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Chance for The Barbs.

Announcement of the spring elections to be held Tuesday, May 10, one week from today, is of greater interest this year than it has been in the past two. Factions are viewing with interest and a deal of alarm the organization which the Barbs are attempting to perfect which the Barbs hope will give them some political strength.

The group headed by Willard Young is making progress but it is small and its organization plans necessarily are loose because of the disorganization of the unaffiliated student group. It cannot effectively go out and get votes as can the other two factions.

The election will be centered about the publication board and the Student council. In order to make those bodies really representative, there should be members of the unaffiliated group seated on both.

It is a direct challenge to the Barbs. If they have an interest, even the slightest, their opportunity to display it is at hand. Barbs and other students interested in the school as a whole have cast aside political aspirations and are working for the good of the whole student body.

In a few days the senior honoraries will elect their successors for the coming year. They will be criticized for the lack of Barb students in the organizations. It is not the fault of the societies, however. The fault lies with the students themselves.

It will be interesting to note whether or not the Barb ticket will be influenced in any way by the new organization. A concentrated drive for votes and a large turnout at the polls will assure the Barbs of a part in the student life of the university which they have never had before.

Big Six Spirit.

For several years Nebraska students have been bewailing the loss of what is rather loosely termed "school spirit."

It was interesting to note at the recent conference of representatives from schools in this section of the country that the situation at Nebraska is not unique. Several of the delegates to the conference, in talking informally, were wondering how they could inspire this spirit among the student bodies of their schools.

It was quite universally agreed that any artificial stimuli were quite ineffective. One of the delegates, however, had plans for trying to arouse this spirit, which we may, without disparaging his motives, criticize on the basis of artificiality.

While we are willing to admit that such affairs are likely to arouse interest and a certain amount of enthusiasm, we are not willing to admit that this enthusiasm is either "school spirit" or that it is valuable or constructive in any way. It is a concession to the immature student who still takes pleasure in making himself conspicuous in outlandish ways.

We believe that the tendency of students today to be less easily excited into mob displays and foolish antics is one which should be encouraged and praised. There are some affairs

of this boisterous nature which may have value simply as providing recreation and amusement. But the difficulty with most of them is that they nearly always degenerate and become not only non-constructive but actually destructive.

The term "school spirit" because it has so often been associated with mob displays of student enthusiasm which have resulted in breaking up classes and destroying property has come to have an odious connotation to many people, particularly outsiders.

Nebraska's need is for some such place. The possibility of getting a union building looks remote at present, but its remoteness is due more to the disorganization of unified student interest in the university than to unfavorable economic circumstances.

That such a feeling does not now exist is evident. That is why it is so important that the unaffiliated students on this campus, who constitute the largest group of students, but who have been the most disorganized and uninterested in student activities and the things that help make university life worth while, must arouse themselves from their lethargy and assert themselves as a part of the institution.

Friendly Feeling.

A distinctly progressive step which may open the way to closer relations between Big Six schools was taken when representatives of student governing bodies of four of the schools conferred on student problems here Saturday. The conference closed with plans for a loose organization and regular future meetings.

The value of periodic get-togethers of student government leaders in the schools of this part of the country for purposes of discussion on student questions is obvious. That the conferences would represent the schools having problems similar to our own and are small enough for detailed open discussion is a distinct advantage over such larger conventions as that of the N. S. F. A. to which Nebraska sent delegates last winter.

The Saturday conference was eminently successful in threshing out questions taken up and giving the delegates from the various schools valuable information on other schools to carry back. But Saturday's conference was only a beginning.

What A Week.

With the opening of registration for the fall term by resident students Monday, what is perhaps the busiest week of the college year opened to a buzz of activity. No one registered, of course, but registration started anyway.

Tuesday will find male Greeks assembled in confusion at the annual Interfraternity banquet, where the rewards of labor in the study hall will find fruition and the east iron scholarship plaques will be redistributed, to hang proudly in view during rush week and be neglected the rest of the time.

Wednesday a bevy of the serious minded, of whom there are all too few, will be officially recognized at the annual Honors convocation. At this time the appropriate combination of Corn Cobs ushering at the Honors convocation may be seen.

Thursday, of course, tradition has its innings, and in the evening alumni and students will be entertained at the first Ivy day party. During the day students of the university will stay pretty much assembled on inadequate bleachers and staid grass in the two by four space south of the administration building.

Friday will find schools and colleges celebrating their allegiance in college day activities. There will be picnics, speeches, sun-burn, and so on. In the evening the male pepsters will get exclusive and hold their annual dinner dance.

And Saturday noon, the week's hectic activities will be climaxed by the close of registration. The Farmers, too, will make merry all day Saturday with their annual Fair, with milking contests, riding events, and so on.

Yes, it's a big week. The campus blooms forth and confounds the critical gentlemen who say the university is traditionless. Alumni, it is hoped, will return in large numbers to the scene of their youthful activities, and maybe they will like the old place as much as everyone else does, beneath all the veneer of bored cynicism. Break down, if you must, but admit—it's not so bad.

THE MORNING MAIL

Satisfied.

TO THE EDITOR:

Because of the comment resulting from my letter which appeared in the Wednesday Nebraskan, I feel it is my place to make a brief explanation.

It was not so much my intention in that letter to question the sincerity of the Innocents and the Student council in attempting to organize the Barb students, as to draw attention to the fact that the present Barb council was not consulted or even informed about the movement.

Although I will admit that when I wrote my previous letter I did not wonder just what

was the final motive behind the backing of the present movement by fraternity men, I have since become satisfied that their action was for the best interests of the barbs. The results of the Tuesday evening meeting and the answer to my letter in The Nebraskan have convinced me of this.

