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## An Occasion For Introspection.

CLOSE on the heels of the official gaiety marking the formal season's annual inauguration comes the denouncement—third quarterlies. Faced with the prospect of getting down to work, that cheerful person, the average student, grumbles a bit, but in most cases sets himself to the task of straightening out scholastic difficulties with some concentrated study.

Whether this type of study is worthwhile remains a matter of question. It is certain that better ways of obtaining an education are available, but it is also hard to convince many students that theirs is not the best way.

The subject, in fact, has been worn almost threadbare by generations of college editorial writers, and the Nebraskan leaves the matter of studying and getting a glimpse of knowledge to the individual, who is, after all, the one to profit by introspection on the occasion of third quarterly examinations.

Add the costs of the new dorm: the esthetic shock of looking at barren wastes on R street where the old dormitories were.

## Panhellenic Council Lights the Path.

FEMININE Greeks were well on the way to being one up on their fraternity associates after the Panhellenic council action Monday night in starting machinery looking toward rushee-enlightenment. Altho details of the plan have not yet been completely worked out, the council's approval of a principle designed to publish sorority financial information for the benefit of rushees savors of commendable action.

If a practical system can be worked out, and if sororities are sincere in their desire to attain a greater degree of fairness in their treatment of rushees, then the council is indeed deserving of encomium. It is early, however, for extended congratulations. The new plan is not even definitely formulated yet, and much can happen before its institution as a working part of the sorority code.

For the present, the Nebraskan looks on hopefully and offers its wholehearted support.

## Contemporary Comment

### United They Stand.

The continued denials of academic freedom and students rights in the vicinity of New York has at least culminated in an attempt there to defend students and teachers from the rapidly developing fascism of city and school officials. From every collegiate institution in the city of New York delegates will be sent to a conference to discuss every angle of student freedom and the development

of effective measures to combat the evils so much in evidence these last months.

It is significant to note that the conference will proceed to relate the interests of faculty members and students—a commendable attempt. In these troublesome times both teacher and student have found at last a common ground in their mutual persecution. Professors have been ruthlessly fired, denied reappointment, gently suppressed, or forced to accept insecure tenure, by the actions and implications of school and civil authorities. Students, likewise, have been denied freedom of assembly, speech, and the press, and have been intimidated, arrested and beaten in their own buildings. Such a situation can only be viewed with alarm.

The hope that teachers as well as students will see their common interests in protecting their common rights is a hopeful sign of protest. With such noted members of the teaching profession as Profs. John Dewey, George Counts, Robert Morss Lovett and Horace Kallen supporting the conference, there is every hope that some suggestions will be adopted, not only to combat the present evils, but to solidify the relations of student and teacher, in the expectation of many more battles that are certain to come.—Wisconsin Daily Cardinal.

## 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 Poke in the Ribs.'

Students again engage in one of the minor skirmishes that precede that horrible monstrosity which looms in the offing—the finals. They are not allowed to catch their breath after one seige of tests until another is planned and in waiting for them.

These tests are made such a vital part of the students' grade that they are forced, by the time they are seniors, to accustom themselves to their routine before they are successful in getting good grades. Even after they have made this adjustment they are doubtful of the accuracy of tests as a measurement of scholarship.

Examinations are a fair test of certain qualities of a student, but certainly not of his scholarship.

They test the students' ability either to learn a great deal in a short space of time and retain it long enough to get it on paper or to invent some system of "cribbing" which would be novel enough to escape the spying eye of the instructor.

When carefully observing the attitude of students during the time of examinations, one finds that invariably one or two attitudes is taken. Either the student will refuse to take the exam seriously enough to put forth his best efforts or he will take it as an ordeal and a crucial test of his ability. In the second case, which often results in the less accurate test, the student becomes so completely unnerved that he cannot marshal his knowledge into intelligible sentences. Exams are always a trial to him and they serve such a strain on his nerves that he can never do himself justice. If the student does succeed in answering the exam correctly, that student is one who has "crammed" his knowledge at the time when it will do him the most good, under the present system, and he will forget it as quickly as he learned it.

Still more lamentable is the case of the student who is made into a "wisdom thief" by the pres-

ent system of examinations. When the professor announces an examination, this student will immediately begin to think up some ingenious and crafty way to get a good grade in it. He will squelch what is left of his "little voice" and will enter himself into the ranks of "budding" criminals in his efforts to acquire grades without working for them.

Examinations are not a fair test of scholarship, but they do serve a purpose. They serve as the "poke in the ribs" which is necessary to get students to study enough to pass them and that in itself will cause them to get some of the benefit that can be got from serious study.—F. M.

