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While the Greeks Slept.

RETURNING to school for the plunge into the strenuous activities of rush week, it has probably escaped the attention of most fraternity men that things of importance to their world have been going on during the summer.

We refer to plans for the formation of the alumni council, the actual organization of which will begin next week when fraternities will be requested to elect one alumni delegate each.

As outlined in the preliminary discussions at the two dinner meetings held recently, the new council will concern itself largely with the financial plight in which almost all fraternities find themselves. Later, it has been indicated, the scope of the council's work may be expanded to include other problems of the Greeks.

Officially the directing alumni organization is not yet actually under way, and officially the present interfraternity council has not been informed of the proposed effort to stabilize fraternities. When the undergraduate council does officially learn of the new endeavor, there will doubtless be some consternation among the active Greeks, who will probably begin howling that their preserves have been forcibly invaded.

To eliminate any such spectacle, why shouldn't the interfraternity council officers call an immediate meeting of their organization and have machinery for co-operation with the new alumni body all set up by the time the alumni delegates are named and assume their duties?

It cannot be denied that the interfraternity council in the past has neglected its duties; if such had not been the case, there would have been no need for an alumni council. There should be no excuse then, for the kind of carping that would assume the undergraduates had been insulted by having outside help. The undergraduates need the help, and the least their representatives in the interfraternity council can do is accept that assistance with good grace and offer all co-operation they can in return.

The first step in that co-operation should be in the direction of immediate reorganization of the interfraternity council.

To make the undergraduate body at all able to capitalize on its potentialities, politics and activities—climbing must be divorced from the scheme of representation. As a matter of fact, there is even now a committee of the council empowered to recommend changes in the method of representation, but if past performances are any guide, the council will need quantities of additional stimulation if anything definite is to be accomplished.

Seniors, and seniors alone, have the perspective to deal with the problems that are confronting any body which sets itself up to face out the problems confronting the Greeks on this campus. In the past, when there was little need for intelligent direction—when fraternities would function almost automatically in spite of undergraduate mismanagement—there was comparatively little need for a more efficient interfraternity council. As a result, the post of interfraternity council delegate in each house became a mere rung in the activities ladder, with the selection of innocents as the ultimate goal in the mind of almost every hopeful junior.

Now, however—and for some time in the past if the truth were admitted—Greek problems have become too involved for such superficial treatment. One of the inevitable results of continued undergraduate indifference to the problems is already in evidence with the movement for an alumni council.

THE next step is the reorganization of the interfraternity council so that it will be on a basis conducive to efficient co-operation with the alumni legislative body. Additional work will present itself after the first great upheaval of the representation scheme is accomplished. At the moment, however, the reorganization is the thing of prime importance.

It cannot be emphasized too much that immediate action is necessary. A meeting of the Greek representatives tonight would not be out of place, and work on the actual business of reorganization should be accomplished within the first week of school. If undergraduate Greeks knew how their alumni regarded the problems to be threshed out by fraternities within the next few months—if they could have heard the expression of opinions at the two dinner meetings from which the plan for an alumni council was born—then the members of active chapters would realize how important their actions are going to be.

A big task is set for Nebraska Greeks, and the reconstruction program that will present itself has innumerable ramifications. To set forth that pro-

gram and to discuss the whole of the many problems which face the Greeks would be out of place now; nothing can be done until the undergraduate vehicle of fraternity administration—the interfraternity council—is reorganized on the lines suggested.

The immediate work is plain. The council must be reorganized.

Is It a New Leaf?

ONCE on a day the Daily Nebraskan exerted itself strenuously to discover the status of the athletic department and its specific connections with the university. The only results could have been resolved into a simple sentence, typifying the attitude which met the investigators at every turn. The sentence was: "The athletic department is an independent corporation, in no way connected with the university."

It was natural that such a discovery should cause at least a little surprise on the part of the investigators. On the one hand their own eyes showed them the vast athletic plant on the campus, intimately involved with student life and activity. On the other hand there was the flat denial that the department had anything to do with the university.

But if there was surprise on this early occasion—some two or three years ago—it is difficult to describe the state of mind caused by the announcement of the university's assumption of the athletic department's debt, which amounted, specifically, to taking over the unpaid amounts due on coliseum bonds.

Here was a condition that controverted all the often repeated facts of a distance severance between the athletic department and the school. Here was an action, purposing to "maintain the integrity of the athletic department" (and by implication, at least, the integrity of the university) which defied understanding.

