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Now That You're Initiated.

Freshmen, now initiated, are duly regarded as members of the campus throngs. Following their official plunge into this university, yesterday morning, the new men and women feel more at ease, it is hoped. They have had an opportunity to learn something of this going to school business.

Class of 1935, we welcome you! Despite the fact that everything is big on this campus, every member of the administration and every member of the student body wants to be close to you in helping you get things started satisfactorily. In spite of the fact that the campus seems cold because of the bigness and because of the numbers tramping over the hallowed acres of learning, there are thousands here who have warm hearts and an interest in your welfare.

Of one thing, you must be warned: This is really a place in which to study. You were told that at the initiation exercises. You had undoubtedly surmised that even before you had entered thru the channels of registration. Yet, countless numbers lose sight of that fact before the first semester is completed.

The buzz and hum of social life weakens many; others fall to the enticement of extra-curricular activities. Still others become bored, or unambitious, or indifferent. There are a number of whims which take possession of the student who begins to lose sight of his supreme purpose.

On an average, the freshman class shrinks by one-third or one-half by the time four years have elapsed and the sheepskin is tucked under an arm. Lack of funds, or other pressing circumstances are accountable for a part of that decrease; but hundreds are known to throw up the job because of a weakened determination to really gain from the university that knowledge which it is able to give. You must exert a will power to go thru with your job; you must pack a wallop in your every move from now on.

There are many things which can be obtained from college life aside from books. They are the social and extra-curricular activities just referred to. Indulgence is encouraged, yet with considerable and weighed thought. Some of them are good, others are not so profitable. As a freshman, you are advised to lay low for a semester or two so that you can look over the field. And during that time you can lay your foundation for a good scholastic average which will be the greatest beginning any student can make toward a successful four years.

Again, read the oath as it was given to you. It will do no harm for upper classmen to re-read those pledges. Then, put that oath into effect as one of the creeds of your daily life. That is what makes Cornhuskers of Nebraska men.

And if you need any luck—you have our wishes for that, too. Now, dig! And let's hear from you four years from now.

The Daily Nebraskan will not pay the difference between \$1.50 and \$11.50 on the excursion, needless to say.

Patting Each Nickel Very Gently.

Interest is already loose from its static condition in regard to the move for a reduction in social expenses and other items in the budgets of organizations on the campus. Faculty leadership is able to do much in encouraging the general progress of such a plan.

Some ask, do proponents of this move mean that all social functions should be discarded for a year? The answer is no, or at least, not necessarily.

The big idea, if one so wishes to call it, is to trim down on superfluous items in each undertaking. Formal parties are the main object of attack, for it is in their connection that the expense bills pile high. There are many items, such as bids, favors, decorations that can be toned down or forgotten about completely.

Fraternities and sororities have certain social standards to maintain. They feel they must keep in the general campus rating. Rating, altho it should not be put above actual life of the particular organizations, is a factor with which to reckon. It rests on the shoulders of every individual in every organized group to see that expense items are diminished.

Trimming on the party aspect of the house budget is not the only point which can bear heavy shot. A sliding scale out on every item is imperative, as all chapter treasurers and presidents are undoubtedly aware. At the same time, however, there is a constant fear that the chapter will lose prestige if it clamps down on things; and there is a wanton feeling that something will be missed if the gayness and the brilliancy of the big party idea is slunked, and if other expenses are reduced.

All that can be said now in that regard is that fraternities and sororities must look beyond the present.

Since the success of a university depends upon the success of each student, individually, and since so great an item in the yearly costs of each student enters into the financing of fraternal groups or other organizations, it is up to those bodies, largely, to make it possible for every man and woman to pass this one year as economically as possible.

Joe College and Miss Josephine must pat each nickel very gently as it leaves the chapter archives.

Nothing like having fraternity parties scheduled for Thursday night! At least, it shows that Husker students read their Nebraskan quite thoroughly. And that's something!

This Free Hospitality Racket.

More rushes registered dates at the office of the Interfraternity council than a year ago. More freshmen, also, were present at the annual freshman day activities of registration week than attended the program last fall. That led some to believe enrollment would be heavier than previously.

But enrollment has dropped, not as seriously as was supposed, yet there has been a drop. Fewer pledges, by an even one hundred, have been taken in by fraternities than during the rush week of last year.

This shows two things, at least. Freshman day activities are at last drawing the new men as it was meant for them to do. Freshman day is comparatively new and it takes time to get things started. The other point is this: Men coming down to school are ever faster catching onto the idea of how to bone the frats for free room and board during rush week.

Newcomers cannot be blamed for their impressions upon the fraternal groups which offer their brother-like hospitality so freely. Warm hearts of fraternities are beating to the extent that almost anyone can borrow a few good meals and a night or two of lodging. The frats, evidently are being royally honked.

So the Interfraternity council's rush card figures were no prediction of enrollment figures. In the matter of freshman day, on the other hand, the increased attendance can be laid only to the fact that plans are better organized and a greater percentage of the whole class is beginning to learn of the values of this special day set aside for new comers.

The red caps are out!—Here, boy, my luggage!

Over in Andrews hall they are wondering which is worse—tractors or R. O. T. C. cadence?

MORNING MAIL

Things That Count.

TO THE EDITOR: They are a peculiar species, these collegians. They are a thoughtless, heedless, and foolhardy outfit, taken on the whole. One may well stop to speculate on the percentage of them who appear to have a pitiable misconception of the purpose of a university.

This year is one of rather peculiar circumstances. There are many students who are here only at the expense of parental sacrifice. Some of them possibly do not realize what it means to their family to keep them in school this year. Parents, as a rule, say little about the financial side of the affair. They only warn their son or daughter to be a little more careful, not caring to have their children share the monetary worries of the family in addition to carrying a school course. But, whatever is said, the fact remains that there are a number of students who are attending school this fall at the expense of parental deprivations.

