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## Solving the Fraternity Problem.

THAT Nebraska fraternities are using a little realism in facing their problems, has been evidenced the past few weeks. As such, they are approaching the problem from the right direction.

Specifically, fraternities have taken to merging as a possible solution of their economic difficulties. Recently two prominent social fraternities merged. In this morning's Nebraskan appears a story of another consolidation. Discounting about fifty percent the idle rumor afloat, there still remains enough evidence to indicate that several other mergers are being contemplated.

The movement should be encouraged. Greeks should consider this as an effective method of eliminating many problems, forgetting momentarily the "glory of tradition." For apparently two fraternities can be successfully merged. And from this point of view, can be effectively combined to form a stronger economic and social unit.

At first blush a wholesale merging of Nebraska fraternities would promote or improve the financial stability of Greek chapters, and would clear up at one stroke the perplexing situation far more effectively than would otherwise be possible. Then, too, it should reduce the number of fraternities to nearly normal.

There will be those who seriously question, and rightfully so, the financial benefit of mergers. The immediate result, however, would obviously mean greater stability. This is desirable, for through the grace of God, the fraternity system may right itself out in the long run. In view of the present plight of fraternities, the Nebraskan feels that mergers are both desirable and necessary.

A valuable by-product of this movement, obviously enough, would be a reduction in the number of social fraternities. This would be a big step toward righting the system, and eventually strengthening the remaining fraternities. It is generally conceded that the Nebraska campus is greatly overpopulated with fraternity chapters. Probably the result of tremendous expansion policies engaged in by national fraternities during the gay twenties, this campus, and others, now realize that they cannot support the burden. But with the advent of the depression, coincident with a sharp drop in the number of men pledging, fraternities resorted, and necessarily so, to the present movement.

It is significant to note, however, that fraternities have started more effective retrenchment since the creation of the powerful alumni council. It is a matter of conjecture whether the sad report of the alumni council and its immediate creation by the Board of Regents was instrumental in producing a sense of realism in the brothers of the jeweled pin.

It is quite obvious that Nebraska fraternity men realize the immensity of their financial problems. Indeed it seems that they are giving it more attention than a passing glance.

## A Successful Sunday Convocation.

SUNDAY afternoon the university symphony orchestra under the direction of Carl Steckelberg featured a convocation attended by over 2,500 persons. The concert offered by the fifty-four student musicians was presumably a success.

Indeed it brought to a fitting close the series of all student convocations presented by the university fathers during the past few months.

The Nebraskan feels that the program offered by the orchestra was well rounded and capably played. But rather than foist our opinion upon the reader we note the concert was given an enthusiastic reception. This should convince the skeptics that the program was at least pleasing to the ear. The wide variation in selections, exemplified in Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and Tchaikowsky's Sixth Symphony, were well suited for this type of convocation.

The symphony orchestra's concert concluded a series of four programs, which featured the Messiah, the R. O. T. C. Band, and the Glee Club, held Sunday afternoons in the Coliseum. For the most part these convocations proved to be of high merit, and offered the university population an opportunity to see and hear student talent participating in extra curricular activities of high merit.

Aside from this the University rendered a somewhat valuable service to the citizens of this state. According to sponsors, the programs have attracted nearly 18,000 people, many of whom reside in towns and cities beyond the immediate vicinity of Lincoln.

The success of these programs might well offer some incentive for the university administration to plan for next year a more complete series of convocations. As pointed out by the Daily Nebraskan previously a comprehensive convocation program of real merit might well be built around the four programs offered this year featuring all student talent.

It was further pointed out that such a program might well be worked out without encountering additional financial difficulties. The presumable success of these programs should at least stir the

imagination of the university fathers as to what good might be derived from an adequate convocation program.

## Henry George Comes to Town.

A panacea for the world's economic problems was presumably discovered by the several hundred university students attending the single tax lecture in Social Science auditorium Monday morning.

In fact John Lawrence Monroe, disciple of the Henry George single tax theory, is quoted as saying: "The single tax will put the world back to work at full time and full pay."

Said the speaker: "The single tax will abolish all taxes which now repress industry and agriculture, hamper exchange, lessen employment and deepen poverty. By taxing the value of land and loosening the grip of land hoarders, it would make land more easily available for industry, agriculture and home ownership."

