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IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH

Displaying the same foresight that it did when the bill expanding the degree-granting powers of the state teachers colleges was killed some time ago, the Nebraska legislature has defeated a bill which would have permitted Nebraska cities to establish junior colleges on the petition of a certain required number of voters in that town.

The establishment of these smaller public colleges would in the end result in scattering of the state's resources for higher education.

The bill as framed would have given the local school boards power to establish the colleges when the voters of the district desired to do so. If that were all, everything would be all right.

But there would inevitably be a movement to unload the institutions on the state. That such a prediction is no exaggeration is proven by the experience of several of our sister states, notably Colorado and Kansas, where presumably modest colleges have grown to be great rivals of the state university, with consequent scattering of the state's educational resources, and greater drains on the taxpayers.

Nebraska is fortunate in having only one great state university instead of two or three struggling second and third rate affairs. If Nebraska's legislators show the same common sense in the future, and refuse to let the whole suffer for the benefit of the few who might be helped by a few local colleges, the advantages of our one great University will be kept intact.

Now that spring has arrived, it may be good news for the seniors to know that there are only 80 more days until June 4 (graduation day).

FROM FOUNTAIN PEN TO OVERCOAT

Of all places where lost and found articles should ultimately be returned to their rightful owners, a school or college next to a church or Sunday school should probably be about the best. All the people in a University presumably come from good families, and have had good training in the home. They are also presumed to become leading citizens after graduation. In a community composed of such people, then, it would be natural to expect that lost and found articles would be quickly returned to their owners.

That such is not the case, however, is attested to many times during the school year by the many who unfortunately lose articles from fountain pens to overcoats which they have never again seen.

In fact it is almost proverbial that of all places to lose permanently an article and never have it returned, college halls and college walks of a big university are about the worst.

It is a deplorable situation, reflecting as it does on the individual honesty of each and every student in the university.

One reason for it probably is the fact that there is not a good central university exchange where lost and found articles may conveniently be returned and called for. Many people probably keep found articles simply because they do not know what to do with them. Many others who lose articles probably never even inquire for them because they do not know where.

But this is hardly a complete explanation. It does not explain for instance why fountain pens and gold pencils with names engraved on them are never returned. We know a student who once had a gold pencil on which he had his name engraved. He lost the pencil one day in downtown Omaha. A day or so later it was returned to him by a person who had taken the trouble to look up his name in the telephone directory. The same student brought the same pencil to this university, left it on a table in one of the halls for only a few minutes, and has never seen it since, although his name was in the student directory at the time and most of the people frequenting the place where he left the pencil knew him personally.

Disregard of these first fundamentals of honesty is one of the gravest charges against college students. If college students in their quest after knowledge and learning and training forget completely about the simple codes of every-day honesty, they are going to find out in the end that they have made a big mistake. Nature has a way of fighting back viciously in the way of deteriorated character when there is continued infraction of the simple rules of conduct toward others.

At last he cried: "She married another, they often do. I hope she is happy, for I am happy too."

THOSE DRIVES

Drives among students of the University for funds to keep a missionary in a foreign country or for foreign aid are gradually losing favor among those who have been paying the bills. The Grace Coppock drive which closed Monday night returned less than half the amount which has been raised in the past years for this purpose.

The reasons for the failure of drives to meet the set requirements are many. First, students have about all they can do to meet their own current expenses, since nearly sixty per cent of them are wholly or partially self-supporting. A dollar or two given to a drive isn't noticed, some say. But that much will pay a day's board at least.

Second, students as a whole contribute to the support of some church and its affiliated missionary societies while in the city and cannot be said to be doing nothing in the way of spreading Christianity to other countries.

Third, the students of the University help maintain the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. secretaries on the campus and also some expenses of these organizations.

That charity begins at home may be rightly applied in this case. The few students who need not worry about where the next pay check is coming from are not always the ones to respond first in these drives. By harrasing students who are not able to support these funds there is, oftentimes, an attitude assumed on the part of the person soliciting, which makes them

feel that they are not doing their bit for the University, when in reality they are making the University what it is today.

Supporting the numerous institutions on the campus now is about all that the average student can do and still be fairly sure that he is going to eat breakfast next week.

Many a freshman who looked forward to his first attendance at fraternity meeting has probably been disappointed by now at finding it very much like any other kind of business meeting.

In Other Columns

Out of the Mire

Out of the mire at the University of Utah, The Utah Chronicle presents in its society column: "The second national social sorority to come to the University of Utah is Alpha Delta Pi, which will formally install the local chapter of Delta Theta as the Beta Gamma chapter. With the coming of Alpha Delta Pi, the move to secure more and better sororities for the University takes a forward step. It is hoped that all prejudices will be removed in the near future, and that other national sororities will follow Alpha Delta Pi in establishing chapters on our campus."

Courtesy to Chaperones

One of the objectives of a college education is to learn courtesy and consideration for others. And one of the things that many university students fail to recognize is that it is at least a matter of courtesy to treat with some respect the women who are kind enough to chaperone the varsity dances.

