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Tau Kappa Epsilon Shows the Way

The boys at Tau Kappa Epsilon, a new fraternity on the campus, appear to have broken a record. They appear to have shattered a fine old tradition. When the office of the registrar released "house grades" this week, there was TKE, .15 above the nearest women's house.

Now any freshman knows that women are supposed to get the better of it in a match of grades—we hesitate to say brains. Women's houses always lead the list—or always did until the TKEs came along with their novel, even revolutionary, idea of pledging brains.

Men have finally entered the race, giving the Pi Phis, DGs, and co-ed co-ops a run for their money. Traditionally it has been conceded that either the Pi Phis, the DGs, or one of the co-ed co-ops would walk off with first place. The Pi Phis did it this year, (among the women), leaving both the DGs and University house quite far behind. The Alpha Phis climbed from 12th place to third this time. Last spring term the Phis ranked 23d, which goes to prove something, maybe something about hard work.

Except for this phenomenon of a men's house taking first place, the grade picture seems to have fallen into the traditional pattern. As usual "non-organization women," "women's clubs," "all women" and "sororities" ranked above the University average, with sororities falling just a hair below the "all women mark." Only "women's dormitories" were below the all-university average.

The pattern on the male side of the ledger is not greatly changed this time, save for the position of the TKEs, and for the "men's clubs" who came up to a spot above "all university" after their temporary slump fall term. Non-organization men, "Men's dormitories," "All men," and "Fraternities," are all below the "All men" average.

An interesting side-light is that Delta Tau Delta, the second highest fraternity in winter term grades, ranks only seventh among the men's groups, and only 23d among all groups. Not too good a recommendation for the fraternity system, if we may be permitted the observation. Seven of the bottom 10 men's houses are fraternities, so are five of the bottom six.

When an organized group of men, with the "discipline" of a good fraternity, eakes out an average GPA just above 2-point it seems to indicate the need for a serious re-examination of the system, a re-examination of the house in question, or the scrapping of the scholarship palaver in the charter.

The Wake of the Locust

The twin problems of increasing population and decreasing food supply continue to plague Twentieth Century man. Our planet must furnish food for 200,000,000 more people today than it was asked to feed when Hitler went into Poland less than nine years ago. This increase has come about despite mass-murder, war, and starvation, all prominent features of the decade we have somehow just lived through.

At the same time more and more soil is being rendered unfit for cultivation, fertilizer supplies so essential to the tired soil of Europe are almost non-existent, some of Europe's best farmland has been laid waste by the armies of the world, and farm machinery that should have been replaced has had to "make-do" while the world made cannon.

Life magazine this week in an editorial looks forward a "hungry 25 years," when the world will be hard pressed to feed itself.

The most logical answer is the answer Life offers—greater farm production. That is essential, of course. But there would seem to be a complementary factor on the opposite side of the coin—a slower-growing population. Such a trend can come about only when education and "enlightenment" are spread generously among the families of the world. Plainly the present situation cannot endure, if the men of our century are to prove Malthus wrong.

The Lot of the Women

In the late 19th century a determined woman by the name of Susan B. Anthony sounded a call to arms that brought American women surging to her support. While Susan's banner waved and demanding wives threatened, haggard congressmen passed the nineteenth amendment. The dye had been cast; the barriers broken; women rushed forth on their long-awaited sprint for equality. And so it is today that women can stand shoulder to shoulder with men in nearly every field—their dream has been fulfilled.

But the dream shows signs of resolving into a nightmare. Women are getting a little more equality than they bargained for. Take, for example, the matter of social graces. Back when the gals were considered helpless, delicate females, the men gallantly helped them through the exhausting rigors of each day by opening doors, helping with wraps, and offering an arm when crossing streets. Then the women proved that they weren't helpless at all in the business world; in fact, that they could hold their own with the average man.

Such being the case the average man came to the conclusion that if women wanted equality in one field, they should certainly have it in all others. The seeds of revolt had been planted; they were now ripening on the vines.

And now complete confusion exists. If a woman sits in the car waiting for her escort to open the door, she may discover him half-way down the block expecting her to follow. However, if she liberally opens her own door, it may only be to look up into the glowering face of a man from the old school who has run around the car to perform the chore for her. The same goes for cigarettes. Many men now feel that if women are going to smoke, they should carry and light their own cigarettes. Others cling to the traditional idea of supplying the smokes and the lights. But a woman never knows who will believe in what.

