All joking aside, if members of the Innocents are chosen on a basis of merit, they should regard membership as a high honor.

The society can do much more than build bonfires. It can be a valuable and intelligent factor in undergraduate life. It not only can, but it should, if it is to continue reaping credit for being the highest of student honorary societies.

But if persons are chosen on a basis of fraternity political pull, and other deserving students are not tapped because they are barbs or members of the wrong faction, the society cannot fulfill the function which rightfully belongs to it; nor can membership be the honor to which deserving students are entitled.

It is understood that the Innocents will meet tonight. If these charges are untrue, the members should be able to formulate a reply to O. V. B. at that meeting. The Nebraskan withholds final judgment until they accept or decline the opportunity to refute O. V. B.'s arguments.

The announcement in the Sunday papers that Coach Henry F. Schulte has signed a contract to remain with the University of Nebraska for five years brought joy to the hearts of all lovers of athletics.

We congratulate the University athletic board on having retained one of America's greatest coaches. We congratulate Coach Schulte on having chosen a dandy school to "grow old" with. And we envy the track men the pleasure of associating with and working under such a splendid sportsman—one who is an "individual" in the best sense of the word.

Other Opinions

The Daily Nebraskan assumes no responsibility for the sentiments expressed by correspondents and reserves the right to exclude any communications whose publication may for any reason seem undesirable. In all cases the editor must know the identity of the contributor.

To Preserve the Balance

To the Editor: If the six-seven balance of power in the Innocents society is to prevail this year, one wonders how the results will come out. There must be twenty-five or thirty outstanding men in the junior class. It is only fair to point out to them that, if the balance is maintained, only fraternity men will be tapped and only seven from one fraternity faction and six from the other, irrespective of the proportion of meritorious men.

Let's have a look at the sides to see who the Innocents are likely to tap. The Acacias have Hoagland and Weir. Hoagland is most likely in view of recent appointments. Possibly they will get both in.

The D. U.'s have Jones, Smaha, and Orr. The first two seem the most likely prospects. Orr has talked too much to be considered "safe"—that is, "safe" for the Innocents, although a loyal and intelligent student. Jones might be president.

The Deltas have Crocker. He ought to get it hands down. He is a likely presidential candidate, with Jones as secretary. Breyer stands well also. The A. T. O.'s have two athletes, Wirsig and Dailey, to offer. One of them is sure of it.

The Alpha Sigs do not seem to have a man unless it is Klepper or Ames. The Betas can be sure of Varney. They have Luskhart too. From the Ag College, either Ross, Egan House, or Buck, A. G. R., will be tapped.

Hoagland, Jones, Weir or Smaha, Crocker, Wirsig or Dailey, Varney, Ross or Buck, ought to make up the seven. Klepper might displace one out of that list. Crocker, Varney, Jones, and Hoagland—out of that bunch, should come the president and secretary.

On the other side we have more candidates for fewer places. The Sig Alphas have DuTeau who should have a good chance. The Phi Psis are sure of Haekler, and should be hopeful for Morton, probably the next business manager of the Rag.

The Phi Deltas have only Morrow who must be regarded as "unsafe" for his editorials in the Rag; yet Cox, the boy-crusader of last year, was tapped. Who the Sig Chis will produce is a problem; probably it is worrying Goar. West, a Phi Sig, might make a good man for Goar to push, but West may encounter difficulties.

The Phi Gams have Reiff who, as an Engineer, should have little trouble, there usually is an Engineer. The Kappa Sigs have Ekstrom, whose fame rests largely on his basketball record. The Sigma Nus can count on Steiner, and they can produce Schroyer as well. This may be their year for two. The Sig Eps have Cameron who is their likely candidate.

Haekler ought to be vice president. Morrow, DuTeau or Morton, Reiff, Steiner, and one of the others, ought to make up the six. But some of them will have to be left out, while the other side is having a hard time filling its quota. But this is the merit upon which the Innocents are selected, and someone ought to expect to be overlooked. So it has been for the last five years.

Do not think ill of those who may be tapped. They will believe that they are receiving honor justly awarded for what they deserve. Many of them have worked hard for their reward. And in the end they may discover, as many have who have gone on before them, that their careers have not been ruined—that it is still possible to enjoy life and go to school not being an Innocent in the senior year at Nebraska. O. V. B.