Without their assistance, it would be impossible to have these dances at all. They like young people, or they would not inconvenience themselves enough to sit through a three-hour party which they enjoy but little, in order to accommodate the students.

The chaperones are the hostesses at varsities, and should be treated as hostesses would be treated elsewhere. Certainly students should be respectful and considerate enough to talk, and make the evening something more than three hours of dullness.

It would help a great deal if students would not accept the presence of chaperones as a matter of course and treat them as a part of the furniture, but would remember that they are really granting a service to the students, and a service for which they receive no recompense.

Overstudy

One of the crying needs of college students is a longer day. If the twenty-four hours could be expanded to about thirty, we would have time to fulfill the curricular requirements along with our necessary activities, such as sleeping, loafing and reading for pleasure. The first politician who makes the thirty-hour day his campaign issue will win the unanimous support of students.

Standards in education have risen to the point where students who desire to execute their assignments faithfully are in danger of developing the encyclopedic mind constricted with half digested facts. Those who are interested in the highest type of self-development owe it to themselves to neglect at least two thirds of their curricular work, and to do the other third only when it is convenient.

The fifteen hour schedule is too heavy. It allows a student no time for expanding his intellectual horizon. Overemphasis on studies alienates students from the world outside the campus. Over-development in one line means a sacrifice in another. It is the fault of the system that students are indifferent to important world events. We are made lop-sided, and the world pounces on our neck for developing the don't-give-a-damn frame of mind.

"No, We Aren't Students, But..."

The cause for the comparatively low scholarship of fraternity men at this university is apparent. Intellectuality plays little part in fellowship in the modern college. A good handshake, a pleasant smile, and perhaps a good-looking suit of clothes more than a high school scholastic record, an intelligent face, and energy determine to whom fraternity membership shall be extended.

And then, the fraternities, having chosen their members, seem resolved not to allow fellowship to be tainted by the intellectual. Cards, dances, politics, athletics, "sessions," and the other fraternal knick-knacks are supplied to keep dull scholarship from the house.

Since fraternities are allowed to exist at the sufferance of the University, and since the spirit of the University is fundamentally one of scholarship, any organizations which fail to foster that spirit can and will be crushed by the larger institution. For it must be remembered that the American system of higher education is infinitely stronger than the fraternity system. And if the spirit of the fraternity is not compatible with that of the University, the fraternity will be junked.

It is futile for fraternities to plead, "Why admit we are not students, but there is a lot beside 'Phi Beta'." True; but any organization which lives only through the existence of another institution cannot be independent.

Consider The College Comic

Does the college comic, with its superficial cynicism, its giggles over liquor and "neeking," and its forced sense of the ridiculous reflect the life of the modern campus?

Most emphatically, the college comic does reflect the sort of life in which the greater part of the modern campus, for at least part of its time, is immersed. And that is almost equivalent to admitting that the sort of foolish stories with which the press delights to inform the public of campus doings are not entirely misrepresentative.

What of it? Are not colleges today overrun by youngsters who have loafed their way through high school and come to college simply because their sort goes to college? And when these youngsters enter college, can we expect them to become serious-minded students, to acquire a taste for art or historical research? Certainly not!

The minds of a considerable part of the American student body during a considerable part of each of the seven days of the week are occupied in debating the relative social standings of the several fraternities, in mapping out the little bits of diplomacy which will make the members of the opposite sex "fall," and in transmitting insipid scandal, sports, and all the other commodities of conversation to keep simple souls from ennui.

And this is the froth which the campus comic is called upon to reproduce in its pages. If the comic did not perform the function of skimming this froth from the campus, some other sort of publication would have to perform the rather objectionable job.

As long as the fireside, the dance-hall, and the football stadium are the chief centers of campus life, just so long will students demand the sort of nonsense that the comic so abundantly affords.

—University of Colorado Silver and Gold

Notices

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Alpha Kappa Psi meeting Wednesday, March 16, Commercial Club Room 7 p. m.

Sigma Xi will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening in Pharmacy Hall. There will be opportunity to inspect the laboratories and the research work being done in the College of Pharmacy.

Chemical Engineer Smoker Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Meeting will be held at Rex Strader's, 2123 Mason St.

Girl's Commercial Club Wednesday 8 o'clock at Ellen Smith Hall, Student Council

Regular bi-monthly meeting of the Student Council, Wednesday, at 6 o'clock, in Temple 204.

Ag Club Ar Club will meet in Dairy Hall Auditorium at 7:15 Wednesday. A consideration of the plan for incorporating the departmental clubs will be the main business of the evening. Every Ag out.

Iota Sigma Pi meeting Wednesday, March 16 at 7 o'clock in Chemistry 9.

Lutherans meet for Bible study Wednesday 8 o'clock at Ellen Smith Hall, Temple 204.

Meeting of Math Club on Thursday, March 17, in room 304 Mechanics Arts at 7:30 o'clock. There will be a number of short talks.

