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SHALL TEAM CAPTAINS BE ELECTED?

The Athletic Board will meet this week to decide whether in the future it will appoint the captains of athletic teams or allow them to be selected by the team members.

Discussions of this problem usually end in argument over the relative ability of the Board and the team to select captains. Can the Board or the team members make the wisest, the most impartial decision? This is the point which is most often discussed. But to consider the problem of selecting captains from this point of view alone is to ignore one of the more fundamental issues involved. This issue has nothing to do with the ability of the Board or the teams to select a good man, but it does have to do with the purpose of an education, and, more particularly, with the purpose of intercollegiate athletics. An analysis made for the purpose of disclosing this fundamental problem throws some doubt on the wisdom of giving the Board power to select leaders.

Such an analysis must begin with the assumption that athletic teams are not primarily intended to win contests and that intercollegiate athletics has some end other than victory. If there is an justification for the important place which athletics holds in the American college, it lies in the fact that it is supposed to develop those persons who participate. This development is not merely physical development, but also development which encourages high standards of sportsmanship, honesty, and citizenship.

Much of this development comes from the practice in judging and selecting character and selecting leaders which is to be had in the election of captains. The work on the field makes for fair play and sportsmanship. The election of captains is laboratory work in citizenship.

For the Athletic Board to appoint the captains means the complete absence of this training. Any possible benefit the students may derive from making their own decisions—seeing their mistakes, and correcting them—is precluded by such a policy. The team members get only the questionable benefit of watching the proceedings and the moral judgments of a superior board, and this benefit is one which is neither as permanent nor as valuable as that which comes from actual experience in making judgments.

The objection that students are not capable of making these decisions and that their decisions will be political and partisan is beside the point. The purpose of the university, the purpose of intercollegiate athletics, is partly at least, to prepare the students for self-government and to teach them that partisan and dishonest decisions are, in the long run, disastrous. This lesson can be taught most impressively by experience. Sometimes the students must get this experience—if not as members of a team, as citizens of a state. In acquiring this experience it is inevitable that they should make mistakes and it is better that these mistakes be made in college than afterwards. The appointments of captains by a board has certain advantages. It is not as fruitful, perhaps, of partisan politics and may assume more victories. But to adopt such a policy means that it is impossible for students to get training which should result from membership on a team.

The College Press

TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Having but recently secured the first eye institute for clinical as well as research purposes of its kind in the country, Johns Hopkins University is now energetically pressing the establishment of a Walter Hines Page School of International Relations. Owen D. Young, who has just returned from Europe where he was

a member of the committee of experts who formulated the "Dawes plan" and put it into operation in Germany, spoke at the commemoration day exercises at Johns Hopkins, strongly advocating the employment of preventative research rather than the surgery of war to destroy disease in international relations and to guarantee the health of the world. After outlining the project, he said: "The Page School will achieve three things. It will develop a science of international relations; it will ascertain the facts, so far as they can be found, on any particular problem; and it will produce a continually growing body of men trained in that science and available for service in the fields of education, government and business."

As mistakes in medicine and law have been prevented, Mr. Young believes that future misunderstanding between nations can be averted. He is president of the trustees of the proposed schools endowment fund, which is seeking \$1,000,000 from the American public.—Georgia Tech.

THE DECADENTS

Forcing the pedant into the role of scholastic ideal, stand the decadents in educational circles, dividing themselves equally among the faculty and student bodies, passing off the problems of the hour with a sneer, e-nunciating very prettily each reply, always careful to say the clever regardless of meaning or rationality.

We would go so far as to say that no age is without its quota of decadents, and that the number of decadents who can be spotted for what they are is inversely proportional to the accomplishment of that period. They hinder progress by sneering at all who do, all who attempt.

They are not even thoroughgoing in their own field. Playing with skepticism they fail to arrive at the savviness of Anatole France. They approach only the asininity of Oscar Wilde.

Today's decadents are not without earmarks. They dote on beautiful letters, particularly when prettily bound. They are oblivious to activity in every field except their own small precinct of knowledge.

The decadent evil is, as we said, not a new campus fad. Its progenitors are common to every campus generation. They mope rather than labor. Their sneer replaces wisdom.—The Dartmouth.

