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NO DIVORCE HERE

No marriage vows were ever as strict or as rigidly enforced as the vows of membership in a college fraternity.

If a married couple finds it cannot live congenially, a divorce is the customary procedure. Remarriage with other parties who will make more agreeable mates ordinarily follows.

But if a fraternity member becomes dissatisfied with his fraternity, either on account of changes in himself or on account of later accessions of new members who gradually change the character of the group so that it is no longer as congenial to him as when he joined, there is nothing he can do about it. He can get a divorce, to be sure, and withdraw from membership.

But as for marrying again into some other group, it is just about as impossible as a Hindoo trying to become an American citizen. It just isn't done.

So we find numbers on numbers of college fraternity members who are discontented with their associates, but who have to endure with the disagreeable condition because the system provides no means for a separation or later connection with another group more congenial.

Especially is this feeling marked among pledges who have been with a group for several months. Many of them are probably downright disgusted with the group they have elected to join. They would jump at the opportunity of quitting and affiliating with some other more congenial group, but they just can't. And then rather than withdraw and break their pledges, and be a barbarian, they passively submit just in order to become members of some fraternity. This feeling is most evident among sorority pledges because sororities pledge new members only at stated intervals, and are not allowed to raid others as are fraternities which are permitted to pledge all the year round.

Probably the biggest reason for these maladjustments is freshman pledging. The youngsters, green as blades of freshgrown oats, come to the campus a few days before school starts, go through a giddy four or five days of high-pressure entertainment, and while their bewildered heads are in the greatest whirl they are forced to decide with which group they will irrevocably align themselves. They don't even have time or opportunity to check up on all the highflown sales arguments put out by the master salesmen of the rush committees.

Then a few weeks later when the mirage clears away, and they have recovered from their headaches, and come back to normal somewhat from their initial enthusiasm at making the "best" sorority or fraternity on the campus, they realize with a dull pain, that everything is not quite as rosy as they had anticipated.

A system such as we now have of intensive rushing and inseparable union afterwards, is just about as logical as would be a system of universal irrevocable marriages following a period of only four or five days whirlwind, mad courtship.

The remedy lies in some form of delayed pledging which would give the bewildered freshmen some opportunity of surveying the field and making their own decision coolly and calmly. Whether this should be two weeks after school begins, or a whole year later, it is impossible to say. Experiment is the only way to find out. But the present system of blind, mad, rushing before school even starts is the height of folly. It is a gloriously irrational inconsistency as compared with the reputed attempt in university and college to rationalize and reason out everything.

Some boys think the girls come to college to get married. We think they're wrong. College is a pretty bad market. The longer the boys stay here the less money they have to get married on, and the more they find out about the women.

79 MORE DAYS AND WE GRADUATE

Seniors who are not busy madly gathering together enough credits to graduate in June, are probably even more busy these days lining up a job.

And it's pretty serious business for the majority of them, too.

Most of them have gone through college only after devastating inroads on their own pocketbooks or those of their families. They've got to go out now and recoup, pay back all the money they owe, and at the same time keep up the relatively high standard of living they have become accustomed to in four years of college life.

It's a problem more complicated than any calculus mystery or chemical riddle encountered and conquered in the four years behind sheltered walls of lecture rooms. The calculus and the chemistry problems, objective things as they are, have a way of giving up when they are tackled with enough study and determination. Getting on in the world is different. There the opposing forces are not stationary like a granite wall waiting to be battered down. They are alive and ever finding new ways of making things harder and more complicated.

The average college senior at graduation time is at a period of life when he has to make a final decision soon concerning his life work or at least a definite decision concerning the field in which he will pursue his life work. He doesn't have much time to go shopping around and getting adjusted. He took four years of youth ordinarily allotted to that settling-down period to go to college.

When he realizes that his whole future probably depends in great part on the first job he gets after graduation, the graduate is going to be quite cautious, careful, and farseeing before he makes a decision.

quickly reached maximum beyond which even the extraordinary man cannot go.

Then there are other occupations which pay low relatively to start with, but do not seem to have any limit for those who are really capable.

The graduate has in many cases the choice between high salary now, but not for very long, and low salary now with every prospect of a whole lot later on.

That's one way to look at it purely from the financial end. But that isn't the only thing. A man should choose an occupation which he enjoys and which he knows he will enjoy for a good many years. There and only there can he make the most of himself. This should probably be the great deciding factor regardless of the salary feature of the job. It should be the deciding factor for anybody, but especially for the college graduate who presumably has been learning not how to make a living, but how to live better.

In the fall we can't study because there's too much football and too much bonfire spirit raging. In winter we can't because they're too many parties. And in the spring—well you know what it is.

