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PETTY THIEVERY AGAIN.

Time and again this year, sororities have complained of the men walking off with various articles such as pictures, books, pennants, vases, etc., after their parties. And now certain invited guests at a recent party at Ellen Smith Hall took it upon themselves to walk off with a vase valued at over two hundred dollars. Petty thievery in the frat houses and University buildings has developed into a serious situation, and definite action should be taken by the Student Council or Inter-Fraternity Council to have the stolen property returned at once.

This method of joking has passed beyond the joking stage—and we trust that the houses which are in possession of the stolen articles will return the property at once—and save themselves a lot of publicity in the future. These high school pranks have no place here and this last offense at Ellen Smith Hall is the last one that will be tolerated. And if University organizations do not make it their business to have these articles returned and smooth matters over peacefully, the matter will have to be placed in the hands of the state authorities and this will mean a great deal of trouble and undesirable publicity.

The establishment of Ellen Smith Hall has given the University and its students a beautiful gathering place for college functions. Many of the fraternities and organizations have no other place to give parties for a reasonable price. It will therefore be a great misfortune if the pranks of a few of our University students make it necessary to close Ellen Smith Hall to co-ed parties, and this will have to be the verdict if the property is not returned.

INITIATION FEES.

Men's honorary fraternities on the campus thought they had to keep pace with the rising prices of commodities after the war by doubling and in some cases tripling the initiation fees of their respective organizations. Why this exorbitant raise in fees? The price of pins are no higher—national fees are practically the same, while in most cases the organizations are not national, and the fees are not taxed. There is therefore no justification for this increase, and the organizations will be benefiting themselves if they lower the fees, as they are forced to lose strong men, who cannot afford to belong, because of lack of funds.

GETTING INTO THE SITUATION.

One of the greatest factors of success in anything is the ability to throw oneself into the situation whatever it may be. This power is a natural gift of some people, but most of us have to acquire it. It is highly essential that we form the habit of putting our whole selves into whatever situation is thrust upon us, for in nine careers out of ten the person is successful in just the degree in which he "gets into" each situation that arises.

The time to form the habit, if we do not already have it, is now. Not only do we need it as a preparation for later life, but it is a requisite to success in the University. We University students have a great variety of interests. Our schedules require the turning of our attention from one thing to another many times during the day. For one hour we must follow a professor through a discussion of some highly abstract subject. Then we are called upon to crack jokes with our friends. Perhaps the next thing on the schedule is to attend a committee meeting and plan a big subscription campaign. Then we happen to think that we haven't written to the folks at home for some time. Again we must change our frame of mind. And so it is all day and day after day. We must be able to throw ourselves into the situation quickly. "Getting into" the situation prevents waste of time and cuts worry down to the minimum. It enables us to accomplish the maximum amount of work.

University Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

Executive Council Committee of 200 meeting, 5 p. m., Social Science.
Ex-marines meeting, 7:30 p. m., Law.
Kappa Phi business meeting, 7 p. m., Faculty Hall.
Varsity Dairy Club meeting, 7:30 p. m., Ag Hall.
Theta Sigma Phi, 5 p. m., Ellen Smith Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2.

Student Council meeting, 7:30 p. m., Faculty Hall.
Episcopal Club meeting, 7 p. m., Social Science.
Xi Delta meeting, 7 p. m., Ellen Smith Hall.
Alpha Kappa Psi business meeting, 7:30 p. m., Bushnell Guild house.
A. A. E. S. meeting, 7:30 p. m., Alpha Gamma Rho house.
Y. M. C. A. Forum, 5 p. m., Temple.
Last year members' of the Pershing Rifles meeting, 7 p. m., Nebraska Hall.
Regular Commercial Club meeting, Social Science 305.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3.

Pre-Medics meeting, 5 p. m., Bessey Hall.
Chemistry Club meeting, 5 p. m., Chemistry Hall.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Alpha Phi house dance.
Delta Chi dance, Antelope park.
Kappa Sigma house dance.
Alpha Chi Omega fall party, Knights of Columbus.
Dairy Show, Dairy building.
Palladian Club open meeting, 8:15 p. m., Temple.

BUBBLES

By Ima Cuckoo.

"I just bought a Ford. I have a Packard, that's a good car too, isn't it?"

On the road yesterday we saw a sign: "Sea Food Speciality." "Well what happened?" "Our auto turned turtle."—Baltimore American.

One way to say goodnight when the front porch is crowded is to sit very close to her, look deep in her eyes, and use Christian Science.—Ex.

As a choice between two evils it is better to be kittenish than cattish.

There is no time like the pleasant.

Definitions.

Duty—That which we expect from others.

Satisfied—Obsolete.

Because—The inevitable excuse.

Tightwad—A man that will use the same calendar for five years.

Hope—Breaking a pair to draw a flush.

Age—That which we have little respect for unless it is bottled.

Letsure—A life sentence for those whom marry in haste.

Knocker—A woodpecker.

