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UNIVERSITY NIGHT

"Well, it's history now, let's forget about it". Remark of one student concerning University Night.

That may be one way of looking at it, but 12 months from now another University Night performance may be staged. If some of the disgusting features of the 1927 show are not censured, the chances are that the 1928 show will be even worse, because the idea will again prevail "As soon as it's history, it'll be forgotten."

University Night-yes there was a lot of Night to the whole performance, but as to the University part, it was sadly lacking.

All in all it was an example of an indecent way of making a few dollars for an otherwise decent University activity-the Y. M. C. A.

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 semiofficial 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.

Instead of an all-round presentation of all-university student life, the Night has become the one evening of the year when several favored fraternities and sororities give themselves a lot of free publicity.

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

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.

There are other functions performed by this organization. It appears before schools of the state while they are in session. It appears at luncheons, and in all of these engagements it is spreading the idea of the University as represented by as perhaps a model

college group as is vaually assembled. It is one of the few phases in the life of the present colleges that is not permeated with the spirit of politics, over-due publicity for members. The Glee Club, together with a few other organizations, stands apart, a small but respected part of the University.

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. As the uneducated wife of a truck driver, she excited the curiosity of a college woman who met her there, and asked, "Why do you read these books Mrs. -

"It's just this way," the lady replied, "my husband takes an interest in such things. And with other women up on all this literature, do I want him to be saying 'round, "Ain't she dumb!"

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?" What does the average Grinnell girl know of international relations? How often do Grinnell women read the daily paper? In dormitory circles it has often been charged that girls don't even peruse the official college paper, The Scarlet and Black.

-Grinnell Scarlet and Black

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. He was made to say that the American press was the best in the world and that none of its faults were of its own creation. So able a journalist as the head of the Consolidated Press Association, and the founder of that extremely useful publication, the United States Daily, can hardly have maintained the second thesis even if he uttered the first. Every tyro in the trade and every intelligent reader of dailies knows better. It is, of course, to be said that if the public would not buy low-grade newspapers they could not exist. But that the public supports the debased and debasing tabloids they possibly could. of New York City, for instance, is no excuse whatever for the degeneracy of their conductors in offering the matter that they print; nor does it relieve them from with Frederick Fisher, assistant con- deville house. the responsibility of their acts. And when it comes to ductor, and Miss Kathyran Brown, the exploiting of the misfortunes of the individual who soloist, appeared in a concert at the happens to get into the lime light, there is no press on Lincoln Auditorium. earth as cruel, as cowardly, as low, or as brutal, and none which goes to such lengths. Can Mr. Lawrence cluding presentation of the Univer- "cracks", it seems to me that the stuor anyone else maintain that this is due to the public sity Players. The famous Shakespear-dents involved did not have to be and not to the publishers?

Theses and Thinking

Eight or nine months ago Palmer H. Craig was working for his doctor's degree at the University of the University School of Music ap- night. Cincinnati. He had majored in physics so his thesis peared in his post-graduate recital at I think something should be done consisted chiefly of reports on numerous experiments, the Temple, Orchestral parts on the to abolish such "dirt" that ruined He spent weeks on experiments of different kinds. Some were failures, some were partially successful. He labored on and he labored hard for he was interested in his work.

His thesis was accepted and he took his degree, doctor of philosophy. So far the story might apply to any one of hundreds of students who do the same thing in American colleges and universities year after year. But here it differs.

Dr. Craig, still young, is now the head of the physics department of Merder University, Macon, Ga. He is rich, for he recently sold an invention he made while working on his doctor's thesis for \$100,000. The invention is a device to take the place of batteries and present at an honor course confervacuum tubes on the ordinary radio receiving sets.

