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Varsity Parties And Barb Squawks.

NEBRASKA students will probably suffer the indignity of being exposed to another Greek-Barb melee in the immediate future. The varsity party plan furnishes the issue about which the eloquent patriots will pour forth much idiotic verbiage.

Sunday the Barb leaders fired their first shot in a tirade against the Student Council who just recently passed the varsity party plan. In Sunday's Nebraskan they indicated in a rather contemptible fashion that they were prepared to fight to the bitter end, if necessary, to preserve the Barb Council's God-given right of controlling the all university parties.

The wrangling over this issue epitomizes all previous monuments to stupidity. Indeed, it is little short of travesty on common sense.

The varsity party plan, as passed by the Student Council, is simply a scheme whereby a series of informal parties or dances will be held in the university coliseum for students caring to attend. The parties, as conceived by the Council, would be for the entire student body and not for special groups.

The parties will be handled by a committee of eight, to be composed of two representatives from each of four organizations: The Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils, and the Barb AWS League and Interclub Council. All members of the committee are to be seniors in the university. The committee will choose its own chairman.

To avoid unnecessary discrimination the Council prescribed a top price of 75 cents per couple, thus putting the admission well within the means of the average student's pocketbook.

Essentially the varsity party idea will attempt to abolish the so-called class distinction between Greeks and Barbs. Certainly the machinery which the Council has set in motion will do much toward gaining some semblance of unity in the student body.

In spite of the altruistic aspects of the varsity party plan critics still persist. They should be discouraged.

Criticism of the varsity party plan have little basis. The critics say that barbs will not attend parties controlled by Greeks. They evidently overlooked the fact, however, that the parties are being conducted by a joint committee composed equally of Greeks and barbs. Barbs fear, on the other hand, that Greeks dabbling in varsity parties would eventually raise the price. The Student Council has wisely provided for this subsequent development by setting the top price at 75 cents, thus preserving the most representative feature of the plan.

THE varsity party plan has given the so-called campus leaders cannon fodder for some time. This is unfortunate. Such exuberant enthusiasm might well be diverted into more constructive channels.

It has been the purpose of campus leaders, for some time, to foster the growth of barb organization on this campus until such a group would be able to assume definite interests. At such a time barb and Greek interests could be correlated to such an extent that eventually the Nebraska student body would actually be more than a vague term used by the university fathers at convocations. The success of the varsity party plan, then, lies largely upon the ability of interested groups to see beyond their own selfish confines.

From present indications, however, such a happy situation will probably not be witnessed by Nebraska students. According to barb leaders in Sunday's Nebraskan, the varsity parties under Council control would be sacrilege. We quote: "Now that the Council has seen fit to take steps toward bureaucracy..." "The barbs feel that with this party management taken from them they will have little left..." These and other characterizations of the varsity parties would mean almost the complete annihilation of the Barb Council and the majority of the students are against the plan. We are inclined to think that the author of this statement has been reading Liberty too often. Any permanent organization, such as this, that has as its sole excuse for existence the operation of campus parties, deserves little support. For this organization to admit that social endeavor is its primary concern, is to flaunt the banner of stupidity.

This profuse display of beating chests and waving flags deserves little commendation. Under no circumstance can it be said that the varsity party plan adopted by the Council is intended to smash the barb organization. Rather does it indicate to thinking students a really effective measure to consolidate barb and Greek interests.

As such, the usual amount of feeble hypocrisy might well be omitted. The conscientious endeavor to make the varsity parties all university parties would be indeed a virtue above reproach.

A Few Comments On the Convocation.

THE all university convocation held at the Coliseum Thursday morning attracted over one

thousand students. Nearly one fourth of the student population heard Miss Bentley's refreshing talk.

This was indeed a significant gesture. It indicates in a small measure, what might be accomplished if the University administration installed a regular system of all university convocation.

It implies also that students of this university will attend a convocation which is correctly managed as was this one. For in the first instance the university fathers in charge of the affair secured a speaker whose message was one of universal interest, and human in its appeal. Certainly the popular enthusiasm which Miss Bentley's talk received should convince even the most skeptical that the affair in a measure was successful.

The entire program for the most part was satisfactory. It was a fitting time, indeed, for the University to bestow a mark of distinction upon one of its first graduates. We feel, however, that other features of the program were not particularly well received nor appropriate.

