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Sucking Its Thumbs.

TUESDAY evening a select group of official representatives from each fraternity on the Nebraska campus gathered to discuss violations of Interfraternity council rush week rules. The fact that there had been numerous and glaring infractions of the Greek law was evident.

With commendable spirit and enthusiasm charges were brought against certain fraternities. The time seemed ripe for drastic action, the upshot of which would be beneficial to rush week conditions and to the status of fraternities in general.

The council's splendid burst of initiative dwindled, however, and the charges were smoothed over and dropped. What might have been a reasonable justification for the existence of a body such as the Interfraternity council was swept away on a breeze of useless words. The council remained mute and inactive, sucking its Greek thumbs.

Does the Interfraternity council realize that fraternities on the Nebraska campus are on an extended trial? The citizenry of the state is serving as a jury—a jury that is far from being unprejudiced.

Rush week stands as an ugly blot on the life of fraternities. Unless it is corrected, improved or abolished the fraternity system itself is due to suffer.

Each year, for lack of forceful leadership, the question has been put off and allowed to smoulder until the actual fire has died out and the smoke is inoffensive.

Last year, following a reorganization of the body, rushing rules were passed, adherence to which was required and demanded of each fraternity. There was no mistaking the intent for the laws were published after enactment, and a letter containing them was sent to each fraternity prior to the beginning of rushing.

Ignorance was no excuse for violation. Now, with positive proof of violation in its hands, the Interfraternity council suffered pangs of soft-heartedness and allowed the transgressors to escape with a slight amount of unsavory publicity. Can this go on forever?

The eyes of the student body are focused on the council. Its inefficiency has become a tradition, but its reorganization was hailed as the opportunity for a fresh start.

Let the Interfraternity council remember that it represents the system at large and is not intended to be the sheltering wing under which a few ugly Greek ducklings can hide their mistakes.

If politics have entered the working system of the organization to such an extent that it cannot deal properly with its affairs, then reconstruction was futile. The thinking public of the university will not be able to swallow the council's procrastination indefinitely.

Following Tuesday's meeting it was announced that rushing rules will be brushed up and adopted for the rush period of 1930. Such information is bitter to those who have been waiting for action.

Formation of laws is comparatively simple. Effective and efficient enforcement is the present need. The Interfraternity council has slipped up again.

Classroom Courtesy.

In requesting, in an entirely fair manner, that instructors be given the undivided attention of members of the class until the close of the hour, a university professor Wednesday suggested that in so doing students might acquire a habit that would not be out of place on many other occasions. Consideration for others, she said, should prompt one to maintain their attention in the classroom, in the church, and at the theater.

University students seem to accept, almost as a matter of course, the plan of devoting the closing minutes of each lecture to a snapping of notebooks, closing of pens, collection of books, and any other details necessary for a grand exit at the sound of the bell.

Certainly this last minute confusion must be disturbing both to the professor and those members of the class who are sufficiently interested to pay full attention until the class is dismissed. The sight of a half dozen watches, held as though for the timing of a hundred-yard dash, must be far from encouraging to the instructor who is bringing to a close the details of his discussion.

Whether the instructor who habitually holds his class for several extra minutes is deserving of entire respect, is a different matter. The professor who makes a policy of releasing his class promptly, however, deserves consideration in return for the consideration he shows for the class.

Disrespect developed in the classroom

may easily be carried into situations where it is even more out of place, until it becomes not a matter of intentional rudeness, but the thoughtless compliance with a well formed habit.

The stage has long taken occasion to deride the ones who make a policy of leaving the theater before the finale. Certainly students would show at least as much respect for those who seek to instruct as those who seek to entertain.

Warm autumn days make a fifty minute period seem rather long, but no longer for the student than for the instructor who tries in vain to hold the attention of his class until the sound of the bell.

Hand of Fellowship.

