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The Greeks Progress.

NEBRASKA fraternity men may look with some satisfaction upon their efforts to solve problems which threaten the existence of a Greek letter system on this campus. The record reveals advancement of an all-Greek organization which has far outstripped the great majority of other university campuses. Greeks elsewhere have been quibbling over rushing fees, deferred rushing, and "cooperation" among the brothers of the jeweled pin. Nebraska fraternity men, on the other hand, accomplished several notable changes which may or may not serve as an excellent example for other campuses.

The primary achievement which should go farthest toward easing economic distress among fraternity chapters was the establishment of the Alumni council.

At the suggestion of Dean T. J. Thompson, a meeting of alumni representatives from Greek chapters was called early last fall. Preliminary details completed, a thorough investigation of the fraternity system was made by the "committee of seven." In February the committee made its report and recommendations to the Regents. From it was created the alumni council, a powerful group of graduate representatives of all fraternity chapters, given the permission of the Regents to take all steps necessary to put fraternity finances back on their feet.

The steering committee, better known as the Alumni Board of Control, was appointed by the group and since that time has been taking rapid strides to salvage the wreckage of fraternity finances. While the undergraduates howled at the announcement of the Board's all-inclusive powers, recent developments have revealed that its powers are being used discreetly but firmly.

Briefly the alumni council has set about to do the following things:

- 1. Lend immediate aid to fraternities in critical financial condition.

2. Encourage fraternity managers as a means of weeding out weak chapters, and strengthening those remaining.

3. Recommended to the Interfraternity council several items intended to simplify rush week.

4. Established a centralized accounting system to be conducted by a paid expert of fraternity finances.

These steps, we feel, represent a definite and constructive step toward cleaning up fraternity finances.

At the same time, however, Greek undergraduates have been re-arranging their own organization. For the most part, changes effected in the Interfraternity council have minimized the petty political squabbles and "do nothing" attitude which for so long characterized the group.

Notable among improvements made in the undergraduate organization are:

- 1. Eliminating another stepping stone to senior glory, by substituting senior for junior representatives.

2. Appointments placed in the hands of a committee on committees composed equally of men from each faction.

3. The abolishment of "scientific" rush rules in favor of those more applicable to the Nebraska campus.

4. Dividing officerships in the organization equally between the two factions.

This, in brief, is the record of accomplishments for the fraternity system this year. It indicates, if nothing else, that Nebraska Greeks have adopted a sane attitude in facing their problems. It indicates, perhaps, that undergraduate Greeks have conceded that they are out on a limb which is being rapidly sawed off. It may mean that undergraduates are admitting that they are not always capable of handling difficult chapter financial problems which, in many instances, they had no part in making. Whatever the conclusion, the action is commendable.

But the most fortunate part of this year's accomplishment lies in still another channel. Nebraska fraternities have successfully re-organized their own house. At other universities the fraternity man's plight has prompted administrative action. Rigid control of fraternity chapters, or the abolishment in favor of a well regulated dormitory system has been a prevalent practice.

At Nebraska administrative control apparently is not needed. In this virtue is embodied, we feel, the greatest achievement.

The success or failure of the present arrangement will be largely determined during the course of the coming year.

Whether Greek men will acknowledge their plight is still a moot question. But it is plainly evident that they must discard illusions of prosperity in favor of a sense of realism. In universal acceptance of this much-talked-of doctrine will be found the path to fraternity economic security.

The Beginning of A Senior Week?

IN yesterday's Nebraskan a small item carried the news that the university will sponsor a senior class reception. A committee met yesterday morning to discuss the project. Plans for the reception, we understand, are going forward and this year's graduating class will experience the first senior reception.

The Daily Nebraskan frowns upon student or administrative projects which are designed primarily to institutionalize informalities. Little value, we feel, can be gained from such practices. In many instances student reaction is often detrimental to the best interests of the institution.

But the present plan carries with it an implication which deserves the support of the entire senior class. Perhaps, in this project, is embodied a nucleus around which may eventually be built a "Senior Week." If such is the administration's plan then it should be commended.

To Nebraska students a senior week holds little significance. Records reveal that seniors of the university have not experienced this observance for many years. Under the present arrangement, Commencement week on the Nebraska campus is at best a trifle boring and dull. The lull between final exams and Commencement Day finds the university campus in a coma.

Senior week is an institution at many universities. Minnesota, Princeton, Chicago, Ohio, and North Dakota observe this occasion. It is simply a period of celebration for graduating seniors. In many instances the occasion is observed with picnics, proms, banquets, and the like.

Recently at Northwestern university a group of seniors petitioned the administration for a similar arrangement at that school. In the petition it was agreed that only students with high marks would be eligible for exemption from finals and participation in the celebration.

