

FRATERNITIES ARE ENDORSED AT UNIV. MEET

"Fraternity and Its Problems" were Discussed by Third Annual Student Congress

The Third Annual Congress of the National Student Federation of America, meeting at Lincoln, Neb., adopted a report which was an endorsement of college fraternities.

During the first new sessions the Congress met in various groups which had been arranged to discuss various problems and phases of student government. After these groups had thoroughly discussed the problem assigned to it, they drew up a report which was submitted to a final session composed of delegates attending the Congress.

The discussion group whose topic was "The Fraternity and its Problems" was led by Park W. Judah, president of the student body at Purdue, and their delegate to the Congress. The report of this discussion group to the Congress began by defining a fraternity as "a social group, gathered together under one roof, and bonded together with ties of more than common mutual interests, for the purpose of furthering the economic, social, scholastic, and fraternal ends of the individual members."

The fraternity was discussed from the standpoint of a problem in itself and from the standpoint of the problems which it causes. It was the general consensus of opinion that the fraternity was justified on the university campus for the following reasons:

Economic—From an economic standpoint a group of men mutually interested can live together more economically and more harmoniously than the individual members of that group taken as such.

The general trend in fraternities all over the country is toward sound economical handling of their house business rather than toward the rule of sentiment that has prevailed, and this trend is leading the fraternity into a position of economic importance to the university community.

The shouldering of unreasonable building programs by local chapters was discussed and it was shown that although there is a tendency, with due reason behind it, for chapters to build large houses, still it was also shown that there was a counter-action on the part of university authorities and national fraternity headquarters, to discourage and limit such projects as economically unsound.

Scholastic—It was determined that in a good many of the institutions represented in the discussion that the general scholastic average of fraternity men was higher than that of all-university average, indicating that fraternities are a scholastic asset to the university. However, there seemed to be a tendency on the part of fraternity men to lower their average by immoderate participation in extra-curricular activities.

Extra-curricular activities.—It was thought that fraternities fostered a degree and percentage of participation in extra-curricular activities that is not to be found among a group relying solely on the initiatives of the individuals in that group; which participation leads to a very

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SENIOR THESES NEARING END

Work on senior commerce theses has been steadily progressing for many months and is now nearing an end. Nearly all seniors have turned in their complete drafts of the theses and the professors in the Commerce school are reading them to see if revision is necessary. A quarter of the theses have already been returned to be slightly revised and typed.

On or before May 15, the completed theses in final form must be submitted. After this date no revision will be permitted, though a few days may be granted for typewriting the theses.

Subjects were selected by the student and approved by a commerce professor by December 1, 1927. These subjects usually relate to the individual's course of study in his junior and senior years. The theses embrace a detailed and thorough study of a particular subject, showing some originality of thought and discussion. Much research work is required as they are usually more than 15,000 words.

KAPPA PHI KAPPA NAMES NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of Omicron Chapter of Kappa Phi Kappa on May 1, the following officers were elected for 1928-1929: President, Royal B. Embree; Vice-President, Ed. S. Graves; Secretary, Irwin T. Sanders; Treasurer, J. Bernard Merrick; Faculty Sponsor, Professor Walter A. Flick.

beneficial development in the student body as a whole.

As a problem apart from the justification of the fraternity, one peculiar to the fraternity itself, and yet one that might easily have serious bearing on what economic and scholastic benefits the fraternity might render its commercial and institutional community was the question of deferred rushing. It was thought that on paper the average system of deferred rushing looked particularly advantageous and that it had within it the solution of numerous perplexing problems, but that in actual practice in the majority of cases it did not altogether solve these problems and did give rise to more serious problems than those it tried to solve.

Ainslie to Deliver Baccalaureate Here Sunday During Finals

The university functions during Finals will begin with the baccalaureate service in Lee Chapel on Sunday morning, June 3.

The service will open with the academic procession of trustees, faculty, and graduating class—all in cap and gown. The baccalaureate sermon will be given by the Rev. Peter Ainslie.

