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Greek Men Take A Progressive Step.

THAT universities are liberalizing long standing social regulations governing undergraduate life has been evidenced during the past year.

The most progressive step toward liberalizing undergraduate social restrictions was taken recently at the University of North Carolina with the abolition of a moss covered rule which required that no coed visit a fraternity house without the company of a chaperon.

The rule is not uncommon. Many fraternity chapters find themselves hedged about by many social restrictions which were established decades ago, and have since been carefully preserved in university archives.

The change at the North Carolina institutions, however, has created no little comment among the nation's collegiate press. Comments the Cornell Daily Sun: "It would be easy to moralize upon the artificial restrictions that are placed upon our society; plenty of books have been written about them. The action at North Carolina will variously be called a progressive and retrogressive step; the university authorities will be termed liberal and radical, or simply foolish. The working out of the plan will be watched with great interest and its success or failure will determine to a great extent future public attitude toward college fraternities."

The North Carolina Daily Tar Heel, however, took upon itself the duty of handing out some advice in the way of qualifying the success of the scheme. "If fraternities, however, wish to maintain the approval of the people which will be secured by this trust placed in them by the action of the high-ups, they must observe to the letter rules which accompany the permission of the board."

The change at the North Carolina institution is noteworthy. For many years fraternities have been closely regulated by university administrations. While the regulations, in all events, exercise little hardship on the social activities of fraternity men, they do little to encourage respect for fraternities outside the university. The prevalent public attitude toward fraternities seems to picture them as "dens of iniquity." The numerous social regulations imposed upon Greek chapters does little to discourage the belief that once a young lady enters a fraternity house she is no longer a lady.

In this respect, the recent action at North Carolina may be looked upon as a valuable opportunity for fraternity men to correct this erroneous belief. And so too might fraternities on this campus be given the opportunity to place themselves on a par with other organizations.

Somewhere in the archives of the university may be found an ivy clad rule which forbids university women to visit a fraternity house without a chaperon. This institution might well follow the example set by North Carolina.

The Nebraskan recognizes, however, that there must be a set of social regulations for university undergraduate life. But these regulations should be revised, on necessity, to meet new conditions on the campus. The fraternity chaperon rule, along with several other items included in the university's social regulations, might be well regulated to the ash heap. In their place should be substituted regulations decidedly more mature and reasonable in nature.

A New Council Takes Office.

THE new university student governing body meets for the first time this afternoon.

Characteristic formalities of the annual joint session of old and new members will constitute the day's business. An officer will present a review of the council's accomplishments this year. The resume should be brief. Then, as a parting gesture, the old council will supervise selection of officers for the coming year.

The old council passes, however, inaugurating two experiments in the Nebraska system of student government today. First, holdover membership in the council has been increased from four to eight with positions equally divided between men and women. Effected to infuse into the council a greater element of experience in the tasks which confront it, the measure should prove meritorious. It should do much to eliminate one of the main reasons for the council's inactivity or failure to function as it should—that of members' ignorance concerning campus affairs over which the council has jurisdiction.

A parallel proposal, favorably passed upon by the present council, which would increase senior-at-large representation from four to eight, might well be considered this year by new members.

Installation of council members-elect more than

a month earlier than usual in an attempt to give the new body a chance to become thoroughly organized and to prepare its program for immediate operation, is the second experiment being started today. The move should prove of benefit to the campus. Much valuable time usually wasted during the fall in planning and organization should be saved. At it is, the new council will find itself pressed for time with but seven weeks of school remaining in the semester. This fact, however, should not prevent the council from adopting and putting into motion at once, its program for the coming year.

The new council comes into office at a time when student activities are in need of a stimulating influence. It is a common attribute of new council members to enter upon their duties with enthusiasm and determination which is of but short duration. Members-elect should not allow themselves to be illusioned by rosy provisions of great accomplishments in student government without putting forth much effort and hard work. They should go into office knowing that a hard task confronts them and that co-operation from every member is an absolute necessity to a successful administration.

A vast field of student enterprise, untouched by actions of previous councils, together with continuation of some projects already considered furnish abundant opportunity for the new council to do something worthwhile. The council would do well, however, to not overburden itself with an excess of tasks in attempting to do a good job. Rather, it should choose one or two major projects of vital need to the campus, give those projects its full support throughout the year, and see its efforts thru to a successful culmination. At the same time, a number of minor problems may be adequately handled and the machinery set in motion to pave the way for future councils to effect additional improvements in student government.

