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Jack Horner And His Wife.

NEBRASKA'S party season has opened bringing to the fore once more consideration of a situation which has long constituted a blight on the whole social system on this campus. This is the chaperone question.

That chaperones are considered a necessary evil by students and that chaperoning is considered the same way by faculty members is no new thought. Yet a rule out of Dean Heppner's office says every party must have them.

These opposing conditions have crossed until the state has now reached where it is almost impossible to get chaperones for a student party. Many faculty members absolutely refuse to chaperone fraternity and sorority parties. How do we much blame them. Others reluctantly consent to go only because they believe it is their duty to do so—someone has to.

Under the present attitude of students toward chaperones, the object is solely to get the required number of names signed to the card which must be submitted to the office of Dean of Women in order to hold a party.

After that, the students have no interest in the chaperones. They may get to the party the best way they can. Trailing in, looking, feeling and being treated like intruders, they check their own wraps and are conducted to a well-lighted "chaperones' corner" where they stay the entire evening—just sitting and looking on. Perhaps the social chairman of the organization or the house president will greet them, exchange a word or two and leave them. Perhaps not even that.

If they wish to dance, they may dance together. If they get tired of that, they can sit some more.

When the party is over, they must fight in the line for their wraps and go, thanked only by their own satisfaction at having performed a distasteful but necessary charitable act of school service.

ANALYSIS of the situation fails to reveal a sure-fire solution. But there are some things that might be done to alleviate the situation.

In the first place, students might show common courtesy to faculty chaperones. They should at least make it a point to meet the chaperones and do, within the narrow limits of what is possible, what they can to provide the chaperones an enjoyable evening.

Another suggestion comes from a faculty member: Let it be understood that a couple invited to chaperone a student party may bring along their own friends to form a little party of their own to take the dullness out of an entire evening of sitting and watching. This, too, would be practical under present rules.

The real reason for the deplorable condition, we think, inheres in the Nebraska social system which is somewhat of an anomaly, unique to this school. This is the straight program of dancing used. One couple dances together the entire evening, seldom even exchanging dances with a fraternity brother. There is no cutting in and no stag line.

Whether or not a change to provide cutting in and a stag line would be advisable is doubtful. But there is another possibility that would seem to provide the solution now being sought. That is program dancing, under which each person dances with several others during the evening rather than with his or her partner only.

Such a plan would heighten the social value of student dances as an opportunity for becoming acquainted with more people, which Nebraska's system certainly does not provide. It would, moreover, afford an opportunity for chaperones to dance with and meet students whose organization party they are chaperoning.

Whether or not this is the solution so desperately needed at this time, we don't know. It is a possibility Nebraska will welcome suggestions from students and faculty members.

As it is, chaperones are little more than Jack Horners, sitting in the corner all evening and serv-

ing only to fulfill the rule which requires that student parties be so policed.

On Making Campus Traffic Safer.

UNIVERSITY students at a number of institutions are not allowed to drive cars. Oregon, for instance, has this distasteful rule about which the student newspaper at that school rhymes as follows:

Mary had a little car The slickest in the class; And everywhere that Mary went She stepped upon the gas.

She drove the car to school one day. But teachers thought it rude. For autos at college may Cause moral turpitude.

So teacher cranked the little car And wheezing like a gramophone. The little car was driven far From off the college campus.

Nebraska students are restricted by no such Puritanical rule. The result is that R street from 12th to 14th is one of the most congested traffic areas in Lincoln every noon, that jaywalking students crossing the campus from class to class are running a more serious risk than they often think. Especially is this true between Grant memorial hall and social sciences between morning classes. Students cross streets indiscriminately and manage to thread their way in among the lines of cars traveling, often one to slowly, up and down 12th street.

Many students drive dilapidated models of unknown extraction, trusting to divine Providence that they'll be able to stop and start them when necessary.

It is, in fact, remarkable that so few accidents do occur on the campus. Someday divine Providence is going to get tired of playing guardian angel to student drivers and pedestrians and someone will get hurt.

A more solid reliance than pure luck must be trusted. One of the first things is to provide every car with good brakes.

The City of Lincoln is providing free automobile light and brake tests this week. Sgt. L. C. Regier, campus police officer, has urged all student drivers to take advantage of this opportunity for a free and competent check up on the safety of their cars during this period.

The testing lane is being conducted on 9th street at R and Q streets. Lincoln papers yesterday reported that a car can be put through the line, tested and checked in about twenty minutes. Every student driver, enjoying the privilege granted by this university of driving a car to school, owes it to himself, those who ride with him and those who walk to have his car checked this week to eliminate the hazard of campus traffic.

Class Presidents No Longer Sincere.

POLITICAL chiseling for chiseling's sake, it is hoped, will be greatly reduced this year with the abolition of freshman and sophomore class presidencies, and the provision for the election of junior and senior presidents for an entire year instead of a semester.