To welcome officially the green capped boys and the shy freshman coeds and to initiate them into the true Cornhusker spirit of the institution, a giant convocation has been set for this morning in the coliseum. Could there be made a more organized movement at Nebraska, involving the hundreds of freshmen, that would appeal more to the hearts of those who are new in the university?

Nebraska is proud of its traditions, its spirit and the types of men and women which yearly graduate. Also this institution of learning prides itself in the men and women, guardians of character and tradition, who will address the freshmen this morning.

As our school years roll by we cannot help but remember when we first heard the Cornhusker oath and the song which cheers our teams on through victory and defeat. It becomes a part of our lives.

So today the hand of fellowship will be extended to the newcomer, with the hope that his university career may be of great value to him, not only for the present but for all time to come.

Name, Please!

Already The Nebraskan has received communications from readers concerning current topics but has been forced to reject publication of them due to the lack of identity of the writers. As we said in these columns Wednesday, we are always glad to receive opinions of other students; in fact, we invite them.

But we must know who writes the contributions. There is no newspaper in the country that will publish anonymous letters. It is bad practice and has proved to entail deleterious effects. Give us your name and we'll publish your article with or without your identity being disclosed, depending entirely upon your own wishes.

The Fountain—Again.

The Daily Nebraskan notes with pleasure, and some pride, that the fountain in University hall is now an honest to goodness fountain. As contrasted to its feeble performance of a few days ago, the water now gurgles forth with sufficient force to be accessible to a person of normal construction.

Perhaps the repairing of the fountain was arranged with no reference to the editorial in The Nebraskan pleading for such repairs. But there is a slight chance that act was a direct result of the editorial plea. Assuming that this is the case, the paper rejoices at having won its first editorial battle.

Some enterprising company will probably begin manufacturing a fraternity house typewriter without any keys, ribbon, letters or spaces.

Now that Indian summer is upon us again we can get some more wear out of last summer's apparel.

Campus political machines are once more in whirl. Perhaps we're electing another May Queen.

The parking problem is so serious at one sorority house that six new lounges have been ordered.

The trouble with most recitations is that the professors think nothing of them.

Fraternity fathers will soon be able to sit back and let the son dial.

Echoes of the Campus.

Letters from readers are cordially welcomed in this department, and will be printed in all cases subject to the common newspaper practice of keeping out of all libelous matter and attacks against individuals and religions. For the benefit of readers a limit of 250 words has been set. The name of the author must accompany each letter, but the full name will not be published unless so desired by the contributor.

Art for Art's Sake.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: Rattle, rattle, rattle, and a half hundred newspapers were lifted to obscure the vision of a like number of students from a current vaudeville bill being presented at a local theater. As one were the "dailies" brought into view and, needless to state, the result was annoying.

The episode was only a repetition of similar ones that have occurred in the past. About once a year a certain group of students on this university campus feel obligated to censure some stage attraction at one or another of the local theaters and usually take the newspaper means of doing so.

We are not upholding the theaters, here, claiming that all of their presentations are above censorship and criticism, but we are attempting to point out that it is not the duty of or becoming to any individual or group of students to assume this responsibility. Furthermore it brings down undue criticism on the entire student body when such actions as those mentioned above are resorted to—regardless of the motive.

The university needs and welcomes any favorable publicity which may be granted it but actions such as those occurring in said local theater this week can only bring adverse publicity for the university as a whole and smears an unnecessary blur on collegiate reputation. Furthermore, to use plain words, it's an insult to Nebraska spirit. Let's watch it! JOHN STUDENT.

Between the Lines.

By LASALLE GILMAN.

"BETWEEN the Lines" appeared for the last time on May 30 and among those who sighed with relief, the one who scribbles it out was much in evidence. Now he stands to look askance at another year of it. Seventy columns of book review would give any normal person alarm. Not the columns themselves but the more strange titles and advertisements I find reviews and advertisements in book form. Having printed out several times before, unnecessarily, that the author is not a critic or even a fair judge of literature, he hereby expresses his hope that he will be allowed a generous modicum of tolerance from the few who follow his ramblings among the book-shops and libraries, digging out current literature and pertinent magazine articles. Excelsior! (Which may be taken either way.)

