

SOCIETY

The annual Tassel initiation banquet was held Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Cornhusker hotel. Places were arranged for fifty members. Tall white tapers and eveler place cards with red roses at each place decorated the table. A red and white motif was employed in all of the appointments. During the dinner stunts were presented. Betty Wahlquist, retiring president of Tassels, presided at the dinner.

Social Calendar

Alpha Delta Theta spring party at the Cornhusker hotel. Saturday. Alpha Tau Omega house party. Pershing Rifles spring party. Sigma Chi house party. Block and Bridle mixer at the Student Activities building.

has one alcove partitioned off by folding, soundproof doors. Union is on Hillside.

Below the cafeteria is the sub-basement, which, because the Union is built on a hillside, opens directly out on the street running back of the Union and stadium. On this floor will be installed a soda fountain, book exchange, game rooms for pool, billiard and ping pong, and possibly other rooms for various uses will be included.

At present in the sub-basement there are seven rooms for meetings of campus organizations and for offices. These are divided by temporary partitions and are not finished within or furnished except for plain chairs and tables. They are used frequently, however, by a large number of organizations. The Women's Student Government association has its book exchange running all of the time in one of them while the manager of the annual publication, the Jayhawker, uses another room part of the time.

Going back up stairs, one story above the lounge, is the main party and banquet room. The memorial corporation has been unable to do anything toward finishing this, so the students, from fees paid voluntarily, have installed an excellent floor and have moved in. For a year they danced in the place with rough brick and concrete surrounding them and uncovered rafters and concrete beams glaring down on them from above. This part fall the engaged a Kansas City awning company to cover the ceiling with a blue cloth and the results are highly satisfactory.

The Union is not a bad place in which to hold a dance or banquet now. Month by month more parties are held here. With a soda fountain installed in the building and the ballroom permanently finished and decorated, the Union is going to be the busiest place at Mount Oread.

On up, one more story above the ballroom and covering only about one half the space occupied by the ballroom (ceiling of part of the latter runs up two stories above the floor) will be office rooms and committee rooms for student organizations. It is possible that some sleeping quarters may be built in this story also.

Operating Groups Created. Management of the union, so that students generally will get the right attitude toward it, will consider it their building and will use it, must be carefully done, so Kansas experience has shown. To operate the project the Memorial corporation created an operating committee. This committee is composed of eight students, three faculty members and three alumni. So far it has not been necessary to hire a paid manager. The chairman of the operating committee, who has always been a faculty member or the alumni secretary, acts as active manager of the institution.

A system of voluntary fees, \$2.50 a semester per student, was instituted in the fall of 1928 to operate the union. In the five semesters since that time students have paid nearly \$15,000. With that money the committee has built a splendid dance floor, a partitioned-off serving kitchen, a wrap checking room, has covered the ceiling, has built an expensive set of sound proof, folding doors in the cafeteria for use of small dining parties, has put a concrete floor in the sub-basement and installed temporary partitions there to make committee rooms and offices, has purchased a radio, put up a University bulletin board and has operated the building.

Under the latter function has come such activities as a large number of all-university parties for students who do not dance, chess, checker and bridge tournaments, installation of a ping pong table, management of the entire homecoming celebration this past fall, and what is most popular with the greatest number of students, has given a free dance for all the student body each Wednesday evening, from 7 to 8 p. m. through most of the last semester last year and so far, through this year. These free dances have brought more students together on a democratic basis than any other activity which the committee has carried out. Truly "the Colonel's lady" and Judy barb, the graduate student and the freshman. All turn out for these informal, happy-go-lucky dances and all seem to have a wonderful time.

Fee System Changed. Last semester the voluntary fee system was changed and fees were divided into two classifications. Payment of \$1 gave the student a membership card in the Union for a semester, while payment of \$2.50 gave the honor of being a contributing member. Of approximately 4,200 paying fees, 2,310 paid the \$1 fee and 634 paid the \$2.50 contributing fee.

