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### And Who Are Kernels?

FEELING that they could obtain a better Nebraska spirit among the freshmen, the members of the Freshman Council, under the sponsorship of the Innocents, organized the Kernel chapter of Phi Sigma Chi Wednesday evening. The organization is made up of a pledge from each fraternity and three barb freshmen.

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AND that is the way an organization is born. The above notice was published in the Daily Nebraskan for November 18, announcing to a waiting world the birth of the newest campus brain child. It is to be hoped that a death notice will soon round out the child's career, else the poor thing will find itself summarily buried with its fellows in that graveyard of respectable, and useless honoraries—the Cornhusker.

With the advent of the "Kernels," it is not too much to expect that Sheaves, Stocks, Silks and Pumpkins will one day be running about the campus in Scarlet and Cream sweaters, but if the Nebraskan is permitted to do so, it would like to express the hope this is not soon, if those organizations of the future in any way approach the Kernels in makeup and purpose.

Like others of the breed, the Kernels, alias the Freshmen Council, alias Politicus, open their campaign for undying fame by professing to uphold that ephemeral thing so dear to the lips of collegians—Tradition.

"The specific purposes of the group," according to the announcement, "are to promote interest among the freshmen, to form acquaintances among the various pledges, and to co-operate with the Corn Cobs and Tassels to bring out freshmen to rallies."

There are thus three purposes, distinct and clearly set forth. Let us look into them further.

1. To promote interest among the freshmen.

This sounds like a most worthy ideal. It must have behind it a great deal of thoughtful attention. And how, let us ask, is this ideal to be accomplished? As set forth in the announcement of organization, the Kernels are to be composed of a "pledge from each fraternity and three barb freshmen," and surely we cannot be expected to believe that the little Kernels are going to go around promoting interest among themselves without outside assistance.

2. To form acquaintances among the various pledges.

Here again we come upon definite evidence of ulterior motives. For altho better acquaintanceship is undoubtedly desirable among classmates anywhere, fraternity pledges, "one representative from each house," are hardly worthy of having this special favor conferred upon them. Remember this is all under the guise of an all-University organization.

3. To co-operate with the Corn Cobs and Tassels to bring out freshmen to rallies.

The absurdity of such a statement! The pep organizations, it has long been admitted, have needed something, but a freshman organization is hardly the thing to

satisfy that need. Interpreted, this clause of the founders' statements might very well mean that when there are sidewalks to be painted, and pep slogans to be distributed, the Kernels will become the goats. These, then, are the purposes of the organization.

AND why all this harangue? Only to point out to the student body, and to its legislature, the Student Council, a few of the spurious grounds upon which the Kernels will try to build a fallacious prestige. The Council will soon be called on, if the Kernels thrive, to ratify the constitution of the new organization. And when the time for Cornhusker picture-taking comes, it is to be hoped that the Kernels will find themselves thoroly husked.

A letter to the editor berates the compulsory feature of girls' physical education courses. As if the green bloomers weren't enough cause for lamentation!

'Challenging Defeat.'  
PLATITUDES about "youth" and "generations" are common enough, and F. Vinton Lindley, Yale university student who writes of college youth in the November New Outlook, has no hesitation in admitting it. But when Mr. Lindley very ably continues his article, in defiance of that fact, and makes the excellent points in such commendable manner, neither does the Nebraskan hesitate to pass them along.

Altho recognizing the charges so often brought against youth, Lindley meets them very well. His thesis is that never before have there been so many valid indications of the sanity of youth, and he succeeds exceptionally well in upholding that thesis. Questions of politics, economics, religion, and art are dealt with in their relation to convictions of modern youth, altho they are necessarily treated briefly. Perhaps it is only this compactness which leads the reader to consider the article seriously, but this writer is inclined to believe that Lindley edges the truth much more closely than the average commentator on youth.

Firm in the sensible belief that civilization is the opposite of "going to pot," Lindley concludes: "... There is nothing intrinsically wrong with our system. The lack is in training and spirit. It is these which we intend to supply. The error is not in energy, but in direction. Our force shall be applied in the channels of politics, not in the byways of cynical indifference. It will appear in literature and art, not in erotic manifestations. It will manifest itself not in mere economic entablature, but in simple intellectual honesty."

BECAUSE University of Southern California girls must be in their sorority houses by 1 o'clock, the Daily Trojan is moved to spirited editorial comment. Fifty years from now Nebraska students may be allowed to hope for a one o'clock closing hour.