EVEN yet the sudden assumption of responsibility is not entirely clear, since acquisition of such responsibility would seem to have been most unnecessary in the face of the department's existence as a separate entity. It is not the province of the Daily Nebraskan, however, to discuss this unexampled administrative philanthropy, although it is the province of the Nebraskan to rejoice now that the connection between university and athletic department is firmly established.

Things athletic are now as they should be, or at least much more nearly so than ever before. With the university clearly and definitely concerned with its own athletic functions there should be no more excuses for failure to utilize the facilities of the department for the greatest possible number of students. As a matter of fact, the material changes in athletic administration will probably be few, but with students now in position to ask their university for an extension of privileges, a change in policy is not the forlorn hope that it once was.

In the past the athletic department has not been blameless in its emphasis of certain sports and activities to the exclusion of any great amount of concern for what happened to the average student who wished to take advantage of athletic facilities. Even while voicing the creed that "football should pay for intramural and other athletics" there has been no great disposition to give much attention to anything but the gridiron sport. The result, from the point of view of the average undergraduate, has been highly satisfactory as far as turning out great football teams was concerned, but when that same average student wished to participate in sport for himself, after tiring of the role of mere spectator in the stadium, it was not unusual for him to find his desires frustrated by a host of inconveniences.

Football will, and perhaps should, continue to be the great provider for other sports, but now as never before may it be hoped that more attention is given to the student who enjoys participating in sport and athletic activity for its own sake.

A new leaf has apparently been turned. Will the effects of new policies come up to expectations?

Typical Topics Of Tommyrot.

LAST year it was the A. A. U. meet and the pending presidential election, coupled with quantities of the inevitable small talk. This year it was the world's fair and the national recovery act, plus the same small talk.

What's all this? Nothing but rush week conversation. In sorority circles the topics may vary with specific feminine interests, but in fraternities it is safe to say that a list of everything talked about would not have to be extended much beyond the topics mentioned to include the whole gamut of "preliminary" conversation.

There were additions, of course, in the form of argument which varied only in the degree of its persuasiveness and the combinations of Greek letters around which it revolved. In official circles this is the "rush talk" or the "sweet session," or what have you; but since it is common to all delegations of fraternity men and prospective fraternity men it is pretty well stereotyped and can be disregarded.

As for variations which might be thought to be hiding behind the phrase "small talk," it would be very, very surprising if they could not be classified in a limited list.

Always, for example, we have with us the automobile and the relative merits of the different kinds. It would, indeed, be an extremely rare rush party in which an auditor could not detect a discussion or even controversy of this nature. Always, too, there is prohibition and antiprohibition. This year, to be sure, is the first in which voices have not been lowered in illicit whisperings about beer, but the same fundamental topic—the same typical collegiate interest—is there beneath it all.

THEN there are clothes, which usually come in for a share of the attention. If the speakers are male, in recent years, there has been manifested a decided tendency to express concern over feminine mentality as evidenced by the latest taste in pecu-

liar hats. If the speakers are themselves women, the conversation is reported to revolve around details of tailoring which usually escape the male attention. Definite information on this point, however, cannot be obtained.

Other items under the heading "small talk" might well include girls (in the case of men) and boys (in the case of women). There should be, too, some recognition for the solitude with which the rusher probes the high school activity of the rushee, and the plans for university most rushees have formulated. The key phrase in these cases is usually "Have you registered yet?" or "What courses are you taking?", spoken while the big fraternity man puts the rushee's knee in an informal manner and sits down on the sofa beside a temporarily neglected freshman guest.

So it would go. The list would be extended, but it would only be with additional banalities, all of which might well be lumped under one general heading—"filler." The rushee fills the rushee with a "line" or conversation sedulously edited to avoid anything not thoroughly embedded in mutual indifference, and the "line," in turn, serves as a highly effective filler of time.

The subject is revelatory—highly typical, indeed, of ordinary fraternity procedure.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

New Forces At Work.

"Campus vs. Classroom" is the way in which a recent writer in Harper's magazine titled an article on the gradual separation of academic and extra-academic life. The author, Burgess Johnson, professor, reporter, and editor, treats the discussion in such an admirable fashion that we feel able to quote freely from his work.

Johnson points out that in the early history of education universities were nothing more than groups of teachers who selected their own abiding places; around them gathered students from near and far who cared to listen and question.

Ag College

By Carlisle Hodgkin

In Dr. P. A. Downs' laboratory in the dairy building the lights have been burning very late every night this week while three Ag college seniors have been making final preparations to enter the Inter-Collegiate Dairy Products Judging contest to be held in Chicago Monday Sept. 18.

