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UNIVERSITY NIGHT
"Will, it's history now, let's forget about it!"
Remark of one student concerning University Night.

The entire production centered around fraternities and sororities, drinking, and other extreme and absolutely unrepresentative features of college life.

Instead of a display of some of the decent wit which most assuredly must abound on this campus, students were treated to something quite a few notches below what might reasonably be expected of a semi-official University performance.

There may have been a general lowering of standards since the last war. The stage and the press has reflected all this in great part. But even the most cynical observer of campus life would be uncharitable if he tried to make out university students collectively or individually as some parts of University Night made them appear.

Instead of a wholesome, entertaining portrayal of student and college life, University Night for a period of years has gradually gone down the toboggan into more and more of a mire of drink and sex.

The truth of the matter is that the student body, numbering over 5 thousand as it does, is too big and unwieldy to make successful any affair on the order of University Night. That this is so has been evident more and more of late years as more and more of the supposed puns and jokes fall flat because they have a point intelligible to only a few of those who happen to be acquainted with the circumstances.

And the most inconsistent feature about the whole works is the fact that the Young Men's Christian Association was sponsoring the show, and even now has a few hundred dollars in its coffers as a result.

The Y. M. C. A. is one of the few organizations which along with the University pastors is supposed to be looking after the higher spiritual welfare of the students.

Now the Y. M. C. A. officials and the organization itself are probably not to be blamed directly, and yet if that organization sponsors the show, and what is more, gladly accepts the money made by it, it is tacitly and openly approving such practices.

If University Night ever was a decent and useful annual student affair, it certainly has degenerated to the point where the Y. M. C. A. for whose benefit it was started, should revolt in virtuous disgust, salvage its self-respect, and wash its hands of the whole matter.

It is hard to imagine that money got by such shady means can be consecrated in any way for the declared worthy purposes of the association. Those worthy purposes are probably just a little bit more difficult of attainment.

THE GLEE CLUB

Next Sunday the members of the University of Nebraska Glee Club start on their annual spring tour of the state. This trip is year after year coming to be one of the features of the spring season. The Glee Club may rightfully be regarded as one of the most worthwhile and value-giving activities in the University.

For the student the Glee Club provides an expression for his musical side, it gives him something that is not harmful in nature with which to occupy his spare time, and it gives him this trip every spring.

But it is to the University that the Club probably proves to be of the most value.

Unlike other organizations that are in the custom of traveling through the state, the members of the Club stay at private homes while on the road. Usually they stay either with friends or with alumni, but in any case welcome places are found for them.

One of the primary instructions given to the Club members is that they are to spread the gospel of the University of Nebraska while in private homes. They are told that they are agents of our state institution and should conduct themselves as such. Each member thinks over some of the salient points and features of the University so that he may be prepared to talk intelligently on the subject.

In Other Columns

Ain't She Dumb!
Accosted in the vestibule of a small town library, a trim little woman was found carrying an armload of the latest novels and travel books.

Whether or not the girls of Grinnell college are in the marriage market, with respect to two important fields of knowledge they may well ask themselves, "Am I dumb?"

The Press and the Individual
We sincerely trust that Mr. David Lawrence was incorrectly reported when he spoke to a group of school editors at a recent gathering at Columbia University.

Theses and Thinking
Eight or nine months ago Palmer H. Craig was working for his doctor's degree at the University of Cincinnati. He had majored in physics so his thesis consisted chiefly of reports on numerous experiments.

Why Activities?
While there may be some undergraduates who are engaged in activities for the love of Alma Mater or for the love of ourselves, it is probable that most students are more naive.

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Notices

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Iota Sigma Pi meeting Wednesday, March 30th at six o'clock in Chemistry Hall.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
Xi Delta meeting at Ellen Smith Hall Thursday at seven o'clock.

Senior Invitations
A copy of the senior invitation card is on display at Long's Book Store.

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The Campus Pulse

Letters from readers are cordially welcomed in this department, and will be printed in all cases subject only to the common newspaper practice of keeping out all libelous matter, and attacks against individuals and religions.

Dear Editor:
Well, I took my girl to the University Night program last night and I am proud to say that she could not understand the jokes. I am told that the event was sponsored by the Young Men's Christian Association.

Perhaps some of them saw how flat their attempts at cheap humor fell.
E. D.

What Would Christ Think?
To the Editor:
Good Christians, trained to have implicit faith in the ministers of the gospel, the church, and such affiliated organizations as the Y. M. C. A., are scoffing at and vigorously denying the charges of rank hypocrisy which Sinclair Lewis makes in his latest vituperative novel, "Elmer Gantry."

Dear Editor:
Monday night I was in the audience at the annual University Night. This was the first time I had viewed the heralded spectacle. My confession was that I was sadly disappointed. I went there with the expectancy that the "cracks" would be pointed enough but the clever ones were obscured by those which savored of a cheap vaudeville house.

I think something should be done to abolish such "dirt" that ruined the better parts of the show. This is difficult as I understand that most of the worst "cracks" were extemporaneous. But if the actors who were responsible had their parents present in the audience they might feel how the remarks would seem in other people's eyes, and think twice.

do not support it. Perhaps it will find its answer in University Night. For it far underestimates the intelligence of Nebraska students if it imagines they do not see the falseness of an organization that professes to be devoted to the "highest ideals" and at the same time sponsors University Night. (It is possible, of course, that the "highest ideals" have changed since I learned of the Y. M. C. A.)

The Y. M. C. A. professes to exist for the purpose of spreading and putting into practice those ideals and ideas which Jesus Christ revealed to the world. May I ask the officers and members of the University Y. M. C. A.:

What do you suppose Jesus Christ would have thought of University Night?
C. Y. N.

The track numeral has grown in popularity until it is now set as the goal for every Freshman out for track.

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