The University administration might well heed this demonstration of student support as an indication of what might be accomplished if a regular series of all university programs were established.

The Nebraskan has advocated a system of convocations worthy of the name. It has consistently maintained, however, that universal student reception to such a program would not be immediate. The students' appetite for convocations must, of necessity, be cultivated.

The Nebraskan is not mistaken when it maintains that the students of this university have not enjoyed the opportunity of attending a regular convocation system as outlined in our columns. We admit that from time to time the university in past years has spent considerable sums of money obtaining well informed convocation speakers. But these convocations were not regular, and were organized only a short time before they were actually presented.

The Nebraskan frowns upon any such fly-by-night scheme. Rather has it favored a regular permanent system of all university convocations which students of the university might look forward to with some degree of anticipation at the beginning of each school year.

We Add Two New Features.

FURTHERING its efforts to serve the students of the university, the Daily Nebraskan announces two new features which will appear regularly in The Nebraskan the remainder of the semester.

"Browsing Among the Books," written by Maurice Johnson is offered to our readers as a guide to those who regularly read current literature. In addition, through this medium, The Nebraskan hopes to stimulate a much needed student interest in reading good books. Comments, suggestions, and criticisms are welcomed in this department. We present to Nebraska students: "Browsing Among the Books," as a regular Sunday feature of The Nebraskan.

"Today's News, Briefly Reviewed," an accurate, brief condensation of world news, will appear as a regular front page feature of The Nebraskan. In this way The Nebraskan hopes to fulfill a much needed addition to its daily news content, and at the same time attempt to create student interest in the world outside the university campus. While lack of space prevents a more adequate discussion of worldly happenings we suggest to students that they read the downtown dailies for further information.

The Queens Aren't So Numerous.

THE refreshing news that only two university women had filed for the prom queen deserves commendation. In addition to being the lowest number of filings in recent years, it indicates that perhaps those who seek the limelight are diminishing in numbers.

The general sentiment against the idea of having a superfluous royalty built on the Nebraska campus is at last making itself felt.

Perhaps the sobering effect of the depression has revealed the utter ridiculousness of the queen epidemic in its true light. Nebraska women, we hope, are now beginning to think twice before sacrificing a reputation for sane thinking to preserve a tradition that has outworn its superficial value.

In addition, it appears that many who would toss their hats into the prom race this year, have refrained because campus politicians have dabbled even in this petty affair. The monumental stupidity of queenships, coupled with their inevitable political flavor, has set the thinking student's mind against this and other queenships. The movement is indeed a worthy one.

Contemporary Comment

A Timely Bit Of Advice.

ONE are the days when a student came to the university with "expense money" capable of expansion and contraction according to his varying needs. An expensive fraternity rather than a boarding house meant, in the '20s, an increase in the financial output for the semester and the increase was regarded at home without undue question on the consideration that value was being received.

Since the decrease in ready cash following the recent dark days of finance there has been no tremendous falling off in enrollment at the university. But the type of student has changed. Now he is sent to college knowing that he has a definite amount of money to spend and that this sum will not stand any severe stretches. In many cases the expense of fraternity and sorority living exceeds the student budget, and he is forced to turn to the boarding house or often to combined apartment sharing, in order to stay within his means.

Budget students of this sort present a new front to the average fraternity and sorority. Greek organizations must meet the standards presented by rival living establishments and must offer something more than just "room and board" to entice new men to the fold and preserve the future of their orders. A more business-like atmosphere meets the new student when he comes to college today—and he must find out for himself what the limitations of his budget will permit.

Information on actual expenses of living is supplied to new women students, and men's boarding houses supply their figures to California hall. Fraternities, however, keep their financial matters in the background until pledging takes place. Perhaps if the fraternal groups would be more definite about their expenses, presenting the figures and the social opportunities to the new men through the university, the rushing problem would be simplified.—Daily Californian.

BENEATH THE HEADLINES

By DICK MORAN.

A STREAM-LINED all aluminum train, hailed by transportation experts as the forerunner of a new era in railroad transportation, has been sold to a transcontinental railroad company for regular use between Chicago and the Pacific coast. Makers of this train claim that it will maintain a running speed of about 110 miles an hour and cut the traveling time between Chicago and the west coast by twenty to twenty-four hours. The first of a series of these trains, to be built by the makers of Pullman cars, is now on display in Chicago. It has been examined by a number of railroad officials and received their approval. Manufacturers plan an intensive period of practical trial and experimentation under varying conditions of grade, road bed, climate, curvature, and various operating conditions before the trains will be put into general use.

