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# Beating The Betters.

Someone has staked a wager that before next spring several fraternities and sororities shall have gone bankrupt. That persoon is not alone; for, altho there have been no other advertised bets placed, there are several of the opinion that highly financed houses will go under this year. Those individuals state that they cannot see how many of the organized groups will last since it costs so much to operate a fraternal lodge and since, at the same time, living costs are lower elsewhere.

As far as actual expense is concerned, it has always been more costly to live in a fraternity or sorority house than outside. That is obvious without statement, even, for one must account for the large domicile at the disposal of individuals associated with the particular groups, as well as reckon with the incidental privileges which those individuals immediately assume when they become affiliated. Such things, while they cannot be purchased with outright eash, must be paid for indirectly.

It is a challenge to fraternities and sororities and any other organized groups for that matter. This bet will be a victory for the one who placed the wager if associates within the respective groups do not rise on their hind feet the party to merit their use. Favors the same and see to it that the funds to which they contribute are spent in the best manner possible. It is an individual duty of each man and woman to his or her organization to see that the been on Saturday. drain on each treasury is as little as is necessalv. If finances are watched, there will be no closing of doors.

fraternal groups how to run their business. day to decorate. No one, except the group itself, cares much less competition for the others,

osing of doors, for it is then that many dents will have to go home because of depleted joying the party themselves. pocketbooks. So, while there is little concern about the organization closing up, there is able in summer school to put on successful great concern about students leaving the uni- parties without decorations. One dime per versity. It will happen that some who have person . Orchestra take all. I had just as already expended several years in scholastic much fun at these parties as I have ever had efforts will be forced to leave. The entire uni- at any Barb party. However I do not believe versity is interested in those things.

lodge, it will be necessary that uncalled for ex- fifteen cents for women is enough. Besides penditures be curtailed. Difficult as it is to what does the council do with that money determine just which are uncalled for expendi- when \$60,00 gets an awfully good orchestra tures, there are, indeed, many. Each fraternal during these times. Six hundred people at order can determine them for himself. Some a dime per person is that sum and there is items can be budgeted to but one-half of what usually a thousand at a really good party in they were in previous years. Others can be the coliseum done away with entirely for this year.

ious to see organized houses fall, it shall be a taking a hand in the affair and offering us calamity if even a part of them go under. poor abused working Barbs (I don't mean The university feels that these houses are an the last) a social outlet besides church parties. assset, especially since dormitory facilities are I'm getting so I dread to see Friday come

so poor. Be on your guard, then, you organized groups. Don't let the matter of a so-called social rating hinder you in your determination to keep alive and above the "red." See to it that when next spring rolls around you will be just as sound as ever, despite the bets and wagers of prognostication. Beat the bet-

### Professors and Their Baffling Questions.

are profs that make us blue, but the profs young men-everything depends on them. that fill our hearts with anguish are the profs

and select group of professors who seem to in sports there is a dearth of real thinking on delight in asking hard-working students par- the part of players and spectators, in the judgticularly baffling questions. The group, it is ment of some football coaches. To a large necessary to add, is in the minority, but never- extent this scarcity of eventive thinking is due theless a certain number of students each year to faults in our educational system. The older are required to take courses under the mys- generation has not adequately prepared young terious-question propounders

These learned people sit before their classes complex problems. droning out facts and then suddenly, without | Real, creative thinking is frowned upon in warning, they clothe a simple question in the most of our grade schools. Students are exmost abstract terms and call on some un- pected, not so much to think as to give back suspecting victim to answer. The student, a slavishly in recitations and examinations what little bewildered, says, "I don't understand your question." Whereupon the professor Often if a pupil does not agree with the insmiles mysteriously or dangerously, depending struction handed out to him, his grade is upon the individual and either calls upon the lowered. If he persists in doing some real next person or withers the class with a glance thinking of his own, he is considered a misfit.

It seems that professors could be of a little book knowledge and that imparted by the inassistance to pupils along this line and ask structor are of value. Students are being questions with a little more care. They should given more lee-way in thinking for themselves. be able to ask the question in such terms that They are responding well, but they still have

the student will be able to understand. Most students do not object to answering shown by the fact that many of them consider questions they can understand. That is what "playing up to an instructor" as of vital imthey are here for. But when they are required portance in securing an education,-Daily to figure out puzzles before answering, stu- Kansan.

dents have a right, and a legitimate one, to KOSMET MORNING

Students have no doubt that instructors are learned and know their subject, but they win themselves no popularity and no acclaim if they persist in deliberately making a course which will be used between the difficult by asking mysterious, baffling ques- longer ones. tions which the student can not interpret, let alone answer.

Mickey Cochrane, Athletics, wishes that someone would kidnap "Pepper" Martin of the Cardinals. The Cornhuskers could stand a little of Kosmet. of "pepper" on the gridiron.

