

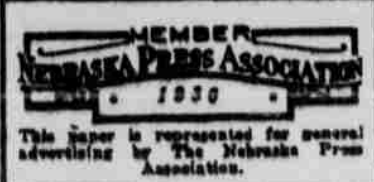
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Do We Need Dormitories?

After looking over the situation rather carefully, "A Barb" drops a bombshell into the midst of the university's dormitory dreams through the Morning Mail column today.

At the last meeting of the legislature, certain nonfraternity students battled strenuously to encourage the passage of a deferred pledging bill.

There is no feeling of bitter antagonism between the Greeks and non-Greeks in this university. We complain about the "pin aristocracy" at Nebraska, but we find no deadline between barbs and fraternity men.

Deferred pledging is a question of great importance and interest to fraternity men. Some scoff at the suggestion; others are willing to examine its strong features.

In defense of the deferred system, we cite the possibility that this 9-month rush season would disappear when the new practice had become established.

From the other side, we see the chance for fraternity "spiking," which would result in the same old evil of quick pledging, except that it would be kept secret.

We understand the barb writer's distaste for a home that resembles a reformatory. If Lincoln homes are adequate for the proper housing of students, we agree with the nonfraternity man in his assertion that we might better spend our precious moneys for libraries than unnecessary dormitories.

Deferred pledging and dormitory construction have always been considered allied subjects. We believe that the university owes some consideration to the fraternities which have been allowed to construct imposing houses without restriction.

Are dormitories the most pressing need felt by the university at present? Are we justified in plunging into a building program of this sort when our campus is disgustingly ugly, our instructional staff somewhat below par, our educational facilities inadequate?

We're wondering who will clean the ultra-mature egg stains off the board fence at the stadium after the Phi Gam-Sig Alpha play day.

The Old Army Game.

Another military ball has passed in review with a rattling of sabres and the presentation of an honorary colonel. A year ago today The Nebraskaan's editor napped the ball quite mercilessly for its frowsy decorations and monotonous music.

Of course the department must have cleaned up a tidy sum of money. The party

was not a university affair, for Lincoln citizens were cordially invited to attend. The public announcement of this probably increased the gate receipts; even the gallery was packed with spectators.

A flock of pretty coeds were presented during the evening. The military department seems to be running in competition with Flo Ziegfeld when it comes to glorifying the American girl, but they enjoy it and the sisters get something to put in the scrap book, the society editors have a big time printing photographs and everyone is happy.

Cadets have their boots shined. If the polish lasts until spring, government army inspectors will be duly impressed with the fastidiousness of Nebraska R. O. T. C. officers.

All in all the Military ball was a huge success. Tailcoats were rather scarce, which fact may disappoint some of the howlers who complained that downtown clothing firms are exploiting students. On with the formal season!

"Yes, Susie, You were just splendid in the grand march. Why, you marched faster than anyone there!"

On Stag Lines And Dance-Trading.

Custom at the University of Nebraska demands that a man must dance with lady-of-the-evening from the beginning of the party to the last blast of the trumpets.

In last Friday's Nebraskaan a coed expressed her desire to see stag lines present at dances. Today E. T. takes the opposite stand in Morning Mail, declaring that stag lines give the impression of cheapness and that neither the gentlemen nor their ladies would appreciate the idea of "cut-ins."

We believe that students are foolish to dance from 9 until 11:30 with the same partner. Perhaps love affairs might make a difference, but we assume that the average student attends a party for the pleasure of dancing and the opportunity of being seen with the social crowd.

In high school cotillions we traded dances with other couples. This added spice to the parties and gave us a chance to pick up some new ideas for ballroom conversation.

How often do we see couples trading dances at parties now? If a male should conceive the idea, it would quickly die within his cranium. For if he suggested the partner-swapping, his girl would suspect that he has become weary of her company and the other male would fear that his date was about to be rushed.

We do not approve the university parties where anyone may come and introductions are not necessary for cut-ins. A motley crew of stags attends such parties, swarming out on the floor and swooping down on any girl who attracts the crowd's attention.

At bid parties, however, the host organization gives many open invitations. Men who are invited in this manner should be allowed and encouraged to attend dances without partners.

When some Greek group becomes wise and allows stags to attend its party, when couples begin to trade dances, social affairs at Nebraska will be more enjoyable.

Art gum is fine for tax shirts on the second or third evening. Sandpaper or steel wool after that.

MORNING MAIL

Barbs Don't Want Them!

AGAIN the board of regents asks for appropriations for the construction of dormitories. Two years ago the legislature granted \$200,000 which was to have gone for dormitory building.

But does the University of Nebraska actually need dormitories? The notion that it does has dimmed in our ears for so long that most of us are subconsciously led to believe it without examining the facts at hand.

The Greeks are luke warm toward a policy of dormitory building because ultimately it means deferred pledging. Most of the fraternities and sororities have built houses on the campus which they will be able to maintain only with difficulty unless they are permitted to continue the pledging of freshmen.