In places where the state laws permit it, there is no question but that a compulsory fee should be charged all students. While the Union is perhaps out of the sphere of activities which a state will or even should provide from money raised by taxes, yet it is a function of a university, which should be considered a necessity and is something which all the students should support—and then take part in.

One function of the Union at Kansas which should be called to the attention of anyone interested in the building of a Union, is its drawing power as a magnet for girls. The graduating classes as early as 1922 began planning their memorial gifts for use in the Union. The class of '22 gave a beautiful chime clock, '23 provided a fireplace, '24 put up a bronze plate dedicating the building, '26 provided a decorative window, '27 gave a large amount of furniture and planted vines about the building, '28 gave a still more furniture, some wall hangings, provided for a trophy and put up a composite group picture of the university's honored war dead, '29 gave a piano, '30 put in a service elevator. As Kansas is just started, students are learning to use it more each month and to see the value of it. Fraternity men and women who have their own pretentious houses have been saying this past fall what they have never said before, "We must all meet at the Union. This business of living within one's own group all the time will never get one anywhere. Non-fraternity men and women are finding at the Union a welcome and friendly association they hadn't known before. They all like it."

Some day the Union at Kansas will be more than twice as large as it is now, and will have all the facilities of a modern club—a place to check your wraps as soon as you enter, elaborate game rooms, a myriad of small dining rooms, party rooms large and small, perhaps a swimming pool, noisy reading rooms and quiet reading rooms, rooms for display of art, rooms for any size committee meeting and rooms to live in.

Nebraska students and alumni need not wait until that time, however, to make a visit to this student-alumni club which stands up on the hill southeast of the Kansas stadium. Drop in and make yourself at home when down our way anytime.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS HAVE HOBBIES RANGING FROM WRITING TEXTS TO PETS.

I made there were 131 different animals. Mary L. Fisher and Winona M. Perry, who share an office in the teachers college building, spend their spare time beautifying their office. Pictures that they secured in Europe last summer, plants, bright new curtains, and other office equipment all go to make their office a more attractive place.

Kesner Enjoys Billiards. "I confess that billiards is my favorite hobby," said Henry J. Kesner when interviewed. "I have always been interested in billiards as they represent the famous old problem in mechanics, the three elastic spheres, in which no one has ever obtained perfection. I also am interested in the hobby of pedestrianism, chiefly mountain climbing."

Coach Charles Black swings a wicked golf club when he is not coaching a winning basketball team for his usually makes a score in the high 70's. Collecting postage stamps, parasites, and doing amateur photography are the hobbies of Harold W. Manter, while Lester B. Orfield plays tennis and reads works concerning religion and philosophy. Raising spring flowers, particularly tulips, is the favorite diversion of Laurence Fossler, and E. R. McCartney likes to hunt Alpine birds and water fowls.

KLUB MEMBERS SELECT MILLER TO DIRECT PLAY

(Continued from Page 1.) chorus. Although two of the principle parts have been filled, Director Miller is anxious to fill the able material for the remaining feminine role and for the pony chorus. Fraternity presidents will be urged to send prospective female impersonators to Thursday evening's tryout.

Miller expects to begin rehearsals next week, since the building of the spring show was delayed until his acceptance of the director's position. "High and Dry" was written for an all male cast by William T. McCleery, author of "Don't Be Silly" and "Sob Sister." Kosmet Klub's last two spring shows. It involves the activities of a group of sailors and a party of ultra fashionable society men and women. Since much of the success of the show depends upon the suitability of the feminine actor-actresses, the club is being particularly careful in its selection of students to take these parts. Thursday evening's tryout will be the last chance for dramatically ambitious undergraduates to apply for the 1931 show and road trip.

