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"ACTIVE FELLOWS WHO MUST BE DOING"

The latest issue of the Nebraska Alumnus contains an article describing the work of the student Y. M. C. A.

The description of the work of the association among "active fellows who must be doing," is somewhat of a contrast with the impression one has of the original University Young Men's Christian Association founded in 1880.

The early Association, from accounts in the Old Sombroero, and from chats with alumni of this University, as well as with alumni of other universities where conditions were about the same, was a fellowship of those who believed in Christ, wished to be associated together in their college life for prayer meetings, exchange of experiences, and mutual brotherhood. Study of the Bible was one of the favorite pastimes.

Quite a different picture is our present association with all its committees and activities for "active fellows who must be doing," without mentioning the expansion of its program to "stimulate free thinking backed by world education."

The old Y. M. C. A. was frankly and openly religious not only in purpose but in actual practice. A live personal religion among the members was its distinguishing feature.

The new Y. M. C. A. while still claiming to be religious has practically gone off at too diverging tangents. On one side it has dragged itself down and cluttered itself up with committees, cabinets, and more committees, without mentioning all sorts of activities from innocent enough checking stands and book exchanges to frenzied high finance in drives for money. On the other side it has "graduated" from old time personal religion to the ethereal stages of "free thinking backed by world education," with no end of prodding of student thought on such questions as disarmament, industrial peace, and kindred subjects.

The result has been that on the activity side (the committees, booklets, exchanges, etc.) the Association has failed to become large enough and impressive enough to attract really first class activity boys who prefer the field of secular campus activities where they do not have to put on a veneer of religion to be successful; and in the graduate stages of "thinking backed by world education" the attempts have been so amateurish that they have failed to attract permanently students of first-rate intelligence who if they are inclined that way at all prefer to specialize in the departments of the social sciences where they get the real goods in those lines.

Now the activities of the "Y" are probably commendable enough, and the efforts along thinking lines are also probably commendable, taken by themselves, but in the widening abyss separating the activity functions on the one side, and the "thinking backed by world education" on the other, RELIGION, the original prime goal of the association, has just about disappeared from view.

BOOSTER NEWS

Just how far should a newspaper editor take part in community enterprises? This was a question discussed some time ago in a small Nebraska daily.

Some of the greatest dailies of the country, notably the New York Times, have withdrawn quite positively from community drives and enterprises of any kind, preferring to remain detached and objective in their position of purveyors and interpreters of news.

On the other hand most editors in smaller cities consider it as one of their community duties to support actively all manner of civic undertakings. Their papers as a result assume at times the typical booster complexion. But they justify it all for the sake of the community service they are rendering.

No small-town or small city paper is ever called upon for much support in behalf of drives and publicity campaigns as the typical college daily or weekly. In fact a large percentage of the reading matter, too large, is made up of publicity handouts.

And it is in large part an unavoidable situation because the paper is supported by the students in great part for the publicity matter that is printed. Not much first-class news, strictly speaking, happens on the average campus. The news matter in the columns is mostly a chronicle of student activities, many of which must be well press-agented.

To guard against excessive press-agenting is one of the big jobs of the student editors. It is a job requiring much tact and judgment in as much as deserving publicity must be printed, and yet care must be taken to prevent excessive exploitation by any one particular organization.

The task is complicated by the fact that many of the reporters have a dual allegiance—to the paper, and to the various organizations for which they serve as publicity men as soon as their connection with the paper is discovered.

The task is even more complicated when the editor, managing editor, or news editors of the paper—the guardians of the columns—are asked to become publicity chairmen for various organizations and drives.

This last is a favorite method to gain a disproportionate amount of publicity. It is an insidious method. The editors are often flattered by the honor thrust upon them. Their words bear great weight in the councils of the powers. They want to bring success to the "cause," and without being conscious of it, they find themselves playing favorites.

In fairness to the readers who should not be imposed upon unnecessarily; in fairness to the various activities which should all have a fair display in the news columns according to the merits of their stories; and finally in fairness to themselves as a protection against possible later embarrassing situations, college editors should refuse absolutely to serve on publicity committees other than as members or chairmen. In that way and only that can they do full justice to their positions as stewards of the campus news columns.

SPRING FOOTBALL

Reports are still appearing from time to time in the daily press and the college press concerning curtailment of spring football practice this year at many colleges and universities. Even at Nebraska spring practice was cut short.