The announcement that reserved seats for University Night will be put on sale next Monday morning, reminds us that last year our freshman was fourth in line, and the best he could get was a row of seats up in the balcony.

In Other Columns

Etiquette in College

In recent years a number of colleges have extended their curriculums to include courses in etiquette. Such courses have proved very popular with student bodies and the movement to inaugurate similar courses has spread to the larger universities.

Formerly, the manners of the student were taken for granted or he was expected to pick up a knowledge of good form by means of his social contacts. One cannot stay on the campus for many months without learning that "How do you do?" is good form, while "Pleased to meet you" is not. College courses in etiquette provide the student with the means of passing as a reasonably civilized being.

However, a course in etiquette is no assurance that the student will act like a civilized being. Boorishness cannot be alleviated by burning the midnight oil over "The Blue Book of Social Usage." Someone has said that fine manners are instinctive and observation seems to bear out this description. At least etiquette courses standardize good manners and make the observance of social usage available to everyone.

It is a curious fact that politeness and efficiency are linked together in some quarters of the American scene. The "he man" of America would be false to the traditions of his 100 per cent Nordic ancestry should he deign to show a consideration for the feelings of others. Fortunately, this curious attitude is not universal, tho it unquestionably obtains in the more benighted areas of the Corn Belt. College courses in etiquette can do a great deal to combat this rather puerile conception.

—The Oklahoma Daily

Are Diplomas Liabilities?

College diplomas hinder rather than help the average young man in starting his business career, J. F. Hallwachs, employment secretary of the Central Y. M. C. A. at Chicago, told the Associated Press the other day.

"A diploma in the right hand, a fraternity key on the watch chain, and a generous portion of psychology, languages and history in the head, are no longer the best stepping stones to business," declared the secretary. "In fact, here in Chicago, the culture achieved in a university is just a bit of a handicap."

The prospect of starting out in life without much technical training, and consequently at a small salary, is undoubtedly discouraging to many a college senior. He expects big money and rapid advancement too early. He is accustomed to a high standard of living, and the drop from campus life to bread earning may in some cases be disheartening.

But Mr. Hallwachs probably has a distorted view of the university man. The best of the graduates do not go to the Y. M. C. A. agency to secure employment. Many of them never go to any employment agency at all. When they do it is rather a sign that they are down and out.

It is perhaps true that the college senior expects too much of the world as soon as he gets his diploma. But that does not prove that education is a handicap. Disillusionment comes soon, and when the college man learns that he must start near the bottom and produce, he is almost certain to advance much faster than his uneducated competitor.

—The Arkansas Traveler

Movie of a Student "Cramming" for an Exam

Enters room with a weary sigh and a high resolve to study as he never studied before. Walks firmly to chair and seats himself in it. Picks up book, opens it and looks about for reading list. Must be in notebook somewhere. Gets up, looks through notebook, cleans out pockets of three suits. Becomes engrossed in old theater program. Sighs wearily.

Finds reading list in pocket of third suit. Sits down again. Starts to read. Gets up. Places pillow on chair and feet on another chair. Starts to read. Mouth feels dry. Gets drink of water. Picks out pipe with great care, fills and lights it. Settles back in chair with grunt of satisfaction. Reads 15 pages. Eyes begin to water. Turns nervously to reading list and notes with horror he has 334 pages to go. Glances at watch. Nine o'clock. Reads 10 more pages.

Mechanical piano in neighboring apartment house begins to clank out "Always". Student grits teeth. Man in next room begins to sing with the piano. Student becomes exceeding wrath. Yells to man in next room, "shut up!" Sixteen other students join in the cry. Someone yells "Water!" Student casts book aside and thrusts head out of window. Yells "water!" with the best of them. Next half hour is devoted to bantering with Joe Glotz on the floor below. "Howya hittinum, Joe?" "Fine. Howya hittinum?" "Notashot." "Well, I gotta study. See ya some more."

Chapel bell strikes 10. Student becomes nervous. Three hundred and twenty-four pages to go. Reads madly for an hour. Gets another drink of water and lights cigarette. Wonders idly what the old buzzard will ask on the exam. Draws caricature of prof on margin of book and amuses himself by burning out the eyes with a cigarette. Reflects college is the bunk anyhow. Feels warm. Removes shirt. Puts on green eyeshade and wraps cold towel around head. Figures he must look like the real student now. Reads steadily for fully seven minutes.

Eyes begin to get cloudy. Puts on shirt and trudges over to delicatessen for cup of coffee. "Black" he says in hollow tones. Delicatessen clerk looks properly impressed. "Guess you fellers gotta study pretty hard, eh?" Student merely replies "God!" gulps down coffee and goes back to room. Is firmly determined to study until 2 o'clock. Reads 15 pages.