Then there are the in-betweens. These are the men who haven't quite decided whether to go by the old rules or to follow the all-out-equality line. They may help a woman out with her coat one minute and blow a match out in her face the next. These are the dangerous ones for, like frogs, you never know which way they will jump. These are the ones who have shaken the victory out of women's equality.

As a matter of fact, what does happen next? There seems only one possible terrible end. Like Marx's theory of historical change, the antithesis will become the synthesis and women will not only perform the social graces for themselves but for the men too.

Oh, Susan, what have you done?—M.E.T.

For Better Advising

There comes a time when every student looks back and says, "If someone had told me . . ." If someone had only told him, he would not have taken this course, or would have taken that one, or would have avoided such and such a blunder.

Then, frequently, the student proceeds to lay blames and curses on the head of his faculty advisor. A number of students have been polled recently in connection with an investigation headed by L. S. Cressman, head of the anthropology department, seeking recommendations for improvement of the advisory and registration systems.

Student complaints were, most often, that advisors do not take enough time with their advisees, are indifferent to their problems, try to steer students into their own classes, or do not know enough about the campus and curriculum to advise.

The faults in the advisory system lie mainly in the present procedure and not in the individual advisors. A professor cannot neglect the large number of persons taking classes from him to unravel the troubles of one student. Nor can a teacher new to the campus be expected to brief the student on a matter with which he himself is not yet familiar.

It remains that students need advising, and that professors, like everyone else are allotted only 24 hours to each day. Perhaps the difficulties could be resolved, then, by better organization.

Both the dean of men and women's offices have small staffs of counselors to whom students can take problems not strictly of a scholastic nature. The advice they give is not mandatory—it remains on the level of counseling.

New professors, and old ones too, should be given lists of requirements for graduation. (This is already done in some departments.) They should show and explain these to the students.

The position of house scholarship chairman should be more than an honorary office. If every house appointed a senior with a good scholastic record—not an inelligible student as is found occasionally—to advise lower classmen, a load would be taken from the faculty advisor. This student should not only have good grades and be familiar with the campus, but be the type of person to whom other house members would come confidently. It has also been suggested that each house be allotted one graduate student with advising as his main function.

The ills of the advisory system are curable ones. Let's hope the issue is not shelved.—B.H.

Girls' Groups Install Officers

Officers of AWS, YWCA, and WAA were installed last night at a banquet held at the Osborn hotel, with Mrs. Golda P. Wickham presiding.

Hendricks hall was awarded the trophy given annually to a house for the best overall participation in sports. Certificates were presented to Susan Campbell hall, Hendricks hall, Gamma Phi Beta, Rebec house, and Alpha Phi for outstanding participation in individual sports during the past year.

Value Emphasized

Mrs. Wickham emphasized the value of the three women's organizations to the University. She commended AWS for inspiring women to find their true place on the campus. Not only the students but the faculty have felt its importance, she said.

Barbara Johns, outgoing AWS president, installed the new officers. They are: president, Beverly Pitman; vice-president, Prudy McCrosky; secretary, Marie Lombard; treasurer, Mildred Chetty; reporter, Martha Piper; sergeant-at-arms, Ann Case.

Miss Hansen Installs

Bjorg Hansen, outgoing YWCA president, installed the new officers for that group which are: president, Laura Olson; vice-president, Nancy Peterson; second vice-president, Janet Beigal; secretary, Ann Woodworth; treasurer, Jordis Benke; junior commission, Joan O'Neill, Chairman, and Dorothy Orr, vice-chairman; sophomore commission, Barbara Stevenson, chairman, and Jackie Barbee, vice-chairman. Other members of the cabinet and the junior advisers were also installed.

Barbara Borrevik, outgoing WAA president, installed the newly elected officers for that organization. They are: president, Bep Courry; vice-president, Pat Mounts; secretary, Shirley Baker; treasurer, Mary Stadelman; sergeant-at-arms, Connie Gienger; custodian, Billjean Riethmiller.

Gold Trophy

Miss Borrevik awarded the three-foot gold trophy to Hendricks hall. Certificates were given to Susan Campbell hall for volleyball, Hendricks hall for first place in swimming, basketball, and tennis. Rebec house for softball, and sports awards to Jocelyn Fancher of Gamma Phi Beta and Maryann Hansen of Alpha Phi for badminton.

Certificates were given to Randi Raanes, Wilma Ernest, and Hazel Peterson for earning nine points and to Hazel Peterson, Jean Neely, Janice Neely, and Genevieve Siskey for earning fifteen points.

Points are earned by participation in sports organizations such as Orchesis and Amphibians.

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Eisenhower said he thought military men shouldn't run for office, but that was just one general's opinion.

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