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A REAL OPPORTUNITY

Thursday morning students of the University of Nebraska will have a real opportunity to see and hear two of the best known men in the world today when Vice-president Charles G. Dawes and General John J. Pershing will be the guests of the University at a convocation in the Coliseum.

These two men, both of whom have called Lincoln their home in previous years, are known and respected not only in this country but in every country in the world. The names of Pershing and Dawes will be found in histories as outstanding Americans of this day and age.

We will have as our guest Thursday morning the vice-president of the United States, the author of the world-famous Dawes plan for resuscitation of Germany, the man who presides over the upper legislative body of the nation, and the man who, in case of the death of the president, would take over the reins of government as the leading citizen of the country.

We will have as our guest Thursday morning the man who led the American Expeditionary Forces in the World War, the largest conflict in which the United States has ever been engaged, one of the five full generals this country has ever had, and the man who had complete charge of the United States armies from October 6, 1917 until his retirement on September 13, 1924.

The friendship of these two men started when Dawes was a young business man and lawyer and Pershing was an army lieutenant, commandant of cadets, and also law student, both of them living here in Lincoln. These two great men have been good friends since those early days in Lincoln. When Pershing was put in charge of the United States armies and some man was needed to take charge of the business affairs of the armies, Dawes was selected and it was he who put across the business end of the American Expeditionary forces.

So "Charley" and "Jack," now internationally known figures, are coming back to the scenes of their early friendship. After leaving Lincoln they are to go up to Cherry County, Nebraska, where they will hunt together.

To urge the students to attend this convocation Thursday morning is useless. Persons of the age and supposed mental capacity of University students know a real opportunity when they see it. We expect to see Thursday morning the unusual sight of the Coliseum full and overflowing.

LOW GRADES

A number of professors seem to have the notion that to be truly good instructors they must fail 30 or 40 or 50 per cent of their students. There are some who feel that they should never give a grade above 85 or 90.

This does not seem to be a policy in keeping with the best interests of the University. Students appreciate most those instructors who know will give them a mark commensurate with the quality and the quantity of the work done. Students have a right to feel they deserve a grade of 95 or better when their work justifies it. The instructor should know just how much he may reasonably expect his students to do. He should set a minimum requirement, and any student who fails to do this minimum amount of work deserves to be failed. But students who do more than that minimum, and do it well, should be rewarded accordingly.

Whenever a student knows that no matter how hard he works, he cannot get a grade above 85, he is inclined to feel that extra effort is not worthwhile. He probably will ease up a bit, and may in time be satisfied with a 75. If he knew that the instructor would give him a 95 if he earned it, the student would be inclined to strive for a higher mark.

Instead of being frowned upon, the professor who is able to pass all, or nearly all, of his students is to be commended. This indicates that the instructor has learned to win his students so that they are willing to do the work he asks of them.

On the other hand, the instructor who fails half or more than half of his class is to be criticized. Such an instructor is guilty of one or more of three things: (1) his course is unreasonable; or (2) he cannot present

his subject properly; or (3) he is lacking in that quality which makes his students want to work, and should not be in the educational game at all.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last night some 40 or 50 freshmen were initiated into the mysteries of the Green Gobblins, freshman men's honorary organization. To those young men we wish to extend our congratulations for:

1. They have gone through an initiation. They have proven themselves to be men. They can stand up (or stoop over) and take their medicine.
2. They have loaned ten dollars for a year for which they will get no interest and which they may or may not get back.
3. They have started or soon will start their first lessons in the very fascinating and worthwhile game of campus politics.
4. They may now get out of study table one night every week or every two weeks.
5. They now have a pin to wear. This is a very important point because most of the fellows just have pledge pins.
6. They will probably get to attend a banquet for which they will pay.
7. They are now on the road to success. Perhaps next year they will get to join the Iron Sphinx.

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 the Editor:

In the Tuesday issue of The Daily Nebraskan appeared the statement that the wearing of green buttons by freshman girls would be enforced.

That in itself is very commendable, but how far will it work out? For a good many years, Xi Delta, which is in charge of giving out the buttons, has made the same declaration, and after a week or so, no one has thought more about it, especially the freshman girls.