Politics of course, will not be reduced. But there should be this year for the first time in many years a definite and justifiable reason for these political maneuverings. The two class officers who are to be elected will have some definite work to perform, little though it be. Furthermore, being upperclassmen, the two will in some measure at least be deserving of recognition for their prominence in student life. The underclass representatives were formerly merely representatives of the strongest fraternities in the strongest faction.

If politics seem to be evil to some who look on the offices to be filled as positions of high honor and glory, we can only say that in a school of this size politics are inevitable and moreover are actually serviceable, in that it is doubtful if any other system of nomination and election of candidates could be carried out any more successfully.

We recognize that under the existing system the voters vote not necessarily on the basis of merit. This is deplorable, but we can think of no alternative. Obviously relatively few of the voters can know all or many of the candidates.

The answer to this quandary is two-fold. In the first place the responsibility comes back upon the factions to nominate strong and worthy men so that however the tide of balloting flows, an able man will be filling each position. That is after all the important point.

In the second place, we should advise the defeated candidate to look upon the matter with equanimity. Five years from now or less it will not make the slightest difference in the world to him or anyone else whether he was junior or senior class president.

This makes politics a game to be enjoyed without taking it too seriously. There is also the duty to be performed, however, and the point of this duty is lost if the position to be filled are sinecures. Now that these positions cannot longer be regarded as sinecures, the game should be more enjoyable and yet without less haphazard and aimless.

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Contemporary Comment

University and Community.

By its inherent nature a state supported university is a servant, first to the cause of education, second to the state which creates it, and particularly to that which more concerns us as students and faculty members, the community in which it makes its home.

Purdue, we believe is creditably discharging its primary obligation. In testimony of this we need only point to our graduates in positions of responsibility all over the world. As for the second, there can be no doubt. There is hardly a university in the country that distributes valuable information and advice to both the lay and the highly professionalized public in such quantities as does Purdue to Indiana residents.

We now come to the particular purpose and to the point of our editorial. Does Purdue serve the community? Again there is no doubt but that Purdue goes further in this duty than most of our educational contemporaries, too many of whom are prone to segregate themselves as a world apart from the rest of the locality. But to concede this point would be to enter into a discussion of generalities, and it is not our purpose here to discuss the college-community problem of America. We are interested in Purdue, the West Side, and the East Side.

Before suggesting an answer to our query of whether Purdue serves the community we should ask, "When is a university of service to its townspeople?" Is that duty being discharged when the school, its students, its faculty, "trade at home," or when the athletic department brings huge crowds to football games and consequently to spend money? In a mercenary sense these criterions cannot be denied the judgment of being, a part of the development of a mutual friendship and certainly failure to do so any of them would prevent the establishment of any friendship whatsoever.

But it seems to us that more than proper commercial relations, the actual fitting in of the "gown" with the "town" and the real down-to-earth friendliness are measures of the relationship between town and university.

Purdue has not lacked in commercial co-operation. Students and faculty trade with West and East Lafayette merchants; fraternities have frowned on co-operative buying from foreign concerns; local contractors have predominated in university construction work; and thousands have been drawn to Lafayette on football Saturdays.

Yet it seems that in the final judgment there is something somewhere amiss. That which is lacking we affirmably believe is that more important phase of school and town life, that which is life itself.

Perhaps Purdue has not had every chance in the world to help establish this vital contact. Friendship is a mutual affair and without mutuality it is impossible. While without hesitation we admit that Purdue may not have taken full opportunity of every chance given by the military hand last year in the Jeff gym were wonderful illustrations. There is one fraternity on the campus that annually observes a neighbors' day. There are hundreds of similar opportunities open to those who would be willing to help in creating a better understanding between university and community.

—Purdue Exponent.

Moscow Reaching Out?

What part the Communist party or the Soviet Russia is playing in the recently unearthed plot to bring about widespread runs on banks all over the country may never be revealed, but if people can be made to believe that myriad fingers of Moscow are pointing out doom for the American banking structure the police will have won their first battle against the alleged agitators.

For the word communist—sinister enough to rattle terror to the hearts of all true Americans—stands in the popular mind for all that is radical, revolutionary, anarchistic, alien, anti-social, and dastardly. Well, aren't the communists responsible for spreading false rumors and precipitating unprecedented runs on banks of good standing? Well, aren't they?

It has been rumored that several months ago communists waged a telephone campaign against a number of sound Chicago banks brought about their downfall. They used pay telephones to "warn" in a "friendly" manner, depositors whose names they had obtained by bribing some small clerks. The plan was finally brought to the attention of authorities, who in the secretive manner of authorities dealing with something "big" refused to allow the slightest hint of their findings to seep through into print.

Now in Pontiac, Mich., is discovered a hotel room full of incriminating letters, telegrams, reports pointing to a nation-wide ring of operators carrying on a program of sedition against the banking institutions of the country and pledged to "strip the bourgeoisie and the white collar suits of their faith in banks," ultimately to bring up revolution.