Comments the Daily Northwestern: "The tendency at Northwestern has been to injure the most stringent dose just before graduation. The comprehensive examinations of the College of Liberal Arts

are the bane of students. The other departments give eighth semester finals which take all the delight out of graduation. "We do not believe that all students should be exempt from finals during the last half of their senior year. Those who have low marks should be forced to take exams. Those who choose to take the comprehensive examination should have the privilege of doing so."

Ag College by Carlyle Hodgkin

RETROSPECT. WHEN you reach the end of a long journey and pause to look back over the trail, there comes a moment of wistful remembering, perhaps a little tightening of the throat. There were rough spots along the way, of course, places that if you could forget, you would. But there were also places where the way was smooth and the journey exceedingly pleasant.

Next week comes the end of another college year. For some it is the end of all college years. For others it means only a vacation and then a return to the campus next fall. For those who will be coming back, this review of the year's activity is written. It is theirs for what it is worth.

One thing on ag campus this year was missing: the Cornhusker Countryman. Now there is only one reason, basically, why there was no student magazine on the campus. There was no active force to promote it. There is such keen competition for the students' time, interest and money these days that the magazine must not only be published, but it must be taken out and sold to the students.

Put half a dozen students on the campus who will push the advertising, editorial and circulation sides of the magazine, print an interesting magazine and get it into the hands of the students, and you will see that there is no lack of interest. The problem is simply to get the students who will do the job.

Get the News. That gives rise to another important matter—ag college news in the Daily Nebraskan. News

at the conclave Friday are the establishment of polo as a major sport, the restoration of the training table, the revival of cross country run competition, establishment of team awards for championships, the re-establishment of a football scouting policy, and the making of uniform ticket reports.

SIX NEW MEMBERS ARE INITIATED INTO DELTA SIGMA RHO

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ness meeting was also conducted, and a committee was appointed to investigate possible activities for Delta Sigma Rho next year. Members of the special committee are Howard Holtzendorf, John Wilson and Charles Steadman.

JUNIOR COLLEGE RULE, FOOTBALL BROADCAST ON CONFERENCE SLATE

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ber schools to balance the loss of gate receipts resulting from broadcasting. Directors will also act on a proposal to increase the basketball schedule from a double to a quadruple round robin arrangement. If such an increase were made there would be an increase of from 10 to 20 games, all to be played on week ends.

Such a change in the conference schedule would all but eliminate non-conference games. It is expected the change would work to the financial advantage of the contestant schools.

Other proposals to be considered

At present there is almost no one specializing in agricultural journalism on ag campus. The Nebraskan staff would be glad to have more ag students contributing. And if a few ag students would go in for some news writing practice, both the students and the college would stand to profit.

These are only two of the many things to be discussed in this review. But they cannot all be discussed today. The continuation will appear in the Sunday Nebraskan.

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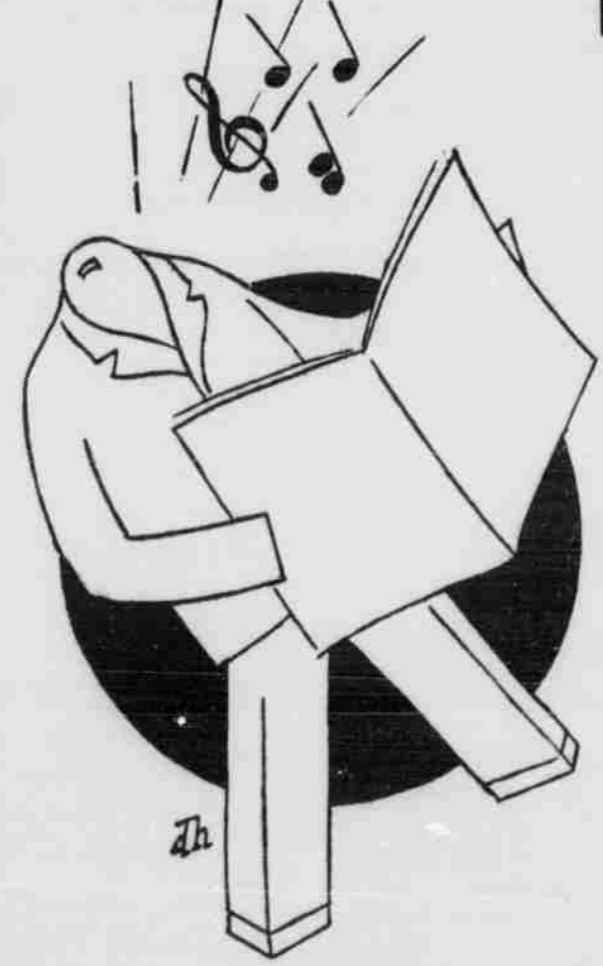
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