I certainly did not intend any inference of jealousy of the new organization in my letter. It has been sufficiently demonstrated to me that both this group and the present Barb council have distinct places on the campus, and that both can work effectively without either interfering with the other.

It is my sincere hope that all Barb students will become sufficiently aroused by the recent campus events to get behind the new organization and give it as well as the Barb council their full and unrestrained support.

INTERESTED STUDENT.

HAYSEED and HAYWIRE

By GEORGE ROUND

Probably no one is more interested in the inter-sorority riding contest to be held during Farmers Fair than Richard Faulkner of Lincoln. When approached by Manager Meredith about the possibility of the contest, he offered to give a cup and spoke enthusiastically about the plan.

Al Ebers of Seward is probably one of the biggest fair boosters on the college of agriculture campus. Being a member of the junior fair board, he is actively interested in the pageant production and is devoting a great deal of time toward that end.

Maybe you don't believe it but Delphin Nash says he saw 1,000 mules in a recent circus parade in Omaha. Perhaps they were white mules. They say that Ruth Schill reads this "hoey."

"We believe that the dormitory system with its opportunities for finer living and nobler thinking will play an integral part in producing a superior type of citizen who will reflect credit upon the university and make a worthwhile contribution to the community and society at large," read a portion of their report.

Dean Heppner Studies Plans. Dean Heppner, an active worker for the dormitories, has visited many of the modern dormitory plants in other universities, including Michigan, Cornell, Iowa State, University of Iowa, Northwestern, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Columbia, Kansas and Grinnell.

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second to guess who will be the Goddess of Agriculture for the 1932 Farmers Fair. Only senior girls are eligible for the award and girls in the college do the electing.

NEW CARRIE B. RAYMOND DORMITORY WILL PROVIDE WOMEN FINE QUARTERS BECAUSE OF YEARS SPENT IN PLANNING

ing whereby they would buy dormitory bonds. They conferred with architects and had the first set of plans drawn up. This idea was dropped at a time when university authorities were stressing the need for additional classroom buildings and for more adequate salaries for the faculty.

Women Graduates Push Plan. The Lincoln branch of the American Association of University Women has had a standing committee on dormitories for several years. This committee, with a changing personnel, has studied the local problem and advised such a building.

Faculty club, an organization of higher ranking women teachers in the university has also had a committee studying this matter. This committee, comprised of Miss Mabel Lee, professor of physical education, president of the club; Miss Laura Pfeiffer, associate professor of European history, secretary; Miss Margaret Fedde, professor of home economics; Mrs. Hattie Plum Williams, professor of sociology; and Dean Heppner as chairman, studied the problem for some time and reported in favor of women's dormitories.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Wednesday. A. W. S. board meeting at 12 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

tion rooms, party rooms, check rooms—all have come in for their attention at the hands of the interested women. The facilities and equipment for indoor athletics have been planned by the women's physical education department of the university.

The dining quarters have also been given long and serious consideration by women. Miss Fedde, chairman of the department of home economics, assisted first by Miss Bernice Elwell and later by Miss Martha A. Park of the same department, has taken over the responsibility for the dining room equipment. They feel that a superior arrangement has been effected by having the kitchen and dining room on the first floor instead of in the basement as is the case in many dormitories.

University authorities explained today that the initial cost of the first dormitory unit is somewhat higher than will be the additional units because this central unit will provide administrative quarters, kitchens, dining rooms, and recreation rooms for the entire dormitory system. The additional units or wings will be devoted almost entirely to student rooms.

With the new dormitories ready for use by the fall of 1932, University authorities feel that for the first time all university women will be able to enjoy happy and congenial surroundings that are reasonably priced, attractively furnished, adequately equipped, and well governed, a combination desired by all parents.

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STUDENT DIES HUNTING DATA FOR PH. D. THESIS

Working in Ecuador Jungles Proved Fatal to Young Chicago Man.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Hunting for data for a Ph. D. thesis in the steaming jungles of Ecuador proved fatal to Thomas Walsh, Jr., it was disclosed Saturday when a letter telling of Walsh's death was received by Walsh's parents here.

The letter written from Monzon, Peru, by Harold Foard, West Virginia, brought news of the death of Thomas Walsh, Jr., twenty-five, to Walsh's parents here.

The story Foard told was a nightmare of struggle against tropical fever, impenetrable jungle forests, scanty food supply and terrific heat.

Walsh died in the arms of his friend after fighting vainly to continue despite fever and starvation. A brief note scrawled before his death Jan. 29 pictured graphically the half-delirious last moments of the young explorer.

He wrote: "Mother: I am making Foard go on for aid... Can't move... God save us... Please help Foard marry Clarissa (a girl in Lima, Peru)... He is your son now... Dad I am dead—save mother."

Walsh a graduate of the University of Illinois with a master of science degree, had been stationed at Oroya, Peru, for two years as a chemist for the Cerro de Pasco Copper corporation. To obtain data for use in securing a Ph. D. degree he and Foard set out last November from Huancuco, Peru.

Their destination was the wild and almost inaccessible headquarters of the Paute river in southern Ecuador where in a territory inhabited only by a few fierce Indian tribes they hoped to find new deposits of valuable ores.

MEDICAL COLLEGE TO ACT AS HOST MAY 7

(Continued from Page 1.) a baseball game between the freshmen medics and the pre-medics. According to H. W. Manter, pre-med advisor, the privileges of the day are open only to pre-medics, and so they may be sure of admittance they should have their identification cards with them.

A student at North Carolina university was stopped by a policeman and forced to aid in the pursuit of fleeing bandits. When the bandits were run down, the officer gave the student his gun and hid behind a tree. As the student approached the bandit car he was shot in the chest and now lies helpless in a hospital. His condition is considered critical.

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