In most constant session since Saturday, Sept. 9, Coach Downs and the three teamsmen, Royce Fish, Bruce Ford, and Bill Ralston, have been working on the finer points of products judging. Their early start and intensified practice were made necessary by the fact that the contest comes a month earlier than usual this year. The team and coach will leave for Chicago by automobile late Saturday afternoon.

Milk, butter, cheese, and ice cream are the four products Coach Downs and his three pupils are studying. Products judging depends upon good seeing, smelling, tasting, and then the ability set a numerical value on what your eyes, nose, and mouth tell you. A good judge must learn to see quality and texture in milk, butter, cheese, and ice cream, and then to smell and taste any off flavors or undesirable ingredients.

The contest to be held this year at the plant of the Blue Valley Creamery company at Chicago is jointly sponsored annually by the Dairy and Ice Cream Machinery and Supplies association and the American Dairy Science association. Monday, the day of the contest, will be the first day of these associations' annual convention. Last year the convention and contest were at Detroit, and the year before they were at Atlantic City, New Jersey. Professor Downs, the team's coach, is a member of the American Dairy Science association and an official in the contest.

The chief incentive for seniors in Ag Colleges in the United States to go out for the dairy products judging contest is an \$800 research scholarship paid to each of the high ten men each year. Last year Perry Meredith, Farm House, won one that took him to Ohio. The year before Marvin Kivett won one, and the year before that one went to Marvin Kivett, Nebraska's students have seemed to hold their own at the products judging contests.

Over and above the possibility of a scholarship, there are other very definite values that accrue to membership on the dairy products team. The trip to Chicago, which will include some time spent at the Century of Progress, is certainly worth striving for. So, the boys say, was the trip to Detroit. So—here I speak with authority, for I was there—was the trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey.

And beside the trips there is something even more important: The satisfaction that one gets from learning to recognize and appreciate quality and fineness in the

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Then came the new world and colleges of the ministry wherein authorities were made responsible for the behavior of students, protecting them from the snares of the world. There arose an organized social life which has become a tradition of the American college and university.

This new American college was bicameral and it intended its two chambers, the Campus and the Classroom, to work together. But rifts began to appear here and there. A teacher, brought to a faculty because of devotion to his subject, began to seek scholarship first and the good of the church second. As these institutions grew students came from outside the sectarian fold and the denomination was no longer the dictator.

Strange things happened. Activities appeared; the athenas, trained by the Campus and not the Classroom, began to determine America's popular definition of college. The old unity was gone. The classroom found itself preparing young students for every sort of worldly activity and professors tried to provide by electives a curriculum that could suit all, and outfit the shrewd evader by a prelexing system of credits and cuts and all the machinery which we know well today.

The Campus grew extravagant. Lacking a single determination and mutual support, both the Campus and the Classroom were ripe for exploitation. To quote Mr. Johnson:

"Militarists, claiming that pacifism held the faculty in its clammy grip, sent their organizers to arouse student emotions and to secure their allegiance. Pacifists, equally certain that militarism was an evil, did their own sapping and mining. Drives, tag days, this thing and that were carried on all heedless of the confusion and obstruction of teaching which resulted."

In respect to this, it is good to be able to say that California is almost free of that type of exploiter who lays his hands upon student social affairs. In many universities there exists a vicious system of bribing student committees to obtain dance and decorations contracts.

The Campus was halted in its wild flight by the check-rein of the depression. Gradually the two chambers are growing closer together. We may look forward to the time when academic and extra-academic activities will be completely inter-related.

—The Daily Californian.

Thursday, Sept. 14, from 9 to 12 and 2 to 5.

GREEK CHAPTERS CLOSE SEMESTER RUSH WEEK

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ding rushees to remain in fraternity houses over night. The rushing committee with the help of the faculty sponsors, was called upon to interpret a number of the rules, and to make decisions in cases not covered by them.

A survey as to the extent to which rules have been broken has not yet been made, and the results may not be known until after the first meeting of the Interfraternity Council. The fact is self-evident, however, that several revisions and amendments will be necessary before the rules can be said to adequately and successfully govern rushing tactics.

Clemens Calls for Sophomore Managers

All sophomores wishing to try for student managements are to report to Rex Clemens at the Memorial stadium this afternoon at 3 o'clock. All junior managements have been awarded and unless given further notice the places are filled.

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