The train now on exhibit in the windy city is a six-car unit, powered by a 900 horsepower Diesel engine. The six cars include mail and baggage cars, a 56 seat coach, and three sleeping cars. Two other trains now being built will be nine-car units powered by 1200 horsepower engines. All of the trains are built of a light aluminum alloy instead of the customary heavy steel. The whole structure is scientifically stream-lined to reduce wind resistance to an absolute minimum and are air-conditioned throughout. All windows are of shatterproof glass. Manufacturers say it will be several months yet before the trains will be in general use.

THE federal government continues to uncover more dirt about Al Capone, former czar of Chicago's underworld, in spite of the fact that the former public enemy No. 1 is safely incarcerated at Atlanta federal prison for evasion of income tax for a while at least. The latest attack on the ex-king of Chicago's hoodlums is a racket conspiracy trial, now involved in an expose of Capone's control of the cleaning and dyeing establishments through what has been called a policing of the industry within the city limits. The testimony in this case has also touched on another one of Capone's many sources of income—that of control of the bottling industry in Chicago.

Testimony in the present trial, which has mentioned almost every phase of Capone's life, has so far emphasized the fact that he and his immediate underlings lived in lavish splendor while they were at the height of their power. One witness in the

case took up considerable time describing the palatial hotel suite they occupied, \$50 tips to bell boys, and other evidences of extravagant display of wealth.

As usual the prosecution in the case has begun to fear some opposition in the form of witness-fixing, especially in connection with the testimony of the manager of the hotel in which the gang lived. The manager has already confessed that he perjured himself in previous proceedings, and the state suspects that several other witnesses have not lived up to their oath to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Evidence submitted so far has shown that Capone received one-half of the total income of the Cleaning and Dyeing Institute, his own creation, which was financed by a percentage of the gross receipts of all cleaning and dyeing places in town, for policing the industry.

STAMP collectors from all over the country attended the national stamp exhibition in New York last week, some of them displaying the enthusiasm of a fanatic in waiting hours in the record sub-zero weather to be among the first to obtain special issues of stamps printed on a small hand press by Postmaster General Farley, who officially opened the exhibition. The show occupied two floors of one of the largest buildings in the new Rockefeller Center. The total value of the stamps on exhibit was set at more than 10 million dollars, the most valuable single item being a block of four triangular-shaped stamps of British Guiana valued at more than \$30,000. Features of the display were collections of stamps bearing pictures of birds, animals, and nature scenes, and various freak issues, which were mainly printer's mistakes.

PURSUIT of his favorite hobby, that of mountain-climbing, led to the death last Saturday of Albert I, king of Belgium for almost twenty-five years and inspired leader of the Belgian armies during the World War. The fatal accident occurred while the king, alone, was trying to climb a 200 foot cliff. For half the night the nation did not know if it was without a ruler, while searching parties finally recovered his body, crushed in a crevasse. The crown prince and princess, in Switzerland for a short vacation, were notified of the accident as soon as possible, and returned to Brussels Sunday.

Albert was often termed the enlightened king and was one of the most popular rulers of modern times. The intense grief of the Belgian people was ample evidence of his popularity in his own country. And almost his equal in popularity and trust by his people is the crown prince, who will be crowned Leopold III. His consort will be the former Princess Astrid of Sweden.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS TO MEET AT MIDLAND

'Art of Living' Is Theme Of Annual Student Conference.

"The Art of Living" will be the theme of a Nebraska State conference of Student Christian Workers to be held at Midland college in Fremont, Neb., Feb. 23, 24 and 25.

The purpose of the conference is a discussion of leadership activities in the establishment of a better social order. It is open to any students interested in such leadership training.

Rev. Harold C. Case, one of the leaders at the Lake Geneva student conference last summer, will be the principal speaker of this meeting.

Leaders of the conference will be Stella Scurlock and Harold Colvin, national secretaries for this region of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., respectively.

A feature of the conference will be a reference library supplied by delegates. Transportation will be provided thru the university Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. offices.

A tomahawk was recently dug up on the campus of Tufts college. Coe college sophomores do not believe that a coed's appearance is enhanced by use of lipstick and nail polish, they admitted in a recent survey.

