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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. Those who have quietly assumed that nontraternity students would welcome the erection of dormitories may be surprised at this opinion.

"Does the University of Nebraska actu-ally need dormitories?" asks the non-Greek. He is correct in believing that fraternities will not welcome with open arms the new rooming quarters unless they have a house and lot to sell on the dormitory market. We are surprised to find that "A Barb" does not approve of the deferred pledging idea which would surely result from the construction of university dormitories.

At the last meeting of the legislature, cerain nonfraternity students battled strenuously to encourage the passage of a deferred pledging bill. Most of us assumed that these unofficial spokesmen were presenting the beliefs of their own body. Were they?

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. They mingle quite freely and even the affiliated and unaffiliated coeds are more congenial than we are wont to believe. This question of dormitories and deferred pledging may be better discussed by fraternity and nonfraternity stu-dents who are not fired with false loyalty for their particular group.

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

"Can you feature deferred pledging!" queries the barb. "Rush season would last all year 'round, instead of only three days as at present."

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. We see a glaring defect in the fraternity system: the touch-andgo-method of choosing members. Three days or a week is not sufficient time for a man to judge a fraternity or a fraternity to judge a man. Deferred pledging might benefit fraternities and their prospective members.

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. When the system was well established, however, we believe that it would work. We wonder, though, if the present state of affairs is bad enough to warrant dormitory construction when we need other things.

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. The establishment of deferred pledging, which is almost sure to come eventually, should not be rushed through. Fraternities deserve an opportunity to adapt themselves to the new situation without facing bleak bankruptey.

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? These questions should be settled before we erect the "beehive-like" dormitories that "A Baro" dislikes so heartily.

We're wondering who will clean the ultra-mature egg stains off the board fence at the stadium after the Phi Gam-Sig Alph 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 Nebraskan's editor panned the ball quite mercilessly for its frowsy decorations and monotonous music. We congratulate the military department on its 1930 Military ball; it was a lively, colorful party.

Of course the department must have

was not a university affair, for Lincoln citizens were cordially invited to attend. The public announcement of this probably in- house to a dormitory. I have inquired of a creased the gate receipts; even the gallery was packed with spectators.

during the evening. The military department lation would result requiring all out of town seems to be running in competition with Flo Ziegfeld when it comes to glorifying the American girl, but they enjoy it and the sisters they would have heat in winter and warm waget something to put in the scrap book, the ter to shave with, but think of the restrictions society editors have a big time printing photographs and everyone is happy. Freshman coeds returned to their homes after the dance with the gallant ambition to be honorary colonels, regimental sponsors, or lady in waiting for the first squad, second platoon of B company.

ish lasts until spring, government army inspec- a large number of men were to live under one tors will be duly impressed with the fastidiousness of Nebraska R. O. T. C. officers.

may disappoint some of the howlers who complained that downtown clothing firms are ex- number of boys have stayed can well testify. ploiting 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-ofthe-evening from the beginning of the party to the last blast of the trumpets. That variety is reported to be the spice of life was not considered by those who established our social rules.

In last Friday's Nebraskan 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. Stag lines at downtown fraternity and sorority parties would be excellent innovations, provided the hosts exercised some discretion in inviting the unattached males.

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. If a man dances with the same girl throughout his college days he may have to study "100 Clean but Spicy Stories to Tell the Dancing Part- as being so much anti-German as ner," or helpful literature of a similar nature. It is anti-war. It is principally a Of course some are content to dance with tears in their eyes, solemnly silent.

How often do we see couples trading dances at parties now! If a male should conceive the idea, it would quickly die within his eranium. For if he suggested the partnerswapping, his girl would suspect that he has state of chaos. become weary of her company and the other male would fear that his date was about to be rushed. So the social rebel backs down and continues to dance with his girl until he becomes sick of her company. A little variety Hoover showed himself to be in- state, its crops and its lands. might avoid boresome evenings.

We do not approve the university parties terested in the welfare of the insects which injure the crops. where anyone may come and introductions are whole world as well as that of not necessary for cut-ins. A motley crew of the United States. stags attends such parties, swarming out on ers throughout the country critithe floor and swooping down on any girl who cizing him. One in particular reattracts the crowd's attention. Daters must be cently criticized him for embroilgracious and relinquish their girls to anyone ing the United States in internawho taps them on the shoulder. This becomes stale and men refuse to bring their dates to Wilson was made the butt of such open-season frolies.

