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AFTER SPRING VACATION

The campus started functioning again yesterday after a two-day recess with a large proportion of the student body back in harness. It wasn't much of a vacation but there was enough of a break from the routine of winter study (three months since New Years) to make everybody come back somewhat refreshed.

And now that we are all back it will probably be cheerful news for everybody concerned to know that there are only 58 more days until the fifty-sixth annual commencement. Not such a very long time, and yet time enough to do a great deal.

For many of the undergraduates especially those who are sure of returning next year, the main concern will probably be successful completion of the courses now on their schedule.

But for those who are about to graduate and for those who may never come back, these few remaining weeks should afford an opportunity, probably long neglected, of reacquainting themselves with the whole University, the professors, and the many student associates of the past three or four years, without mentioning some of the library browsing that a few leisure hours may make possible.

In some ways one of the happiest times of the school year because it is springtime and there are only a few more weeks of class work, these next two months in other ways tend toward the very opposite in the realization that they are the last days of happy, care-free school life. Within a few weeks after commencement exercises next June 4, the members of the class of 1927 will be scattered in all parts of the country, and some of them may be even farther away in foreign lands. Even the succeeding classes of '28, '29, and '30 will never reassemble intact as they now are. The faculty itself will not be without change.

Impatient though we may be of continued lectures and endless grinding assignments, and anxious though we may be to take out active part in the fierce and intense struggle of life on the threshold of which we now are standing, there will be a feeling of sadness at the thought of departure from this campus and all the happy (and sometimes sad) memories and recollections it holds.

ADVANCE RUSHING

The brief vacation period just passed was probably utilized by many fraternities and sororities to stage informal rushing parties back home wherever enough members and alumni are located to make possible such affairs. The same will be done on a larger, more systematic, and more elaborate scale next summer in preparation for the intensive three-day session here at headquarters when pledge pins are formally attached and formally displayed.

Rushing of course is a necessary and inevitable part of the fraternity system as it is now organized. Advance rushing such as mentioned above is mandatory also out of sheer necessity in the face of competition. If there are any evils connected with such advance rushing they can not justly be ascribed to any particular individual or group. All are willing or unwilling victims of a system the fierce competition of which knows no bounds.

And yet there are some features about this advance rushing which reflect badly not only on the students here but even on the whole University. As a result of such advance rushing, many students make their first contacts with the University, and their first and sometimes lasting impressions of the University, through the social, secondary side of college life, rather than through the really serious scholastic side which is the only genuine reason for the existence of higher education.

Instead of the student entering University with a realization of the serious task ahead of him, he comes too often with a bloated, egotistic feeling of social superiority in the assurance that he has become or is to become a "Greek" pledge.

What is even worse, many students come to university as a result of such advance rushing with the intention purely and simply of staying in school long enough only to become members of a fraternity or sorority. That this is no exaggeration is proved every fall by the number of students (especially women) who seek back home in the disappointment of not having been pledged.

It is not strange, then, that some people unacquainted with the real workings of a university entertain the opinion that college is a four-year country-club vacation.

BASEBALL

That baseball will not be a major sport at Nebraska for some time to come seems to be the present outlook. The immediate reason advanced is the present lack of facilities for playing the game and the lack of money to finance coaching and trips.

These reasons are of course quite secondary. If there were a real demand for baseball as a major sport and there were money to finance a schedule and a coaching staff, the facilities would be provided mighty quickly.

The fundamental reason for the discouragement of baseball as a major sport at Nebraska as well as at other schools in this part of the country, is the lack of student and public interest in that sport.

If there were enough student interest in the sport so that it is in track for instance, it would be financed regardless of the absence of box receipts even as track now is.

If there were enough public interest in the sport so that it is in football for instance, it would automatically be lavishly supported and fostered even as football now is.

The truth of the matter is that baseball has become so characteristically a professional sport that it fails to be collegiate enough in flavor to win such

popularity among college students and the college sport public.

Even down in the high schools, baseball for some reason or other fails to attract public attention as much as football and basketball.

Perhaps there is a natural dividing line or sport and athletic interest as between scholastic and collegiate circles and those outside.

Among the great college sports might be listed football, track, rowing, and basketball.

Among the great secular sports might be included baseball, boxing, golf and some others.

Wrestling seems to be a hybrid. Where boxing has been ruled out of many colleges because it is an undesirable sport in the professional realm, wrestling is coming along in some favor. Perhaps this is because the ancient Greek traditions concerning this sport overbalance the present decadence of it at the hands of the professionals.

Baseball once quite popular in colleges and high schools, at least in this part of the country, has been losing ground, and for some time as far as colleges are concerned has been a hybrid. In some conferences it has alternately been dropped and then again revived. The three greatest reasons advanced for dropping it have been lack of facilities, bad weather conditions, and lack of money. At any rate it seems to be the first sport dropped when there is a lack of money.

Down farther south where they take baseball even more seriously than they do football, and where a boy would rather be a second Ty Cobb or Babe Ruth than a president of the United States, and where weather conditions are favorable nearly all the year round, baseball still is, and probably will be, a popular college sport for a long time.

Here at Nebraska, though, and in neighboring schools where it has been dropped, baseball is probably destined to sit on the bench for several years at least, until such a time as there is a real demand for the sport by the students and the public, rather than by a few ambitious baseball players who would like the opportunity of showing off in front of big league scouts.

In Other Columns

Sacrifice for Education
Every ambitious boy and girl has dreams of entering college. Parents also have dreams for their children, but many have the idea that the student should earn his way thru college for the good of his soul. This idea may be prompted by some selfish satisfaction in not being called on to spend the money.

No student should attempt to earn his entire way thru college. He gets a mighty poor living and a mighty poor education as well. If a student has the desire to go thru college, he should be trusted to make sensible use of contributions from his family.

