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PROBATION WEEK

The freshman dreads it.
The sophomore looks forward to it.
The junior is unconcerned.
The senior is disgusted.
That's the evolution of the probation-week attitude of many a typical college student.

Making Rolls Royces Into Fords

A Chapel Talk on the Mishandling of Freshmen
By Rollin H. Walker
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In assuming an autocratic attitude toward freshmen, upperclassmen are laughably inconsistent. For at the very time that they are setting up over new students a paternalistic regime that reminds one of Russia under the Czars, they themselves in a hundred different ways are ostentatiously and passionately proclaiming the revolt of youth, and demanding freedom from the domination of father, mother, teacher, or any of the conventional restraints that the hoary wisdom of the past has laid down for the guidance of youth.

Imagine an attempt on the part of a university faculty to order the seniors about in the way in which one often hears of the pledged men in a group being sent hither and thither at the caprice of the committee that has them in charge! Suppose, for instance, at the next class the professor should read out peremptory orders to his major students to do the kind of things that freshmen are often commanded to do. How would you take it if your major professor should command you to appear at six o'clock tomorrow morning at his home to black his boots, or wash his automobile? What a fierce outcry there would be! But why would this be so highly improper coming from a professor, and yet quite the normal thing coming from a senior?

You understand, of course, that being an old professor, I am so used to college boys that I do not get excited over their larks. If some wag in a fraternity commands a freshman to rise at five o'clock in the morning, and perch himself on the back fence and crow like the bird of dawn, if the freshman is willing to do it, I do not propose to get the least bit excited.

Neither do I object to the rule that assigns to freshmen such jobs as cleaning out the ashes in the cellar. Only incidentally I would suggest that it would be a good thing for the seniors to put on their overalls and keep the freshmen company, and show them what an artistic finish four years of classical culture enables a man to give to such a job. And this on the principle that he that is greatest among you is to be least of all, and servant of all.

The Goose Step
What I am worried about is the occasional dominating contempt toward the sacredness of the personality of the freshman, and the not infrequent use of all kinds of pressure to force them into the goose step of the group. This, of course you understand, is no railing accusation against the groups as a whole. I have had too much experience with the kindly efforts of seniors to save freshmen from their follies, to be guilty of such injustice. But even when this interest is very benevolent, it is often officious to a degree that no senior would patiently endure from a member of the faculty.

But some one says, these freshmen are so foolish and conceited that they need some rough handling to make men of them. Or in other words, you say they need military discipline. Professor Dewey says that educationists disagree on almost every point, but there is one matter on which all educationists are at one—they agree that of all kinds of discipline, military discipline is the most ineffective.

I admit that one frequently finds a cocky and conceited freshman, but it is not better to use the method which mamma takes when wee little Johnnie acts silly before the household, supposing that he is being cunning? She simply gives a sign to the rest to pay no attention to him, feeling that he will soon stop if he is not noticed.

Freshmen are certainly not helped by being browbeaten and standardized by mechanical pressure. On the contrary, they need to be encouraged to express their individuality. Many of our freshmen are the only ones in the senior class of the little high school that came to college. The teacher noticed in them a certain uniqueness. The elements were so mixed in them that he felt instinctively that if they developed after their own individual manner a personality of dis-

junction would result. And so they have come here dreaming that they would find free and normal expression for the idealistic impulses that are surging up within them. But they have fallen into the hands of upperclassmen who are so busily engaged in standardizing them that if the process goes on they will become such factory-made products that if they lose one of their parts they will have no need to worry—they can replace it at the next garage.

There are men in the present senior class whom God Almighty designed to be unique and striking personalities. You were built on the plan of a Rolls-Royce but unfortunately the committee on pledging men in your group did not understand the mechanism of anything above a Ford, and the respects in which you differed from the Ford model of your group struck them as unfortunate eccentricities that needed to be taken out of you. And so they began the melancholy task of making over a Rolls-Royce into a Ford. They have not made a good Ford out of you, but there is reason to fear that they have forever ruined the Rolls-Royce. Sometimes you have regretful moments when you think back on your sensitiveness and idealism as a freshman. Sometimes you remember wistfully those glorious dreams which you brought to college, and there is a secret resentment at the way you were mishandled. But alas! the damage inflicted upon you is so deep as to make it difficult for you ever to get back to your old self.

Let me tell you, my friend, that it would have been better for the upperclassmen who coerced your personality out of its God-given trend, that a millstone had been hanged about their necks and they had been drowned in the depths of the sea.

And now, having received such injury from others, let me beg you not to inflict this damage upon the freshmen with whom you have to do. For God's sake, do not do it!

Now You Freshmen!