Improvement of the news columns. This is the first step which Sigma Delta Chi has taken in some time to justify the existence of the organization. Fraternity politics have kept the society from amounting to much at Nebraska in the past.

Perhaps the society will amount to more next year.

Crete Grade Pupils are Visitors Miss Hocking and six members of the seventh and eighth grade classes from district eighteen at Crete, were visitors at the Museum Saturday, May 15.

HOME COOKED MEALS and A Home Atmosphere at MRS LUSH'S 1204 "P" St.

Hotel D'Hamburger 5c Buy 'em by the sack 1141 Q St. Phone B1512

A. T. O. And Delta Sigma Lambda Heads Air Pledging Questions

Emerson H. Packard, worthy grand chief of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, in the letter which follows, argues that second-semester pledging is preferable to sophomore pledging because it is impossible to make a good fraternity man in the shorter period.

In the second letter printed today, H. P. Meyer, grand secretary of Delta Sigma Lambda, points out the disadvantages of deferred pledging by individual fraternities but expresses approval of a college rule requiring second-semester pledging.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA May 5, 1926

The Daily Nebraskan, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska. Dear Sir:—

Your letter of April 29 is received asking my opinion concerning the merits of second-semester pledging and sophomore pledging.

My experience has led me to believe that second-semester pledging is very much more to be desired than that done in the sophomore year, although I must confess that I have had very much more contact with the first method than with the second.

It seems to me that the main question which will decide the most proper time for pledging is whether or not the pledgee has shown his determination and ability to carry on the studies of the institution, and also whether or not he has a fair chance of finishing his course with a degree.

It seems to me that the records of the various colleges which have come to my knowledge seem to show that in the majority of cases the men who go through the first term with a very creditable grade will continue throughout their college courses, unless something unforeseen intervenes.

I cannot quite see anything to be gained by setting the pledging season over to the sophomore year. Perhaps the greater loser in pledging in this way is the Fraternity Chapter itself.

It is impossible to make a good Fraternity man when he has only perhaps two and one-half or two and three-fourths years of Chapter life, and this is the situation brought about by sophomore pledging. The average man in the Chapter needs at least three and one-half years in order to assimilate himself into the Fraternity atmosphere and be able to carry along responsibilities of the Chapter during his fourth year when he is a senior.

If all the pledging were done in the sophomore year, there is no question but what the Chapter turnover in personnel would be less, as there are of course a large number of men who drop out at the end of the first year, and proper proportion of these are undoubtedly Fraternity men.

However, I think of the two plans that the second-semester pledging is very much to be desired from the standpoint of the Fraternity, as it seems to me that the extra time in the Chapter by the pledgee much more than offsets the decreased turnover in personnel, which would undoubtedly come about.

I am not quite clear just what you mean by probation week, but presume that it may be a period set aside for pre-initiation activities on the part of the pledgees to the various Fraternity Chapters to represent them at your institution.

Concerning these activities, I can only say that in our own Fraternity all such activities are absolutely forbidden by law, unless they have first been submitted to the Chief of Province and have secured his approval. And, at all events they must be carried out inside of the Chapter House, and not outside.

Thanking you again for taking up this matter with me, I remain, Your very truly, EMERSON H. PACKARD, Worthy Grand Chief.

DELTA SIGMA LAMBDA May 10, 1926

The Daily Nebraskan, The University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska. Dear Mr. Torrey:—

Your letter to Mr. Joseph S. Fairchild, Grand President of our Fraternity, dated April 29, 1926, has been referred to me. I am therefore taking this opportunity of giving you a brief and sketchy outline of our fraternity's attitude in general toward the problem of pledging, and so forth.

It is our belief that an undergraduate be given the advantage of the fraternity at the earliest possible moment in his undergraduate career; granting, of course, that it is an advantage to be affiliated with a fraternity. If the fraternity is of the right type, this premise is true; and if not, the fraternity has no place upon the campus.

When this "earliest possible moment" occurs is a question which must necessarily be governed by circumstances. Some colleges prohibit the initiation or pledging of men prior to the beginning of the sophomore year. Others have no limitation; and yet others have the restriction of one semester's attendance prior to the eligibility for pledging.