Can you feature deferred pledging? Rush season would last all year round instead of only three days as at present. The barbs are the ones who would supposedly be benefited by the building of dormitories.

years in all kinds and types of rooming houses, here is one barb who would prefer a rooming house to a dormitory. I have inquired of a number of barbs as to their opinion regarding dormitories and without exception they have all been opposed to them if a university regulation would result requiring all out of town students to live in dormitories.

The barbs would likely have better rooms, they would have heat in winter and warm water to shave with, but think of the restrictions which would be necessary.

Barbs cherish their present state of independence. We would not relish the idea of being herded into a huge beehive-like structure and being put to bed at 11 o'clock. Because of the regulations which would be necessary if a large number of men were to live under one roof, life in such a dormitory would be little different from life in a reformatory.

Then there is the economic point of view. Many students work for their rooms. A room which would be too elaborate and expensive for one student, might be considered cold and bare by another in more fortunate circumstances.

And how about the boarding situation? Anyone who has ever taken his meals at a boarding house can see at once the difficulties which would arise. Meals that one person might consider scanty and insufficient, to a student earning his own way would seem elaborate and extravagant.

The present system of housing has grown up to accommodate the arising needs. The shortage of housing facilities has encouraged Greeks to construct immense lodges, which they will be unable to fill if dormitories are built.

LOOSE THREADS

A showing of "All Quiet on the Western Front" in a theater in Berlin, Germany, is reported to have caused a riot between fascist and pacifist sympathizers. It is easily understood, after seeing the picture, why interests favoring war as the chief means of settling international disputes, would take offense at it.

The film does not impress one as being so much anti-German as it is anti-war. It is principally a powerful argument against militarism and war. Its vivid portrayal of war in its actualities instead of in the usual glorified setting in which we generally see it is indeed a strong argument against any policy which might throw the world into a similar state of chaos.

America, under the leadership of President Hoover, was in a great measure responsible for the London naval conference. In this, Hoover showed himself to be interested in attempts to end any such similar suffering as the World War entailed—a man interested in the welfare of the whole world as well as that of the United States.

Now we find editors and writers throughout the country criticizing him. One in particular recently criticized him for embroiling the United States in international entanglements.

Ten years ago, ex-President Wilson was made the butt of much criticism, due to his activities and interest in the League of Nations. Today, he is gradually coming to be regarded as one of the greatest men this country has produced.

It seems strange that men with visions such as these have to undergo the criticism of fellow citizens, particularly when they are really laboring to perpetuate that cause for which Americans gave their lives in the World War—to end war and make the world safe for democracy.

A mysterious poison fog which has blanketed villages lying in the Meuse valley of Belgium and has caused the death of approximately fifty persons has struck terror in the hearts of the residents of the valley.

For four days the fog has hung over the valley, and people groping their way about have been the victims of sudden asphyxiation.

Various theories have been advanced as to the cause of the deaths. Some believe it due to the aggravation of respiratory troubles already existing caused by inhaling the damp air. Others, recalling the quantities of German war materials supposedly buried around Liege, have advanced the theory that a large amount of poison gas has been let loose.

Others lay the trouble to a by-product of some industrial works which may be drifting in the air currents of the valley, held there by the fog. A certain English scientist has noted the similarity of the disease to that of the "Black Death" which infested Europe in the fourteenth century, and which killed, according to certain estimates, a third of the population of western Europe.

Authorities have been employing modern science and vigorously investigating the nature of the disease, and the plausibility of the various theories of its cause. That is one advantage in living in the twentieth century rather than in the fourteenth. Now we have means of tracing down the causes of such outbreaks and of thus preventing the spread of great epidemics, or at least of mitigating their seriousness.

Science is continually experimenting and attempting to find cures for diseases, hitherto thought to be deadly. A recent example of this is the patient from Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., at the Mayo clinic of

longer need dormitories if we ever actually did and judging from the result of last year when the university attempted to buy building sites, it would receive much larger returns from its money if it spent it for something else, say a library for instance.

A BARB.

Stags Not Appreciated.

TO THE EDITOR: I noticed in this Friday's Nebraskaan that a certain coed wanted to introduce into N. U. the idea of having stag lines at parties.

I certainly do not agree with this party. I feel sure that anyone who attends a dance and sees a stag line gets the impression of cheapness. We are certainly anything but that at Nebraska. Suppose other colleges do have stag lines, that is no reason why we should.

I feel sure, as do many others, that this idea would not be accepted in the tiniest degree. If engaged men do not want to date there would be no object in their attendance at dances, dancing with the other fellows' dates. What is the difference between that and dating?

You may be sure that the fellow who has a date with a girl would not appreciate being cut in on at all. Nor would the girl appreciate it, according to statistics. E. T.

More Big Games.

TO THE EDITOR: What's going to happen? Nebraska has actually booked an intercollegiate football game for the next season with a team of pretty high reputation. Nebraska will play Northwestern at Evanston as part of the card for 1931. It's too bad the game couldn't have been played here but it at least bolsters up the schedule and gives the Huskers one strong opponent besides Pittsburgh.