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 part- country has produced. ners. The cheapness which E. T. deplores

would be eliminated in this manner. When some Greek group becomes wise and allows stags to attend its party, when are really laboring to perpetuate couples begin to trade dances, social affairs at that cause for which Americans Nebraska will be more enjoyable. Where E. T. gave their lives in the World collected her statistics we do not know, but we doubt their accuracy. Nebraskans would not be hostile to stag lines and dance-swap-

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

MORNING MAIL

Barbs Don't Want Them! TO THE EDITOR:

Again the board of regents asks for appropriations for the construction of dormitor-Two years ago the legislature granted around Liege, have advanced the theory that a large amount of poison gas has been let loose. \$200,000 which was to have gone for dormitory building. Due to the exhorbitant price the university paid for a building site and the structure now standing on it, sufficient funds which may be drifting in the air currents of the valley, held there were not left to launch a building project.

But does the University of Nebraska actually need dormitories? The notion that it does has dinned 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 cause are permitted to continue the pledging of freshmen. Deferred pledging would mean that Greek organizations would be compelled to rush every available upperclassman, some of whom they would not care to make members breaks and of thus preventing of their organizations if it were not for econotic pressure. mic pressure.

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. Most of them have given the matter patient from Cold Spring Harbor, cleaned up a tidy sum of money. The party | little thought. After having spent nearly four | N.

years in all kinds and types of rooming houses, here is one barb who would prefer a rosming number of barbs as to their opinion regarding dormitories and without execption they have A flock of pretty coeds were presented all been opposed to them if a university regustudents to live in dormitories.

The barbs would likely have better rooms, which would be necessary.

Burbs cherish their present state of inda pendence. 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 Cadets have their boots shined. If the pol- of the regulations which would be necessary if roof, life in such a dormitory would be little different from life in a reformatory. If re-All in all the Military ball was a huge suc- strictions are not made and enforced, life cess. Tailcoats were rather scarce, which fact would be one glorious rough house, as anyone who has lived in a rooming house where

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 circumstanees. Is not the present situation where everyone finds his own room more desirable?

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 claborate and extravagant. Feature the constant state of everlasting griping which would en-

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. Lincoln people, too, have arranged to take in additional roomers, until we now no '

LOOSE THREADS

By Gene McKim

A showing of "All Quiet on the Western Front" in a theater

to have caused a riot between facist and pacifist sympathizers.

It is easily understood, after

seeing the picture, why interests

favoring war as the chief means

of settling international disputes.

a certain class of Germans would be likely to take offense.

powerful argument against mili-

tarism and war. Its vivid por-

trayal of war in its actualities in-

stead of in the usual glorified

setting in which we generally see

it is indeed a strong argument

against any policy which might

America, under the leadership

World war entailed-a man in-

Ten years ago, ex-President

ties and interest in the League

of Nations. Today, he is grad-

ually coming to be regarded as

one of the greatest men this

It seems strange that men with

visions such as these have to

undergo the criticism of fellow

citizens, particularly when they

war-to end war and make the

the Meuse valley of Belgium and tion.
has caused the death of approxi-

mately fifty persons has struck terror in the hearts of the resi-

over the valley, and people grop-ing their way about have been

the victims of sudden asphyxia-

Various theories have been ad-

vanced 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

Others lay the trouble to a by-

product of some industria: works

by the fog. A certain English acientist 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

Authorities have been employ-

ing modern science and vigor-

ously investigating the nature of

the disease, and the plausibility

of the various theories of its

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 out-

Science is continually experi-

A recent example of this is the

menting and attempting to find cures for diseases, hitherto

thought to be deadly

population of western Europe.

For four days the fog has hung

world safe for democracy.

dents of the valley.

tional entanglements.

world into a similar

The film does not impress one

would take offense at it.

Berlin, Germany, is reported

longer need dormitories if we ever actually did and judging from the result of last year when the university attempted to buy building sites, of coal in their stockings. What it would receive much larger returns from its a Christmas it would be for some money if it spent it for something else, say a if only that could happen! Time a library for instance.

A BARB.

Stags Not Appreciated.

TO THE EDITOR: I noticed in this Friday's Nebraskan 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. feel sure that anyone who attends a dance and sees a stag line gets the impression of cheapness. We are certainly anything but that Consignment of Mammais 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' at dances, dancing with the other fellows buffalo are already on exhibit on dates. What is the difference between that the lower floor of Morrill hall, and and dating?

You may be sure that the fellow who has a date with a girl would not appreciate being promised his entire collection of cut in on at all. Nor would the girl appreciate African animals to the university it, according to statistics.

More Big Games.