Where the restriction exists, it is our opinion that pledging should take place as soon after a man becomes eligible as possible, for we feel that in the four or five months of a man's first semester at college, the average fraternity type man can judge and be judged to a degree sufficient to make his decision, and that of the fraternity, decisions based upon as solid grounds as possible in any longer period. To set a longer period seems to us to deprive the man of just that much in association with his fraternity brothers without justifiable reason.

Where, however, there is no restriction laid down by the officials of the institution, a larger problem arises. Should a fraternity prohibit its chapter upon a particular campus from pledging in the first semester, when no such restriction lies upon other organizations? Such a rule would be distinctly unfair, unless the organization is of such prestige that men will prefer to wait a semester

rather than enjoy fraternal life at once. There are relatively few organizations possessing such prestige. We realize the difficulty, and sometimes the mistakes, which sometimes arise from a man's making a "snap" decision, forced by the fact that he is "rushed" during his first semester, but the instances are somewhat rare, and on the other hand, if the man is a real man, his character will prevail over his environment, and his poor decision will not be fatal to his collegiate existence.

Consequently, while we believe that the ideal system is where pledging is postponed until the second semester, under university or college rule, (thus placing each fraternity under the same handicap, if such it be), yet we must stand for fair play where no such rule obtains.

As to probation week, our policy has been to allow the chapter to use its discretion in regard to the practices it employs. Some of the chapters employ this period as one of informal initiation, constituting of "horse-play" or "rough-stuff"; others conduct so-called intelligence tests patterned after the army Alpha tests; others utilize the time to instruct the initiates in fraternity and school traditions, as well as to attempt to teach the neophyte as much as possible along the line of scholarship-how best to study and divide and concentrate one's time.

While we feel that the location of the particular chapter must govern its attitude toward probation week, we feel that the last method of applying this period of time is by far the best.

Not having inquired into the subject more deeply, we do not feel justified in making criticisms or other suggestions concerning it.

I hope that I have given you, above, a short statement, along lines which will be of use to you. Assuring you of our desire to co-

operate with you at any time, and hoping that you will refer to me whenever you desire additional information, I am, Very truly yours, H. P. MEYER, Grand Secretary.

TEACHERS needed now. BOOMERS TEACHERS AGENCY.

SERVICE for TEACHERS PLACING Teachers is our only Business. TRY US. "Calls" coming every day from Superintendents and Boards of Education YOU need us. We need YOU. Let us help you. FREE Registration Discriminative SERVICE Nebraska School Service and Teacher's Exchange 1105 "O" Street, Lincoln Rooms 1-4 over Harley's Drug Store.

BRING US YOUR WATCH REPAIRS We Have Expert Workmen, We Will Get It Out On Time Boyd Jewelry Co. Club Plan Jewelers 1042 O Across from Gold's

The Luncheonette Formerly Ledwich Tastie Shop 143 No. 12th St. Light Lunches — Fountain Service — Confectionery Open Until Midnight Make This Your Home

DON'T BUY a STRAW HAT

Until you've inspected the new styles on display in our window at 1028 O Street — because if you do — you'll regret it; for the very simple reason that you're sure to see one that you'll like a whole lot better than the one you have on — It's too late then.

Every Hat A brand new one — not a single hat left over from last year. Every one of them — crisp, clean, fresh and up-to-date.

