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THE INNOCENTS

The endorsement of the Student Council by the Innocents society last night not only lends powerful aid to the movement, but it also demonstrates that the senior society is alive to the needs of the University, and will play a prominent part in the attainment of student self-government. It sets at rest, too, the unjust fear that has been felt in some quarters that this body would oppose the council.

The co-operation of men as closely identified with student activities as the Innocents is needed if the Student Council is to be successful. By showing that they are anxious to lend their aid the Innocents have also justified their own existence, and have insured the continuation of the Innocents body as one of the finest of the Nebraska traditions.

A BETTER UNIVERSITY NIGHT

The announcement by Chairman Harold Holtz of the University Night committee, that the stunts for this year's program will be put upon a higher plane, will be welcomed by the vast majority of students.

University men and women are not coarse, and they do not enjoy having coarse productions branded as representative of the University on the big stunt night of the year. The chairman should be firm in his insistence that nothing suggestive be admitted in any performance.

This does not mean that prudery will govern the exhibition. Clean, wholesome fun is what is wanted. The curtain should be rung down on an act that oversteps the bounds.

CHARTER DAY

Charter Day has been abolished as a University holiday, because, in the opinion of the faculty senate, the students did not want it. Lack of attendance at the track meet and mixer in the Armory at the Charter Day a year ago, was the basis for this belief.

The abolition of the day as a University holiday does not do away with the fact that the University was founded on February 15, Nebraska should observe this day in some splendid celebration that will be a reminder to all of the students and faculty of the benefits of education they are getting because the battle for higher education was fought and won some generations ago.

It has been suggested that Charter Day be celebrated this year by a special convocation that will be a worthy memorial to the birth of Nebraska. Charter Day comes on Thursday this year, and such a celebration could be planned without interfering with the regular class work.

This might be the beginning of a fine Nebraska tradition.

NEWS AND EDITORIALS

Mr. Gere, in his Forum article, has mistaken the editorial opposition of The Daily Nebraskan to the anti-drill agitation, for an unfair treatment of the question, and he has mistakenly asserted that the paper has never attempted to present the movement impartially.

As a matter of fact the news pages of The Nebraskan have contained as much, if not more, publicity for the efforts of the students who are trying to abolish drill, than for their opponents. The news has been handled impartially, and without bias.

The editors of The Nebraskan consider it the function of the college paper to take a stand, editorially, upon such questions as these, as a help to the formation of student opinion on the subject.

The Nebraskan has, therefore, been doing its duty as it sees it to point out that the agitation is basically against drill, that it is sponsored by pronounced pacifists who have opposition to any form of military training as their guiding principle. That some of the students connected with the movement are conscientious is not to be doubted. It is the more unfortunate that they have formed a rather unhappy alliance.

FORUM

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

In the Nebraskan for February 6, there is an editorial headed "Time to Call a Halt," an editorial in which there are several statements that need correction.

I have been watching this movement to abolish compulsory drill ever since its beginning, with a great deal of interest. And especially I have noticed the manner in which The Nebraskan treated it. My purpose in writing this comes from a desire to see fair play, which The Nebraskan has not been giving the question. It has all along treated it as an "uprising," a thing that must be suppressed, and has never attempted to present the movement impartially, or to allow it to be fought out on its merits.

Now, the young men back of this movement have a right to their opinion, and they have a right to put it before the student body, just as the men opposed to the movement have

the same right. If the former are in the right, no amount of suppression can keep them down, and if they are in the wrong, then the more the question is discussed, the sooner it will die.

The impression an observer receives is that the editor is afraid to have it discussed.

Specifically, the misstatements I refer to in the editorial are in calling this movement "the anti-drill" agitation, and in calling it "unpatriotic."

The movement is not an "anti-drill" agitation. It is an anti-compulsory drill movement—a movement to make drill voluntary.

The editor calls this movement "unpatriotic." By this definition, all Americans who do not believe in conscription are "unpatriotic." Our forefathers were "unpatriotic." They believed in voluntary service.

The test of patriotism is the willingness to fight and to die, if need be, for one's country. Who is the more patriotic, the man who fights—or drills—because he wants to, or the man who fights—or drills—because he has to? R. T. GERE.

NON COMPOS MENTIS

Our Daily Thought

There are suffragettes, and suffragists. There are a few of each on the campus.