Flattery—The praise of other people.

Temptation—That which a person never puts off till tomorrow.

Some of us don't have the makin' of anything but a cigarette.

The snob who sits in front of the cuspidor and talks about his blue blood and his family and all that rot is anathema to acquaintances of his who know that he began his line some years ago when his old man's farm went up forty dollars an acre.

If it had not increased in price this Amateur snob would probably have been taking the place of a hired man this fall and instead of shooting pool would be husking corn or slopping hogs.

—The Daily Iowan.

Mary had a woolen scarf

Of loud and screaming hue,

The street looks like a rainbow now.

For others have them too.

He—"Where is my hatchet?"

She—"Haven't you found your hatchet?"

UNI NOTICES

Zoological Society.

Open meeting of Zoological Society Thursday at 7:30, at Bessey Hall. H. M. Kennon will exhibit his large collection of live snakes and reptiles.

Commercial Club.

There will be a regular meeting Thursday in Social Science 305. H. W. Noble, manager of the New England Mutual Life Insurance company, will give a practical talk on "Living Advantages of Life Insurance." A short business meeting will follow the lecture. Announcements concerning the first monthly dinner will be made.

Pershing Rifles—Attention!

Members of the Pershing Rifles of last year will meet in the rooms of the Military Department at 7 p. m., Thursday, for discussion of plans for the organization this year.

Kappa Phi.

Important Kappa Phi business meeting Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock in Faculty Hall.

Theta Sigma Phi.

Special meeting of Theta Sigma Phi Wednesday at 5 p. m., at Ellen Smith Hall. Important.

Varsity Dairy Club.

Varsity Dairy Club will meet Wednesday evening, 7:30 o'clock, in room 306, Ag Hall. Important.

Palladian.

Open meeting of the Palladian Society Saturday, December 4, at 8:15 p. m. All students cordially invited.

Episcopal Club.

Meeting of Episcopal Club Thursday evening from 7 until 8 o'clock, room 107, Social Science Hall. Rev. S. Mills Hayes, rector of Holy Trinity, will give four weekly talks as a part of the Advent program. Every member is urged to be present.

Alpha Kappa Psi.

Alpha Kappa Psi monthly business meeting, Thursday evening at 7:30 at Bushnell Guild house.

Agricultural Engineering Meeting.

American Society of Agricultural Engineers will meet Thursday, December 2, at 7:30 p. m., at the Alpha Gamma Rho house, 435 North Twenty-fifth street. Talks! Eats!

Committee of 200 Council.

The executive council of the Committee of 200 will meet tonight from 5 to 6 in Social Science Hall 105. Every member of the council is urged to be present.

Y. M. C. A. Forum.

Dr. E. L. Hinman will speak on "Christian Philosophy Compared" at the Y. M. C. A. Forum meeting in the social room of the Temple, 5 p. m. Thursday.

Military Courtesy.

The following extract from Special Regulations No. 44 (Reserve Officers Training Corps) War Department, 1920, is published for the information of all concerned:

48. Military Courtesy—Military courtesies and customs will be observed by members when under military instruction or in uniform.

Cadets must obey this regulation or desist from wearing the uniform when not on duty.

Xi Delta.

Important meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at Ellen Smith Hall.

Press Club Committee.

Meeting of the committee on by-laws and constitution of the University of Nebraska Press Club, Wednesday p. m., at 5 o'clock in the Daily Nebraskan office, U 206.

Student Directories.

Those who still desire to secure a student director, may do so by calling at the University Y. M. C. A.

Ex-Marines.

Ex-marines will meet at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, December 1, in room 211, Law building.

Commercial Club Pins.
Commercial Club pins will be delivered in two weeks to those members who order them now. Leave your name and \$3 with Ted Mauck, W. B. Herrick or George Darlington this week.

Student Council.

Student Council will meet at 7:30 p. m., Thursday, December 2, in Faculty Hall.

Y. M. C. A. Forum.

Dr. E. L. Hinman will speak on "Christian Philosophy Compared" at the Y. M. C. A. Forum in the social room at the Temple, 5 p. m., Thursday.

TO YOU!

To you
Who have been
Dealt a
Frightful blow
When you received
That official looking
Envelope
With "Committee of 200"
Inscribed in the corner
And you imagined
That at last
Your identity has
Been revealed
And you are
About to be recognized
For the genius
That you are
And appointed on
Some committee of
Importance
Or somethin'
And with
Bated breath
You peer at
The contents
And gingerly remove
The slip of
Paper to find
That forgotten pledge
Of five bucks
Made in a
Spirit of reckless
Generosity and
Forlorn hope that
It would be
Lost
In the shuffle—
And
Your check
Is requested.
"Thank you."
—M. L. B.

PRESENT PLAY TONIGHT AT STATE PENITENTIARY

Cast of "Nothing But the Truth"
Includes Convicts as Well as
Six Lincoln Girls.