Calendar

Friday, March 13.
Phi Delta Theta—Formal—Lincoln.
Alpha Delta Theta—house dance.
Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. Party for Cosmopolitan Club—Y. M. C. A. Club Rooms.
Xi Delta Tea—Ellen Smith Hall—4 to 6 o'clock.
Grace Coppock Luncheon—Ellen Smith Hall.
University Players.
Saturday, March 14.
Phi Mu—Dance—Ellen Smith Hall.
Kappa Sigma—house dance.
Ag College Mixer—Horse Barn—Agricultural Campus.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Banquet—Lincoln.
Beta Theta Pi—Formal—Lincoln.
Lutheran Club—Faculty Hall.
Phi Tau Epsilon—house dance.
Delta Zeta—house dance.
Twins' Club Party—1302 South 11th.
Phi Delta Theta—Banquet—Lincoln.
University Players.

Notices

To School of Journalism Students:
All members of the School of Journalism who have no other college engagement at 11 o'clock Friday, March 13, are urged to be at Law 101 to hear Dr. J. M. Mayhew's analysis of their answers to the observation-test questions he gave them February 25.
M. M. FOGG, Director.

Twins' Club
Twins' Club will hold a party Saturday at 8:30 at 1302, South Eleventh street.

Lutherans
The Lutheran Bible League will hold its social Friday evening in the parish hall of Trinity church. Chancellor Avery will speak.

Organizations
All organizations and societies having space reserved in the Cornhusker must pay for it before March 25, in U. Hall 10, any afternoon.

Ecclesia Club
The Ecclesia Club will have a luncheon at the Grand Hotel Friday noon.

Lutheran Club
St. Patrick's Day Party, Saturday evening at 8:30.

Ag College Mixer
There will be an Ag College Mixer Saturday at the Horse Barn on the Ag college campus. The Home Economics Club will be in charge of the mixer.

Episcopal Students.
The Bishop of Nebraska will visit the University Episcopal Church, 13th and R Streets, next Sunday

Dreff, a Police Dog, Makes Stage Debut Thursday in Masqueraders

Gazing with magnificent indifference across the footlights, Dreff nightly condescends to forsake the kennel for the stage, and lends his lordly presence to "The Masqueraders," which the University Players are producing this week in the Temple theater. Dreff is a handsome, powerful built police dog, he breathes distinction in the sniff of his long, slender nose and thumps it in the wag of his aristocratic tail.

"How do you suppose they trained him to act that way?" was the comment heard after Dreff had made his appearance. As a matter of fact, Dreff is not a dog actor, and he has not been trained for the part. He is the prized pet of Victor Krause, 1245 H street. His acting in the play is entirely spontaneous.

The audience is given only two hints of its approaching admission into the best of canine society. One is Dreff's name in the role of "Husky," at the end of the cast of characters. The other is, perhaps, a muffled "woof-woof" behind scenes shortly before the curtain rises for Scene Two, Act one. Then, as it goes up, couched composedly beside the table to which he is chained, sits Dreff. A little murmur stirs the dusk of the theater as its occupants catch sight of him. Dreff, with the graceful indifference of one all too accustomed to homage, acknowledges the tribute merely with a dignified inclination of the head, and transfers his gaze to his fellow actors.

For some time he maintains this thoughtful attitude. The scene approaches its climax, with every one else on the stage acting for all he is worth. So Dreff must act, too. And he does. He rises. He wags his tail dramatically and sticks out his tongue soulfully. He takes a few

measured steps to the limit of his chain, in the manner of Hamlet pecking up and down in his soliloquy. He watches the movements of the actors with splendid melancholy, then flattens his shapely ears against his head and whines softly. At a tense moment in the play, he opens a cavernous mouth and barks in a deep, but well-bred, voice. Then, having done his duty as an actor, he settles himself on the floor again.

Perhaps the only indication that Dreff is acting and not living the part appears in his attitude toward the actors. He submits to the fondling of Hart Jenks, who plays the part of his master, with a resignation which seems to say, "Yes, yes. You're not my master, but you're a decent sort of chap." And when, in the actor's conversation, the name of "Husky" is mentioned repeatedly, his tail does not wag; his ears are not raised.

Catholic Students
Communion breakfast after the 8 o'clock services Sunday morning at the Grand Hotel.

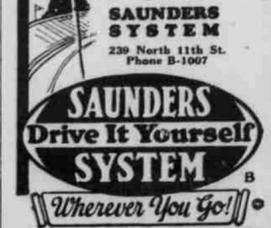
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The B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church is giving an outdoor party at Epworth Park Friday. Transportation will be provided at the church, 14 and K streets. Everyone is invited.

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Dreff enjoys the bright lights. He is not stage-struck; he is too well-bred a dog for that. But he evidenced considerable reluctance to be herded off stage by Mr. Jenks before the close of the scene. Some of the spectators laughed—which was unnecessary, for Dreff did not balk; he is a gentleman dog, and he knows it.

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