The publishers no doubt did a rushing business during the summer, for having returned to civilization again to peer into the book reviews and advertisements I find several thousand or more strange titles and strange names. Summer vacation for some persons is not conducive to heavy reading, especially when the books cannot find their way to the reader.

I was fortunate, then, to find among the few novels available, that most excellent war book, "All Quiet on the Western Front." Though the book came out late in the spring, it met with such success that it is now running into several editions, and is acclaimed by the Book-of-the-Month club as one of the two best war stories of the year, the other being "The Case of Sergeant Grischka."

Erich Remarque, the author, was a private soldier in the German army during the World war. What he saw there and felt, and what he did he has set down. It is written as fiction though based on experiences. "All Quiet" is superb poetry for while the official reports said "all quiet," he has shown what was actually going on. There is little or no attempt to philosophize, to describe at length. All panegyric is avoided and the facts speak for themselves. It is stark and straight and naked, this book, and as a text for that type and style, it has no equal.

"Father William" is a rather amusing novel, but not at all up to the standard Donald Ogden Stewart has set heretofore. He won his reputation with the general public through "The Book of Etiquette," which is a most hilarious parody on other "books of etiquette." "Father William" is based on Lewis Carroll's verse: "You are old, father William, the young man said. And your hair has become very white; And yet you incessantly stand on your head. Do you think, at your age, it is right?"

Last March the American Mercury offered two prizes, each of \$500, for articles by American college graduates of 1929, discussing their experiences in college. In the October issue of that magazine the two winning articles have been published, and are of great interest no doubt, to any undergraduate, professor or alumnus.

Samuel Lipsturtz, to whom the prize for men went, took his A. B. at the University of Pennsylvania in June. The other was Olive Brossow, who was given the A. B. cum laude by Northland college, Northland, Wis. These two won over 169 other contestants. Mr. Lipsturtz

Geography Students Under Lackey Go On Field Tour

Prof. E. E. Lackey, in supervision of twenty students, toured for two weeks beginning Aug. 10 through Yellowstone park, Salt Lake oasis and the Colorado Rockies. The party traveled by day while Professor Lackey gave brief talks on the territory through which they were touring. At night their one large auto bus stopped at a convenient auto camp along the way. The tour served as an extension course with three hours credit.

The plans for this geography tour had been under way since some time early last winter, and reservations were held for months in advance. The tour was the first of its kind to be undertaken by Nebraska students.

Some of the high points of the journey were a trip through the agricultural land of central Nebraska, an object lesson in industry when the tourists passed through the beet field region of the North Platte valley, the interesting soil formation in Goshen's Hole, oil wells in western Wyoming, Hell's Half Acre with its interesting topography, Owl Creek mountains, Bird's Eye pass, and the Big Horn valley, which led the travelers to Cody, the eastern gateway to Yellowstone. Two days were spent studying the wonders of Yellowstone, its geysers and terraces, its

plants and animals. From here the students visited Snake river valley, the Columbia Plateau, and thence journeyed on through the ranges of southwestern Idaho and Cache valley. An interesting geographical study was made of the Salt Lake oasis. The travelers crossed the Wasatch mountains, headed southward through Heber and on to Vernal.

A red letter day was spent in the Colorado Rockies, and a day of great sightseeing in Estes park, finally a two days return trip to Lincoln.

The travelers wore knickers with light coats, and carried blankets for cooler regions. They traveled as light as possible.

Those who made the trip were Mary Helen Wiebe, Gertrude Wiebe of Beatrice; Mary A. Purcell, Nellie L. Kelly, Erma Nicholson, Russell Oliver, Fern McClellan, Frances Schmitt, of Lincoln; Ida McClintock of Neligh; Christine G. Sherrey of Grand Island; Winifred Tracy, Mildred Campbell and Ida Hoehne of Adams; Alpha Peterson and Marie E. Kaufman of Plattsmouth; Margaret E. James and Clara M. James of York; Freda E. Ihrig and Minnie C. Ihrig of Johnson, and E. W. Matejorsky of Geneva.

had attended a large university. Miss Brossow had attended a very small one.