Silver Serpent Silver Serpent meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall.

Scabbard and Blade meeting in Nebraska Hall at 7:30 p. m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 Palladian Literary Society Seniors will be in charge of the program for the open meeting Friday at 8:30 p. m. Everyone invited.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 Lutheran Club meeting, March 19, 8 p. m. Faculty Hall, University Temple. Prof. O. W. Sjogren, speaker. Musical numbers. Refreshments. All Lutheran students cordially invited.

MONDAY, MARCH 21 Lutheran Club meeting, Monday evening, March 21, 7 p. m., Room 204, Temple Building, theme "The Crisis of the Cross." All Lutheran students are asked to attend.

One Year Ago

Donald B. Newton, '23, North Platte, accepted the position of estimator in the engineering works department of the Dravo Constructing Company, a large engineering and contracting firm of Pittsburgh, Pa., doing general contracting and designing, and building boats and dock equipment. It was in this department that Mr. Newton became assistant to the estimator soon after his graduation in June, 1923. This was a case of rather rapid promotion for a man out of college less than three years, according to members of the College of Engineering faculty.

STORRS SPEAKS TO ENGINEERS

(Continued from Page One.) clared, "is to transport all the people in four hours." The group which Mr. Storrs represents is organized for the purpose of finding a solution to the financial problem, and are behind the industry heart and soul. They believe that the electric railway must be a regulated monopoly, and that it cannot be economically run under competition. "The industry is not on its way to the graveyard," he declared, in expressing his belief in its future, "it is distinctly the other way."

COCHRAN SPEAKS ON PRE-LAW

Professor R. E. Cochran of the department of history will speak over the radio on Pre-Law preparation Tuesday, March 22, at 1:05 o'clock.

\$50,000 Added To Loan Fund By Oklahoman

Norman, March 15.—(Special)—Lew H. Wentz, Ponca City oil man who established a \$50,000 loan fund for the University of Oklahoma students last summer, took another step toward aiding needy men and women of the school recently when he gave President W. B. Bizzell another check for \$50,000 to be added to the fund.

The fund, which is known as the Lew H. Wentz Foundation, is administered by a board of directors which passes on all applicants for loans. The money is loaned at a low rate of interest, and the fund will be operated as a perpetual foundation.

Already \$37,000 of the original gift has been issued in the form of loans to approximately 250 students; E. R. Kraettli, secretary of the university said today.

In order to benefit by the fund, a student must have made a creditable record for at least one year in the university.

MEANS ADVISES PREPAREDNESS

(Continued from Page One.) arms," he brought out. Unpreparedness caused death. Sickness and insufficient facilities to cope with it, poor sanitation and all that accompanies it, caused the loss of more lives than rifle fire. It was all due to unpreparedness.

In the year 1904 the Spanish-American War Veterans Bureau began taking action towards establishing a national defense. They adopted a constitution which was the first public declaration to teach warfare in the United States. Later came the Dick bill, which enlarged the National Guard and in 1916 the National Defense Act was passed. It provided for a standing army, garrisons around our colonies, and that citizens be taught the rudiments of military training.

Apprehensive of National Jealousies "Some say defensive war is bad enough and try to adhere to the rule of no war at all," Senator Means stated, "but the very fact that the United States is a leading nation is proof enough that we need a defense against the jealousy and hatred that is bound to spring up."

"We need to be taught Americanism in its fullest definition and to feel the love of country that we should," he declared. "Americanism is an unfeeling love of country, loyalty to its institutions and ideals,

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eagerness to defend it, undivided allegiance to the flag and a desire to defend it against all invaders. That is what we need."

Ames Glee Club Will Tour Iowa During Vacation

Ames, Iowa, March 15.—Special: The Iowa State Glee Club, made up of 24 of the best male voices at Iowa State College, will tour through northwest Iowa during the spring vacation, putting on full evening programs in Sioux City, Sheldon, Spencer, Storm Lake, and Ida Grove. Leaving Ames Saturday morning, the club will make the trip in a new bus accompanied by Tolbert MacRae, director, and Kenneth R. Marlyn from the Iowa State alumni office.

The club opens its week in the Brandeis theater at Omaha, Nebr., singing there on Saturday and Sunday. On Monday, March 21, it will sing at Morningside College in Sioux City. Tuesday it will sing for the American Legion at Storm Lake, Wednesday it will give the program at the Spencer theater, and Thursday and Friday it will sing under the auspices of the high schools at Sheldon and Ida Grove.

Includes Fine Quartet The program, according to Mr.

MacRae, includes some of the best songs ever written for men's voices. He declares the A-M-E-S quartet is one of the best in the history of the school and the solo voices compare favorably with professionals.

The governor of Iowa recently complimented the club on the program which it gave in the State House before the Senate and House of Representatives and state officials.

Alumni and friends of the college who attend the concerts over the state are asked to meet members of the club and Mr. Marlyn either before or after the program.

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