## OFFICIAL BULLETIN

### Freshman Frolic.

There will be a freshman girl's Fireside Frolic at 6 o'clock Dec. 6 in Ellen Smith hall. Tickets are twenty-five cents and can be obtained at Miss Miller's office in Ellen Smith hall.

### Ag Vespers.

Prof. F. D. Keim of the dairy and husbandry department is scheduled to speak at next Tuesday's ag vespers devotional service. The meeting is at 12:20 in the home economics parlors Tuesday Dec. 6.

### Men's Commercial Club.

The Men's Commercial club will meet Tuesday evening, Dec. 6 in the Commercial club room at 7:30 p. m.

### Freshman Debate.

Names of those competing in the freshman debate contest should be submitted to Prof. H. A. White not later than Tuesday. Drawings for sides for the contest and all final arrangements will be made at that time.

### Tassels.

There will be a meeting of the Tassels at the Kappa Delta house Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. Pledges will have charge of the meeting. Please bring dues.

### Y. M. C. A. Groups.

The freshmen council and engineer's huddle will meet Wednesday night at 7 o'clock for an informal discussion meeting. No special speaker has been engaged, and the course of future meetings will be the theme of the discussion. The meeting will be held in the Temple Y room.

### Y. W. C. A. Activities.

Special Vespers planned by the Freshmen Cabinet will be held Tuesday at 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall. There will also be a Freshman supper at 6 o'clock the same night.

Members of the women's major boards will hold a "Hanging of the Greens" dinner Wednesday at 6 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

There will be a tea from 3 to 4:30 Tuesday for all Agricultural freshmen in the Home Economics parlors.

Sophomore commission will meet with Mrs. Green on family relations Wednesday at 5 in Ellen Smith hall.

The Agricultural staff will meet in the Home Economics parlors Thursday at 5 o'clock.

Cornhusker Costume party will be held for all girls in the university Friday at seven in the Armory.

There will be no Social Dancing class Friday.

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## Unbelievably Low Costs for Students Prevail in Wisconsin Cooperatives

Beating the depression by means of co-operative living has become a popular movement at the University of Wisconsin.

The latest effort in this method of reducing living expenses to an absolute minimum has been undertaken by four young men students who, after several years of university life, decided that the one possible means of cutting their expenses to fit their income was by living and eating together, and pooling the expenses.

As a result, the young men who refused to permit their names to be used, have cut their food bills to 25 cents per day per person, and their room bill to slightly more than 26 cents per day, or a total of 51 cents per day for board and room. Add to this total a small item of 50 cents per month as their share of the gas bill of their landlady, whose stove they use in doing their own cooking, and you have the huge total of not more than 52 cents per day with which each of the boys are able to defray their total living expense daily.

The young men actually chip in \$1.50 per week, on which each of them is able to live for seven days and have good substantial food. Their small apartment costs them \$8 per month each, making a total monthly living cost of \$14, not counting the gas bill.

This is the lowest living cost that has ever been discovered among the students at the University of Wisconsin. The university itself has found the co-operative method most effectual in cutting down the living costs of students, and at the same time furnish them with the best possible facilities. The university now operates co-operative houses for both men and women students. The houses are run on a non-profit basis by the university, and they are very popular among the students, who by living in them are able to reduce their own living costs to less than \$1 per day, and still obtain high living standards.

This low cost has been attained through expert management of the houses and the fact that they are operated on a purely non-profit basis by the university. Students also help keep the living cost down by taking care of their own rooms, under the supervision of a competent housekeeper. Because of the success of the houses financially,

and because of their popularity among their student inhabitants, there is a possibility that other such houses will be inaugurated by the university in the future.

Students living in the houses have given themselves the name of "The Badger Club." Living quarters in both of them were quickly reserved when students returned to the university for classes in September, and only one vacancy now exists, due to the withdrawal of a student from the university.

## BARB COUNCIL PARTY SATURDAY FEATURES DIXIE OXFORD BAND

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war. His son is one of the musicians in the band.

Decorations for the event will be in red and green, and red and green lights will play on the dancers during the evening. A special amplifying system will be used when the director of the band sings. Arrangements have been made with radio station KFAB to broadcast the music Saturday.

"We are exceptionally proud of the fact that an orchestra of the quality of Eli Rice and his Dixie Cotton Pickers will play for the party," Jack Coupland, chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the event, declared yesterday. "We feel that the band is one of the best that has ever appeared in Lincoln. It has been given the highest praise and recommendation by managers and agents wherever it has played."

Admission to the party, which will be held in the coliseum, is 60 cents per couple. The whole floor of the coliseum will be used for dancing, Coupland stated.

### CLASS PLANS PROGRAM.

The radio program broadcast at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon through station KFAB will be presented by advanced students in the school of music.

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