Night roller-skating on the campus of the University of Oklahoma is now forbidden.

A movement has been started at Johns Hopkins university to boycott all student activities which make charges in addition to the student activity card.

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Y. W. C. A. STAFF MEETINGS.

The staff meetings for Y. W. C. A. members and leaders are: Social, Evelyn Diamond, Monday at 5. Vespers, Alaire Barkes, Monday at 5. International staff, Lorraine Hitchcock, Tuesday at 4. Social Order, Beach Perkins, Tuesday at 1. Finance, Marjorie Stosiek, Thursday at 4. Publicity, Dorothy Catthers, Tuesday at 4. Swap Shop, Theodora Lorman, Thursday at 4. Program and Office, Phyllis Jean Humphrey, Wednesday at 3. World Forum, Beth Schmid, Thursday at 4. Posters, Ruth Allen, Thursday at 4. Church Relations, Mary Edythe Hendricks, Wednesday at 5.

Miss Miller will conduct a special study group on "The Life of Jesus." This study is led on Thursday at 1 o'clock and on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

Y. W. C. A. INTEREST GROUPS.

The follow Y. W. interest groups will hold meetings in Ellen Smith hall this week:
Tuesday at 1—Books and poetry, Janet Vack.
Tuesday from 12:30 to 2—Handcraft, Ruth Armstrong.
Tuesday at 4—Kodakery, Margaret Ward.
Wednesday at 5—Keep Current, Violet Cross.
Thursday at 4—Know Your City, Lois Rathburn.
Thursday at 5—Art of Being a Hostess, Arlene Bors.

STAMP COLLECTORS.

7:30 Thursday evening, Feb. 22, in Social Sciences 301, there will be an organization meeting of a University Stamp Club, to which members of the faculty, student body or administrative staff, are invited. Plans also call for an auction so bring anything you wish to sell, either U. S. or foreign.

The Men's Commercial club will have luncheon today at noon at the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The members are asked to meet in the club room at 11:50.

The Men's Commercial club will hold its regular meeting Wednesday evening in the club rooms at 7:30. The constitution, the party and a spring trip will be considered at the meeting.

BASEBALL.

Coach Wilbur Knight asks that all men interested in baseball varsity competition appear at the Ag college Student Activities building at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 20.

LUTHERAN STUDENTS.

Lutheran students will meet for Bible study Wednesday in room 203 of the Temple building. Rev.

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INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL.

The Interfraternity Council will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock in room 10 Morrill hall. All members are urged to attend.

GIRLS COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The Girls Commercial club will meet Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at Ellen Smith hall.

CLASSICS CLUB.

The Classics club will meet Tuesday, tonight, at 7:45, in Carrie Belle Raymond hall. Every member is urged to attend.
Carol Auten, president.

TASSEL MEETING.

A Tassel meeting will be held Tuesday night, at 7 o'clock, in Ellen Smith hall.

GAMMA ALPHA CHI.

Gamma Alpha Chi will meet at 7:30 tonight in Ellen Smith hall.

SOCIAL ORDER STAFF.

The New Social order staff will meet Tuesday at 4 o'clock in the A. W. S. room at Ellen Smith hall.

NOMINATE FOUR FOR AWARD

Kansas Journalism Students To Seek Sigma Delta Chi Honors.

LAWRENCE, Kas., Feb. 20.—Four young men, graduates or seniors in journalism at the University of Kansas, were announced today as nominees to receive the Sigma Delta Chi national award for excellencies in journalism. They are Marion Beatty, Kansas City, Kans.; Arnold Kretzman, Sylvian Grove, Maurice Rice, Paola; and Lawrence Sterling, Rochester, N. Y.

The Sigma Delta Chi award is made annually to journalism students of highest scholastic standing, in colleges having chapters of the organization.

In announcing the list, J. J. Kistler, instructor in journalism, and sponsor of the group, said this is the first time since the institution of the award that no woman student was included.

An attempt has been made to revive the old sport of baseball on the University of Kentucky campus.

Coe college sophomores do not believe that coed's appearance is enhanced by use of lipstick and nail polish, they admitted in a recent survey.

The University of Maine offers a course in ice-cream making.

University of Texas students, who use tobacco, are aroused over the new ruling in the library of "no smoking." The users of the weed claim that it hampers their study habits.

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