The Nebraskan does not attempt to say what should be the council's program this year, but a number of projects present themselves as especially deserving of attention. There is the perennial student union building project toward which the first step might be made were a firm and vigorous campaign waged. Needed service to the student body thru further development of a student council-controlled second hand book exchange could be accomplished. Abolishment of antique and outgrown student regulations, progressive efforts toward a constructive reorganization of the council, are other matters worthy of effort. Some loose ends may remain to be collected on the activity tax proposal, or improvements may be made in the plan. The list represents but a few of the many possibilities for application of council endeavor.

The new council, in the very act of being elected, assumed definite responsibility of accomplishing something and must now fulfill it. After today, the new government is out on its own feet; there will be no support but its own ability for its adopted program. What it does it must do of its own volition, spurred on by individual effort. There is no constituency to which members must answer, there is no one to force them to exert the full measure of their talents. There is, however, a moral and ethical obligation to the student body to be met which does not consist of such weighty problems as appointment of prom committees and arguing over similar petty matters.

Inadequacy of past councils flings a distinct challenge to the new body. The council should answer that challenge with all its resources and justify in the eyes of a watching campus, its recent election.

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.

Eliminating the 78 For Democracy's Sake.

TO THE EDITOR:
Recently, the Innocents, under fire from a group of insurgents, adopted a 78 minimum scholastic average ruling. Objections have been lodged to this ruling, and seem quite logical. A consideration of those objections is quite in order at this time.

The University sanctions, and even sponsors, two large classes of activity, namely curricular and extra-curricular. For those outstanding in both classes honorary groups have been established and are maintained. Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, etc., care for those leaders in the field of curricular activity. Innocents care for those few men adjudged outstanding in the field of extra-curricular activity, or curricular activity. The sphere of activity matters not as long as the candidate for the Innocents is outstanding.

Four of the sixteen leading candidates for membership in this year's society fall below the minimum ruling of 78. These men are leaders, and are openly recognized as such in their particularized spheres of activity. The exclusion of these men is not in keeping with the Innocents idea of selection of members so as to constitute a cross section of campus humanity.

Activities, their value and the work done by the individuals on them, should be the PRIMARY criteria for membership in the Innocents, not scholastic honors. One third of the class eligible for graduation is eliminated by the holding of this 78 ruling. This move is undemocratic.

Scholasticism must be secondary in importance. The selection of members should and must proceed on the basis of work done, if the Innocents wish to remain an organization of campus leaders rewarded for their services and worth to the school.

INTERESTED.

Contemporary Comment

Dr. Wirt Gets The Rebound.

As we suspected and recently so stated, the notorious Wirt charges have turned out to be—"just a gag."

The version of Professor Adolf A. Berle Jr. now seems to be the one generally accepted—that Dr. Wirt was the victim of a practical joke, which administration opponents seized upon in order to flaunt what they allege are the shortcomings of the so-called "Brain Trust."

Professor Berle and other college professors who supposedly are members of the "Trust" deny that it exists as a body, which seems obvious when we consider that President Roosevelt's advisers are made up of a most heterogeneous collection of individuals.

At the same time, it is significant that the attacks on the administration are not aimed directly at the president, but at this special group of advisers. Because the president has seen fit to use brains plus common sense in directing the government and because of the fact that a government of this kind

now means change—radical change, if you please—there is bound to be opposition.

But the fact that Mr. Roosevelt is not attacked personally shows, first, that his choice of advisers is generally approved and cannot be successfully challenged, and second, that his policies, which necessarily are also those of his advisers, are apposed only by selfish minorities. The college professors bear the brunt of most of the ill-founded criticism simply because they happen to offer the best target. They merely consider the source, and the source is all too obvious for anyone but a "rugged individualist" to miss.

As for Dr. Wirt—when better spoofers are made, the "Brain Trust" will make them.—College News Service.

Ag College

By Carlyle Hodgkin

'YOUR PERSONALITY.'

Tuesday Ag college honored its talented and hardworking students. The new members of Phi Upsilon Omicron, Omicron Nu, Alpha Zeta and Gamma Sigma Delta were announced. The members of some of 1934's judging teams were announced. The twenty high freshmen in the college were announced and duly awarded for their efforts.

The Gramlich theme: develop your personality. During the last few months Mr. Gramlich has been much away from Ag campus. He has been in Washington representing the interests of Nebraska livestock and dairy farmers in the legislature. He has been rubbing elbows with the big, tough world. Perhaps there is in that a reason for one of his first remarks to the student group, a remark, in effect, that when you get out of the little puddle called college into the big, rough sea of life, you probably hope to create a big splash, but that probably you won't. Probably you will find the going tough, the waves big and baffling.

That idea arises out of the assumption that college is a puddle by itself, not a real and valid part of the bigger sea of life. And that assumption is to a large part true. College is an artificial sort of thing, a little, pleasant world all off by itself. But there are those who wish that were not so much the fact. Dean Burr is one of them; doubtless Mr. Gramlich is another.