Let me speak a word to the freshmen themselves. Many of you come from homes whose traditions and standards are very much more refined than the traditions and standards of the upperclassmen who have so officiously taken you in charge. Your social intuitions are more to be trusted than theirs. The Master says, Call no man Rabbi. That is to say, Let no man do your thinking for you, let no man keep your conscience, let no man make your great decisions. There is only one person who has a right to dictate to you, and that is the One who in order to purchase that right died for you, and rose again.

Of course you must be ready to take criticism and profit by it. Of course you must welcome kindly suggestions from the upperclassmen. Of course if you are wise you will get much good from them. But if a concerted group of seniors try to browbeat you into doing violence to any of your finer instincts, I would rather let them kill me than submit to such an indignity.

One of the best things we like about the end of winter is the removal of those horrible storm doors leading into Red Long's student center.

IN-BRED COMMITTEES

One of the surest ways to kill interest in a campus project is to limit committee appointments to one of the underground political factions with which this campus seems to be irrevocably afflicted. The reason lies in the fact that the members of that one side do not support the thing any more merely because their men happen to be on the committees, and the members of the other side do not feel like contributing wholeheartedly to a project which to all intents and purposes is a private preserve of the other side. This is without mention of the possible inefficiency resulting in an in-bred selection of committee members.

Two committees for general student affairs have recently been announced. One of them contains a fairly equal division of the committee appointments between the two sides. The other is a rank one-faction affair, with 4 out of 7 appointments in one fraternity alone.

What influence this one factor may have on the success of the respective functions should be watched with interest by campus leaders who will be directing affairs next year.

A new house sometimes helps the old family tree.

In Other Columns

We pity these popular seniors when we see them cross the campus between classes. They exhaust themselves physically tipping their hats to coed friends and mentally by trying to remember the first names of everyone they meet.

The Declining Art of Writing

"The pen is mightier than the sword," once declared some thoughtful person, and opened up a question which has been a subject of debate for many years. Of course the phrase was used in a general sense, implying that the written word has more power and influence than have the implements of war. But it is interesting to note the fact that the statement taken literally is at present well nigh out of date.

To modernize the statement and to make it true to the present day one would have to put it something like this, "The typewriter is mightier than poisonous gas." The facts which this illustrates are only too true. The art of writing is fast becoming a lost art in our modern civilization; while the days when the sword was regarded as the symbol of battle have even more completely disappeared.

Writing, or what is now called writing, is still of course in common use, but the modern tendency seems to be for every one to ignore the recognized signs which represent the alphabet and to develop a species of shorthand, intelligible only to themselves. This is only too evident in present day business life, where practically all correspondence is typewritten. Business men realize the difficulty of interpreting letters written in ordinary long hand, and they save themselves and their correspondents considerable time and trouble by arranging their transactions thru the medium of the typewriter.

In college, the same tendency, tho not perhaps so great an extent, is to be distinctly observed. Any knowledge of the art of writing which the student may have acquired before coming to the university is soon lost upon his arrival, and the preset objectionable system of note-taking compels him to fall in line with his fellow students in inventing a suitable method of shorthand to enable him to take down the maximum number of facts in the minimum of time. Indeed, on the few occasions when he is compelled to write—in examinations—the results are decidedly poor, and it is extraordinary how the examiners are able to translate the scrawls presented to them.

But altho the university may be responsible for spoiling the writing of some students, the general bad writing of school children is remarkable. Schools at the present day pay little attention to the actual art of writing, and the children are hurried on to other things before they have their letters properly formed. If writing is not taught, something else must be, and typewriting seems to fill the breach as well as anything. Possibly it may not be many years before students at McGill may be seen attending lectures and examinations in company with a pocket typewriter.

—The M-GOP Daily

The Campus Pulse

Letters from readers are cordially welcomed in this department, and will be printed in all cases subject only to the common newspaper practice of keeping out all libelous matter, and attacks against individuals and religions. For the benefit of readers an arbitrary limit of 200 words has been set.

With the first semester examinations over comes phantom visions of graduation with rosy dreams of new worlds to conquer. This seems a very clear and pretty picture to all prospective graduates. But coupled with this dream so fair there lurks in the background that ever present and hovering figure which so often shatters the most rosy and fair of dreams of college education which has for many of us been a drain on the family pocketbook comes the added expenses that are coupled with graduation. The family at home have in the past made sacrifices that we might attain this one hour of realization of an ideal established when we were youngsters.

Should this hour of realization be shattered and the dream destroyed because of the stupidity and lack of foresight which has been shown by certain committees in charge of student affairs. Namely the invitation committee appointed by the first semester senior president. This committee illegally appointed by the first semester president acting outside his authority and beyond the scope of his power has entered into a contract causing each and every graduating student to pay exorbitant prices for every invitation thus increasing the price of graduating approximately two dollars a head.

