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The Final Tally Counts

With an average of 15 pledges each the university's 20 fraternities closed a successful rushing season Tuesday noon. At this point most of them are laughing at the predictions made last spring and summer that the "fraternity system is crashing," that "U. N. fraternities must advertise for members" and "the barbs will take over."

This year a total of 292 new men students were pledged to fraternities 40 more than last year. And this increase occurred in spite of the dire end predicted for fraternities, and the acticipated decline in enrollment because of the war. We believe that this year the fraternities, with a revised rushing system, were more co-operative with each other than ever before.

We believe the statement that "the barbs are taking over" is almost unworthy of comment. This statement has a political tinge and has nothing whatever to do, as far as we can see, with whether fraternities continue to prosper on the University of Nebraska campus. The fraternities are meant to be homes and places where friendships are developed. The barb organizations on the campus provide a social program and opportunity for making friends for students who do not join fraternities either because they cannot afford it or simply because they are not interested in fraternities.

We wish to congratulate the fraternities for the co-operation they showed during rush week and for their new pledge classes.

On Other Campuses By Marjorie May

Men students "batching it" here would probably welcome courses similar to those taught at Weber College in Ogden, Utah. Instituted this year, two home economic classes are open to men only on that campus; one concerns food selection and preparation, the other, personality development.

"The first is a class devoted to the preparation of meals," a story in "The Signpost" explained, "dealing with cost, nutritive values, and place of service. The second discusses the college man's dress for various occasions, conduct, grooming, and behavior. Lectures by guest speakers promise added interest."

At the beginning of the year coeds usually have a problem in whether to go on blind dates or not, since all fraternities try to get their pledges dates and sororities like to do the same for girls wearing their ribbons. The Kansas State Collegian, sensing this situation on the K State campus, published an article titled "Blind Date A la Carte," which states in part:

"In getting away from generalities, girls who accept blind dates will be divided into three classes. First there is the I-Want-A-Man and-I-Don't-Care-Who-He-Is-type. She believes that one date is about as good as another just as long as he wears pants. She wants to be seen around, who she's with is another matter. . . . This type is definitely unpopular with the girls!

Most prevalent is the I-Want-To-Know-All-About-Him type. She wants to know what fraternity he's in (this seems to be the first question asked), what he looks like, how old he is, who else he's dated, if he's a good dancer, and if he's fun-To only a small percent of girls does money have much pull. This type is usually lucky, and nine times out of ten ever after goes steady with her blind date.

"No matter which way you look at it, . . . a blind date is a matter of necessity at the first of the school year. It has some good as ects, so whenever you have the chance for a blind date, take it?"

Behind the News

By David Thompson

Japan's Policy?

Those of you who read yesterday's column about the Japanese situation found it a bit confusing I am sure. Restrictions of space necessitated the cutting of several paragraphs after the author left the office. As a result I am going to rehash a good deal of the material today for the benefit of my readers.

Our appeasement policy toward Japan involving the shipping of oil and scrap metal to her even after she joined the Axis has been scrapped in favor of an economic embargo which is the exact opposite. This new policy has done more in a few months to swing Japan away from the "Rome-Berlin" partnership than two or three years of appeasement did. As a result of it and the continual drain of the Chinese war, Japan is faced with economic collapse. This has a profound effect upon the civilian morale and viewpoint.

It is the military faction in Japan which is determined to remain with the Axis, which is directing the Nipponese expansion to the south, and which would risk a war with the U.S. in order to carry out its imperial designs. The civilian politicians who might well swing Japan out of the Axis and back into friendly relations with the U. S. have little, if any, control over the military faction.

The most encouraging bit of news to come out of the "Land of the Rising Sun" in past weeks is the information that the Japanese army has been put under the personal control of the Emperor. The military leaders could easily disregard anything that the civilian leaders might decide, but they cannot get around the divinity of their Emperor. Hence if the civilian politicians get the approval of the Emperor on their plans for friendship with the U.S., the army will follow his orders whether their leaders like it or not.