The wearing of green caps by freshman boys has long been a tradition of the campus, and is very effectively enforced. There are few enough traditions left to us, and it is good training for the newcomers to submit to authority in this manner. But why should the boys be the only ones who receive this sort of training?

The green buttons are far less conspicuous and less embarrassing than the caps, and yet no girl's organization has enough authority to see that they are worn. It is true that a few are seen on the campus, but compared to the number of green caps, they are negligible.

A rule or a tradition is effective only in the manner in which it is enforced, and it is far worse to say that the green buttons are to be worn and then drop the matter than to do away with them entirely.

It is not exactly fair to have the boys get the brunt of the freshman burden, for they do not need to have the Nebraska spirit instilled into them any more than the girls do. The wearing of green buttons should be made compulsory and some organization see that it is done or the matter done away with entirely, and what little energy was expended in this direction turned to better channels.
E. H.

College Press

FRATERNITIES CONSIDERED AS LIVING QUARTERS

(The Oregon Daily Emerald.)

In answer to the query, "Would you study more, less or the same if not living in a fraternity house," Oregon fraternity folk have replied, substantially, that residence within the fraternal group has made little or no difference in their application to their study. This answer, while given honestly, no doubt, is probably open to more or less question.

During the last few years even casual followers of the housing situation at Oregon have noticed a growing tendency for seniors, and often times juniors or undergraduates to move out of their fraternity houses into private homes. When asked why the change of residence the student invariably replies, "I moved out so I could do a little real studying." If questioned closer, the student will usually explain that too many intrusions, too much noise and too much sociability were the chief reasons for his inability to devote proper attention to the chief work at hand, the studies.

At first thought this might appear as a healthy condemnation of fraternities; but upon more mature consideration it follows that the trouble lies, not with fraternities, as institutions, but with fraternities as living quarters. That is, fraternities as they are constructed and maintained today, do not permit the student to carry out his scholastic activities without sufficient freedom from in-

terruption. In fact, it appears that fraternities are too poor to provide satisfactory living quarters and study rooms.

Quite frequently charges are made that fraternities are extravagant; that too much money is spent in the construction of houses. In all probability the situation is quite the opposite. Most fraternity houses cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000 a person, or \$35,000 for thirty-five people. A house of this sort provides a decent exterior, a comfortable lower floor, but usually offers very little in the way of study rooms and living quarters. In the average fraternity house two people must dress, lounge and study in a room no larger than many cells. Furthermore, the room probably opens directly onto a hall from whence at all times of the day and night come disturbing noises from the other thirty or forty people. Small wonder that the casual student feels little inclination to seek the silence and repose of a quiet study when he or she knows that the quiet haven will probably result in a gainless bunk-fest before long.

Surely no one will deny that surroundings have an appreciable effect upon the mood of the average young man or woman. And when one contrasts the temptations for a studious evening in the average home with the attraction for study in the average fraternity house the difference is at once apparent. In one there is quiet and freedom from interruption. In the other there is noise, and constant interruptions from persons that apparently believe that brotherhood assumes an utter disregard for another's time and occupations.

Some day fraternities will come to the realization that the real function of a fraternity house is to provide a satisfactory place to study. When that time comes, the houses will be constructed with more attention to living quarters, and fraternities at the same time will play more respect to the rights of peace, non-interruption and the pursuit of quietude. When that time comes one of the most legitimate objections to fraternities will have been withdrawn.

Three Years Ago

Robert F. Craig was appointed Cadet Colonel of the R. O. T. C. regiment of the University by Major Sidney Erickson.

Herbert Yenne, instructor in Dramatics just returned from an interesting study of the theater and theater conditions on the west coast.

Merle Loder was elected president of the University Commercial club. Alpha Xi Delta sorority was awarded the intersorority scholarship cup for the second time.

Helen Huncher, Sigma Kappa, was given individual scholastic honors.

Ten Years Ago

Ag. College and School of Agriculture used second floor of horse barn for gymnasium.

William Jennings Bryan spoke to the faculty and University students in the Temple theater on the subject, "Lincoln's foremost citizen."

Phi Kappa Psi revived the ancient and honorable game of horseshoes. Nebraska University pledged \$10,000 to help relieve the prison camps of Europe.

