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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Five freshmen at Cornell University recently sent forth a belligerent question to the university at large: "What is it all about?"

The freshmen had spent two months at the university, and in that time had found "no coherence, no purpose, in their college studies," according to The New Student.

Probably any number of freshmen all over the country would agree, if they wished to be perfectly honest about it, with those Cornell students. Especially those first year students in state universities of Nebraska's size would be willing to admit that they spent their entire first year in a daze, and that the real comprehension of the university attitude as contrasted with the high school viewpoint did not come until well along in the second year.

Cornell's suggestion of an orientation course is a good one, but it is hardly adequate. The real cause of this bewilderment to which the five freshmen confessed can be found in a statement recently made by Dean Walters of Swarthmore. Registered at the University of California, he said, are 17,101 full time students; and at Columbia university in New York, 12,643. Without a doubt, these figures explain something. They obviate the theory that in universities of such a size it is impossible to give attention to the individual; the natural corollary being that something is needed to make the individual capable of finding out what everything is about.

The solution is not easy. Perhaps it will be found in Glenn Frank's new plan which is under way at the University of Wisconsin—the preparatory college. This plan involves a sort of junior college, a two-year course which will aim at fitting the student for the real specialized work which is commonly known as "higher education." The student in this college will first complete a two-year general course, and will then enter the college proper, consisting of two or three additional years of study, largely specialized. According to the theory, the student at the end of two years will be prepared for his additional work, and will be able to enter it with a knowledge of what he is stepping into.

The Wisconsin idea is believed by many to offer a remedy for the fault which is at the bottom of the problem suggested by five Cornell freshmen. That fault is that there is too big a gap between high school and university. The individual or institution which finds the true remedy for this fault will be performing one of the greatest educational feats of all time.

ing your truthfulness and honor, stay away. You are not yet prepared." This statement reminds us of one recently made within our hearing concerning war. It was said that the best way to stop war might be to get nations to agree not to fight until they were prepared and could afford it.

If those four questions were answered truthfully and literally, it is doubtful if any of us would ever be prepared to enter college. However, the ideal is good and deserves our consideration. If it were lived up to, what a different place college would be.

BISHOP M'CONNELL
The University federation of church workers and the convocations committee of the University are to be congratulated on bringing Bishop Francis J. McConnell to the Nebraska campus. Every student should make a sincere attempt to hear Bishop McConnell at least once during his visit in Lincoln.

The Bishop's first speech at the University convocation Tuesday morning proved that he is one of the most interesting speakers that has been heard on the Nebraska campus and that he will be remembered for some time after he has gone.

College Press

ON BEING COLLEGIATE

(The Daily Kansan)

"Collegiate"—one dictionary gives the meaning, "related to a college," and others assign a similar meaning. We can read or hear of college literature, collegiate athletics, or collegiate drama without flinching, even with a little pride at times; but when it comes to hearing the word bandied around by merchants and salespeople as the choice adjective in regard to the prevailing mode, it is almost more than any thinking college person can endure.

To be sure, college trousers may be greater in circumference than the established sixteen inches, and college coats may have lost the cape effect from the waist down, but at that, colleges should not be blamed for the sartorial extravagances that sections of the "garment trust" have managed to thrust upon the shoulders of their customers under the misnomer of "collegiate."

Permanently flipped hat brims, never-turned-down coat over-coat collars, and the eternal bare-headedness of a portion of the younger generation is entirely in accord with the trend of modern fads among college students, but it is no doubt an idiosyncrasy and a temporary convenience with the students, more than it is a showing of law and order in regard to the rules of dress. But such things as these idiosyncrasies and conveniences are promptly seized upon and made a uniform, stereotyped thing by those who never attended college and don't want people to find it out. Many things are really collegiate, but they're not the glaring styles or ultra-modern fads which outsiders deem collegiate.

Eleven Years Ago

Prof. Laurence Fossler received a letter from Dr. W. D. Pierce, entomological assistant of the United States Bureau of Entomology at Washington, in which he stated some rather interesting facts concerning the use of his University education. In reply to an inquiry from Professor Fossler as to how he had used his language since leaving school, Dr. Pierce said that he considered them the most valuable studies he took outside of his own specialties.

