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## An Idealistic Conception Of the Senior Honoraries

TODAY the two campus honorary organizations, Mortar Board and Innocents, confer the distinction of membership upon their successors. In varying degrees, these two senior honorary societies have for years held the respect of the student body and have been the goal of achievement for large numbers of students.

Both societies aim to pass their membership distinctions on to successors whose work in extra-curricular activities has been so creditable as to merit recognition and to give promise for a final college-year of worthwhile conscientious effort. Today's ceremony is in the nature of conferring a reward for past services. But after today, how wisely this reward was granted will be tested for an entire year when the new members of these organizations are the chief leaders of various student activity projects.

THERE will almost certainly be some dissatisfaction as a result of the choices. Retiring societies are each year faced with the difficult task of singling out individuals who merit distinction above nearly equal individuals. In making the selection, opinions are bound to differ and a certain amount of criticism is likely to result.

Either of these honorary organizations is handicapped when this feeling of dissatisfaction is too strong. Both depend for their position of campus leadership on the respect and approval of the student body. Consequently, the choices of new members are always made with a very strong weather eye out for campus opinion. This together with demonstrated achievement constitutes the qualification for membership.

LIKE all material recognitions of merit, these choices today will not be infallible indications of worth. To those individuals who may feel that they deserve recognition but fail to get it, the Nebraskan offers the consolation of the preceding remark. And to those individuals who do attain the recognition, the Nebraskan even more strongly urges the same remark.

But on the whole the two societies will be composed of the leaders of the student body in certain lines of achievement. And as a whole, these two societies have much that they can contribute to the welfare of future student bodies, and thus to the university.

THE Nebraskan is confident that the choices today will be respected by the student body. It knows that the newly elected members will have some unique experiences of pleasure ahead of them in their last year of college

as a result of membership in these organizations.

But the really significant feature of the ceremonies of selection this afternoon lies in the fact that certain traditional jobs which add to the pleasure and worth of college life will be carried on by capable persons for another year. And certain new ideas for the improvement of opportunities on this campus will emanate from the two newly chosen societies whose purposes are in this much the same, that they are working consciously for the interests of the university and its students, now and for the future.

## The Athletic Ticket Price Is Hiked.

THE Student council has failed to get official approval from the Athletic Board for any figure at which athletic tickets can be offered to the student body under the activity tax plan. In unofficial conversations, the price of \$4 was suggested as the lowest possible price at which the ticket could be offered the student body.

But since this price was first announced in the Nebraskan as the tentative figure to be submitted to the student body, the Athletic board has met and refused to approve that figure or any other. In other words they have refused to have anything to do with the activity tax.

The reason for this unwillingness is explained in the fact that the athletic board is responsible for payment of the bonds and interest on the coliseum. These payments in times past have been made from the profits of the football revenues. During the last two years, however, this profit has fallen off decidedly, partly because student tickets have been reduced from the former price of \$9 to \$6.

SO the board is not going to be able to finance the coliseum program if it secures no more revenue than was secured last year when tickets sold at \$6. If the athletic tickets were sold at \$4 under the tax plan, the total revenue derived would be no more than that derived last year. The Athletic board must have more than this, some way or other. The activity tax plan offers them no relief and forestalls, the board feels, the possibility of raising the price of student tickets when times become better to a figure sufficient to yield the necessary revenue.

In brief this is the explanation for the repudiation of the original figure of \$4 which the Student council calculated could be set as the proper cost of athletic tickets under the tax plan. In other words, the coliseum is the white elephant which blocks the way to a minimum fee for student athletic tickets whether sold on an optional basis or under the tax plan.

Faced with this situation, the Student council has been obliged to revise its plan for the activity tax. Instead of printing on the ballot the athletic ticket for \$4, the council is merely listing the athletic ticket along with other items. A maximum cost of \$5 will be listed after the ticket. Each student will check the items which he feels should be included in the tax plan. If he feels that \$5 is too high for an athletic ticket, he may simply refrain from voting for that particular item.

THE Nebraskan is inclined to feel that there is not much justification for including the athletic ticket in the tax plan if no more than one dollar can be saved by its inclusion. The tax plan can operate successfully without utiliz-

ing the athletic ticket as one of its component parts.

As a matter of fact the tax plan is valuable even tho applied to only a very small number of cheap items. The Nebraskan is interested in seeing the tax plan adopted, not necessarily for any particular item, but for the principle of the thing, because the items that are included can be secured so much cheaper than under any other plan. If the tax plan should be approved this year by the students, even for only one or two items, the mere chance of seeing how it works would be advantageous. The Nebraskan is confident that its advantages would be so apparent that in due time, the athletic ticket and other items would be included in the plan on a minimum cost basis.

LET US HAVE THE ACTIVITY TAX WHETHER THE ATHLETIC TICKET IS INCLUDED OR NOT.

## GANTT WILL TALK AT ENGINEERS' BANQUET

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in Omaha, and in 1913 he became general supervisor of the plant for Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Between 1916 and 1919 he held the position of superintendent of plant for the Northwestern Telephone exchange company, with headquarters in Minnesota. After a series of promotions in succeeding years with middle western telephone exchanges, he became, in 1925, chief engineer for the Southern California Telephone company, and later, vice-president of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. Since 1928 he has been associated with the Postal Telegraph and Cable company.

Engineering clubs from Omaha, Grand Island and Lincoln are planning to attend the banquet in a body. The Lincoln engineering club has notified its members that the regular monthly meeting of the organization will be combined with the banquet meeting Friday evening.

The Omaha engineering club will meet Mr. Arnold in Omaha and drive him to Lincoln making a stop-over in Ashland, Arnold's former home, where an informal reception and inspection trip of the Lincoln water works are planned in his honor. Approximately three hundred engineers are expected to attend the banquet.

## CONFERENCE REPORT ON BUDGET BILL IS BEFORE LEGISLATORS

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ever, lumped all university appropriations into one sum, thus leaving to the discretion of the board of regents the distribution of the appropriation. The house had not previously provided for a cut in the medical college appropriations, but had applied the entire slash to university funds to be used here in Lincoln, but the conference report makes possible the application of a cut in medical college funds, if the board of regents so determines.

Several irreconcilables in the house were saying Wednesday that rather than agree with the conference committee recommendation to raise the appropriation for the university, they would favor a special session. The university item in the budget was the chief bone of contention between senate and house conferees.

The conference committee had for several days been in disagreement, and at one time had reported that they were in hopeless deadlock. Later, however, they agreed on splitting the difference between senate and house recommendations.

The University of North Carolina has a red-headed students' club.

## HEADQUARTERS WINS COMPANY INSPECTION

### Winning Unit Is Awarded Half Point to Count In Compet.

Headquarters company won first place in the company inspections for the week of April 24 according to an order issued by Cadet Col. Howard Mixon of the R. O. T. C. regiment. Company K captured second place while company E took third. Company M scored fourth high

in the inspection which included: Extended order drill, physical drill and formal inspection. Following is the ratings of the companies: Company L, fifth; company A, sixth; company D, seventh; company I, eighth; company B, ninth; company C, tenth; company H, eleventh; company G, twelfth, and company F, thirteenth.

The inspection was one of a series of inspections and parades which were made by the military units in preparation for the federal inspection May 10.

Headquarters company was awarded one-half point in compet for winning the inspection.

Three or four companies already have one or one and one-half points in compet according to Col. W. H. Oury, and no one company is leading very far in the event.



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