WITH the British pound showing such pronounced activity, it is singularly appropriate that Flux should be the name of the economist to whom Nebraskans listened Tuesday.

### Instructor's Ph. D. Thesis Is Published

The abstract of the thesis written for her Ph. D. degree by Esther Sanfreida Anderson, instructor in geography at the University of Nebraska, was recently published in the 1932 edition of "Abstracts of Dissertations and Theses" of Clark university.

The title of the thesis prepared by Miss Anderson for her degree was "The Sugar Beet Industry in the Intermountain and Great Plains Regions in United States."

Sometime in the near future, the college of agriculture is going to combine their forces, bury their "hatchets" in the ground, and go to work and elect all major "prom girls," "Nebraska Sweethearts," and "honorary colonels."

## 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 excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

### A Matter of Forum.

University of Nebraska students are going to have a Forum. That's what the Student council says and the Student council should know because it is sponsoring the new project which was deliered into its eager hands via Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. The purpose of the Forum, so it has been announced, is to prod the reflective chambers of the student mind through the medium of outstanding speakers. At present negotiations are being made with Stanley High, which personage is already known by reputation to such students as may boast an inquiring mind.

It goes without saying that the process of securing speakers of note will involve a certain amount of expense—an item which should really be of small consequence—not when the immense prospective benefits of such action is considered, but nevertheless an item which is painfully significant in times like these. All of this leads naturally to the question as to whether there is sufficient motive force on the campus to insure the presence of a respectable number of said 'inquiring' student minds at Forum meetings.

Students at the University of Nebraska are provincial. Any protests against such a flat assertion will only make it the more binding for the reason that provincialism dislikes publicity. Provincialism is not a mark of shame but it most certainly is an indication that inquisitive mental processes are notably lacking among its respective provincials. If all this be true the Forum project is an academic 'pipe dream.' So why should any person or group of persons waste their dynamic efforts in a futile goose-chase for reflective intelligence.

Obviously there is a possibility that the whole chain of reasoning herein pursued is woefully inaccurate.

rate. If that is so it will be manifested, not by words but by actions. In amplification of this last let it be further said that these actions will take the form of student attendance at the first Forum meeting and at ensuing meetings thereafter and forever more as long as aforesaid Forum continues to function. Perhaps it is a sort of challenge to the alleged 'provincialism' of students at the University of Nebraska. And perhaps the challenge will be answered.—J. E.

## Contemporary Comment

### It Really Works.

The University of Chicago has given a year's trial to an educational plan similar to the Honors Course here, and proclaims it a success. The Chicago plan applies to Freshmen and Sophomores instead of to upperclassmen as does the Minnesota honors courses.

The student is expected to obtain a general knowledge of the humanities, biology and physical and social sciences. He takes but one special examination, given by a board of examiners, and not the professor, to determine whether he has covered the ground successfully. There are no other examinations or additional requirements.

Although class attendance was not made compulsory, no "cutting" problem occurred. One student explained it this way: "So many distinguished and able lecturers have been provided, that we would no more think of 'cutting' a class than we would think of throwing away a theatre ticket for which we had paid good money."

It may be possible that college men and women can be developed from pupils into scholars if they are given opportunity to employ initiative and responsibility. It is

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when faculty advisers and instructors attempt to take all the responsibility on their own shoulders, that pupils tend to degenerate into mere "lockstep" examination-passers and grade-getters.—The Minnesota Daily.

### AMPLIFIERS INSURE DANCERS OF HEARING ORCHESTRA AT BALL

(Continued from Page 1). which will raise the flag during the presentation. Frank Novak, Norman Stout, Merrill Moeller, Burton Moore, Richard Muller, Gerald Spurlock, George Holyoke and George Murphy, also of the Pershing Rifles, will take tickets at the fete.

The programs have been dedicated to Col. W. H. Oury and list the names of the patrons, sponsors, officers and members of the various committees.

Decorations for the ball will feature the national colors, and the ceiling will be concealed by a large flag. The north and south ends of the building will be shut off, and only five arches on each side will be visible. The thirteen stripes of the flag will fill the spaces between the arches. The south end of the ball room will be transformed into a living room. Cadet Lieut. L. C. Moffitt is chairman of the decorations committee, and Captain J. W. Crissy is adviser.

### Dean Grubb Receives Freak Tooth Tuesday

A double tooth was received Tuesday by Dean G. A. Grubb, of the Dental college, from Dr. W. C. Dunkin of Minatare. The tooth is really two teeth grown together and was removed from a lower jaw. It will be placed in a museum of freak teeth that Prof. Grubb is collecting.

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