The only answer to that problem is to make college more of an integral part of living, less a thing

by itself. The problem is a knotty one. Dean Burr doesn't know just how to do it. Neither does Mr. Gramlich.

But once out of college into the bigger picture, Mr. Gramlich points out as one of the biggest aids to the student in a heavy and uncharted sea is the development of his personality. The speaker did not attempt to tell his audience just what personality is, but he pointed out optimism as one of the characteristics of the kind of a personality that help to make one's life voyage successful. Optimism, he said, helps one to get on with one's associates, helps to make the going more pleasant, more enjoyable, and therefore, more worthwhile.

THE OFFICIAL FUN-MAKER.

It's reasonable to expect that Thursday night will be the most thoroughly enjoyed Farmers' Fair rally this season—that is, it will if present plans materialize. Lorraine Brake, rally chairman, has announced that L. C. Oberlies, Lincoln Telephone company officer and member of the city commission, will be the evening's speaker.

Oberlies has been to Farmers' Fair rallies, many a time in the past, and he is good. He can tell stories, sing songs, do little dances, play the piano, and speak seriously, interestingly and persuasively. Everyone usually enjoys him.

Perhaps his jokes and stories will not all of them be new. Perhaps some of the students will have heard him tell them before. But the way he can tell them always brings down the house. The Farmers' Fair board would probably be pretty safe in offering a prize to the student who can come to that rally and not have a huge laugh.

WE DANCE AGAIN.

Saturday night is the annual Ag college spring party, the twin sister of last autumn's Farmers' Formal. Not long ago there was no annual spring party. It has come into existence in the past few years. It has been growing rapidly with the years, will be doubtless attended this year by a large majority of the Ag students.

In one important way the spring party differs from last fall's formal. It will not be an overalls-and-aprons sort of thing. And perhaps that is just as well. In the fall the tendency is toward the more formal, cut-and-dried sort of gathering. The formal comes as something out of the ordinary, something different.

In the spring the tendency, since school is nearly over and everyone is tired and looking for some fun, is toward the more informal, get-together-for-a-party sort of thing. The spring party, where folks will be in their usual Sunday clothes, will again be contrary to the trend, something interesting because it is different.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Cabinet Meetings.

The regular cabinet meeting of the Y. W. C. A. will be held at 7 Wednesday. At 7:30 the meeting will adjourn for a joint meeting with the Y. M. C. A. cabinet at the Temple, for a report by Elaine Fountein on the international relations conference held at Geneva, April 6 to 8.

Barb Council.

Barb Council will meet Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in room 105 of Social Sciences. At this time plans will be made for the year.

Barb Council.

Because of the conflict in time with the Student council installation and election meeting there will be no Barb council meeting Wednesday.

There will be a meeting of both the old and new student council members Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the council in University hall basement. At this time the new officers of the organization will be elected.

Simpson, Veenker Are Woeful—Jack Elder Is Reason

AMES, Ia., April 17.—Another inch of length has been added to the faces of Bob Simpson and G. E. Veenker, track and football coaches at Iowa State college. The reason is not athletic outlooks in their fields, but the fact that they have just discovered something that might have had a decided effect on past Cyclone history.

A review of past Iowa State registrations reveals the fact that one Jack Elder was enrolled at Iowa State in the fall of 1925. This same Elder transferred to Notre Dame the next year, and may be remembered by some people as an all-American halfback as the winner of the dash events at many track meets, including the special 100-yard dash at the Drake relays in 1928.

Elder had never competed in high school athletics, and his departure was not noticed until two years later when he first began competition for the Irish.

NEWSPAPERS LOSING ESTEEM SAYS STOKES

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was contrary to the belief held in former years when the reading public regarded the newspaper as a tremendous public service project being carried on by professional idealists.

And since God has lost his authority, the newspaper along with other professions is examined with a skeptical attitude by the public. The speaker pointed out that the public has adopted this attitude not only toward newspapers, but toward all other lines of professional endeavor and the much quoted saying that "you can't believe anything that appears in the newspaper" may be readily applied to other fields of endeavor, ranging from doctors and lawyers to college professors.

"The attitude of the public, however, is particularly fortunate, for we may expect the next generation to be the slaves of no institutions. Rather are we led to believe that they will accept only a very little from all professions, fitting together in their own minds well founded conclusions."