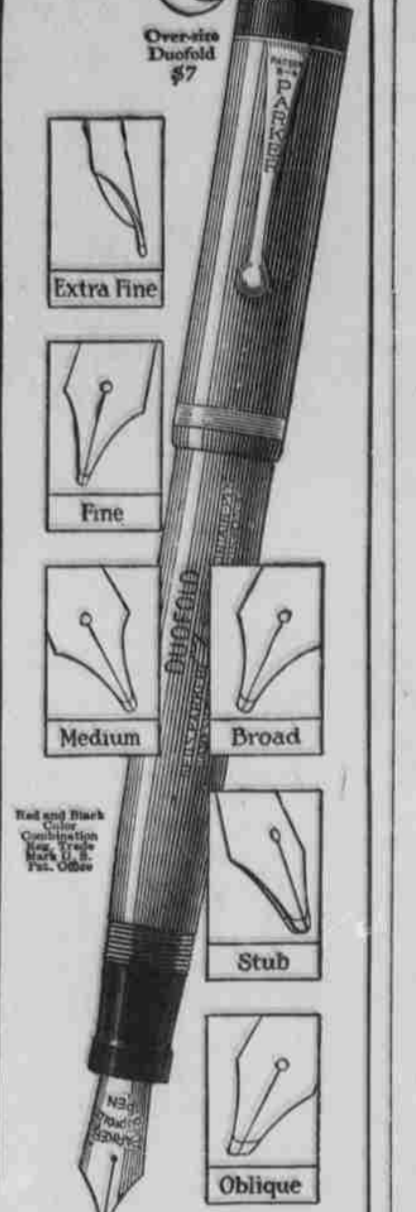
"The Window Tells the Story"

SPEIER'S 1028 O Street Lincoln, Nebr.

operate with you at any time, and hoping that you will refer to me whenever you desire additional information, I am, Very truly yours, H. P. MEYER, Grand Secretary.

TEACHERS needed now. BOOMERS TEACHERS AGENCY.

Reach the beauty of the Scarlet Tanager Over-size Duofold \$7



Costliest Point to Make Most Economical to Buy For it's Guaranteed if not misused for 25 years

We pay \$2,340 a pound for the Tip alone—selected Iridium—hardest metal known. We fuse it by hand into a point of Gold, and polish it to jewel-like smoothness.

We skilfully temper the point to yield to any hand, yet resume its original shape, so no style of writing can distort it.

It is magnified many diameters, and five times inspected by Parker experts. Barrel of Rich Black and Gold, or Black-tipped Lacquer—red — handsome to own, hard to mislead. Try the Parker Duofold at any good pen counter.

THE PARKER PEN COMPANY JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN



Shoes for Graduating Feet at Mayer Bros. Co!

—of course you'll want footwear de luxe for all the festivities leading up to the degree! So go to Mayer Bros. shoe section where you'll find the newest and most correct pedal fashions — all assembled under one roof. Grey slippers, those in favored blonde shades, and white! More styles in white shoes than you'd dream possible! Every sort from the smart sport oxford with crepe sole to graceful affairs with the highest of heels in which your Charleston — executors are invested with a Cinderella-like beauty. At Mayer Bros. Co!

See "Other Women's Husbands" at the Lyric This Week

—here is a gay and most enjoyable domestic drama in which the various "I Do's" do not seem to constitute the balls and chains to further romance that they're supposed to. Wives casting an eye at other men; husbands exercising their fatal charms hither and yon. It's a picture that becomes a fencing match of women's wits, and of course all ends as you would have it. Monte Blue and Marie Prevost are the chief flirtation-instigators; supported ably of course!

Bring your Commencement guests to the Grand!

—mother, dad, sister, brother, cousin, aunt, and all the other ramifications of the family tree will certainly enjoy taking their meals at the Grand! It's so conveniently located to campus for one thing, and then of course the food itself is no mean inducement, and is served in such a restful environment. And for those of you who are contemplating summer school, the Grand has a number of comfortable cool rooms at your disposal at a very moderate special rate. Make your reservation before the choice ones are gone!

Win a Free \$18.50 Camera at the Sugar Bowl!

—here's news of a contest that will interest every amateur photo plan! Walter Johnson is giving absolutely free to the person who submits the best amateur picture between May 15th and June 15th, this fine Anaco camera. Pictures will be judged from the standpoints of clearness, artistic value, and originality of subject. Bring in your films and perhaps you'll win the prize; or if you have some older picture you'd like to submit, let the Sugar Bowl make a reprint from it, which will constitute your entry in the contest. At 1652 O street!

Let the Globe Laundry come to the Rescue!

—it won't be long until you'll be gathering up your belongings for the vacation-ward dash! And when you start this job, remember that the Globe can transform that pile of drab wearables into garments you'll be proud to let mother unpack! Then too you'll be provided with evidence when you start singing the praises of the Globe at the home town girls who are planning to be Nebraska Freshmen next year. Call B6765 and one of Lee Ager's henchmen will respond immediately in one of those Roll-Royce looking laundry motors of theirs!