If it is at all possible, the parent owes a college education to his child. He owes him the best equipment possible to meet the world's problems, and college furnishes him this equipment.

Many parents do not have this view of the matter. In our own university, we have a great number who earn their entire way thru college, and a still larger number who make some contributions to their expenses. Our advisers say that no person should work more than four hours a day, but many of our students work the regular eight hours a day. Many men work all night.

Are these students sacrificing health for education—or both?
—Campus Collegian

Prematurity Pessimism

Since books of philosophy rarely represent humanity as being other than excessively vicious or extremely virtuous the young person with average intellect, who has been taught to detest vice and revere virtue, had much better not read them than to accept as facts their theories and to attempt their application to the troublesome problems of life.

The philosophically inclined reader, with his preconceived conviction that a man is either all bad or all good, conducts his acquaintance with that person according to his often fallacious judgment. He overestimates the worth of and is affected when in the presence of an individual whom he likes. It is strangely difficult for him to see good qualities in a man who disagrees with him.

It will be found that the society into which one must endeavor to fit himself is not a society of extremes but rather a composition of all mankind, forming a happy or an unhappy medium, according to the codes of its components. The reader of philosophy must remember that in studying the work of a radical author he is seeing the picture from one viewpoint only and that this viewpoint is exceptional.

Spending too much time in the company of sophisticated and world-weary theories the young man or woman is apt to let down the natural guard of cheerfulness and become depressed by the infectious germ of pessimism. A pessimistic disposition is never a builder of ambition. The person who has been prematurely supplied with a knowledge of the "way of the world" loses his eagerness for the conquest, becoming tired of life before he has lived.

—Oklahoma Daily

Women Freed

Women who claim equality with men in all walks of life should remember that the principle is also applicable to all the joys of life. Since their usurpation of many positions formerly held by men the average co-ed stands as much chance in the race for riches as the male student. Why then, doesn't she assume a few of the social duties and responsibilities of her near counterpart?

We mean "on her own account" literally. If this business of life is to be a male and female partnership, why shouldn't the debts incurred be defrayed by the capital of both partners? At least partner Even might treat partner Adam to a few improvements in the firm. Let her draw a little money out of her own current account and take Adam to a show once in a while. After the theater give him the chance of ordering the chicken salad or the club sandwich. Pass him the wine list before dancing and invite his choice on the matter.

If he seems backward at first she could throw him a confident smile and take his eyes out of their old rut in the price column of the card. She could intrigue his fancy with the foreign names in the left-hand column; describe the sparkle of Burgundy or the lustre of Moselle. It should not be a hard matter to bring him around—at least not in the beginning of the evening. Later, after depositing ten or fifteen dollars at the hotel, we can't think of any good reason why she shouldn't pay the carrying charges of the business necessary to wind up the day. Then, when she finally dismisses the taxi, we predict that that grand and glorious feeling of having done a good day's work and contributed her share to the partnership will give her a thrill never before experienced.

From this time on votes for women, to partner Eve, will carry a new sense of justice; a sense, for the first time felt, that a vote is necessary and just to all who have borne the burdens of common citizenship, who have worked shoulder to shoulder to improve their lot and who neither ask nor grant the slightest privilege.

Should we hazard whether this nightmare of absolute equality may prove too much for her?
—McGill Daily

Notices

THURSDAY, APRIL 7
Girl's Commercial Club
Mystic Fish
Important-Mystic Fish meeting Thursday at 7 o'clock at Ellen Smith Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
Tennis and Freshman Men
Meeting of all tennis and freshman men Friday at 4 o'clock at the Coliseum.

General Denial Will Be Course
The Lutheran Bible League will have a social meeting at its parish hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, 13th and H. Friday, April 8th.

General Denial Will Be Course (Continued from Page One.)
alleges that the University Y. M. C. A., on or about January 11th, offered to pay twenty dollars to the organization submitting the best skit to be used on University Night.

Phil. C. Orr, preparator for the University of Nebraska museum went to Cowles, Nebr., last week to unearth an elephant tusk recently discovered near there. He also stopped at a number of other points enroute to collect specimens of various sorts.

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Talks of eating at the
Central CAFE
Avoidable Waste (continued)

In our last instalment we spoke of the losses sustained by hotel and cafe operators because of pilferings by guests. To a very large extent small articles are carried off by guests without larcenous intent.

But regardless of the intent, the hotel or cafe proprietor loses, and is obliged to recoup his losses or go into bankruptcy. And the public—or those who patronize hotels and cafes—who pay the bill in increased prices. This is inevitable.

At the Central Cafe there is one form of waste which adds considerably to the cost of operation: (man or woman comes in with the morning newspaper and takes a seat at one of the tables, opens the paper and becomes immersed in the news. By dint of keeping at it, the waiter succeeds in getting the reader's breakfast order—probably toast and eggs and coffee.

The order is delivered without loss of time, eggs, toast and coffee piping hot, and set before the consumer of the latest news about Browning and "Peaches" or the latest K O delivered by Monte Munn. Minutes pass, the food grows tepid or cold, and then the reader's gastric juices begin clamoring for something to digest.

"Bah, g-r-r-r," growls the breakfaster, "don't want my food cold—take it away and get me something hot." And the breakfaster can give what was a good breakfast when delivered, but ruined through no fault of the chef or waiter.

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POST SEASON DRAMA TICKET SALE ON

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Campbell, Kenneth Cook, Mar. on Cass, Ruth Clendenin, One Cunningham, Margaret Dudley, Mary Dudley, Elton Fee, Florence Flodeen, Nancy Forsman, Kate Goldstein, Louise Hillsbeck, Harold Hildreth.

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