As Mencken says in an editorial: "They represent aptly two sorts of students who are issuing copiously from the educational rolling mills of the land—first, those to whom the four years in college are no more than a challenge and a stimulant, and second, those to whom they are an overwhelming revelation and deliverance." The articles are pungent and fresh, and Mr. Lipsturtz, especially, would give anyone connected with this university something to think about.

Student publications are developing new life as the semester sets in. There appear to have been a few changes in The Nebraskan under the new staff. The Cornhusker Countryman is working under new leadership on its first issue, as is the Awwgwan, which has lowered its rates to ten cents an issue. It is due to make its first appearance early in October. Engineers are blasting out their first Blue Print. There are even signs of activity in the Cornhusker office. The Prairie Schooner had its summer issue out during August and is now calling for material for the fall number, to be off the press some time during November.

In short, the scholastic year seems to have started. Dust is being formed on the drill field by green topped, non-uniformed freshmen who are learning to do a ragged squads right. Nonchalant pledges lug piles of paddles about the campus. Faint snores are already issuing from hot afternoon classrooms. They're shelling out for student athletic tickets, for publication subscriptions, for the privilege of attending extra classes, for mailed milk, for textbooks, Lincoln banks are picking up. By all signs, it's apparent that this institution is again functioning frantically. Pity, then, for the saturated senior. But more pity for the frivolous freshman; he has

four years of cheers, lectures, criba, cuts, dates, crams, exams, professors, flunks, books, vacations, libraries, dances, cars, quizzes and classes ahead of him. Again, however, Excelsior!

ALL-UNIVERSITY CHURCH PROGRAM SET FOR FRIDAY

(Continued From Page 1.) expected fine receptions in the nine churches of the city. The pastor of the church together with the president of the Methodist student council will be introduced at each reception.

Big sisters are to take their little sisters to these receptions, the Big Sister board announced Monday night.

The churches which are to have receptions follow:

First Baptist, Fourteenth and K streets.

Second Baptist, Twenty-eighth and S streets.

First Christian, Sixteenth and K streets.

First Plymouth Congregational, Seventeenth and A streets.

Vine Congregational, Twenty-fifth and S streets.

University Episcopal, Thirteenth and R streets.

All Lutheran churches, Morrill hall, gallery "A."

Elm Park Methodist, Twenty-ninth and Randolph streets.

Emmanuel Methodist Episcopal, Fifteenth and U streets.

Eighth Methodist Episcopal, Thirtieth and Holdrege streets.

First Methodist Episcopal, University Place.

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Sixteenth and M streets. Trinity Methodist Episcopal, Sixteenth and A streets. Warren Methodist Episcopal, Forty-fifth and Orchard streets. First Presbyterian, Seventeenth and F streets. Westminster Presbyterian, South street and Sheridan boulevard. Second Presbyterian, Twenty-sixth and P streets. Presbyterian Manor, 333 North Fourteenth street. All Souls Unitarian, Twelfth and H streets.

KANSAS REPORTS ENROLLMENT GAIN OF FOUR PERCENT

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Increase in all classes at the University of Kansas are reported by Registrar George O. Foster. With the bulk of students registered for the 1929-30 session, the increase is in excess of 4 percent, Mr. Foster said.

On Wednesday night of this week, when class enrollments were completed, total registration was 3,952, compared to 3,787 on the same date last year, and with 3,907 on Saturday night a year ago. In fact, the Wednesday night registration was greater than the Saturday night registration of any previous year.

Increase in the upper classes, led by the junior colleges of the state, continued this year, and the freshman-sophomore registration, which has been nearly stationary for several years, also showed increase, Mr. Foster said.



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