Into the flaming fury of righteous American indignation is hurled the petrole word, "communists." And straightway the high strung imagination shifts to the Russian scene, where all is dark and dismal, where chaos and blood-

shed and battered lives are the order of the day, where iron men rule with mailed fists, where tangled and knotty whiskers are the chief adornment. Who said recognize the soviet? He's a scoundrel, a traitor, and much worse—a communist.

If the Michigan state police or the United States secret service ever discover the whereabouts of the mysterious owner of the documents that reveal the plot, he most certainly should be accorded the utmost punishment. Without waiting to find him, there must be an investigation to uncover further ramifications of this most ruinous and dastardly plot. Whatever must be done to put an end to such a plot certainly should be done without a moment's delay.

But before there are any accusations, let there first be a sound basis for them. Why blame Russia without knowing of Russia is at fault? Why blame any political party or social order unless there is something on which to base that blame, other than rumor or fear or thoughtless conclusions of thoughtless people.

On the other hand, if the perpetrators are found to be members of the communistic party as it is organized in the United States—a branch of the Moscow communist organization there be instituted an unceasing fight by every loyal and patriotic American to stamp out every trace of un-Americanism in this country, to rout out every member of the communist party in America and deport them in shiploads, for as long as they last.

When that fight has been undertaken and won there must be no letup. For just as un-American as the anarchists who would incite a peaceful citizenry to rebellion are

those who allow themselves to be incited. The sort of hasty, unthinking and unwarranted decisions that cause people to flock to banks to withdraw their money the moment they hear of rumored instability are just as much the sort of un-Americanism that must be stamped out as the type that starts the rumors on their hectic rounds. Education, precaution, faith—

would that they'd bring more soundness to these restless heads of ours! Daily Trojan.

A year ago or so, the K. U. cooed if she had nothing else to boast about in her scholastic career, could at least say that she had danced with Buddy Rogers, he has been succeeded by the girl who once had a date with Jim Bausica.



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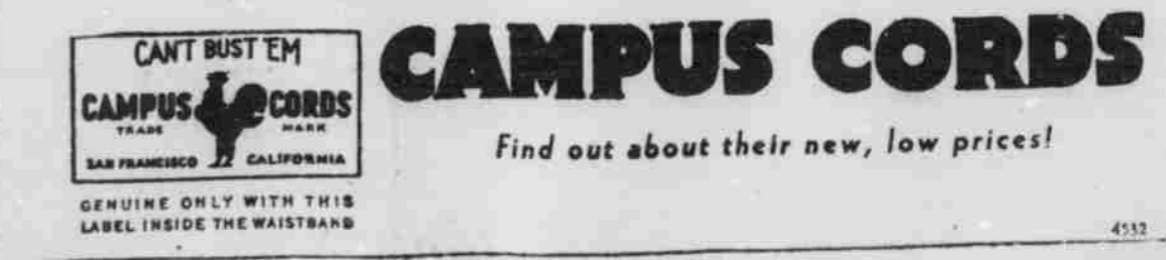
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The Student Pulse

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which exclude all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

We Must Organize.

TO THE EDITOR: A barb disseminated in Sunday's Nebraskan charges the organized barb groups with hogging offices, restricting membership and suspects them of willingness to let the voters "out in the rain." Hogging offices is far from the plan of these groups. Their ambitions are to obtain for nonaffiliated students contacts with other men and women, Greek letter or not, that will give them opportunity to enrich not only their campus life, but to cultivate permanent and helpful friendships for the years to come.

The basis of the letter is a charge against organization of the barbs because it is only the organized barbs that hold offices. This is true, but it is also true that only the organized political factions have men in offices on the campus and if we are to have our fair share of the number of political offices that our potential strength deserves We Must Organize.

curricular activities will get into activities whether he belongs to an organized group or not. The Barb who has advanced this charge should have learned his lesson last spring when he did not participate in organizing ten men for the inter-club council. He did not believe in organization. He was defeated by barbs for a barb office.

Another example of the value of organization is that until the barbs organized last spring and sided with the Yellow Jackets they had not held any campus offices since 1929.

The future of the Barb party lies in organization. It is not hard to get names of ten barbs whom you can represent in the Interclub council. Ten men the ten votes and ten more personalities to strengthen the campaign for greater barb activity. Co-operate—complete your list.

WILLARD YOUNG, JACK COPELAND.

HOMECOMING STAMP SALE BEGINS FRIDAY UNDER A. W. S. CHARGE

(Continued from Page 1.) houses, at a flat price of ten cents for ten stamps. The A. W. S. board has the support of both the Inter-Fraternity council and the Pan-Hellenic board in that every Greek letter house is expected to order its full quota of stamps, each individual buying at least ten Nebraska Homecoming stamps. Over twenty thousand stamps were sold last year and it is desired that the twenty-five

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