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Give the Rushees

A Break.

PANHELLENIC council some time ago adopted a proposal which requires all sororities to submit accurate information as to their various charges on members. This information, when compiled, is to be available to all rushees preceding the date when pledges are given.

More than ever before the value of this system is apparent now. In the heyday of the Greek lodges a few extra assessments about which rushees were never told, tacked on to the house bills, may not have made a great deal of difference. But now the old story that "our bills are so much per month" as laded out to rushees needs to be accurate. A neat little extra assessment or two every month can no longer be regarded as just an incidental expense.

Many freshmen who come to school next year are going to be forced to live within a stipulated sum of money. They are going to find it necessary to budget their expenditures and calculate from the beginning how much it is going to cost them. If they join a Greek letter group this necessity will be none the less pressing.

Before school closes this spring the Interfraternity council should adopt such a rule. Fraternities and sororities are going to find it even harder to maintain their existence next year than at present. It will be to their advantage to provide this accurate and definite information for their prospective pledges. If they do not do this, they may be faced with the problem of many of their pledges dropping their affiliations because of miscalculation of the amount required to live.

It is a cinch that living expenses in fraternities and sororities next year must be cut to a point where they will not be greatly in excess of living expenses in boarding and rooming houses. Such plans for next year should be made early and the definite information from each group made available to incoming freshmen.

Progressive Universities?

It now appears that if a student cares to go thru an endless chain of procedure proving himself to be a subscriber to certain religious faiths which denounce military service or military training, that he may be excused from compulsory R. O. T. C. requirements set up by colleges and universities. A recent court decision in Maryland forces the University of Maryland to admit two students who on the grounds of conscientious objections refuse to take military science.

The student involved in the case, while gaining a victory materially and morally, nevertheless was obliged to submit to the odium of being considered, in the words of

the court, "perhaps fanatical." His basis of objection is one which will hardly appeal to the majority of college students who above all would shrink from being considered religious fanatics.

But the decision may serve a valuable purpose in focusing public attention upon the peculiar policy of universities in maintaining their reactionary position of going the limit to make students take military drill despite the fact that the federal government itself neither requires nor encourages compulsory drill. It seems passing strange that institutions supposedly dedicated to the promotion of free thinking and liberal ideas should be so vigorous in sponsoring this requirement about the justice of which there is legitimate and intelligent difference of opinion.

When the stage is reached, as it inevitably will be, when universities themselves, instead of courts are willing to recognize as valid intellectually conscientious objections to military science courses on other than religious grounds, then a real advanced step will have been taken. It is unfortunate that educational institutions should be so conservative that they must be forced to recognize even such elementary rights of individualism as the right to one's personal religious convictions. Our idea of an educational institution is one which encourages thinking and supports intelligent differences of opinion rather than forcing students to "do as they are bid" in all things.

Contemporary Comment

Pretty Girls in Uniforms.

IN THE columns of a contemporary college newspaper and under the name of the Associated Press recently appeared photographs of presumably charming girls not without the customary saccharine smile and shapely form, yet clothed in the uniform of the R. O. T. C. The cutlines divulge the fact that these girls are honorary officers in the R. O. T. C.

We've seen some pretty clever advertising stunts in our time—chorus girls endorsing popular cigarettes, cleansing creams, et al—pretty girls pictured in automobiles—but this is the real prize. When the heads of the R. O. T. C. have to dress pretty girls in uniforms to attract the gullible recruits, it is certainly approaching the height of something or other.

It is only too evident that this is just one of the limitless popular stimulants administered to develop that particular type of chauvinism that is found so useful in time of war. If it takes pretty girls in uniforms to make men go to war, we will leave to the public's better judgment to determine just how immensely valuable war must really be.—Oregon Emerald.

Interested Nebraskan's argument in favor of trading dances on the grounds that a fellow will appreciate his own date more after he has danced with a poorer dancer reminds us of the fellow who argued in favor of hitting himself on the head with a hammer because it felt so good when he stopped.

About one more postponement of the ice carnival will necessitate changing the event into a competitive maypole frolic.

A Chicago medical college professor qualifies for the title of the timid soul. Upon receiving a letter advising him to pass all students in one of his classes or take the consequences he removed himself and family to a residence outside the city.

The trial followed the forced resignation of a faculty member, assertedly because of his liberal views.

Students at the University of Berlin are permitted a period of six weeks in which to select and analyze their professors.

