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NEGRO FRATERNITIES ARE LITTLE KNOWN

Frats Nickname Each Other In Rivalry—Apes, Polecats

1937—"Polecats" and "Apes" may signify *Putorius putorius* and *Anthropoidea* to the zoologist and something far different to the average layman, but on the Nebraska campus they signify two Negro fraternities, Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha, between whom a keen rivalry exists. Kappa and Alpha alumni chapters are also found in Omaha, with the same strong rivalry between members. One of the chief outlets of this competition is basketball.

Altho the existence of these fraternities is practically unknown on the campus, both have lively organizations. They meet weekly at the Lincoln Urban League building, Negro community center at 12th and U streets.

The oldest Negro fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, was founded at Cornell in 1906.

The Observer

1932—Then there is Jane McLaughlin, Kappa, who is every bit as screwy as last year's editor of the Cornhusker student life section said she was. Jane, however, has an apt little phrase for persons who aren't all they should be in the cranium. She says, "they haven't got all their buttons." And furthermore, Jane likes to see her name in the paper which is really the reason I am writing this.

As long as I have gone thus far I might as well be fair and mention her insufferable bosom companion, Jean Beachly, who is also just a little bit that way. Jean is doing special research work with reference to a Sig Chi pin and yet she was, at last reading, still sending frequent scribbles to Keith Lightner, Alpha Theta, who is blossoming into a Sioux City business man.

I see by the paper that Julia Koester, Theta, and Dick King, Fiji, are still dovey about each other.

It was mean of her, I mean it was mean of Mae Posey, Alpha Phi, to step out on her steady last Sat. nite—I think the situation needs a little 'clarifying.'

By the by, in case you don't know about it, there is another Alpha Phi, Jane Amidon by name, who is still vibrating slightly at the thought of Bill McGaffin, Sigma Nu guard of last spring. Bill is doing newspaper work in town here and 'every once in a long while' he sees Jane.

George Waldo, who used to be seen around the campus, is now toting bricks on a construction job down at 14th and "O." Then there is Charles "Silent" Steadman, Alpha Sig, who is probably the loudest man in school. Charles has big ambitions, among them—Rhodes scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, Innocents, and business manager of either the *Awgwan* (humour publication), *Rag*, or *Cornhusker*.

It happened to Carlyle Sorenson the other night. Sorenson, a Delta Upsilon, for no extra good reason, was visiting his heart in her apartment. (we have a special opinion of fellows with girls in apartments, anyhow), when she got a phone call from one of his fraternity brothers who happened to be in quest of a date. That is the old fraternity spirit one hears so much about during rush week.

Today there are more than 100 undergraduate and graduate chapters. Prominent Alphas include such Negro personalities as the Olympic stars Jesse Owens, Ralph Metcalf, and Cornelius Johnson. The Beta Beta chapter at Nebraska was founded in 1926, and this year has more than 20 active pledge members. It sponsors every year a "Go to High School, Go to College" educational campaign.

Kappa Alpha Psi was founded in Indiana university in 1911, and has about 40 undergraduate and 35 alumni chapters. The Eta chapter at Nebraska was founded in 1927. This year it has the largest Negro membership on the campus, with nearly 30 actives and pledges. A prominent Kappa is John Adams, Jr., of Omaha, the only Negro member of Nebraska's first unicameral legislature.

A third Negro fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, is not represented at Nebraska. It was founded at Howard University, Washington, D.C., in 1911 and has about 20 chapters.

POPULAR SLANG

Hot cha, Honked Among Top 10 Most Chosen

1933—Co-operating with Funk and Wagnalls Company which, according to a letter received today is conducting a survey of college slang, the Daily Nebraskan interviewed collegians Monday for their opinion on the ten most popular slang words.

The survey indicated that the ten most popular slang words on the Nebraska campus are nurtz, lousy, smoothie, screwy, scam, hot cha, crock, okey doke, honked and squirrely.

No student who was interviewed experienced any difficulty in thinking of ten slang words. His difficulty was apparently in picking the ten most popular from his slang vocabulary.

Lawrence Hall, managing editor of the Daily Nebraskan and president of Sigma Delta Chi, said "easy" and immediately replied with "gripe, nuts, get's into one's hair, put in with you, lousy, binge, gore, bull session, screwy and scam."