Now how about a few important games such as the above for the stadium sod here next year? Perhaps, the final gate receipts wouldn't show such a depreciation if a strong schedule of home as well as away from home games was played. B. M. G.

your folks used to tell you that bad little boys and girls woke up on Christmas morn to find jumps of coal in their stockings. What a Christmas it would be for some if only that could happen! Times have changed—you'd probably only get a sock full of slate nowadays.

Do your Christmas shopping early. Charge now!

MUSEUM GETS FIRST SECTION OF DISPLAY

Consignment of Mammals From Breede Collection Is Received.

The first consignment of the Adam Breede collection of African mammals has been received here by the state museum. Two African buffalo are already on exhibit on the lower floor of Morrill hall, and a third now being mounted will complete the group.

A few years ago Mr. Breede promised his entire collection of African animals to the university museum. He made an extensive hunting trip throughout Africa, and secured about 125 specimens. The museum placed them in the hands of the Clark studios in New York City for tanning. The preparation is being done with such care that the veins and wrinkles are expressed as they are in life.

The great two-horned rhinoceros is the next specimen expected from New York. When mounted, the collection will yield fifteen or twenty groups of large mammals, and various groups of smaller ones. Outstanding among the items are two large tusked African elephants, a giraffe, groups of mountain zebra and grevys zebra, and antelopes of all sorts.

SIGMA DELTA CHI ELECTS OFFICERS

Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity, has bestowed membership on J. P. O'Furey, widely known Nebraska publisher who is editor of The Cedar County News, Nebraska's prize winning weekly, at Hartington.

Mr. O'Furey recently was initiated by the South Dakota chapter during the annual newspaper institute which was held at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion.

He is one of the best known publishers in Nebraska, and a past president of the Nebraska Press association, having served nine years as a member of the board of directors. He also holds office in several other journalistic organizations and is well known on the campus. A daughter and a son of Mr. O'Furey have attended the University of Nebraska. The daughter is now Mrs. James Paul Cody, of Lincoln.

LEARN TO DANCE

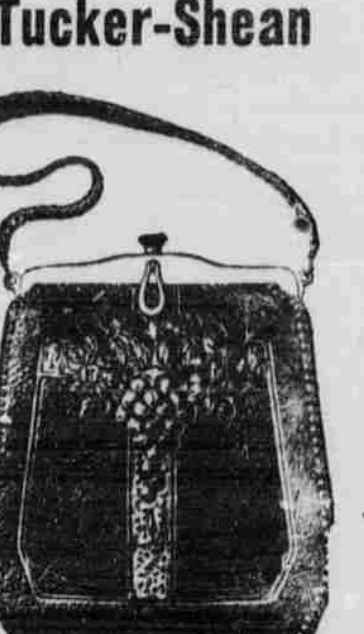
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After the ball was over everybody left.

Well, the formal season is back. All back we should say, judging from what some of the fairer sex are not wearing.

Instead of struggling through a veritable whirl of coat tails at the Military ball as we expected, those wearing them were so few in number that for all we know they may have been ushers or attendants.

One brave soul who wore a silk topper stood nonchalantly about outside the coliseum until some swain with damsel fair cried out, "Hey, Cabby!"

A goodly number of people about town were furnished with a real laugh at the expense of the military department through that department's attempt to advertise (oh, this commercial age). Beautifully engraved announcements, albeit invitations, were mailed to numerous residents of the city, conveying the impression that the military department desired their presence as guests at the ball.

A rag, a bone, a hank of hair, and he called her his sponsor.

The presentation of the honorary colonel was somewhat of a "let-down" as compared to other year.

Aided and abetted by their spurs some of the officers had a ripping time.

And now what have the university students to look forward to? The sweetheart is known, the honorary colonel has been seen, and mid-semester is but a memory. If, however, they feel as we do, and a number of other cheerless souls (marked down from \$1.98), they'll be wondering just what benevolent creature is going to play Santa this year.

Do you remember the fairy stories you used to hear when you were about the age when you used to lug a red apple to school for teacher? Not that red apple is defunct, but nowadays it's out of the fruit realm. Anyway

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VOCAL RECITAL TO BE GIVEN DEC. 16

Mara Eisenach, soprano, will sing at a university convocation to be held in the Temple theater at 11 a. m., Dec. 16. Miss Eisenach will be accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Eva Robison, and is a student of Walter Wheatley.

PROFESSOR HERE HAS ARTICLE IN DUTCH MAGAZINE

Dr. Willem Van Royen of the department of geography has written an article on "Organization of the Dutch Council's Intelligence Service" which will appear in an early issue of the Dutch Magazine of Economic Geography. Dr. Van Royen, who was assistant secretary of the Holland chamber of commerce in New York City prior to his coming to the university this fall, makes suggestions for a reorganization of the Dutch service in his article.

BOLLMAN TELLS UNIVERSITY 4-H CLUB OF TRIP

The university 4-H club met for a short business session Thursday evening in Dairy hall on the agricultural college campus. Plans were completed for a party which will be held Friday evening at the student activities building.