MANY ISSUES OF MOMENT ARE ON CAMPUS HORIZON (Continued from Page 1.) the current school year is the granting of equal representation for women on the student council. This phase has been incorporated into the new constitution in order to remove existing opposition toward it. When the constitution is finally whipped into shape, and that should take place very shortly, it will be presented to the faculty committee on student affairs. It has already gone through a sub-committee and its progression henceforth should be more rapid. Unless it is passed through this faculty committee and through the

Chemical Society Arranges Program Thursday Evening

The Chemical Engineering society will hold an open meeting in the lecture room of Chemistry hall, Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 o'clock. The subject of the meeting will be "Explosives" and the program includes a three reel film on this subject. Everyone interested in chemical engineering is invited to attend.

university senate before the spring elections it will probably not be voted on this year.

Politics Combine. Factional politics have entered a new era during the last two days. All three opposing groups have combined in an order that they may make a concerted drive for a new student union building. It is the first time in history that campus factions have temporarily consolidated. There is a case on record where the Blue Shirts and Yellow Jackets united in order to defeat the bars, but never before have all three decided to work together. This era of political harmony will undoubtedly be very short lived. As soon as another election rolls around the three divisions will be back in their respective canoes paddling with vigor for a victory in the spring student council election.

MAY CHANGE MONTANA EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

Drastic Revision in State University Seen as Possibility. BOZEMAN, Mont.—Plans for a drastic change in the present educational system at the state university have been partially completed and were presented by President Clapp to members of the faculty just prior to the end of the fall quarter. Faculty members at that time expressed almost unanimous approval of the proposed changes so far as they had been outlined.

According to President Clapp, the general idea is to do away with the present multiple-checking system to which the student is subjected and against which he is quite naturally rebelling. It is believed that the present grading and crediting system employed here is far from satisfactory to either students or faculty members, and in view of the university's progress during the last ten years contemplation of a change in the near future is well justified.

Division into Colleges.

In general it is proposed to divide the state university into a junior and a senior college, composed of freshmen and sophomores, and juniors and seniors, respectively. In each of these colleges, a certain minimum of hours will be required of the student but there will be no maximum limit and he may carry as many hours or as many subjects as he desires and feels that he can properly handle.

At the end of the sophomore year the student will take a comprehensive examination covering the first two years, which he will either pass or fail, and students who have carried merely the minimum amount of studies will be especially questioned on their other activities and on their general accomplishments before being admitted to junior standing. At the end of the senior year, when the student is ready for his degree, he will take a second similar comprehensive examination, and an outstanding student will be graduated with honors.

Four-Year Requirement.

Students will be required to have years of college work irrespective of the credits they may have accumulated, in order to secure their degrees, according to the plan. This means that the unusually brilliant student will not be permitted to graduate ahead of his class, but will be permitted to take as many courses as he wishes each year in order to profitably occupy his time.

On his last quarter's trip to the Atlantic coast, President Clapp conferred with various industrial and commercial experts, and they agreed generally that the greater physical and mental maturity of the four-year college man made him vastly superior in his work to the brilliant student who rushed through college in two or three years, or who had entered college at too young an age. This rule of four years' residence would be suspended only in special cases, such as that of the older man of woman who had not started college directly after high school. It is planned in this manner to do away with the evil of grade-point and credit hunting, to eliminate hide-bound regulations and to encourage intelligent individual student effort.

Eliminating Prerequisites. Another change contemplated is the elimination of as many as possible of the present numerous prerequisite courses, and instead, allowing students more nearly their own choice of subjects, regardless of their years at college. The present departments will be combined into a few large divisions composed of correlated departments, and with a fixed curriculum, thus resulting in economy. Classes and sections will be greatly enlarged to take care of an increased student body without an increased faculty, and the plan of twenty minute conferences between instructor and student to tighten the bond between them, will be installed.

Experiments carried on at many institutions—notably the University of Minnesota—have shown that better results have been obtained in classes of 200 than in

small ones of 20 or so, and that personal contacts obtained through conferences were much more productive of beneficial results than mere quiz-section relationships.

Problems Remain.

Many problems remain to be worked out before this partially formed plan can be completed and put into effect, one big problem being the maintenance of satisfactory accrediting relationships with other colleges. Other questions include the problem of athletic eligibility to meet conference requirements, the problem of transfers from and to other schools, and the question of the many students who work and attend the university only a quarter or two at a time, and who are in search of a degree. President Clapp desires to get as nearly as possible the student opinion of the plan. "Will they like the idea of few comprehensive examinations and of less restricted classes?" he asks. "We will have to get the student angle on a number of problems before we can put the plan into working order."