Phil Brownell, the Daily Nebraskan's other managing editor and president of the Student Council, had no trouble either and named his choices "hokey, dummy out, squab, scum, rook, chisel, rats, tickered, whamdiddy and crock."

H. Francis Cunningham, editor of the *Awgwan*, selected "okey doke, plastered, tanked, soft soap, baloney, screwy, horsing, ga-ga, snukle pup and fish." Otto Kotouc, business manager of the humor publication, "just talked" and used these words: "okey doke, chum, chap, honked, scum, bunk, sissy, nurtz, hot cha and squarrelly."

When asked for his selection, Neil McFaland, fraternity editor of the *Cornhusker*, said "Who me?," and named "screwy, scam, nurtz, babe, jitters, hot cha, smoothie, hot shot, honked and squirrely." Lloyd Loomis, president of the Blue Shirt faction, replied with "blotto, crock, schnitzie, fluff, lousy, honked, nurts, hot cha and sissy."

UN Coeds' Dress Gets Praise And Criticism

HEWIT BEST DRESSED



Helen Hewit has been elected as the best dressed girl for 1937.

Nebraska Gets \$31,660 NYA Allotments

1937—A total of 902 university students were shown to be earning part of their expenses through employment on the student aid program in a bulletin issued recently by the National Youth Administration. From the 22 other eligible universities and colleges of Nebraska a total of 1,101 students are engaged in NYA work.

Nebraska college and university undergraduate students last December were allotted \$30,810 from the total undergraduate allocation of \$1,770,533. Receiving the benefits of NYA are 856 undergraduate students and 46 graduate students.

WIN \$500 FOR ESSAY The Equal Rights Amendment-Topic

1932—Because "the present generation of college women takes little interest in the status of women," the National Woman's Party is offering a first prize consisting of \$500 and a trip to Washington, D.C. and a second prize consisting of \$200 and a trip to Washington, for the two best essays on any phase of the proposed Equal Rights amendment to the United States constitution.

The amendment reads: "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

The competition is open to all undergraduate women students, carrying full time college work. Contestants will be provided with material selected from eleven years research concerning the legal status of women. It is hoped, however, that the contest will motivate original research, as well as stimulate the interest of college women in this question.

Nebraska Girls Overdressed—Teacher Says

1937—"Nebraska coeds are more overdressed than the girls of any other campus." Such was the rather startling statement made recently by a physical education instructor to a girls' gymnasium class.

As the class listened with varying degrees of resentment, amusement and approbation, the instructor proceeded to enlarge upon the foregoing statement. This judgment is based upon experiences as a student or teacher at Northwestern and various schools in Indiana, Ohio, Wyoming and other states. Nowhere in the east do we find girls as elaborately dressed as on this campus. Here the girls appear not as though they were going to a class, but as though they were headed for a party. In Wyoming the other extreme is found. Fellows in the college there appear always without ties and sometimes without shirts.

Much of the lack of appropriateness in dress, she continues, is due to the distance from the place where garments are designed and produced. We see a pair of beautiful anklets—we have nothing to wear them with and so we put them on with a silk dress and wear them. We see a beautiful dress, which in the east would be worn only in the evening, and we put it on for afternoon tea.

Another reason for the lack, she states, is the fact that girls here dress more for the approval of men, in competition with other attractive co-eds. No opinion was voiced, however, as to whether or not the stimuli for this competition was more desirable than on other campuses.

A final thrust was made, not at the manner of dressing of co-eds, but the apparel of males found decorating the campus. "A football star goes out for the evening. He may go to a play or to any type of social event. Whatever it is, he dons a football sweater—and that is all that is needed to make him wonderful."

PROPOSED: Abolishment of All Fraternities

1933, NEW YORK—Columbia university this week was recovering from the shock of the latest bombshell exploded by editors of *Spectator*, undergraduate daily, which proposes that all fraternities on the campus be abolished.

For weeks, *Spectator* has hinted that the university Greeks should not be taken at their face value, but should be considered as political groups, bent on controlling the student government.

These hints were crystallized in the form of direct charges when the paper alleged appointments and elections to student offices were dictated by a group of ten leading fraternities, which supported certain candidates as the result of political "deals." These deals, the editors charged, reached a low point when members of houses combined "cold bloodedly" to auction off student offices "to the highest bidder."

Likening the situation to "the sins of Tammany" and the machinations of the notorious "Tweed Ring," *Spectator* boldly proposed as a logical solution that the Greek societies be completely abolished.