Reflects on observation made by prof that good night's sleep is best preparation for an exam. Decides he can go to bed now and get up early in the morning. Having thus squelched his conscience, prepares for bed with a sage shake of the head and a sigh of self-pity at being so overworked.

—Columbia Spectator

Notices

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Math Club
 Meeting of Math Club on Thursday, March 17, in room 304 Mechanics Arts at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a number of short talks.

Dramatic Club
 Dramatic Club will meet Thursday, March 17, at 7 p. m. show in the Club Rooms.

Tassel
 Meeting at Ellen Smith Hall, Thurs. at 7 o'clock.

Scabard and Blade
 Scabard and Blade meeting in Nebraska Hall at 7:30 p. m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11
 Palladian Literary Society
 Seniors will be in charge of the program for the open meeting Friday at 8:30 p. m. Everyone invited.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19
 Lutheran Club
 Meeting of University Chess Club, Saturday at 7:30, Y. M. C. A. room Temple. All students interested in chess are invited.

MONDAY, MARCH 21
 Lutheran Club
 Lutheran Club Lenten Meditation Monday evening, March 21, 8 p. m., Room 204, Temple Building, theme "The Crisis of the Cross." All Lutheran students cordially invited to attend.

One Year Ago

Thomas Q. Harrison was the speaker at Vespers in Ellen Smith Hall. The service was led by Sylvia Lewis and was the fourth of a group of services arranged by the Vesper committee on the general subject of prayer during the Lenten Season. Mr. Harrison was the secretary of the Fellowship of Youth at Peace, a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University, and has also studied at the Boston Theological school.

The Nebraska Wrestling team returned from the Missouri Valley Conference Championship meet at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Although Skinner of the Nebraska team took a first in the 146-pound and Kellogg and Tunning each won a second, Nebraska was only able to place third in the meet.

The A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Mr. Rosborough of the University School of Music, gave a series of out-of-town concerts. According to their schedule they appeared at Falls City, St. Joseph, Mo., Marysville, Mo., and gave two concerts in Kansas City.

CHIAA WORKER SAYS WE ARE PREJUDICED

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 Russia has, as being equal, as being friends, the Chinese would have the same feeling towards us, but, as Mr. Rugh stated, the western countries are too afraid of losing some wealth that they do not take in consideration the feelings of the Chinese.

"If America would move out of China and try to be a friend instead of a threat, the Chinese would immediately change their attitude and turn again toward Christianity," Mr. Rugh declared, "for as it is now, the Russians have led them to believe that communism will give them more than religion." Consequently they have given up religion to a great extent to, as they think, aid their country.

The newspapers are giving us sensational accounts of the revolutions, as they are termed, but they give only what the public desires, the thrilling material and no not cover all the facts. The opinion that the American public has, has not been extended enough because all that the Chinese want is equal rights, respect and friendship.

"All that is wrong with us is that we are too prejudiced," concluded Mr. Rugh. "Russia is taking America's place because they foresaw what America did not. A new China."

Debating Is Not Dead At Nebraska

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 merly. More people are hearing debates but not at any one debate. The Oxford debaters attracted big crowds.

"Oxford style debating has been called the biggest improvement in American debating." Professor White evidently didn't think so. "The Oxford style has in some places degenerated into an exercise of smartness,

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Said the Highland Laddie, "So do I, but I wait until after eight-thirty in the evening. The rates are lower then!"

Which, according to tradition, was characteristic—yet wise.

Enjoy a Weekly Chat With The Folks Back Home!

HUNT IS NAMED Y. M. C. A. HEAD

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 great Shanghai outbreak ended all meetings. He added that the Chinese must work out the spirit of Christ for themselves but it is only right that the United States should share some of its Christian spirit with China.

After this interesting talk, refreshments were served, and a round-table discussion resulted in the bringing up of many important questions, some of which will be discussed at the cabinet dinner tomorrow night in the Temple cafeteria "Y" rooms. Others interested are invited.

The big hope for debating in the future is getting subjects in which a definite audience is interested. The most practical plan is for the audience to suggest a subject and then to let the debaters take the subject to the audience. We have to admit that that means taking the debate from the campus but I predict that audiences will be drawn more and more from outside the University."

Professor White reiterated his confidence in the plan of carrying the debate to the audience. "The best idea," he declared. "The idea of carrying the debate to the people is very popular," he added. He expressed belief that in such a system, intercollegiate debating held its best hopes of giving valuable practice to debaters and interesting, worthwhile, discussions to audiences.

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