HUSKER WRESTLERS PREPARE FOR IOWA

Saturday Bout Scheduled With Mat Men Rated Second Best.

IOWA HAS GOOD RECORD

Nebraska's wrestling team is hard at work this week in preparation for the concluding bout of the season which will be staged at 8 o'clock Saturday evening in the coliseum with an Iowa State crew rated as the second best set of grapplers in the Big Six.

The Huskers will probably compete as follows: 115-pound class, Worthington; 125-pound class, L. Worthington; 135-pound class, Cox or Wuelser; 145-pound class, Rees; 155-pound class, Shirley; 165-pound class, Adams; 175-pound class Smith or White; heavyweight class, White or Peterson.

Nebraska Wins Two. In matches this season Nebraska has lost two and won two. A 24 to 6 victory over the Missouri Tigers saw Coach Kellogg's representatives in their best form so far. Green men in some of the weights had profited by the preceding four battles and showed up well at Columbia. The Cornhuskers dropped only two decisions.

Iowa State has a significant record this year. In an eastern tour the Cyclone throwers encountered the Army and two other teams within 24 hours and did not lose even one decision. Hugo Oppentalik, a former letterman in football and wrestling at Nebraska, is coach at Ames.

Numeral Wrestling Influences.

The numeral wrestling meet that will be held within the next two weeks has influenced a large number of men to start working out. Any man who has not engaged in varsity competition is eligible. This includes all freshmen and upperclassmen as well.

There will be no men graduating from the varsity squad this year so John Kellogg is planning on a breezy bunch of matmen next season from the all-veteran group that will be on hand.

PRELIMINARY BOXING BOUTS HELD TUESDAY

Sellentin, Soderlund Win Classes; Blum and Fisher Victors.

Yesterday afternoon the preliminaries in the all-university boxing tournament were fought in the gymnasium under the coliseum stage.

In the 160-pound class Sellentin eliminated Butler and Soderlund out-scraped S. Moses. These two winners will compete in the weight finals. In the 175-pound division Blum whipped Krewson. Weighing 147 pounds, Jack Fisher disposed of Witte. E. Moses defeated Ettleman and McConnell fought to a draw with Malcolm.

There were only two entrants in some weights so these were saved for the finals in all classes which will be held as a special card of battlers royal within the next two weeks.

FRATERNITY COUNCIL PASSES NEW RULING

(Continued from Page 1.) cards would be similar to those of last year, with only the dates and rules governing rushing printed on white cards. The committee appointed are Clarence Myer, Francis Obert, and Harold Caster. Talks were given by Leroy Jack and Professor Schramm advocating the erection of a student building. According to opinions voiced the agitation for such a student center is growing fast, and the inter-fraternity council indicated its approval and willingness to support any definite action taken in such a direction.

Baseball Practice Opens for Cyclones

AMES, Ia.—Baseball candidates answering Coach Louis Nenze's first call for practice yesterday found a perfect day for outdoor work on the diamond. Sessions will be held daily outdoors if the weather permits, and either in the gymnasium or armory otherwise.

CALIFORNIA STUDENTS LABOR FOR DIPLOMAS

Approximately 85 Percent Of Males Earn Part of Expenses.

(Daily Trojan.) Approximately 85 percent of the male students of the University of Southern California earn part or all of the expenses involved in obtaining a sheep-skin, according to Charles Boren, director of the S. C. employment bureau which has been instrumental since its inception in 1928 in placing numerous students and graduates of the Trojan institution in remunerative positions. The bureau is sponsored by the university's General Alumni association of which Merritt Adamson is president.

That the opportunity is current for determined youth to obtain a degree and at the same time take care of themselves financially is being demonstrated by 30 percent of the men of Troy who are doing that very thing at the present time, states Boren. Besides this, 25 percent earn one half of their college expenses and another 30 percent earn one quarter. Nor are the coeds of the institution far behind when it comes to earning money to help defray college expenses.

