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**A SERMON ON "GETTING BY."**

"The Betrayal of Youth" is the subject of an editorial that appeared in the Fremont Tribune recently, in which the writer scathingly denounced University students who "sluff" and the ones who "get by with murder."

University students of today are the subject of much criticism, both favorable and unfavorable. A majority of students are a smug, self-satisfied lot, content to follow the path of least resistance and struggle in the rut of "getting by."

The writer of this editorial is not a college man, which perhaps gives him a better perspective. His editorial is fair, and a number of University of Nebraska students could ponder on it and study it, for it states many truths. Too many do not see themselves as others see them, and for these we reprint this editorial:

**THE BETRAYAL OF YOUTH.**

Two young university students were conversing in a local drug store. One of them, the son of a man who we happened to know is sending his boy to college at a considerable sacrifice to himself, remarked to his friend:

"Boy, I'm sure getting by with murder down there at school. Having a good time, not much study and coming in under the wire in most of my studies."

We were tempted to ask the boy just what his idea of "getting by" really is. But he was a good sized lad, so we refrained. We just listened a while longer to the conversation, and drew our own conclusions.

It seemed that if he was successful in getting a certain number of hours to his credit in each term of school he was perfectly satisfied as far as his studies were concerned. Proficiency in the various studies didn't seem to matter. The main idea was to "get by," whatever that means.

But we wondered what his Dad thought about it, the Dad who hadn't had the advantage of higher education in his youth and who had worked hard all his life to create a good home for his wife and children and who is still working at day labor, though his head is now grey and his shoulders bent, that his boy might not know the hard knocks of life that had been his lot.

And we wondered what his mother thought about it, the mother who has spent her life making every penny do the work of many, who has been forced by circumstances to deny herself pretty clothes and numerous little conveniences of home life, who has stood staunchly at her husband's side while they both struggled to make ends meet, who has found her great joy in making the personal sacrifices that gave to her children the means to happiness.

We wonder if the boy ever gives a thought to how his Dad and his Mother are managing to "get by" when on every pay day they check up the college bills with the pay envelope and sorrowfully note the diminished dimensions of the balance. We wonder if he ever stops to think that his parents who are no longer young will have increasing difficulty in "getting by" as old age and incapacity to work come upon them.

Wouldn't you think that a boy who is being given a college education through love's unselfish sacrifice would glean the fields of knowledge to his utmost ability instead of just trying to "get by?" Some boys do, some don't. We sometimes are inclined to wonder if parents are justified in keeping everlastingly at the grind, denying themselves the comforts for which they have longed, for the benefit of an unappreciative child.

Every boy of college age knows just what shape his parents are in financially, he can't help but realize

**RAG CARPET**

And many a candidate found the polls cold.

Fresh—(very) Whut's the clock striking for?  
Senior—Shorter hours.

Fishworm (shimmying down very small hole)—Whew! This is a narrow escape!

Crammed all night  
To pass an exam  
Slept through the test  
Oh—fiddlesticks.

Judging from the conduct of some of the elders, the age of discretion is childhood.—Ashville Times.

the sacrifices that are being made at home that he may stay in school. If there is a spark of intelligence in him, he will know the reason his parents are willing to make this sacrifice for him is that they want him to fit himself, through education, to make a successful man of himself.

And we are convinced that if a boy, knowing all this, yet goes to college with the sole interest and purpose of "getting by," he is not a fit altar for the sacrificial offerings of his father and mother. Sacrifice for children is not made in vain. But the wonder is that parental love can still endure when the devotions of motherhood and fatherhood are cast upon the ebbing sands of waste and extravagance by a prodigal.

Not having ever gone to college, and probably because of that fact, we cannot understand the frame of mind of a boy or girl who can devote to ill use a dollar that represents the daily sweat of a parent who is growing old. We should think that such a dollar so spent would sear the heart and soul of the most reckless youth. We should think that every letter from home, bearing money that represents things denied to those at home, would be a sacred thing to the boy or girl at school.

The money that parents spend to educate their children is an investment in manhood and womanhood. It is a sad commentary on our youth that too many of these investments lack even the gilded paper that comes with fraudulent oil wells and gold mines, and must be laid away in the old trunk in the attic with all the other bitter fruits of experience.

A college education is the gateway to success in life, in business, in art and in science. In the majority of cases the gate is held wide open that youth may enter, by hands supported by toil and sacrifice. The boy or girl who does not appreciate and make the most of this fact is the betrayer of our educational system, of his own parents and, above all, himself.

He—But, Bea, I haven't done anything.

She (In haughty tones)—Exactly.

**WHAT FUTURE?**  
Professor (discussing fire protection)—"We will learn much more about fires in the future."

She—We had cream of wheat this morning.

He—Get mush enjoyment.

"Ow! It ought to run for the legislature."

"Why?"

"He's used to a lot of bills."

**Notices**

**Commercial Club Dance.**  
Girls Commercial Club dance at the Lindell party house Friday.

**Chemical Engineers.**  
Chemical Engineers Cornhusker picture will be taken Thursday at 11:00 at the campus studio.

**Xi Delta.**  
Xi Delta meeting will be held Thursday at 7:15 in Ellen Smith hall.

**Silver Serpent.**  
Silver Serpents will meet at the Sigma Kappa house for dinner Thursday night at 6 o'clock.

**W. S. G. A. Council.**  
W. S. G. A. Council dinner Thursday at 6 o'clock, Ellen Smith hall. Business meeting afterward. Price 45 cents.

**Christian Science Society.**  
The University Christian Science Society will meet Thursday at 7:30 in Faculty hall. All present and past students and faculty members of the University are invited.

**Union Club.**  
Union Literary Society will hold an open meeting Friday night. Everyone invited.

**Green Goblins.**  
Meeting Thursday evening at the Delta Tau Delta house, 1504 S St., at 7:15. A representative from every fraternity is expected. Ushering announcements for University Night will be made.

**Delian.**  
Deian Literary society will hold a closed meeting Friday evening.

**Palladian.**  
The men of the society will present a program Friday evening at 8:30. Everyone invited.

**Group Leaders.**  
A class training group leaders for continuing Bruce Curry's work will be held at Ellen Smith hall Thursday at 7:00. Everyone invited.

**Zoology Club.**  
Zoology club will elect new members Thursday, February 21, at 7:15 in Bessey hall 201.

**Senior Advisory Board.**  
The board will entertain the Big and Little Sisters at Ellen Smith hall Saturday, 2 to 5. The party will be the last this year and will feature suggestions of George Washington in the program and refreshments.

**May Queen Election.**  
May Queen election will be held today in the library from 8 to 5 o'clock. Every senior girl is expected to vote.

**Calendar**

**Friday.**  
Girls Commercial club subscription dance, Lindell hotel.  
Sigma Kappa house dance.  
Farm House dance.  
Xi Psi Phi formal, Lincoln hotel.  
Girls Commercial club subscription dance, Lindell hotel.  
Xi Psi Phi formal, Knights of Columbus hall.

**Saturday.**  
University Night, city auditorium. 4:10 dormitory tea, 4 to 6 o'clock. Senior Advisory board party, Ellen Smith hall.

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