Besides making an admirable statesman, Mr. Monroe re-echoes the vauntings of Henry George, famous single tax economist, whose ideas on the subject are best expressed in his book, "Progress and Poverty."

The single tax has been the subject of academic speculation for many years. For the most part it has not been seriously considered. During the past decade little was heard of the single taxers, except in higher educational institutions. The present return to liberal thinking has presumably brought them again into the limelight.

## 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 accepted do not necessarily indicate the editorial policy of this paper.

## Fraternity Parties In the Coliseum.

TO THE EDITOR: Several months ago, someone suggested that two or more fraternities or sororities go together and hold a joint spring party in the coliseum. This plan had many merits, and it seems to me that something should be done about it instead of letting it go into the discard.

Approximately 800 couples can be comfortably accommodated on the coliseum floor. This means that if two Greek letter clubs staged a party, each organization would be able to send out 400 bids. On the other hand, only 250 bids can be issued for down-town parties without overcrowding the ball room.

Expenses would be greatly reduced by holding a joint party and the money expended in getting a dance hall would go towards paying for a university project instead of private individuals. As a dance floor, the floor of the coliseum, when in condition, cannot be excelled.

Thus, by combining forces in staging a party at the coliseum, two or more fraternities or sororities could save a great deal of money, put the profits of the party to a good use, and be able to send out many more invitations than they could if they were holding the party elsewhere. M. G.

## Contemporary Comment

### Debunking Education For All.

By JAMES CRENSHAW  
Editor, Collegis News Service  
Surrounded by luxuries and comforts, which in many cases are enjoyed privately only by the wealthy, large numbers of college students according to the editor of the Yale Daily News dwell in marble halls for several years and then suffer something of a shock when they are finally pushed out into the cold, cruel world with an A.B. in one hand and a superiority complex in the other. Says he:

"Those who will be forced later to live in surroundings that in no way compare with what Yale offers will feel discontent and discomfiture when they leave Yale's sheltering gilded walls. Not only in physical equipment but in every department of Yale life the way is paved for the ease of the undergraduate. Opportunities lie waiting in any direction for his indolent, languid attention.

"As one surveys the Yale scene, one is inclined to deplore the doubtful benefits of too luxurious quarters in a university dedicated to scholarly pursuits. Material advantages may possibly lead to intellectual decadence."

All this has been remarked by observers of the social side of American college life for many years. Perhaps the solution is not readily apparent, but it would not seem feasible to raze our college buildings and substitute for them classrooms under trees or other classic surroundings. The solution more likely will be found in the methods we develop in the future for the selection of college students, it being conceded that we must abandon past theories of "higher" education for the masses.

Once it is plainly apparent to everyone that college training is an opportunity, rather than an obligation, the marble halls will be sufficiently appreciated to prevent much indolence, and the cruel, cold world will be kinder to their former inhabitants.

### For Success—Correct Timing.

Many men preach sermons of success; how to cope with the adverse conditions of existence, how to grasp at opportunity and how to triumph over the obstacles of a material universe and to sit, finally, upon the pinnacle of achievement which is called Success. Many things could be said about this kind of talk, both good and bad, but the fact remains that most of the remarks are forgotten, and it is well, perhaps, that they are so disposed.

Many of the so-called methods and means of success are, to all practical ends, worthless. However, it is just as likely that ideas of worth may be voiced, and it remains to the personal judgment of the individual to establish the value in each particular case. A certain great man has said: "To do the right thing at the wrong time is just as bad, or worse, than to do the wrong thing."

This is a statement which should be of particular value to every individual, it being applicable to every phase of effort and activity. The important thing in any situation is correct timing of activity. Learn to do a thing properly, and then do it at the favorable moment. The boxer who is able, by proper timing, to duck his adversary's blows, and at the same time inflict smashing blows in return is the man who will win. The same rule applies to all situations of life in which men are striving one against the other for supremacy. Success comes to the man who knows when to strike the blow.—Daily Texan.

## BENEATH THE HEADLINES

By DICK MORAN.