TO THE EDITOR:

WAS

Rochester, Minn., who was given

a new lease on life by the ad-

ministration of a glandular ex-

tract the result of biological ex-

The man was suffering from

Addison's disease, listed in med-

ical journals as fatal. Apparently at death's door, he

given a preparation taken from the cortex of the adrenal glands

of cattle. Within forty-eight

hours he was reported to have

taken a new lease on life, his

appetite being excellent, his

strength greatly improved, and he

appeared to be in perfect health.

cause to be thankful for the ex-

periments of scientists, but ani-

mals and fowls occasionally are

versity of Nebraska, regarding

Before this time farmers have

vaded their lands destroyed their

sance and harmful.

BOLLMAN TELLS

UNIVERSITY 4-H

The university 4-H club met for

a short business session Thursday

cultural college campus. Plans

were completed for a party which

will be held Friday evening at the

Harlan Bollman gave a report

of the annual American Country

Bollman was awarded this

Life convention, held at Madison

trip by the University 4-H club.

He was the first delegate from

Nebraska to attend this conven-

Plans will be discussed at the next meeting to affiliate the Ne-

braska club with this organization.

PROFESSOR HERE

HAS ARTICLE IN

Dr. Willem Van Royen of the

department of geography has writ-ten 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

tary of the Holland chamber of

commerce in New York City prior

to his coming to the university this

fall, makes suggestions for a re-

organization of the Dutch service

carries on similar work to the United States department of for-

eign and domestic commerce. Dr.

Van Royen, however, has found it

very inefficient in its operation and bases recommendations for inefficient in its operation

changes in organization and meth-

ods on his experience in the Holland chamber of commerce.

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

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in his article

tion, and reported that Nebraska

student activities building.

evening in Dairy hall on the agri-

CLUB OF TRIP

the feeding habits of pheasants.

Witness the experi-

Not only do humans have

periments.

What's going to happen? Nebraska has actually booked an intersectional football game care that the veins and wrin'that for the next season with a team of pretty high are expressed as they are in !! 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 twenty groups of large mammals, and gives the Huskers one strong opponent besides Pittsburgh.

Now how about a few important games can elephants, a giraffe, groups of such as the above for the stadium sod here mountain zebra and groveys zebra, next year? Perhaps, the final gate receipts and antelopes of all sorts. wouldn't show such a depreciation if a strong schedule of home as well as away from home B. M. G. games was played.

DOOR

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.

Military ball as we expected, those wearing them were so few in num- zations and is well known on the ber that for all we know they may have been ushers or attendants.

ments and study of Myron H. Swenk, entomologist of the Unioutside the coliseum until some believed the pheasants that in-"Hey, Cabby!"

crops and were in general a nuigoodly number of people In his report to State Game of President Hoover, was in a Warden O'Connell, Mr. Swenk terested in attempts to end any Particularly effective are the such similar suffering as the pheasants in the destruction of cutworms and other destructive habits, thus performs a valuable service to the farmer instead of

> 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 vearc.

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

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

YELLOW CAB

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topper stood nonchalantly about swain with damsel fair cried out,

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, albiet 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 barrage (there's a stout old mili tary term) of phone calls brought a dire anticipation of what might happen to the minds behind the guns. Their little "follow-up" letter was amusing to say the least.

Indeed the pen is mightier than the sword and much more embar-

A mysterious poison fog which has blanketed villages lying in the Meuse valley of Balgium in American Country Life And now what have the university students to look forward to? The sweetheart is known, the honorary colonel has been seen, and mid-semesters are but a memory. If, however, they feel as we do and a number of other cheerless The next meeting will be held solds (marked down from \$1.98) they'll be wondering just what benevolent creature is going to play Santa this year. And by the way this reminds of Cousin mer's little boy, who has a cat he calls Santa. We asked him if DUTCH MAGAZINE Santa scratched and he said no, Santa claws.

Do your Christmas shopping early. Charge now! MUSEUM GETS FIRST SECTION OF DISPLAY

have changed—you'd probably only get a sock full of slate nowadays.

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 a third now being mounted will complete the group.

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 probaration is being done with The great two-horned rhingcuros

is the next specimen expected from New York. When amounted, the collection will yield fifteen or and various groups of smaller ones. Outstanding among the items are two large tusked Afri-

SIGMA DELTA CHI ELECTS EDITOR TO MEMBERSHIP

Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity, has bestowed membership on J. P O'Furey, widely known Nebrasica publisher who is editor of The Ce-dar County News, Nebraska's prize winning weekly, at Harting-Mr. O Furey recently was initi-

ated 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 instead of struggling through a years as a member of the board of veritable whirl of coat tails at the directors. He also holds office in directors. He also holds office in several other journalistic organicampus. A daughter and a son of Mr. O'Furey have attended the One brave soul who wore a silk daughter is now Mrs. James Paul Cody, of Lincoln.

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