The writer has heard from a reliable source that the Wesleyan students are receiving the identical invitation that is attempted to be forced on the Nebraska students at a reduction of 7 cents each. Remember the success of the student committee appointed on the rent-a-Ford question last year a suggestion that such a committee would not at all be out of order at present in regard to the invitation for graduating seniors. C. A. F.

Notices

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Junior-Senior Prom
There will be a meeting of the Junior-Senior Prom committee Thursday afternoon at the Phi Beta Phi house.

Phi Beta Phi
Xi Delta meeting seven o'clock Thursday at Xi Delta.

Palladian Literary Society
The annual boys' program will be given at the open meeting, Friday, 8:30 p. m. Everyone invited.

Scabard and Blade
Re-election of new members will be held at Nebraska Hall at 7 o'clock Thursday.

Kappa Phi
There will be a Kappa Phi party, given by the pledges for the members at Ellen Smith Hall, Friday, Feb. 25, at 8:15 p. m. This party was originally scheduled for Feb. 18.

Farmer's Fair
Meeting of all Chairmen of Farmer's Fair committees at 6:00 in Room 312, Home Economics Hall. Fill your tray in the cafeteria.

Journalism 186
Group 2 of Journalism 186, Ethics of the Press, will meet in U 106 Thursday at four.

Mythic Fish
Meeting of the Mythic Fish Thursday night at 7 p. m. in Ellen Smith Hall. Very important. Bring money for Cornhusker picture.

Pershing Rifle
Pershing Rifle meeting in Room 205, Nebraska Hall, tonight at 7:30. It is very important that every member be present, and especially members of the dance committee. Dance matters will be discussed. Uniforms are not necessary.

Freshman Council
On account of probation week there will be no Freshman Council meeting this week. Meet next Thursday 7 p. m. at Temple.

As Club meeting in Dairy Hall Auditorium at 7:30 Thursday February 24.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25
All Fraternities waiting group photos should make reservations at Campus Studio by this week to get rates of \$4.00. After March 1 rates will be \$5.00 per group.

MISCELLANEOUS
Notice
The Junior Hockey Team and the Sophomore Soccer Team meet at the Campus Studio at 8:45 Saturday morning. Dressed for an out-of-door picture. The Hockey Team may get sticks from the dressing room.

Sorority Girls Picture
The Cornhusker announced today that all sorority girls who have not yet had their pictures taken will be called personally in the next few days.

Union Literary Society
Open meeting of Union Literary Society. Everybody welcome. Discussion of Negro Literature. Friday, Feb. 25 at 8:30 Temple.

"HELL WEEK" CAUSES TROUBLE AT KANSAS

Lawrence, Kan. Feb. 22.—Following the arrest of 13 fraternity pledges for creating a disturbance in North Lawrence at 2 a. m. city officials and authorities of the University of Kansas met with representatives of the professional and social fraternities to consider means of curtailing the observance of fraternity "hell week".

"Hell week" is the term applied to a period of trial which some fraternities require that their pledges go through immediately prior to initiation. During this period the initiates are required to perform various stunts which require considerable midnight prowling, and which sometimes cause complaints from the citizens of the town.

Paper from Eucalyptus
Paper made from Brazilian eucalyptus at the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, University of Wisconsin, was found to be good newsprint stock.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED

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forecasting at Bergen Geo-Physical Institute, other Humanistic, technical and scientific subjects.

The awards will be \$1,000, and in a few cases, \$1,200. There will also be arrangements for some for a reduction in steamship rates on commercial vessels.

Can File Names Now
Application papers, including letters of recommendation and a photograph, must be filed at the office of the Foundation before March 15. Papers may be sent in directly, but if the candidate wishes the official endorsement of his college they should be filed at the office of the President or Dean of his college before March 1.

The successful candidates will be notified about April 15, after the final selection of fellows has been made by a jury of university professors and technical experts appointed by the Foundation.

In order to get any additional information, the student should see Dr. E. A. Alexis at the city campus or Professor O. W. Sjogren at the College of Agriculture. Application papers will be mailed on request to James Creese, secretary of The American-Scandinavian Foundation.

TIGERT WILL GIVE ADDRESS

National Educator Is On Oklahoma Commencement Program

Norman, Feb. 23. (Special)—Dr. John Tigert, national commissioner of education, of Washington, D. C., will deliver the commencement address at the University of Oklahoma, June 7, President W. B. Bliznell announced today.

Before his appointment as commissioner of education, Doctor Tigert was a member of the faculty of the University of Kentucky. He was an Oxford scholar and made a brilliant record overseas during the war. The baccalaureate sermon on June 5 will be delivered by Dr. Harry C. Wyman, president of William Jewell College, at Liberty, Mo.