Preceding the address by Dr. Stokes, Prof. Walker, director of the school of journalism, outlined the history of Sigma Delta Chi,

emphasizing the fact that the organization is gaining rapidly in influence in the newspaper field, and stating the benefit that its influence will grow in the future.
Mr. Doyle Buckles, editor of the Fairbury News, who was a member of the University of Kansas chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, gave a short talk in response to greeting by the Nebraska members. He declared that Frank Edgecombe, veteran editor of the Geneva, Nebraska, Signal, who was initiated Tuesday as an associate member, would be a valuable addition to Sigma Delta Chi.
Men initiated into the Nebraska chapter of the club are Lamoine Bible, William Fisher, Burton Marvin, Jack Fischer, Wayne Patten, Carlyle Myers, Don Sigler, Leonard Tangney, James Steward, Ralston Graham, Eugene Dalby, Harley Cass, Henry Bostrom and Robert Bulger.

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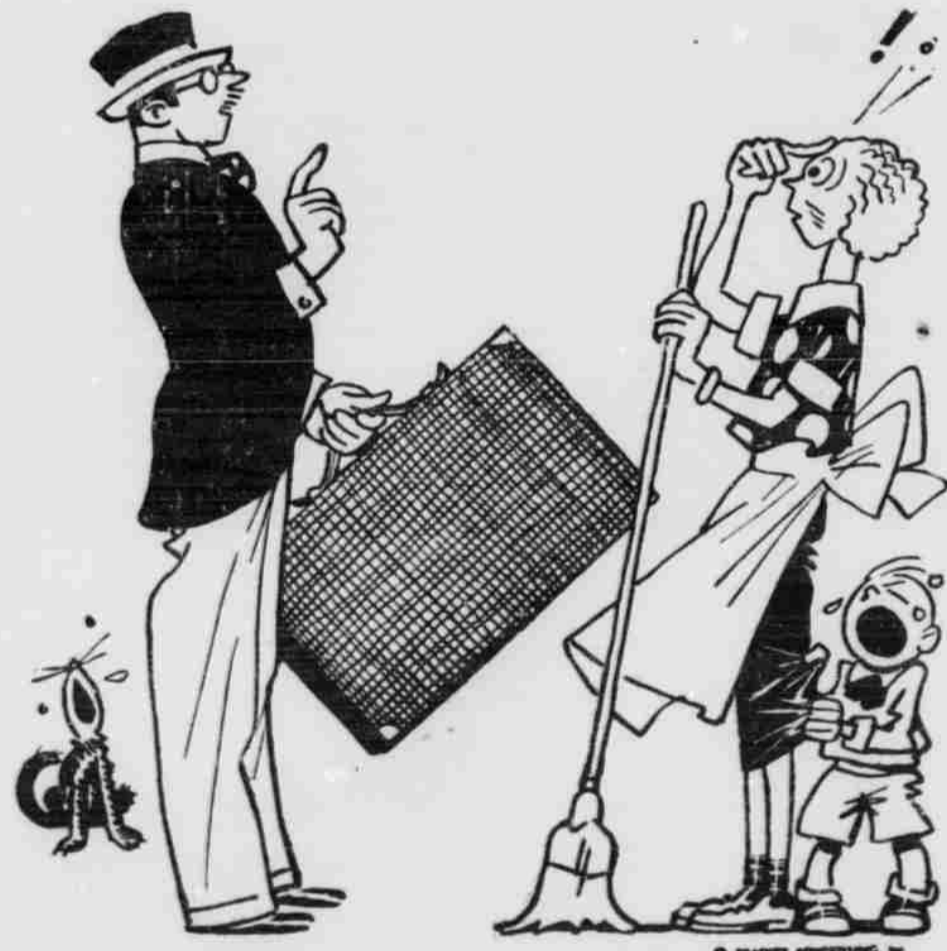
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DRAMA A FEATURE OF DEPARTMENTAL NIGHT

Speeches, Pantomime and Shakespearean Scenes Make Up Program.

Speeches, pantomime, and Shakespearean scenes were featured at the departmental night, sponsored by the dramatics department from 7 until 8 o'clock last night, at the Temple building.

An effort is made to hold a meeting each month at which the departments of public speaking, play, pantomime, and expression are represented. Only members of the department of dramatics attend.

Miss H. Alice Howell, chairman of the department of public speaking and dramatic art, stated regarding departmental night, "We strive to make it a family meeting at which everyone has a chance to become better acquainted with each other. They grow into the Studio theater and from there into the University Players."

SCHOOL WILL NAME HIGH TEN PERCENT

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presented by the university symphony orchestra under the direction of Prof. Carl Steckeberg.

An innovation will be seen this year as 29 senior honor students will be guests after the convocation at a luncheon offered by the Lincoln chamber of commerce.

The complete program is:

Overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor" by the University of Nebraska school of music concert orchestra, under the direction of Carl Frederic Steckeberg. Invocational, The Rev. William Ernest Lowther.
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