The play entitled "Nothing But the Truth" will be presented at the penitentiary by a cast partly composed of convicts at 8 o'clock this evening for the second time. Herbert Yenne, '21, of the Dramatic Department, is directing the production.

"Nothing But the Truth" is a three-act play woven around a bet of \$10,000 a young man made that he could tell the absolute truth for twenty-four hours. Those who have seen the play say that the lines are bright and clever. All the male parts are taken by convicts. Six Lincoln girls are included in the cast.

The penitentiary orchestra will furnish music during intermissions. The furniture used in the stage setting was made by the convicts. The scenery was painted by one of the convicts.

Many Turned Away Thanksgiving.

This second public presentation is in response to the many people who were turned away when the play was given Thanksgiving day. The capacity of the theater is seven or eight hundred. There will be no reserved seats. Tickets will be sold at the door for twenty-five cents. The proceeds will be used to buy new music for the penitentiary band and orchestra, to pay for new scenery and to rent motion picture films.

The play was staged before the inmates of the penitentiary last Sunday. Mr. Yenne said that it was as well acted as the standard professional play. He said that the convicts are remarkably attentive to the instructions of the director and take up suggestions much more quickly than the average University student. Mr. Yenne is sent by the University to direct the dramatic work at the penitentiary. After "Nothing But the Truth" is presented work will begin on a minstrel show to be given Christmas night and New Year's night.

Theatre Reviews

Little Miss Rebellion New Art-Paramount

Smacking of McCutcheon's "Grandstark," flavored with Doughboys, base-games and chewing gum, interspersed with Dorothy Gish's performing feet and expressive optics, "Little Miss Rebellion" runs along almost as smoothly as a Packard Twin Six and ends as abruptly as a dying Ford. And we must not forget the Bolsheviks; whenever the plot needs something to make it more melodramatic and more intensifying, the Bolsheviks are added to the recipe. Then the pudding needs much stirring to make the final product edible—to the eyes and to the sense.

Ralph Graves is a hero worthy of being starred in his own name. We wonder why this picture was not advertised to feature him as well as our well-known Dorothy.

"Little Miss Rebellion" begins in a small fictitious European country and ends in a New York tenement. It begins with Dorothy Gish and ends with Dorothy Gish. It is Dorothy Gish—and the audience is not allowed to forget it. She gets a blacked eye, plays baseball, shoots "craps" and says: "Arrive, seven," bobs her hair, rides horseback, loses herself from the Royal guards, flops flapjacks, and wields the sword against a tribe of Reds.

If you need a tonic or have the blues—see Dorothy Gish in her tearing circus. If you shun such things, take your book, go to the Library and you will accomplish far more getting your Greek for tomorrow.

Chemistry Club to Hear Dean P. M. Buck

H. W. Noble, manager of the New England Mutual Life Insurance company, will be the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the University Commercial Club, Thursday in room 305, Social Science Hall. "Living Advantages of Life Insurance" will be the subject of Mr. Noble's address. A short business meeting will follow the lecture. Announcements concerning the first monthly dinner of the club will be made at this time.



What Is Air?

BEFORE 1894 every chemist thought he knew what air is. "A mechanical mixture of moisture, nitrogen and oxygen, with traces of hydrogen and carbon dioxide," he would explain. There was so much oxygen and nitrogen in a given sample that he simply determined the amount of oxygen present and assumed the rest to be nitrogen.

One great English chemist, Lord Rayleigh, found that the nitrogen obtained from the air was never so pure as that obtained from some compound like ammonia. What was the "impurity"? In co-operation with another prominent chemist, Sir William Ramsay, it was discovered in an entirely new gas—"argon." Later came the discovery of other rare gases in the atmosphere. The air we breathe contains about a dozen gases and gaseous compounds.

This study of the air is an example of research in pure science. Rayleigh and Ramsay had no practical end in view—merely the discovery of new facts.

A few years ago the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company began to study the destruction of filaments in exhausted lamps in order to ascertain how this happened. It was a purely scientific undertaking. It was found that the filament evaporated—boiled away, like so much water.

Pressure will check boiling or evaporation. If the pressure within a boiler is very high, it will take more heat than ordinarily to boil the water. Would a gas under pressure prevent filaments from boiling away? If so, what gas? It must be a gas that will not combine chemically with the filament. The filament would burn in oxygen; hydrogen would conduct the heat away too rapidly. Nitrogen is a useful gas in this case. It does form a few compounds, however. Better still is argon. It forms no compounds at all.

Thus the modern, efficient, gas-filled lamp appeared, and so argon, which seemed the most useless gas in the world, found a practical application.

Discover new facts, and their practical application will take care of itself.

And the discovery of new facts is the primary purpose of the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company.

Sometimes years must elapse before the practical application of a discovery becomes apparent, as in the case of argon; sometimes a practical application follows from the mere answering of a "theoretical" question, as in the case of a gas-filled lamp. But no substantial progress can be made unless research is conducted for the purpose of discovering new facts.

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