Christmas Jobs. In furthering the employment of ambitious and industrious college students the campus employment bureau placed 962 people enrolled in the university, many of whom were women, during the last Christmas vacation who earned \$21,853. Since September of last year the bureau has found 3259 positions for Trojan students and alumni which have earned in that time \$115,740. Students from the S. C. evening school, university college, are also benefited by this campus office.

Calls from practically all imaginable classes of occupation have been answered by Southern California students; owing to the university's large enrollment some one nearly always can be found who is capable along the required lines. Strange as are some of the applications that come in, the records of the employment bureau show that it is stranger still if some enterprising Trojan cannot be found to fill the specifications. Research laboratories, architects' offices, recreation parks, hospitals, prospecting expeditions, theatrical companies, engineers' offices, bacteriological laboratories, manufacturing concerns desiring salesmen, advertising agencies, libraries, cartoonists, tea rooms, hotels, social welfare institutions, and motion picture studios habitually have sent in requests for highly specialized workers to the S. C. placement office and all have been provided. Because of the wide variety of capabilities represented by the S. C. students, the placement bureau has been of great value to employers.

Calls Are Varied.

As a specific example the bureau recently supplied the call for a male nurse. At about the same time a motion picture studio came to the University of Southern California and found what it had been looking for; girls who could ski-jump. Calls for Filipino students to serve as stewards on trimotored passenger planes, a blue-eyed chemist, 30 Chinese students to serve in a Hollywood theatrical company making a trip to New York, a convention organizer, and complex demonstrators have all been filled by the Trojan office. Working in conjunction with the placement bureau is the office of Dr. Francis Bacon, counselor of men at Southern California. Through Dean Bacon, Los Angeles service organizations render vocational guidance to students and provide them with valuable contacts in a desired field of employment. In cooperation with Dr. Bacon, the employment bureau sends

a letter to the parents of every student applying for work to see if that student's health and time demands warrant further outside activity. This method is also used to determine the actual financial status of the applicant, inasmuch as scant heed is given during the current economic depression to that student who is merely trying to earn extra pocket money, stated Boren.

Cheke First Made Use of "Freshman" As Word in 1558

(Ohio State Lantern.) It took "cheek" to refer to the first year men as "freshmen" way back in 1558. Anyway, the first record we have of the use of the word "freshman" is found in a manuscript written by one Cheke in that year. He wrote, "I go about both by sea and land to maak oon freshman." In 1627 Middleton used the word in this expression in the "More Dissemblers"—"Till trust no freshman with such secrets."

Perhaps the earliest usage of "sophomore" as pertaining to a class was used at Cambridge, in 1688: "The several degrees of persons in the University colleges are Fresh Men, Sophy Moores, Junior Soph, or Sophester, and lastly the Senior Soph."

Later, in a magazine published in 1795 was the following sentence: "The freshman's year being expired, the next distinctive appellation conferred in a Soph Mor." Still later came the spelling sophomore, and finally, the spelling used today. "Junior" was used in 1766 by Pierce in a "History of Harvard." "That the Senior Sophisters shall attend the Tutor Annon Mondays, that the Junior Sophisters shall attend B on Mondays."

In 1888 Bryce in "The American Commonwealth" made the following statement: "In an American college the students are classed by years, those of the first year being called freshmen, of the second sophomores, of the third juniors, and of the fourth seniors." Last of all comes senior, meaning a more advanced student worthy of deference by reason of age. In 1612 the word was used by Brinsley, and in 1648 Winyard in "Midsummer Moon" says: "Doctors and Seniors are 'too tough for continual cramming'."

Annual initiation of pledges will be held by Wesley Players this evening at the Wesley Foundation parsonage at 6 o'clock. The dinner has been postponed and the exercises will begin promptly on the hour. Miss Carolyn Cooper, president, has requested that all active members and pledges be present on time.

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