IF there ever was a man without a country, it is Samuel Insull right now. Although he somehow manages to stay about one step ahead of federal extradition officers, the latter are keeping him on the move most of the time. He found refuge in Greece for a long time, but the cabinet of the Greek government, after several lengthy meetings and conferences, ordered him to leave the country. Then when they decided to surrender him to United States officers, he gave them the slip by chartering a freighter, for which he is supposed to have paid about ten thousand dollars, and leaving Greece. The master of the ship, however, was ordered by the government to return to port immediately, and he turned about and started back. Authorities planned to arrest him on a technical charge of violation of the port code, which prohibits the carrying of passengers on a freight vessel. Insull threatened suicide, but the ship's captain was informed he would be held responsible for the former utilities king, and so the ship was started back for the historic port of Piraeus.

Now Insull has started his wanderings again. No one seems to know definitely where he is going, but it is generally expected that he will go to a place on the border line between Persia and Mesopotamia. A Baghdad merchant who owns land near there and who befriended and attended Insull while he was ill in Athens is expected to give him refuge. If Insull goes to Egypt, he will be unable to land there. The government has ordered port authorities at Port Said not to allow him to land. It may be that the vessel on which he is traveling now will be his cramped home for weeks. Meanwhile his brother Martin, wanted in Cook county, Illinois, along with Samuel on charges of embezzlement and grand larceny, impatiently waits in Toronto for United States officers to take him back to Chicago. His extradition will possibly be delayed for some few days because of slowness in issuing the proper papers.

WHEN it comes to getting things done in a hurry, Premier Mussolini of Italy can be depended upon to satisfy the most urgent demands for speed in diplomacy and international dealings. He called a conference with Premier Goemboes of Hungary and Chancellor Dollfuss of Austria for last

Wednesday and by Saturday afternoon the delegates had decided on what they wanted, and the formal pacts were signed. Mussolini wanted the conference ostensibly to settle Central European economic problems, Chancellor Dollfuss wanted the conference to insure some protection for his country against the invasion of Hitlerism, and Premier Goemboes came at Il Duce's invitation mainly. When the conference, which was held in Rome, was completed, the three countries were allies, joint signers of three consultative pacts. The pacts were not designed to be exclusive, however. They ask the co-operation of all European countries to secure peace and commercial co-operation. One of the three agreements was political, and the other two were concerned mainly with commercial and economic problems.

As a result of the three pacts signed, those three powers will co-operate politically; and they have agreed to consult each other before taking any definite political action which is not purely local and trivial in importance. Italy, Austria, and Hungary will broaden the scope of commercial agreements already existing among them, and all three will try to settle Hungary's pressing agricultural problems. The agreement also calls for the establishment of a permanent body or commission which will watch and study the commercial developments of the three nations. Minor points included in the pacts state that all three of the countries will do all they can to facilitate traffic movement through the Adriatic sea ports, and preferential treatment for Austrian manufacturers in the Italian market will be granted in definite agreements to be determined by subsequent action.

THE airmail is again going through, but not as much as it formerly did. Major General Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of the Army air corps, issued an order from Chicago Sunday, demanding resumption of flights starting at midnight Sunday. The commander had just finished an inspection trip of the mail flying division of the corps, and he wired Washington recommending that the planes start carrying mail again. His answer authorized him to start flying the mail again, bearing in mind the limitations of Presidential instructions and those of the secretary of war. The limitations are those of Roosevelt, demanding that the flying be stopped until it could be made safer. Foulois said Sunday that two methods were used by officials to reduce the hazards of flying the mail: these were the reduction in the number of routes, and the installation of better equipment in the planes that would be used to carry the mail.

## DEBATERS TO CLOSE YEAR WITH HASTINGS

Pace, Steadman Speakers For University in Last Contest.

Debate activity closes for the year on March 27 with an argument against Hastings College according to an announcement made by Prof. H. A. White, debate coach. Nebraska will also have a debate with Kearney State Normal College on March 26.

The meeting with Hastings College will be here and Nebraska will defend the negative side of the proposition Resolved: that the United States should substantially increase the powers of the president as a permanent policy. The speakers for Nebraska will be Jack Pace and Charles Steadman. Nebraska will uphold the affirmative of the same question in the contest with Kearney held there. Dwight Perkins and Irving Hill will represent Nebraska.