Probably it will revolutionize the entire radio supply manufacturing indistry for batteries and tubes add selected to preside at the Nebraskagreatly to the expense of radio sets. And now the lowa intercollegiate debate held at young professor is rich-because he enjoyed his work, the Temple Theater. The question

The moral or point to all this, if there is any, is of both houses the decisions of the that experimental theses are not necessarily impractical. Supreme Court declaring acts of And you seniors who have to write theses, bear in mind Congress inconstitutional." The order when you work on them that you may make a discovery of the speakers on the affirmative or an invention while you are thus engaged that will team was, George Johnson, Volta make you rich for life.

Remember further that Dr. Craig used his brains bers of the negative team were David or he wouldn't have made the discovery or known its Sher, Ralph Brook and Lloyd J. value after he made it.

-Ohio State Lantern

Why Activities?

While there may be some undergraduates who are corn talks featured by the Sears-Roeengaged in activities for the love of Alma Mater or for buck Agricultural Foundation. the love of ourselves, it is probable that most students are more naive. We, undoubtedly, row, write, go to rallies and Varsity Shows because we are interested in these matters for themselves.

This is hardly as obvious a statement as it appears. the set of markers for track and The casual observer, visiting from Mars, perhaps, would field events recently devised by gain the impression that some student organization was Coach Henry F. Schulte. striving for something or other. Forgetting this outsider, it will be interesting to consider these activities which engage so much of the undergraduate's energy and time. What are they? What is their spirit? Why have they only appeared within the last fifty years and in America? These questions require much the same

We find in each of the activities, a replica of some form of active life in the professional and business world. There are publications, which strive constantly to imitate the national newspapers and magazines. There are plays, staged with as much finesse as is possible. There are debates, more thoroughly organized than their downtown fellows. There are musical clubs and orchestras as carefully trained as circumstances will allow. There are athletic teams, earning more in an afternoon than a world's champion baseball team could, and managed with an eye to utilizing this earning capacity to the full. There are student governing organizations; having remarkably little to do, but existing tenaciously.

It is a group of minature imitations of national institutions which composes the "activity world". Call it a toy world, if you choose, and class the organizations with mechanical construction sets and ten-line printing presses. They are models of various institutions of the world which most of the students are soon to enter actively. They are unrelated to the academic life. They have no concern with books or research. They are personifications of action.

There will be exceptions to the big business spirit. Many of the undergraduates proceed without remarking on this general atmosphere. But the majority, and particularly those in charge, are well permeated with the urge to do things, and to do higger and better things

It seems quite natural to find the "Times" remarking that President Hopkins may suggest what he will to alter football, but that he is fighting America. For it is this passion for success, for doing every task well, and the easier tasks are always to be chosen when one insists on success in no matter what. The American college student is sent out to make his mark in college. It is easier, more natural, and more concretely visible, if he makes his scratch in the activity world. Is it any wonder that he turns there, where his interests lie?

Activities, then, are simply the indications of the American civilization, which has altered the European character of educational institution. They are the real native side of the College life. Undergraduates will find their interests in these preliminary trials of what (To be continued) their fathers are actually engaged in. They will turn to them rather than to the studies which are less evidently bound up with their own future.

Notices

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

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Iota Sigma Pi meeting Wednesday, March

50th at six o'clock in Chemistry Hall.

Funior-Senior From Committee

Meeting of the Junior-Senior Prom Committee Wednesday at 5 o'clock.

Student Council

Regular bi-monthly meeting of the Student Council will be held Wednesday at 5 o'clock in Temple 204. All members are requested to be present.

Alpha Kappe Psi

Alpha Kappa Psi Initiation and Banquet at the University Club at 4:30 Wednesday, March 30.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Xi Delta meeting at Ellen Smith Hall hursday at seven o'clock. Freshman Commission
Freshman Commission meeting Thursday
at 7:10 at Ellen Smith Hall.

Senior Invitations
A copy of the senior invitation card is on display at Long's Book Store. All seniors should arrange to place their order for them as soon as possible.

University Night People
All University Night People
All University Night persons who have
outstanding bills will turn them in to
Royce West, the chairman, by Thursday
noon, All bills will be settled at that time.

