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THE HUMAN ELEMENT

Our neighbor across the muddy Missouri, Iowa State College, is much wrought up these days over a campaign to change the name of the college to university, and to raise the title and dignity of the five main divisions of the college from the present prosaic designation of division to the more exalted academic title of college.

With the change in name will be consummated the transformation of the original technical school into a full-fledged university with all its characteristics—college of arts and sciences and all. And what is more, will start all over again with renewed vigor the rivalry with the original state university at Iowa City. Iowa is blessed with two universities, and cursed with duplication of departments and colleges, and an intense rivalry for funds as well as students between these two creatures of the state.

The early founders of our state foresaw all these difficulties and fought all attempts to scatter the educational resources of the state among two or more rival institutions of higher education. To their credit is owed in great part the success of our one great state university.

The original purpose underlying establishment of liberal universities on the one hand and technological institutions on the other seemed plausible enough. But it reckoned without the eternal human elements of ambition and expediency. Gradually, almost imperceptibly the technological institutions added liberal courses. Equally gradually and imperceptibly, the liberal universities added technical courses. Today in most states where the dual state university system is operative we find with few exceptions two universities with the same kind of colleges, departments and all, more bitter rivals than any two competing private universities, because they are both dependant on the same paymaster.

Ambition and expediency we give as the two main reasons for this change of the two originally distinct institutions. Ambition, because the leaders of the subordinated technical schools were never content with their lower lot, and ever plotted and schemed to raise the standards and dignity of their schools. Expediency, because with the increase of students at both centers and the demands of students for courses not offered, new departments were added which had not originally been contemplated when the separate schools with separate functions were so nicely created by the state, simply because it was easier to do that than to tell the students to transfer to the other schools where the courses were already offered.

The founders of our state were wise in refusing to set up such a dual system of higher education. But without being aware of it we have created a system which has all the seeds of such a situation within it, and which is nearing the budding stage more dangerously every year. It is none other than the system of state normals or teachers colleges.

Starting originally many years ago as normal schools for training of teachers for public schools, the state teachers colleges have been expanding more and more. Two or three years ago they were given the authority to grant the A. B. degree in education. At the last legislature they requested authority to institute two-year arts and science courses which of course would in short time be expanded to the full four years with another degree granting power added to the list. Establishment of other departments would follow in time, and Nebraska would be blessed with several competing state colleges and universities. Happily the state legislature decided for the time being at least to confine the teachers colleges to their original purposes. The time may come, though, when the colleges will be given wider powers and bigger faculties. Then a vigorous campaign to give them more dignified names will follow and the transformation will be complete.

The absence of a lambkin or prospective lambkin on the engineer's week committee probably accounts for the lack of pile-driver tapping devices on the campus lawn. A big airship filled with hot air is probably quite as efficient.

MORE PICKING OF CHANCELLORS

The Israelites wanted a king. So finally they got one. And when they got him they soon wished they hadn't.

That is the experience of many a college and university which has had silent and efficient administrators, but which has become dissatisfied with such humble heads, and has longed for the headline attracting performers at other institutions.

Nebraska for many years has had a chancellor who has preferred the path of quiet labor and results to the more glamorous paths of platform and press-agented effort. And we have always had people who longed for a man who would come out and declare himself on matters of the moment, who would get his name in the headlines, and who would make stirring speeches and thrilling promises.

We are at present in chancellor-picking season, and we find the same sentiments voiced again, only more boldly and loudly, and possibly more effectively since there is a chance of satisfying them.

So while we are about it, let's not go into it blindly. Is it after all necessary for the efficient operation of a university that the executive head declare himself and take sides on matters which are not particularly in line of duty? It may be nice to have the president of the school agree with our thoughts, and it may be equally nice to have the president disagree and to dispute with him when he does, but just what relation has that with the executive functions of the office? If we are such lily-livered beings that we have to get a chancellor to voice our opinions for us, or if we are such sentiment-mad creatures that we want entertainment furnished by the chancellor (as Michigan is doing with its presidential election) we had better have a judicial overhauling of every one of us, students, faculty and all.

The fact of the matter is that a talking chancellor or president of a college or university soon finds himself in such a situation that he either has to stop talking and start doing or he has to resign and quit. There are a thousand and one different ways in which every executive makes enemies and stirs up animosities, without stirring up wholesale trouble by broadsides of the moment from platform or in interview.

The real work of an executive is often times rendered impossible of achievement if he has aroused bad feeling by ill-considered public declarations. We have in mind one middle-western executive who is making himself the butt of student jokes as a result of his public stand on a certain question. He has kindled the spark of student opposition, and the chances are that his influence from now on will be undermined.

The real executive is the one who knows what he is about. Goes about it without any bluster and publicity. And after he has done it, sits back humbly and modestly with never a whisper to claim credit. If possible he lets subordinates and others take all the credit. He stands in the back ground, the directing mind.

The editor has been told many times in the last few weeks how foolish he is. However, he has lots of company now that both the boys and girls are wearing knickers.

WORTH WATCHING

The University of Nebraska college of medicine at Omaha has announced a change in curriculum liberalizing the last two years of the course. The changes in effect make the last two years correspond to graduate research work, with each student choosing the particular fields in which he is most interested. Then to synthesize the four years of medical work, and the previous years of basic science work, a comprehensive examination on the entire college career is required for graduation.