# MORNING MAIL

### This Explains It.

TO THE EDITOR:

So, Edeebe, you don't like to go out to Ag College to take a class, when you know Orchestras, or some kind of music

some friend into hauling them out there! When your comment appeared a few days and two man "gag" acts, and nov-ago. I was inclined to agree with you, but elties have to be used to compose not any more. I know it is darn inconvenient to get out there for a 3 o'clock, but wouldn't been made up of "college vaude-you rather do that than not take the course ville"—original acts composed and to get out there for a 3 o'clock, but wouldn't at all? Admitted, that it is a requirement, but acted by students. some kind-hearted graduate student on this campus told me that it is paid for by the agricultural college appropriations and unless

they paid it, it wouldn't be given. This same problem was "hashed out" a few far more effective," he declared years ago, but for some reason or another, the real answer is never given out, unless as in my case, it just "slips out." Maybe, what I've said won't ease the pain which this in- has requested that the parade be convenience causes you, but just remember organized, and not a straggling 'the things hardest to get in this world are usually the most worthwhile.'

A. B. C.

### Economy and Entertainment,

The Barb Council is letting the cost of its parties get too high. Fifty and thirty-five or eighty-five cents per couple while dance halls in Lincoln furnishing the best orchestras and having the slickest floors charge on the average of only one dollar per couple. One of these charges only seventy-five cents.

High admissions cut down the crowd and have a tendency to make the party a date affair because boys and girls alike will not gamble that amount of money against the chances of getting dances when they stag it.

The Student Activities committee of the summer session under Prof. Lantz was able to put across very successful parties at a cost of ten cents per person. I know, I was there. So were over four hundred others.

Expensive decorations do not add enough to

There is one Barb party a month and it on Saturday. This year the Ag mixers have all

There are many students who work on Saturday and are either too tired to dance or do

not get off work early enough to attend. The biggest objection the Barbs have of-This newspaper does not intend to tell fered to Friday parties is that it takes a

I used to help Alan Williams decorate for whether any particular organization is caused a party. It is my observation that the only

to close its doors. There will be, in fact, that thing the two score of students who worked most of the day decorating got was the satis-The crime, however, enters following the faction of knowing they had done a good deed

the Barbs would have to come down to a To insure the substantial foundation of each dime but I do believe a quarter for men and

I think it is time the Student Council, the In spite of the fact that some people are anx- true representative body of the students, was again. There ought to be two mixers a month.

# NEWSPAPER TALK

# 'Beautiful Young Idiots.'

Edna Ferber returned recently from a trip to Europe and lamented that American students are "beautiful young idiots who never get beyond football talk and oh, yeah?" necording to the Literary Digest of Oct. 3. She There are profs that make us happy, there said that this is the most important time for

Granting that Edna Ferber is at least partly who say, "I'm asking you." right, whose fault is it that American students Upon the Nebraska campus there is a small refuse to think except about sports? And even men for this "most important time" and its

and says, "I am sure it would be perfectly American institutions of higher learning are clear if you were familiar with the subject." breaking away from the idea that only textmuch to accomplish in this direction, as is

# SHOW SCHEDULED

SATURDAY, NOV. 7 (Continued from Page 1.)
be a number of "short" skits ranging from three to six minutes

Music, singing, dancing, clever lines in fact, anything original which is entertaining and would help make up a good variety show, is the sort of material which Kosmet Klub is seeking, according to William McGoffin, member

It has always been the custom for a fraternity and a sorority to UNIVERSITY HOST combine the talent in the two organizations and produce a skit for the show. This gives the advantage of more variety through the singing and dancing of both boys and girls.

### Acts Usually Musical.

Also, in the past, there have always been acts produced by fraternities alone and sororities alone, more than half of the class must go from have always been secured to accompany the acts unless they were the city campus and pay bus fare or talk all talking.

> the shorter skits. The whole morning revue has

Such things as piano duos, one

### INNOCENTS WILL MEET OKLAHOMA AT TRAIN TODAY

"if all students march in it, rather than cutting across to the hotel

by a shorter route.
"Besides, the police department banned." he said.

### BURNETT ANNOUNCES

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES (Continued from Page 1.) ton, D. C. Application forms will be mailed by the secretary on request or may be obtained from the nearest director of the board. Walker Founds History Prizes.

The two prizes offered annually by the Boston society of natural history were founded by the late Dr. William Johnson Walker. For the best memoir presented a prize ranging from \$60 to \$100 may be

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ciety that the founder of these prizes intended them more in the nature of encouragement to the younger neturalists than as re-wards for the work of mature in-

Attention is especially called to, by the board, to original and unpublished work which must be accompanied by a general review of the literature of the subject.

### TO 200 STUDENTS IN PRESS SESSION (Continued from Page 1.)

Financing. 11 o'clock, news writing awards. 11:15 o'clock, business sessions. 12 o'clock, school of journalism

# Salurday Afternoon.

Nebraska-Oklahoma football officers of the Nebraska high school press association for the year 1930-31 are: President,

### UNITARIAN CHURCH Arthur L. Weatherly, Minist The Church Without a Creed

Not the Truth but the Search for Truth Sunday, Oct. 11th-11 A. M. "A Planned Social and Economic Order"

event of the convention will be the news writing contest to be held at nine o'clock this morning, Mr. Walker opined. Each high school is entitled to two entries, one boy and one girl. The contest papers will be read by alumni of Sigma

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