One Year Ago

Dean O. J. Ferguson, of the College of Engineering, issued a state- at the annual University Night. This ment regarding the engineering in- was the first time I had viewed the spection trip to Chicago urging sen- heralded spectacle. My confession ior and junior students of the engin- was that I was sadly disappointed. I eering college to take this trip if went there with the expectancy that

under the direction of Rudolph Ganz, those which savored of a cheap vau-

"Romeo and Juliet" was the con-

second piano were played by Mrs. the better parts of the show. This is Will Owen Jones,

Two Years Ago

ment of English addressed the members of the Lincoln Ad Club on "Better Business Letters."

Prof. J. A. Rice and Prof. H. H. Marvin of the University of Nebraska left for the University of Iowa to be ence held there.

Governor Adam McMullen '98, was Torrey and Alexander McKie, Mem-Marti.

W. W. Burr, professor of agronomy, broadcasted over Radio Station WLS giving a series of special seed-

Publicity for Track Markers

Much publicity has been given to

Talks of eating at the



Avoidable Waste

Not long ago a prominent hotel man wrote an article on a certain phase of the hotel business for one of the leading magazines. It created considercomment, because of some startling revelations he made regarding the large amount of pilfering done by guests.

Blankets, sheets, pillows and pillow cases, towels, stationery, pencils, penholders, ink-wells, and pictures in great numbers are carried away from the rooms by guests; and in the dining room the silverware and china is looted alarmingly.

This writer showed that the must pay for the pilfered goods
or the hotel "go broke". And
the successful hotels are obliged to recoup themselves for such losses by rates higher than they could be made if no such losses

Manager Harris of the Cen-tral Cafe finds his losses from this source growing lighter each year; and other hotel men corrobrate him in this experience, which would indicate that the public are learning that "souvenirs" collected from cafes venirs" collected from cafes and hotels must be paid for by

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The Campus Pulse

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 the reports of ex-service men concerning that organization are not so unfounded. I would like to suggest to next year's University Night committee that they give two performances. The first performance should be for men only and the second for other morons. Do you know where I could get copies of this year's jokes? I have attractive offers from Whiz Bang. I have sent Eugene O'Neill invitations for next year's performance. I am sure he is always glad to get new ideas. Trusting you are the same, I remain

Salaciously Yours,

Dear Editor:

Monday night I was in the audience the "cracks" would be pointed enough The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra but the clever ones were obscured by

Why was it necessary to make remarks that might ruin a student's college career? Aithough there might have been some basis for the ian tragedy was at the Temple The- branded so publicly. Gossip and scandal spreads quickly and remains long-Halycon Hooker, of the class of er in the memory, and so will the Mrs. Louise Zumwinkle Watson, of worst things that happened Monday

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 Prof. M. H. Weseen of the departother people's eyes, and think twice.

of them saw how flat their attempts at cheap humor fell.

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 C. A.: the charges of rank hypocrisy which Sinclair Lewis makes in his latest vituperative novel, "Elmer Gantry." The author, they say, has made a round-up of characters and incidents of imagination and perpetrated on the public an unwarrentedly abusive and false volume of muck-racking. At popularity until it is now set as the least, they avow here in Lincoln, such goal for every Freshman out for conditions could under no circum- track. stances exist in this fair city of the

virtuous middle-west. Perhaps the good Christians are right. But the performance which the University Y. M. C. A. gave us at the Orpheum Monday night makes one wonder, to say the least. The show itself was good or bad according to one's own taste.

But I can conceive of no process of reasoning, mental gymnastics, or mysticism by which the Y. M. C. A.'s relation to the affair can be justified. There is hardly a scheming political organization or perverted minister that would dare to be so rankly hypo-

The Y. M. C. A.'s answer, I suppose, is that it needs the money. It needs money badly because its support from students has become almost negligible. It wonders why students

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.

What do you suppose Jesus Christ would have thought of University

C. Y. N.

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