Little stories about the



NOT PREPARED

Henry Louis Smith, president of Washington and Lee University, writing in McNaught's Monthly gives some advice to prep school boys which should be of interest to all university students since it may very easily apply to them.

After showing the boys the main difference between prep school and college, that is the difference in the amount of freedom, President Smith asks them four questions as follows: "Question 1. Are you man enough to get up promptly every morning, get to your meals and to school on time every day, and go to bed at a fixed hour every night, all on your own initiative without a word of reminder from anybody?"

Notices

W. A. A.
W. A. A. group pictures for the Cornhusker will be taken at 12:10 noon, Wed., Jan. 12 at the campus studio. Report promptly. Watch W. A. A. bulletin board and this column for notices of sport group pictures to be taken.

"N Girls"
Cornhusker pictures wearing N's must be taken within two weeks. Townsend studio.

W. A. A. Board
Make appointment immediately for Cornhusker picture if necessary!

Football Letter Men
Football letter men wanted, qualified to handle manual training, for desirable position for September 1927. Call Department of Educational Service, Room 805 at once.

Journalism 185 (History and Principles)
The final assignment in the course is posted on the bulletin-board outside U106.

Scabard and Blade
Important meeting Thursday, January 13, at 7:10 in Nebraska Hall.

Alpha Kappa Psi
Alpha Kappa Psi meeting Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Commercial Club rooms.

Iota Sigma Pi
Meeting Wednesday, January 12, at 7 o'clock at Chemistry Hall.

Home Economics Students
Leave articles for rummage sale at H. E. 3 before Thursday.

Palladian Literary Society
Open meeting Friday evening at 8:30. A literary program will be given with Ned Fisher in charge.

Physical Education Club Meeting
Wednesday evening, 7:10 p. m. in S101 Womens gymnasium (West entrance.)

Nebraska Engineering Society
Group picture Thursday, January 13, at 12 o'clock sharp at Campus studio. Meeting Wednesday at 5 o'clock in M.E.206 for nominating chairman of Engineer's week.

Math Club
Meeting Thursday, January 13, at 7:30 in SS205. Professor Marvin and Miss Hesseltime will speak.

Oikia Club
The Oikia Club of the College of

Exhibit at convocation. About six of the more important canvasses were shown.

Delta Chapter of Nu Sigma Phi, medical sorority of the University of Nebraska, held its annual banquet at the Loyal Hotel, Omaha. Decorations were in white and green, the sorority colors.

One Year Ago

In the annual review edition of the Lincoln Trade Review, an article appeared entitled "What the College of Business Administration is Doing for Nebraska Business Men," by Dean J. E. LeRossignol, in which he told of the purposes and ideals of the college.

Pi Sigma Alpha, a new fraternity composed of men students of professional drawing and painting, was recognized by the faculty committee on campus organizations.

Dr. Louise Pound of the department of English, was made a member of the national committee to forward the memorial endowment fund in honor of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Phi Beta Kappa. She represents Nebraska in the north central district.

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Agriculture will hold a meeting at the Rural Economics Building at the Agricultural College campus. All members are urged to attend. Ross Miller will tell of his trip to Europe. Remember the date—January 12, at 7:30 p. m.

Theta Sigma Phi
Special meeting of Theta Sigma Phi will be held Wednesday noon, January 12, at the Silver Moon, at 12 o'clock sharp.

Ag Club
January 17—Ag club picture will be taken at the Campus Studio at 12:15 o'clock.

Cornhusker Countryman
January 17—Cornhusker Countryman picture will be taken at the Campus Studio at 12:30 o'clock.

Dramatic Club
Dramatic Club picture will be taken at the Campus Studio at 12 o'clock sharp on Friday, January 14. All actives and pledges be there.

Pre-Law Students
All Pre-Law students are asked to meet in Social Science Auditorium, Thursday evening, January 13, at 7 o'clock.

Mystic Fish
Important meeting of the Mystic Fish Thursday, January 13, at 7 p. m. in Ellen Smith Hall.

Lutheran Student Club
Lutheran Student Club meeting Saturday evening, January 15, Faculty Hall, Temple. Reports of Madison conference. Good program and refreshments. All Lutheran students cordially invited.

Pi Lambda Theta
Pi Lambda Theta meeting Thursday, January 13, 7 p. m. Teachers College 310.