Students May File for Prom Girl and Orator

Filings for the positions of Prom Girl and Ivy Day Orator will be received at the student activities office until 5 p. m., Friday, Feb. 17. Candidates for either position must be of senior standing and be scholastically eligible according to the regular university rules. The four girls receiving the greatest number of votes for Prom Girl at the election Tuesday, Feb. 21, will be the candidates for that position.

THE STUDENT PULSE

Let's Have Variety.

TO THE EDITOR:

To students of other universities the plan of dancing an entire evening with one's date, as practiced at Nebraska university, is a peculiarly unsatisfactory one. It is my opinion that a system of cutting, or at least exchanging dances with friends would be a vast improvement over the present system, even for those partners particularly suited to each other. For instance, if a joe were required for courtesy's sake to dance with a less skillful dancer than his date, how much more appreciation he would have for the enjoyment obtained from dancing with his date.

The one-girl date system also seems to have a tendency to produce snobbishness, in the sense that those collegians accompanied by good dates exhibit a feeling of superiority over their less popular or fortunate brethren.

As evidenced by his article, the "One-Girl Man" feels himself above students who have "secret passions." However, I believe that the majority of students are normal human beings who have a desire for variety in entertainment which might be obtained by a change in our existing social system.

INTERESTED NEBRASKAN.

JAG SAWS

By Reveller.

Refuting charges is unpleasant business, but when it comes down to defending the very foundations of one's intelligence, we leap to the guns. The charges revolved around the zero of mentality which must be behind the "puerile attempts at humor" in Jag Saws. Because the truth is proverbially painful, cheerfulness went into a slump, and it's been a pretty gloomy day.

Or, at any rate, it was gloomy before we took a big dose of pure clowning by paying a visit to the state capitol. The legislature wasn't in session at the moment, but imagine the humor generated when an insurance salesman collared us! It took fifteen minutes to thank him, and we came back chuckling.

Vastly impressed by recent books read, we submit the list with a challenge to have it surpassed for variety: "The Mind in the Making," James Harvey Robinson; "Creative Unity," Rabindranath Tagore; "America Comes of Age," Andre Seigfried; "John Brown's Body," Stephen Vincent Benet; "Freya of the Seven Isles," Joseph Conrad; "Washington Merry-Go-Round," and February Harper's in toto.

Perhaps the most enjoyable of the volumes was Benet's great narrative poem, "John Brown's Body." Honors for being the most informative would be difficult to award, but Robinson's revealing study of the mind will rank high as being most generally applicable.

Have you done as well in your "outside" reading?

It's a far cry from book reviewing to reminiscence, but the close of day brings on a genial mood of drowsy meditation. Herewith are a few "Remember whens": Workmen laying bricks on the mall while students stood open-mouthed. . . . Climbing the pillars south of the Antelope pavilion. . . . The studied martyrdom of Alan Williams. . . . The state basketball tournament the year "crusher" hats were in style. . . . "Anti-smoking" hulla-balloo two years ago. . . . The first glimpse of university life, as evidenced by freshman registration in . . . And that was really something!

PROFESSOR WILL SPEAK

Herring to Give Lecture at Temple Theater on Feb. 16.

Professor Herman S. Herring of Boston, Massachusetts will give a free lecture on Christian Science in the Temple theater auditorium on Thursday evening, Feb. 16, at 8 o'clock. His lecture on "Scientific Christian Healing" is under the auspices of the Christian Science Organization at the university.

The lecturer received his professorship from the board of public instruction in Philadelphia and was an associate in electrical engineering at John Hoipkns university for several years.

All students, faculty and their friends are invited to attend this lecture.

Rubber bathing sandals, 50c. Wells & Frost Co., 128 No. 10th. —Adv.

New Y.W.C.A. Cabinet Is Installed Wednesday Night

Newly appointed members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet were installed last night at Ellen Smith hall. The installation was followed by a dinner and a joint meeting of the old and new cabinets.

A research at the University of Washington reveals that the favorite food of the student is steak and the least liked is hominy.

A professor at the University of Minnesota recently set off an alarm clock in one of his classes when he found that several students were habitually sleeping.

Former Students Win Short Story Contest

Two former students of the university won awards in the short story contest sponsored by the Omaha Woman's Press club. They are James Van Liew, who was awarded first prize for his "The Execution," and Mrs. P. M. Sterling, who took honorable mention with her "The Voice in the Well."

Nineteen students of New York City college this week were under suspension because they recently participated in the mock trial of President Frederick B. Robinson and Dean Paul Lineham.

The Yale Daily News, which maintains it is the oldest college daily in the country, this week had celebrated its fifty-fifth anniversary.

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