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority entertained the whole University at tea informally after the football game with the Jayhawkers.

Fifteen Years Ago

Sororities decided to abandon the practice of tubbing.

A University French club was being organized.

A ban was put on the mid-week Vogue dancing parties.

Delta Upsilon defeated Delta Tau Delta in the interfraternity basketball league by a score of 17-11.

Professor Sarka Hrbkova gave a stereoscopic lecture on Bohemian life at convocation that proved very interesting.

DAILY NEBRASKAN APPLICATIONS

Applications for the positions of circulation manager and contributing editor of The Daily Nebraskan will be received until Wednesday noon, September 29.

Application blanks may be obtained in the School of Journalism office, University Hall 104, or from the Secretary of the Board, John K. Selleck, University Coliseum 106.

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Glee Club
Important business meeting of the old members of the Glee Club in Temple 202, at 5 P. M. Wednesday.

Home Ec Club
The Home Ec Club will meet in Ellen Smith Hall Tuesday evening, September 28, at 7 o'clock. Every girl registered in the College of Agriculture is urged to be there.

Sigma Delta Chi
Sigma Delta Chi will meet Thursday evening at 7:15 at the Phi Kappa Psi house.

Iota Sigma Pi
Iota Sigma Pi meeting Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 7:15 p. m. in Chemistry Hall.

Silver Serpents
The Silver Serpents initiation will be held Thursday evening at seven o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall.

Vesper Choir Tryouts
Vesper Choir Tryouts will be held at the Temple in Faculty Hall on Wednesday from 4-5, and Friday from 1-2.

Xi Delta
Xi Deltas please check in all money from Awgwan sale to Pauline Eilon at four o'clock, Wednesday at Ellen Smith Hall.

A. S. M. E. Meeting
A. S. M. E. meeting will be Friday evening Oct. 1 at 7 o'clock. All Methodist Episcopal students, especially freshmen, are invited. Snappy program and good eats.

Freshmen Gain First Opinions Of Army Life

A shirt that is probably too large, and a coat, the collar of which can't possibly be made to fit comfortably, puttees that are too tight and a pair of the heaviest shoes that he had ever worn constitute in the whole the freshman's first impression of Military Science in the R. O. T. C. department of the United States Army. Then he is given a long lecture on what to do, how and when to do it, which he probably forgets immediately. The varied and numerous commands of "ford harch!" "comp'ny alt!" "right hress!" "horder harms!" and so on that are shot at him without end, seem to him to be serious enough in the way they are given, but as far as having any intelligent meaning they are merely vocal explosions.

After nine months of this, he has a much clearer impression of what he is and has been doing. After he has learned that a rifle weighs only eight pounds and that marching is not so bad if you are accustomed to doing it. And that a uniform is in reality something a man should be proud to wear. Knowing this, he will be happy to tell anyone that Military Science is a constructive study and that it has made him a better man than he was before he entered the R. O. T. C.

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Freshman Council
Freshmen Y. M. C. A. council meeting will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 30, at seven-thirty in the Temple. All freshmen who are interested in this work are invited to attend.

Lutherans
The Lutheran Bible League will meet for Bible study Wednesday at 7 p. m. in room 202 Temple building.

Nu-Med Banquet
The First Nu-Med banquet of the year will be held Wednesday evening, September 29, at 6 o'clock at the Grand Hotel.

Glee Club
A meeting of the old members of the Glee Club will be held at the Library Wednesday at seven p. m. instead of at the Temple as previously announced.

Mystic Fish
An important meeting of all last years Mystic Fish will be at Ellen Smith Hall, Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7 p. m.

Dramatic Club
The Dramatic Club will meet Thursday at 7 p. m. in the Temple. All old members please be present.

Xi Delta Meeting
The regular Xi Delta meeting will be held at 7 o'clock Thursday evening in Ellen Smith Hall.

Lutheran Club
A Lutheran Club meeting will be held in Social Sciences on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 5 p. m.

There was one student from Sweden in the University of Nebraska summer session this year.

During 1925-26 there were 188 students registered for the degree of Master of Arts in the University of Nebraska.

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