On the evening of the following day, Monday, June 4, at 9:00 p. m., the trustees, president, and faculty will hold a reception in the Carnegie Library for the graduates and their parents. Written invitations will be sent to these students a week before Finals.

All alumni are especially requested to be present at this affair. This reception, like all other university functions during Finals, will not conflict with the social events. In this case, the Senior Ball will come after the reception is over.

The commencement exercises begin at 11:00 a. m. on Tuesday, June 5, with the regular academic procession. The valedictory will be delivered by H. H. Butler, and the commencement address by Dr. John H. Latane.

The diplomas will then be awarded, and all prizes, scholarships, orators medals, etc., announced or presented to the winners.

A recent requirement passed by the faculty demands the attendance of all seniors, attired in cap and gown, at both the baccalaureate service and commencement. A graduating student who misses either or both of these ceremonies will not receive his diploma this year.

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The new plan includes such innovations as lecture courses demanding neither prerequisites nor examinations, and reading courses given cooperatively in different but allied departments of study. Discussing the program and its aims President Nicholas Murray Butler said:

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SCHOLARSHIP OR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

JUST WHAT future success a college education will guarantee is unpredictable, because more depends upon the individual than upon the college.

Scholarship remains with one for the entirety of one's life, and yields personal enrichment and enjoyment during mature years.

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Scholarship or campus activities, which is of the greater importance?—Auburn PLAINSMAN.

PROGRESS VS. TRADITION

IN THIS DAY and age of progress the more or less ancient custom is passing. Such is the case around the campus here and in other schools where the keynote of progress is standardization.

In the geographical far away East another and larger ancient custom is undergoing its doom. The Turks have become afflicted with the progress fever and the gradual doing away with traditional behavior.

We are among those who object to these concessions from the standpoint of reducing the variety of life to a mere standardization.

It is true that standardization on a whole produces efficiency unexcelled. This have been proven by the numerous experiments along this line made by the industrial world.

We regret to surmise what the result of progress will be.—Ohio State LANTERN.

CANNED KNOWLEDGE

LIKE RELIGION, notebooks cover a multitude of sins. Probably there is no more irritating barrier to getting what little good there may be in a class lecture than that ancient device, the notebook.

FEW STUDENTS STILL IN HOSPITAL HERE

Slight attacks of the grippe are still in evidence on the campus, but the number of its victims is steadily decreasing.

MAIN STREET TO BE WIDENED FOUR FEET

A street force was set to work Thursday morning to widen the roadway of Main street between Washington and Nelson streets.

The Gray Phantom

On the train returning from a conference of leading educators, one of our august faculty executives sat making notes for a speech he was to deliver.

This leader of leaders of future America lost himself more and more in the weighty work he was doing. In the meantime, his powerful train thundered on toward Lexington.

The educator relinquished his hold on the cord and exclaimed, "I have been carried past my stop! I must get off!"

Preparations For Finals Move Ahead Rapidly Under Gill

The total cost of Finals will be \$6300. To assure the success of the dances this year, and to make possible the completion of arrangements, \$300 more must be raised.

It is expected that the decorations will be finished early next week. This work has been under the direction of C. E. L. Gill.

Finals Programmes have arrived, and will be given out at the Corner on Monday, from eleven to two.

If at all possible, Final Ball supper will be held on the new bridge across to the athletic field.

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Cynical Cyril Buys Gene Austin Record And Falls In Love

By Bill Hill

Cyril, the cynic, sauntered down the street.

He felt particularly good—he had just made one of the freshmen at his fraternity house feel especially silly for writing to a girl every day.

It was dusk. The street was slowly being flooded with gathering shadows. In the distance the moan of music from the porch of a fraternity house could be faintly heard.

Cyril entered the music store. "Yeh—lemme hear that new Gene Austin record—"Ramona"—I believe it is. Thanks." And Cyril seated himself before the phonograph.

"It's springtime, and I'm smiling—guess!" And he had passed. Cyril's box was empty.

Thirty minutes later he started out once more for the post office, but he stopped at the frat house.

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