The reasons advanced by coaches were technical in great part. They didn't want their men to get stale; or they didn't want their men to sustain injuries which might handicap them next fall; or they were cutting down on spring football so that the men could participate in other sports more in keeping with the weather. Some coaches came out frankly and admitted that spring football is of little or no value.

Spring football practice has always been more or less of a grind, mostly more. In years past at Nebraska, for instance, a small squad has turned out only after the thundering warnings of coaches that berths in the fall would be open only to those who practiced in spring. And then often to the chagrin of those who had sweated away in the hot spring sun, players would be the biggest stars in the fall. While football may be conceded a great sport in the fall even for the players, in the springtime it is nothing but drudgery and work, without glory-satisfying, cheering mobs to approve or disapprove.

Gradual elimination of spring football practice, together with other out of season practices which have been tending to make the great autumn sport an all-year job for the players instead of a few weeks of play in the fall, will restore the game more and more to the pure amateur standing in which it attained its greatest popularity. And according to coaches it will probably improve the game.

In Other Columns

An Intelligence Test

What is the best way to hold onto a mule if you ain't no bridle or halter?
What is the best stopper for a jug if you ain't got no boughen stopper?
What is the best way to kill a catfeesh after he has been ketchted?
What kind of tree do boys take twigs offen to make wooden whistles outen?
How do barefooted country boys clean their foot after wading through the mud to git outen a pond?
How do you git the wawter outen your ears after going in swimmin?
What is the best natchel rimidy for chigger bites?
How would you fix hit to tote a live possum?
Name three ways to pull a tooth without going to a dintist?
What is a thumstall?
What is the diffunts twixt a sweet tater and a yam?
What is the diffunts twixt a cracklin and a chitling?

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Do You Object to Examinations? Then Go East, Young Man, Go East

Contrary to the belief of Eastern educators that final examinations, have no place in the pursuit of knowledge, members of Ohio States' department of psychology place their stamp of approval on the semester-closing tribulations of University students.

Recently there appeared a newspaper article saying that an Eastern college had tabooed all final examinations and that from henceforth on there would be no tests of a final nature in any of the courses offered at the college. The decree was the result of an unfavorable report made by the psychology department of the college.

Not in keeping with the opinions of their Eastern contemporaries, Ohio State psychologists are all for the final examination.

Dr. Carl N. Rexroad of the department of psychology says: "There isn't any doubt in my mind that the final examination is important and should be a part of every course. It has many advantages which outweigh its disadvantages. It has the fault, however, of being too short in its coverage. Instead of being a complete record of a student's knowledge, it is rather a sampler. Despite this shortcoming, however, it has its place in every course and this place should be maintained."

"I should say so! There isn't any reason why we shouldn't have finals. They are an aid to the student as well as a help to the instructor in judging his student. The review work which precedes a final is a great help to a student in furthering his retention of the course, while its result tells the instructor the student's standing in the course," is the opinion of Dr. Harold E. Burt, also of the department of psychology. And so it goes. If you can't reconcile yourself to finals our admonition is "Go East, young man, go East."

—Ohio State Lantern.

The "Jumping-Off" Place

Not so long ago when fairy tales of strange countries and weird happenings fascinated us with their wonder and adventure, we occasionally saw mention of a mysterious and awful "jumping-off" place whose terrifying finality often left us breathless and not a little dreading the day when we too might unexpectedly come upon the edge. With a feeling of dreams coming true, more than a few seniors are looking forward nine weeks with a bit of shakiness to the day when the "jumping-off place" will become an actuality in their lives.

Graduation from college, however glorious the future may appear, has a sort of finality which is sobering to even the most vivacious and carefree of students. The going-to-school period ends suddenly and it becomes necessary to jump into the world outside with whatever appurtenances for the leap one has accumulated on the way. It is a tremendous fall, from the lofty heights of college seniority to the lower realms of a workaday world whose potentates are little influenced by and may even be prejudiced against the proud possessor of a sheepskin certification of "satisfactory work done."

A parachute to break the swiftness of descent and insure a safe landing would add a sense of security to the necessary "laking-off" but parachutes are scarce. Perhaps the "ump at the bottom is a necessary part of the process from a materialistic point of view at least, to scatter any of the so-called clouds of intellectual idealism which may still cling to our education be-fogged brains and to enable us to see clearly the facts rather than the fancies of the future.

