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A Great Undertaking.

Society opens its whirl of activities at the University of Nebraska this week end. Greek letter organizations are precluding the season with house dances to be followed later by downtown fall, spring and formal affairs. Many students, especially those socially inclined, have looked forward to this time and are waiting in expectation for the first event.

So good so far, for the Greek student. Fraternities and sororities almost entirely restrict attendance at their functions to members of these select groups. Hence, the nonfraternity students, known more commonly as Barbs, are left out in the rain, to seek their own places of amusement.

However, this particular problem of university society will at all events be solved this year. All University parties, the first of a series taking place Saturday evening of this week, will give opportunity to Barb and Greek alike to attend the same function. There will be no class distinctions to bar anyone from this occasion.

The idea of All University parties is not a new one at Nebraska. Prior to this year, there were such affairs going on under the name of Varsity parties. The original purpose of Varsity parties was to be an all university social gathering; therefore the All University party of the present appears only to be a change in name.

But this "original purpose" has not been followed out to the letter; nor is the new plan of parties merely a change in name, but a change in control as well. These functions, when they were known as Varsity parties, were under the control of a chairman and a committee appointed by the Student Council. Even though the selection of committee and sub-committee members was nothing less than another instrument for the politicians to help someone along the way to fame and honor, it would be unfair to say that the committee did not function.

The leaders evidently tried their best but could not get the thing across. Interest lagged until finally there were only a few "faithful" ones attending the parties. Not even fraternities and sororities gave the affairs any support to speak of, regardless of the fact that all those in charge were members of these organizations.

This year, however, the All University parties are to be conducted by the Barb Council. The latter organization, a new one on this campus, has enough confidence in itself to attempt to succeed where the Greek groups failed. The appeal of this council is not to Barbs alone; they are attempting to make these social functions representative of the university student body as a whole—Greeks as well as Barbs.

The Nebraskan congratulates the Barb Council on its foresight and courage in attempting such a big project, and believes it is deserving of the patronage of all students, irrespective of affiliations. The council has taken a great step; it must have the support of students in order to make the undertaking a success.

Cutting Remarks.

The everpresent lure of the afternoon movie, the morning cake and the extra hour of sleep is a sworn enemy of scholarship. Dr. T. J. Thompson, dean of student affairs, commented in Thursday morning's issue of The Nebraskan on class attendance.

According to Dean Thompson, regular attendance at classes is required if the average student wishes to receive a desirable mark. "Cuts" are a creation of the imagination, in the opinion of the dean, for they are not recognized.

Absence is often unavoidable. However, the bulk of "cuts" are mere undergraduate luxuries. Warm afternoons seem wasted, some students think, in classroom when other things are more enjoyable.

Perhaps class attendance under such conditions is a mild form of self denial. If that is the case then attendance is valuable in a twofold manner, for lectures serve as a supplement to text study and the formation of scholastic habits is a necessary part of education.

Freshmen, in particular, should realize that lectures are held, not for the forensic training of the professor, but for the sake of the student.

Election announcements bring up the question of whether coed politicians could be termed poll cats.

Political factions are interested in the Temple, while musicians are interested in the tempo. Either is a matter of time.

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.

What's the Use?

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:
It is apparent that contributors to the Echoes column of The Daily Nebraskan for the past week have lost sight of the aspiration for the production of a good newspaper. The inconsequential drivel that has appeared is certainly annoying to the reader who tries to get something out of his college paper.

The source of this childish prattle has been the "raging battle" in regard to the selection of the members of Pi Epsilon Pi, or Corn Cobs organization of the official rah rah boys for dear old Nebraska U.

Certainly it should be essential that there should be equality in the selection of members of campus organizations. The editor of The Nebraskan has stated this in a most commendable manner. It is the blather that has infested the columns devoted to student opinion that is most objectionable.

Who gives two whoops as to who is to wear the pretty red sweater, white trousers (usually dirty) and get in on the opportunity to crash the sorority houses at least once or twice before the football season ends?

Of course, there's that class of rising B. M. O. C.'s that must be taken care of, no matter how puerile the course of action may be. Who knows, it may be just the very thing which will land the ambitious lads into that most "respected" organization of senior men?

The mentality of the average student is not more than a thousand miles higher than that of the "common herd," but really this sort of tripe is an insult to the mental capacity of even a college student. N. O. T.

YESTERDAY

All-University Parties.
Yell Leaders.
Sawdust.

By MARTHA DISBRANE.

The Barb Council, in undertaking the management of All-University parties, realizes that those functions are apt to be neglected by fraternity and sorority students. Accordingly, material has been issued emphasizing the fact that the parties are for all students in the university, Greek and Barb alike. The danger lies in the possibility, or what is more correctly speaking, a probability, that the Greeks will completely overlook the announcement.

The very fact that the Barb Council feels the necessity for such an announcement is a stumbling block, yet it is granted that there is such a necessity. Greeks will regard the affair Saturday night as a "Barb party" and will shun it as such. The slight will be noticed by the Barbs, and the breach between the two groups will widen. So it appears that All-University parties, under the direction of the Barb Council, will split the factions wider, rather than bring them closer together.

That is the inevitable result unless the Greeks are at the Coliseum Saturday night. It may be conclusively demonstrated then that if these parties are not held on nights which are closed to all other affairs, they will be failures, not financially, but socially.

Yell leaders have been selected by the innocents. That group, consisting of thirteen men who are part of an unending dynasty of successful politicians, has been allowed to select students for positions of considerable importance and honor. The society, purely political, has by autocratic means appointed Nebraska's yell leaders. And we call this a democracy!

The column is about to borrow something from O. O. McIntyre. Whenever he collects a group of short observations, he publishes them under the heading, Short Shavings. In order that his idea

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shall not be completely copied, we are at least going to change the name of our observations. They are to be called sawdust. It's perfectly logical. If his remarks are only short shavings, it is impossible that ours can be more than sawdust.

Why do some men insist on wearing a belt and suspenders simultaneously? ... The precaution is seldom, if ever, justified. What purpose do mustaches serve now that the soap-strainer variety is out? ... especially on university men who have no deformities to hide? ... The Nebraskan is truly abreast of the times; it dates its paper a day ahead. ... Cross country races are beyond comprehension. Why run five tiresome miles when we have roller skates, bicycles and automobiles?

COMMITTEE MAKES FELT YELL LEADER OF WEST STANDS

George Felt has been chosen fifth cheer leader for the west stands, according to an announcement made by Joyce Ayres, conductor of the lyrics, yesterday. Mr. Felt was one of the candidates at the regular tryout, but the committee withheld his name until his eligibility was clarified.

BURY HATCHET.

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