Freshman Commission
No meeting Thursday because of Bishop McConnell's lecture.

Xi Delta
Xi Delta meeting Thursday at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall.

Xi Delta
Xi Delta picture will be taken Friday noon at 12:15 at the Campus studio.

Y. W. C. A. Cabinet
No meeting Wednesday because of Bishop McConnell's lecture.

OIKIA CLUB PLANS PARTY FOR FRIDAY

University Students Welcome to Dance at Agricultural College Campus

The Oikia Club will sponsor a mixer on Friday evening, January 14, at the Students Activity Building on the Agricultural College campus. Tommy Tompkins will furnish the music.

The floor has just been freshly finished for the dance and will be in good condition. A nominal sum will be charged those attending. The money thus raised will be used to help defray the expenses of the dance and the few expenses of the club.

All University students are welcome.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS MEETING HERE

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Brady Island, Nebr. This anchor was used by one of the early fur-trading boats in pioneer days. David Beynon of Kearney presented the anchor to the society which will place it in the Historical Society museum.

"New Findings on Pike-Pawnee Indian village site near Red Cloud" was given by Mr. A. T. Hill, of Hastings.

Hall Gives Talk
Mr. Charles E. Hall of Omaha gave a paper on "First Nebraska Telephone." He illustrated his topic with the presentation of early telephone apparatus which was used in Nebraska. The exhibits were on display in the Art Hall and in the Historical Society rooms.

The evening program which started at 7:30 was as follows: Hon. Charles A. Chappell, Minden "The Proposed Old Fort Kearney Historical Park"

Frederick Shepherd, Lincoln Presentation address on W. J. Bryan memorial collection, material received from Mrs. W. J. Bryan, Miami Fla., Charles W. Bryan, Lincoln, and John T. McCutcheon, cartoonist of Chicago Daily Tribune.

"The Origin, Development, and Present Worth of Soil Culture, or Dry Farming, on the Western Plains."

James F. Hanson, Fremont, introduced the following speakers: Hardy W. Campbell, South Pasadena, Calif. (with lantern slide pictures.)

Albert Weaver, Bird City, Kansas. W. W. Burr, Nebraska College of Agriculture.

Laziness Is Cause of Old Age

Laziness is the cause of old age, according to Mrs. Margaret Blair, who has been an instructor in the University of Montana for 25 years.

Florida Has Large Organ

The \$50,000 organ at the University of Florida is now the second largest in the United States. It is installed in the university auditorium.

Great Opportunity for Graduate Engineers Says Westinghouse Man

"Choose Your Job As You Choose Your Course," is the answer of E. B. Roberts, of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., to the requests coming to that company from engineering graduates asking for information regarding the questions which they must face in choosing their job.

His answer is here given in full. "A young engineering graduate faced a leader of industry.

"Supposing," said the young graduate, "that I am ambitious, am in good health, and have probably more than average intelligence, what chance have I of 'getting somewhere' in the field of engineering?"

"Well sir," the leader of industry answered, "ninety percent of the executives of this company, including its vice-presidents, its departmental managers, district sales managers, works managers, service managers, and engineers entered the company directly from the engineering schools. Now what of the work to be done? Only forty-three per cent of the people of the United States live in electrically lighted dwellings. Less than two per cent of the railroad mileage of this country has been electrified. Forty-two years have carried the central stations of the country from a single station of 600 kilowatt to a capacity of 23,000,000, and that is not the end. Only a fraction of our water power has been exploited. It is reasonably estimated that within the next ten years the total output of electrical energy will be three times that of the present. The engineering world of the future will be managed by technical graduates. Your opportunities are limited

only by your vision, ability, and courage."

"Information such as Mr. Roberts has written would have been gladly welcomed while I attended college," claims A. E. Carson, of the Westinghouse Educational Department. "Strange as it may seem, very little material is readily available regarding job selection. That which is available is to general to be of much use."

White Speaks Today On Debating League

Prof. H. A. White, president of the Nebraska High School Debating League, will speak over KFAB Wednesday afternoon, January 12, at 1:10 p. m., on "Interpretations of the Nebraska High School Debating League question for 1926-1927." This is an additional service that Professor White is endeavoring to render the organization.

The districting of the eighty schools that will take part in the league debates this year will be made before the fifteenth of this month.

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