"According to the present schedule the debate season will end with the debate at Hastings," stated Prof. White, "though there are possibilities that post season meetings might be arranged if there is sufficient reason."

## Geology Graduates Get Oil Company Positions

Positions have been reported during the last week by two graduates of the geology department at the university. Louis Lukert, Seward, who received his master's degree in January, will be employed as micro-paleontologist for the Texas company at Tulsa, Okla. William Schultz, '29, Norfolk, will do field work for the Empire Oil company of Lyons, Kans.

## OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Wrestling. The Nebraska wrestling team will have their group picture taken at 12 o'clock Tuesday, March 20 at the campus studio.

Pi Mu Epsilon. There will be a meeting of Pi Mu Epsilon Tuesday evening, March 20, at 7:30 in room 308 of the M. A. building.

Tassel Meeting. Tassels will hold their regular meeting Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall. This is an important meeting for election of officers will be held.

Stamp Club. Regular meeting, University Stamp club, Thursday evening, March 22, Social Sciences 312, 7:30 p. m. Several matters of importance to stamp collectors will be taken up. Also, there will be an auction sale of choice United States and foreign, mint and used stamps.

Gamma Alpha Chi. Pledges and actives of Gamma Alpha Chi will meet at 7:30 in Ellen Smith hall Tuesday evening. VIRGINIA SELLECK, Pres.

Lutheran Students. Lutheran students will meet for Bible class with Rev. H. Erick Wednesday at 7 p. m. in room 203, Temple Theater.

Men's Commercial Club. University men's commercial club will meet for a luncheon at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce Tuesday noon.

Business Meeting. University men's commercial club will hold its regular meeting in the club room Wednesday evening, at 7:30.

## REVISED RUSHING RULES ACCEPTED

BY PANHELLENIC (Continued from Page 1.) on the Saturday preceding the opening of school.

1. Pledge services are not to be held until the girl has completed registration. However, the preferential system functions even if she has not registered properly. That is, she is bound to the group she has pledged for one year.
2. No group may give more than seven rush parties during rush week. These parties are to be held on the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday preceding registration week. The rush meeting in the Temple theater previously held on Sunday will be held on Thursday next year.
3. Instead of stating a set amount for downtown parties, the cost of these functions will be set each year by the panhellenic council on or before Nov. 1.
4. The drives and contests rule was revised to permit participation in such drives when they are civic enterprises of a charitable nature.

The only matter now left un-

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## REVISIONS MADE IN POINT SYSTEM BY A. W. S. BOARD

(Continued from Page 1.) will no longer receive any points for holding the office.

Mortar Board members will not be given any point but the president of that organization will receive 8 points rather than 7 as was formerly the case.

Membership in professional and active honoraries will not merit a point but the president of such organizations on the Ag campus will be given 6 points instead of 5 thus giving them a number of points equal to those received by presidents on the downtown campus.

The society editor of the Daily Nebraskan has been changed from 4 to 5 points and members of the board of the Home Economics association will be changed from 1 to 3 points.

Under the point system junior and senior women are not permitted to assume more than fifteen points at any one time, while sophomore women are not allowed to assume more than ten points.

Changes adopted by the A. W. S. board were recommended by a committee composed of Marian Smith, chairman; Anne Bunting, Willa Norris, Alaire Barkes, and Callista Cooper.

ATTEND STATE MEETINGS. Among those from the university attending the meetings of potato growers in Scottsbluff and Alliance the past week were Dr. H. E. Bradford, chairman of the department of vocational education, and Prof. H. O. Werner of the horticulture department.

## FARMERS' FAIR RALLY SCHEDULED THURSDAY

Moving Pictures of Former Events to Be Shown at Gathering.

Moving pictures of past Farmers' Fairs will feature the program at a rally Thursday night, March 22, Arthur Peterson announced Monday. Peterson, who will conduct the Thursday night rally, is manager of the senior Farmers' Fair board.

This will be the second rally of the 1934 season. Peterson said Ag students exhibited unusual enthusiasm at the first rally two weeks ago, and that he expects both a full house and plenty of spirit at the rally this week. Roland Nuckols, Ag junior, will have charge of Farmers' Fair and college yells.

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