As I said yesterday, the first indication that we will have of the tendency of Japanese policy will come when our ships enter t . "defensive waters" of Japan enroute to Vladivostok. Until we hear from that we can only mention possibilities. If they go through unchallenged we can be fairly sure that the military power is being broken.

What Other Editors Say

Enrolment Drop Tells Sad Story

From Kansas State Collegian.

so." This time the pessimists were right and the Union, authorities were wrong. Enrolment at Kansas State college this semester dropped 300 from last year's Edition and the semester dropped 300 from last year's

Uncle San's call has told its tale here. Boys not called into service have taken the jobs of men who have been and hesitate to leave them for another session of college which may be terminated at the end of a semester. Every division except home economics and veterinary medicine suffered a severe decline in enrolment, and even their figures were lower than last year's.

This is a sad situation. That national defense is important we don't deny. That learning to shoot guns and manufacture explosives is more important than learning to build bridges, and understand the theories underlying the world's economics and politics we do not believe. In this, an age when skill and technical training count for everything, and in a "war of nerves" when sheer physical training and endurance count for little, it is "trained brains" which will win the battle.

Moreover, it is the college youth of today who will rebuild the post-war world of tomorrow -and it is obvious even now that it will be a process of construction which will require the profoundest understanding of the problems of humanity. A college man, trained in these fields, will be of infinitely more value to his country than one who has given up such studies to learn to use a bayonet.

The condition as it stands with enrolments dropping at nearly every college in the country shows a definite lack of foresight on the part of somebody. It is likely to grow worse instead of better, putting a double responsibility on those who are receiving college training and those who are train-

Social Style Quiz

By June Jamieson

1. What is the accepted wear for hour dances, evening mixers at the union and matinee dances?

The most practical wear for an hour dance would be a suit of armor and high boots, but since the fashion authorities frown on such costumes, we will suggest that you wear your date dress and shoes that can stand a lot of scuffing and still look reasonably clean. Tall girls will find it easier to enjoy hour dances if they wear low-heeled dress shoes. Suit coats and ties are "musts" for the men. Evening mixers require practically the same dress, and the union requests that for matinee dances you wear hose and heels although you may come in your school clothes.

2. Are saddle shoes really fading out of the picture (finally)?

Although the familiar grey and muddy brown shoes are declining in popularity, there are still saddle-addicts who would cringe at the thought of losing their pet walkers. Co-eds will have a larger selection of sport shoes to choose from than ever before, and strollers, moccasins and golf shoes (without spikes) will run in close competition with the older styles.

3. When may girls enter frat-

ent to receive them, and they must leave the house half an hour before "lights out" on that night, That is, if it's a 12:30 night you must leave at midnight. Usually,

sloppy?

when must they leave?

late afternoon is as early as any female will dare to venture within the sacred halls, unless, of course, they are invited for lunch, 4. How casual can the Ne-

braska men look without being

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of the men's houses unless the

housemother or chaperon is pres-

Women are net allowed in any

There seems to be some discussion on this subject, but the men go on wearing what they please. For school, cords and a sweater are common and comfortable... the dirtier the cords, the better. Saddle shoes or moccasinkeep your feet off the cold, cold ground and still fit into the general "slung-together" attire. In spite of their effort to be casual, the male half (or is it quarter) of the campus is as well-dressed as you will find at any other college in the country.

Innocents End Freshman Cap Drive Today

Coed's Beanies Delayed By National Defense: Men's Caps Available

Final regular drive in the freshman cap sales campaign will terminate at noon today when registration in the coliseum for new students comes to an end, according to members of Innocents society, sponsors of the sale.

Freshman caps for men are now available on the second floor of Ben Simon and Sons, where cap ticket holders may present their receipts for a cap of the proper

Women's beanies, delayed by congested national defense shipping orders, will not be ready for from seven to ten days. When they are ready to distribution, a notice will be published in the Nebraskan.

Any freshman who did not have an opportunity to purchase a cap by the end of the regular sale may obtain a cap ticket from the man-Today a lot of people are saying "I told you the Daily office, room 29 of the