What, one is caused to wonder, is the student reaction to such a situation? The distressing fact is that they show little reaction. Despite parental warnings they are planning as many parties, are buying as many clothes, and in general are more particularly concerned with the social side of their college life than with the education which is preparing them for future careers. It would seem that students might give extra consideration to their purpose here at the University of Nebraska. Certainly they must have a certain amount of social stimulus. But is it necessary to place this foremost in mind, rather than concentrate the majority of attention upon the things which really count—books and studies?

NEWSPAPER TALK

Not Exactly a Gripe.

TO THE EDITOR: This isn't exactly a gripe, neither is it intended to be destructive criticism, but rather to point out an existing condition that necessitates a great amount of inconvenience to students.

I am taking a course out at the Ag campus. Most of my classes are on the city campus. Twice a week I have to drive to the former. I notice about half the class is also from the city campus. When I say "half," it is a conservative estimate.

Wouldn't it be less inconvenient to the majority of the persons concerned with this particular course if the class met on the city campus? Many of the city campus students making these trips to the Ag campus have no cars and have to ride with friends or go on a bus. Both are expensive, speaking in terms of a semester. The instructor and the Ag students in the course would have to make the trip to the city campus, but it would cost them less per semester since there are fewer numbers.

There would be less speeding tickets passed out, less narrow escapes from car accidents, less cars being frozen, and best of all, less students will be late to class. Fewer students will cut classes (as many are prone to do during cold weather). More work will be accomplished with less inconvenience to the whole. In every way it seems to be a more desirable plan.

EPISODES BY OLIVER DE WOLF.

Introducing to you a little column which shall henceforth be known as "Episodes." According to Webster an episode is a separate story, incident or action introduced in narration for the purpose of giving a great variety to the event related; an incidental narrative. And so it is. This column will deal with a wide variety of incidental subjects gleaned from the columns of various newspapers, and from current periodicals. It will have no definite boundaries, it is not subsidized by any cigarette manufacturers, and will be written to the best of the writer's ability. Any and all suggestions are welcomed. It will take the place of Gene McKim's excellent column "Loose Threads" introduced Nov. 26, 1930. And now that "Episodes" has been duly introduced, we will take a slant at the news of the day.

Gold: That yellow glittering metal that has the same attraction for man that honey does for the bear is no longer the monetary standard of Great Britain. From No. 10 Downing street it was explained that the reason for Monday's action was that since last July funds amounting to approximately \$1,000,000,000 had been withdrawn from the London market, consequently the redemption act was suspended. The Bank of England discount rate was raised from 4% to 6 percent, and the London stock exchange closed. The government, while attempting in no way to minimize the danger to the country's finances, declared that the present measures were of temporary nature, and that the country is substantially sound. Our own Wall street has announced that it is in sympathy with the British action. Just what will be done concerning the situation is not evident, since Premier Ramsey MacDonald has announced that it was impracticable to establish a silver basis for currency.

Psychologists say that nine-tenths of what a child learns is forgotten within a month or two if not used, and yet we send children to school to learn. I wonder if this applies to college students?

Rudyard Kipling has made a few appropriate remarks about the mingling abilities of the east and west but at this time it seems that a few remarks would not be out of place concerning the mingling abilities of two Oriental nations—Japan and China. The trouble centers about Manchuria, which at the present time seems to be a virtual "No Man's Land." Manchuria, altho a Chinese province entertains large Japanese economic interests. According to the Chinese, the Japanese forcibly took control of the important points of the province. On the other hand the Japanese charge that the Chinese troops destroyed property of the South Manchurian railway which is backed largely by Japanese interests. Anyway both parties claim that they will do everything in their power to avoid war.

Another big boost for the schools of journalism Stanley Walker, writing in the current issue of the American Mercury is evidently a hard-boiled city editor. He advocates that all or most of the schools of journalism be torn down and that the inmates be set to studying english, history, literature, economics, law or bookkeeping, and if they won't study, then let them learn to drive a truck. To his credit, however, he admits that

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The United States is evidently not the only country infested with bootleggers. Advices from Havana, Cuba, tell us of cigarette bootleggers who are well versed in all the tricks of the trade, such as fake labels and the like. The four popular American brands sell for six bits a pack and the writer is plenty glad that he is not attending college in that country, especially if the Co-eds have learned to smoke.

THE CAMPUS GROWLER

There will be all kinds of growls. Some are rather embarrassing. I'll try to keep mine from being such. All of which reminds me of the Big Chi senior who thought that B. M. O. C. meant the business manager of the Cornhusker. Button, button who's got the button? Buttons and the red caps were not very much in evidence during the first day of their inaugural. We wonder if the frosh are taking Dr. Sondra seriously. With the campus Beautiful being beautified the question pops up as to when the campus fathers are going to deem it necessary to have that suburb stretch of turnpike between the mall and the Chemistry building. The front yard of the stadium has been cleared, it is true; that homelike atmosphere that was awakened by the ticket booths has vanished, but that corrugated terra firma remains.

Four score, more or less, of freshmen made their movie debut Thursday morning. Few of them proved to be camera shy. The lassies with their Empress Eugeniees tried to look coy or sophisticated as befitted their physiological state. It would really be something of the right honorable Innocents decreed that the frosh red headgear should be a la Empress Eugenie. Oh death, where it thy pang!

The "as the crow flies" between social sciences and Andrews is as mucky as a "moon special." It affords plenty of opportunity for the pulling of "Raleighs." Some of those rush week mud slingers ought to feel right at home amidst the mire.

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