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Printing Of Cornhusker Has Started

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to draw from a delightful twenty pages will portray Nebraska life in the current year. The football season will be shown in a distinctive layout, something Nebraska students have anticipated for several years. All pictures in the 1927 book will be mounted on a gray background with a white tooled line around each picture, making a better appearance in the whole book.

Deadline Dates Set
To facilitate matters and to help in assembling the mass of copy which is still due several deadline dates have been set by the editorial staff. All copy and pictures for the engraver must be in by March 15th. All pictures of military officers and sponsors, which includes majors, captains, battalion adjutants, staff officers and second-in-command captains must be taken by the first of March. This is imperative for the military section will be one of the first printed, and all pictures must be in so that engravings can be made.

So many fraternity and sorority members have not yet had their pictures taken that the staff has given them until Saturday noon to go to either Hauck's or Townsend's studio to have their individual pictures taken. The following list includes sorority women who have not appeared at either studio. If there are any mistakes and any of the people have had their pictures taken they should see the studio and have the mistake corrected. Sorority women who do not have their pictures for their panel are:

- Alpha Chi Omega: Dorothy Barron, Lois Grandstaff, Grace Jensen.
Alpha Delta Phi: Corneilia Baskin, Corine Colburn, Mary Gossman, Inez Mae Latta, Evelyn Scholz, Dorothy Vopat, Marie Dieckrich, Mary Heavin.
Alpha Delta Theta: Beatrice Ruwe, Hazel Scott, Violet Valery, Elma Carter, Mariag David, Emma Harry.
Alpha Omicron Pi: Frances Aiken, Barbara Eberton, Beatrice Florence, Geraldine Heikes, Mary Margaret Daubitt, Mildred Stahl.
Alpha Phi: Rachel Parham, Anna Alexander, Genevieve Morris, Jane Stocks, Marjorie Carr, Madeline Hunt, Leta Irwin, Genevieve Tyler.
Beta Tau Alpha: Eva Williams, Margaret Brown.
Alpha Xi Delta: Virginia Dougal, Leona Kern.
Chi Omega: Viola Forsell, Margaret Sanderson, Frances Wiggins, Catherine Graves, Evelyn Wood.
Delta Delta Delta: Vera Welsh, Evelyn Stotts.
Delta Gamma: Maxine O'Donnell, Mary Elliott Mahin.
Delta Zeta: Merle Herzog, Flora Louise Scott, Florence Florence, Winifred McClure, Ruth Shalloson.
Gamma Phi Delta: Jean Hall, Eunice Hammer, Virginia Vorhes, Helen Henderson, Ermannell Welsh.
Kappa Delta: Florence Tucker, Evelyn Stewart, Mary Louise Welsh, Alice Leslie, Nettie Ury, Marjory Hall, Merna Kellough, Frances Leiders, Grace Pierce, Betty York, Margaret Anderson, Dorothy Babcock, Frances Johnston, Margaret Smith, Louise Teb-

beta, Evelyn Templin, Helen Walter, Mildred Retson.
Kappa Kappa Gamma: Helen Graham, Pauline Oswald, Catherine LaMasters, Josephine LaMaster, Charlotte Miller, Edith Sadler, Margaret Saunders, Edna Charlton, Elizabeth Douglas, Anita Fisher, Margaret Metville, Frances Elizabeth Thornton, Margaret Turley, Helen Wall, Olive Bartley, Jane Everett, Helen Leffingwell.
Phi Omega Pi: Julia Death, Frances Peckham, Bernice Clatterbuck, Julia Gerber, El Beta Phi: Caroline Everett, Virginia Becker, Gwen Mackey, Lola Stevens, Elmer Foley, Eleanor Mills, Hilda Ulstrom.
Sigma Kappa: Helen Blah, Louisa Hill, Edna Blumenthal, Louise Van Stieck, Edythe Hudson, Martha Wallmer, Minerva Workam.
Theta Phi Alpha: Violet Dunlap, Genevieve Carroll, Frances McFeeley, Rose Komarr.

NEBRASKANS MEET AGGIES SATURDAY

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Rodgers, sophomore, Morrison is captain of the team and has had three years of collegiate debating experience. This is the first year of debating for the others.

The Kansas team will debate the same question with the University of South Dakota at Vermillion Friday evening.

Librarian At South Dakota Gets Mention

Vermillion, S. D., Feb. 23.—Mabel K. Richardson, librarian at the University of South Dakota, received special mention in the recent contest conducted by the New York Times for the best essay on the value of the Times index and file as a newspaper record. Miss Richardson placed fourth in the contest in which librarians from many states competed.

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