We never knew what was beyond the "jumping-off place" in fairy literature. Prospective graduates can only conjecture what is awaiting them when they have cloned the last textbook, written the final examination paper and received the ultimate grade. But it's a great adventure—this "jumping-off" business—greater even than the arduous and enervating journey thru the educational kingdoms. And "they all lived happily ever after" may eventually be the most fitting conclusion to write at the end of the chapter.

—Syracuse Daily Orange.

Notices

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
Scabbard and Blade meeting Wednesday in Nebraska Hall 205 at 7:15.
Girl's Commercial Club meeting Wednesday at 6 o'clock at Ellen Smith Hall.
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Lutheran Bible League will not hold its regular meeting Wednesday of this week. Rev. Kirk, who has charge of these meetings is attending a conference at Crete.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21
Military Parade will be held Thursday afternoon. Details published tomorrow.
Viking meeting and initiation at the Delta Tau Delta house Thursday at 7:15.

THIRD PAN-PACIFIC MEET TO BE SOON

(Continued from Page One.) similar to that of Germany and France. This situation has the seeds in it for another world struggle. All Europe is involved in it now, according to Mr. Mozer.

Russian Problem Holds Significance
In relation to these frontier problems, Mr. Mozer says that this is the chief obstacle to Russia's entrance in the League of Nations, because the entrance of Russia, means ratification of the unjust boundary settlements and this Russia will never do. If Russia does enter the League he believes that it will mean a second Brest-Litovsk treaty. This treaty was the first agreement made between Russia and Germany, by which Russia gave up several states to Germany; and at the same time had to pay a very large indemnity. This, in general, is the situation in Russia, contended Mr. Mozer.

Everyone who is interested in these vital questions is invited to come to this meeting, and each should be prepared to take an active part in the discussions. These meetings have been attended by students, members of the faculty, and the citizens of Lincoln. The average attendance so far has been approximately one hundred.

Professor Grumann Gives Radio Address

(Continued from Page One.) America lies in Europe where man had a measure of civilization thousands of years before the founding of our nation. "Most melodies are based on imitations, most pictures are," asserted Mr. Grumann, "and the ones who try to produce a picture that is absolutely new are like the musician who would try to play without melody. Whether the result produced is art depends on the character of the imitation. "There are hosts of would-be artists who are poor draughtsmen, deficient in perception and manual skill. They are unable to reproduce. These persons," stated Mr. Grumann, "find a ready raven in the modernist movement. Not being able to present things in a clear outline the substitute for art unskilled representations of perceptions, hazily and indefinitely developed in their own consciousness."

Professor Grumann asserted that a great many college students show

Talks of eating at the Central Cafe

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But the mimeographed menu (which is changed twice a day) usually carries about 75 items of food which are either "ready to serve" or can be prepared to your order without loss of time. For in addition to his constant demand for the utmost cleanliness of the room, the equipment, the utensils and the food, Manager Harris insists on prompt service.

Suppose you order Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked White Fish maitre d'hotel, Head Lettuce with Thousand Island Dressing, Cold Slaw, Fresh Strawberries with Cream (or fresh Strawberry Club House Shortcake if you prefer) and Coffee or Milk. Bread and Butter are supplied without charge.

Your check will total up to \$1.50; and if you wish to give the waiter a ten per cent tip (15c)—or if you fail to do so—your service will be prompt, efficient and courteous.

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(To be continued)

a tendency toward the modernist movement and that they are doomed to disappointment if they are planning on giving their work only self-expression, for the truly great productions of art are those that others understand and appreciate as "art that does not appeal to the public is not art in the real sense."

"The art of the nineteenth century shows another extreme appeal, due to the misinterpretation of the evolutionary theory. This back-to-nature art has produced real joy, especially in America, which is due to our pioneer life.

"European landscape painting shows evidence of order and refinement, which is lacking in the American," said Mr. Grumann, "for theirs is more of a design type and has been made by orderly hands, while they have a real sense of true discipline, probably due to the environment of an older civilization.

"Whether or not modernism will succeed will depend upon the character of the artists who expose it," affirmed Professor Grumann. "And if intelligent men are willing to devote themselves seriously to its problems, without forgetting that all the good the past has had remains to make our own time glad, art will again move forward perceptibly."

Engineering Faculty Talks "Freshman Day"

The faculty of the college of engineering will meet Monday to consider the possibility of having a special "Freshman Day" next fall for new students in engineering.

Professor Cox Goes As Judge of Contest

Henry G. Cox, professor of instrumental ensemble in the school of fine arts, will spend Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, at the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, where he will judge a musical contest.

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