A Michigan man has written an article deploring the amount of "fussing" (otherwise known as calling on) the Michigan co-eds. He says that because of the society life at Northwestern and Wisconsin the football teams of these two schools are very inferior in rank. He also predicts a like fall from the high pedestal that Michigan sits upon, if the men do not give up the "perfume parties, dances and pink teas."

Mercy, mercy, what will we do if all the college men in this country don't stop their society and go back to the knotted clubs and raw meat!

"Better stunt night planned," said a headline yesterday. Them's familiar words, Agnus, but maybe it's so.

Do you ever get blue and discouraged
When you just want to turn and run,
And you wish that the world were a grave-yard,
And your resting place marked by a stone?

Does the world ever look like a dark closet
Where your mother put you when a bad child,
And there are shadows in all of the corners,
With the door locked from the outside?

If life has taken on such a mantle
Such as the darkness of night,
There's only one way to change it
And make things look and come right.

Just sit down and look all about you,
See the ones' who are more unfortunate than you,
Then think what you'd do in their places
And you'll thank your stars, you are you.

I heard
That there is
A new girl
On the campus
And that she is a wonder,
That is, everyone
Is wondering
Where and who and
How she is.
Furthermore
She is an heiress
In disguise!
And I wondered
Again
Why heiresses
Disguise themselves
And air-esses air
Themselves.
Have you ever
Noticed how
Many snobs aren't
And the yellow shoes
And many diamonds
Go with dirty fingernails
And "I seen," "Gee, Red,"
Et cetera.
It takes a false-alam
To excite the neighbors
But it doesn't
Bother the firemen.
Ditto about the would-be's.
Then why is it that
Heiresses disguise their
Identity?
Heiresses are the
Staff of the social life
For some people
Money may be the
Root of all Evil.
But the Fruit on the
Tree is very Edible.
In this poverty-stricken
Institution
An heiress or two
Would lend a
Glint and glamour
To our modest little circle,
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The would-be's
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BRIEF BITS OF NEWS

Twins' Valentine Party.—The Twins club of the University, to which all student twins are eligible members, are planning a unique Valentine party for Friday evening, February 9, when the club will meet with Elliott Davis, 3116 Holdrege street.

Regimental Dance.—The cadet regiment is making arrangements for an informal regimental dance in the Armory Saturday, February 17. Special features are being planned by the committee, composed of Capt. John B. Stoddard and Capt. Adolf Blunk.

To Discuss War Problems.—Lawrence Slater, a student in the Lincoln high school, will lead a discussion on "The United States and World Peace," at the regular mid-week devotional meeting of the University Y. M. C. A. in Music hall, Temple, tonight at 7 o'clock.

Farmers Average Income.—In a farm management survey just completed by the farm management department of the college of agriculture on sixty-three farms covering 13,608 acres in Seward county, it was found that the average farmer there is getting \$1,121 a year for his labor.

Progress in Night Classes.—The night classes in mechanical engineering open to mechanics and shopmen are continuing to the satisfaction of those in charge, according to Prof. I. D. Hoffman, head of the department of mechanical engineering. Much interest has been shown by those who have taken up the work and very few have dropped their courses.

Girls' Club to Meet.—The Girls' club party, scheduled for last Saturday afternoon in the Temple, was postponed because so many of the co-eds went home at the week end. Louise Coe, the president, said yesterday that the party would be given Saturday afternoon, February 10, at 2:30 o'clock, in the Temple. This will be the first girls' party of the second semester.

Nebraska Birds.—More than 400 different kinds of birds make their homes in the state of Nebraska, according to the entomology department of the state University college of agriculture. However, the only kinds of birds one ordinarily sees in

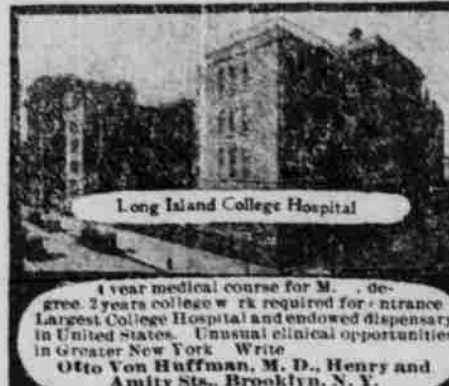
western Nebraska are quite different from those commonly encountered along the Missouri river, and no given locality has as many as 400 birds. Any local bird list will grow slowly after the 200 mark has been passed.



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