The advantages of the new system are quite evident. The advanced students will be given an opportunity to display their initiative in fields of their choice. They will be given more real opportunity of standing on their own feet (as they will ultimately have to do entirely when they open practice), studying, investigating and practicing without the ever prodding presence of an instructor. And yet there is provision at the same time for enough supervision to insure high grade work.

The four-year examination at the end of the college career will eliminate at one stroke an all too common tendency among college students to get by the course in hand. If a student realizes that he must stand an examination on all his courses at the end of four years, he is going to try to master thoroughly the principles of all of them rather than merely to learn enough to get by for the time being. In addition there will be the benefit of a four-year review prior to graduation. The best of students may intend to review all their work in this manner, but none of them ever does without a prodding incentive.

This innovation may well be watched by deans and professors of colleges here in Lincoln for possible profitable application to problems existing here.

The open season for high school graduates and graduates-to-be is in full swing. In September the "catch" will be bagged and shipped to Lincoln to continue the payments on mortgage-burdened new houses.

Aside from blasted ambitions wouldn't it be tough to have the 6-7 little lamb ration changed to 7-6. We'd have to call 'em the "Slippery Six" and "Oily Seven" instead of the "Slippery Seven" and the "Oily Six."

Back in our childhood days a sign of manhood was long trousers. Nowadays the little kids wear long trousers, and the big ones (at least the lizards around a college campus) wear short pants.

Considering 11 o'clock as the deadline hour June 4 when the deans drone out the list of sheepskin awards, there are just 32 more college days for '27 seniors.

The glider out at farmer's fair would have been many times more popular if it had been equipped with double-seaters instead of single seaters.

In Other Columns

An Athletic Worm Turns
Pedantic professors and disgruntled students are not alone in their denunciations of the present system of gigantic, semi-professional athletics which is choking American institutions o' fhigher learning. Jefferson D. Burrus, Jr., captain of the University of Wisconsin crew, for three years a star end on the Badger football team, vice president of the Wisconsin Union, and recently elected Rhodes scholar from Wisconsin, in a thirty-page pamphlet issued through the Union board, points out the defects of the present intercollegiate system.

In brief, Burrus maintains that athletics are too intense for a few, that the majority of students have no opportunity for athletic competition, that varsity athletes are too much in the limelight, that cut-throat competition is forced on coaches, and that students and faculty have too little control of athletics.

Universities must eliminate the "win or die" spirit; they must declare their independence from the public. If the public must have its football, it must maintain its professional teams. Universities are growing sick of playing the part of entertainers to the sport-lovers of the country.

—Colorado Silver and Gold.

Passing Whims
At the Ohio State university, it is estimated by the Ohio State Lantern that at least one out of six coeds at the university is there "to get a man as well as an education." The survey was based on the number of girls wearing fraternity pins.

It is no doubt so, that in some cases coeds attend college solely to find a "catch," but because such a condition exists should the conclusion be drawn from the number of fraternity pins worn by coeds?

At one time it was believed that because a coed wore a fraternity pin she was necessarily engaged to the man; but that opinion lost its weight and today is no longer given any consideration.

That a girl should want to wear her boy friend's fraternity pin really means very little to be interpreted seriously.

Girls like to collect things. Such things as fraternity pins are always "so cute" and come in the same category as stick pins and handkerchiefs, which are "good keeping" for a month or two.

Outside of the girl's mania to collect souvenirs, there is probably no desire to wear a fraternity pin. But all of this raises a question. Should fraternity men be allowed to let their lady friends wear the organization pin? We think not. If the practice is to continue, first thing a fellow won't know whether he belongs to a fraternity or a sorority.

The fraternity pin was made for the fraternity man; it is the sign of his order, and not his sister's. Let fraternities provide sister pins if the coeds insist on wearing the Greek symbol of their college knight's chapter.

—Marquette Tribune.

Notices

TUESDAY, MAY 3
Theta Sigma Phi will meet at the Alpha O house Tuesday, May 3, at 5 o'clock.

Important meeting of Iron Sphinx this evening to be held at the Phi Kappa Psi house at 7:15 o'clock. Plans for initiation to be discussed.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
Xi Delta meeting Wednesday noon at Ellen Smith Hall.

The Lutheran Bible League will meet for regular Bible study at 7 P. M. Wednesday in Temple 202.

THURSDAY, MAY 5
Pi Lambda Theta meeting postponed until Thursday, May 5, in T. C. 219 at 7 P. M.

SATURDAY, MAY 7
Kappa Phi Methodist Girl's Sorority will entertain Mothers at a Mother's Day Tea at Ellen Smith Hall Saturday afternoon, May 7, 2:30 to 5.

STEBBINS WILL PAY WARRANTS

(Continued from Page One) treasury. However the shortage will be increased again during the year.

Salary Warrants Are Issued
None of the members of the legislature are to be paid under the second call. The state senators and representatives received cash in full for the warrants issued them, except those which were given them during January before the Woodmen of the World announced that it would take them at par. The W. O. W. and other purchasers at par will have to wait until their turn comes and be content with four percent interest.

Salary warrants for April have just been issued to state employees who will have to discount them 1 percent at the bank, as the W. O. W. withdrew their offer a few days ago and are no longer accepting them at face value.

RALLY DINNER HELD BY BIZAD STUDENTS

(Continued from Page One.) The evening attractions will be held at the Lindell Party House starting at 8 o'clock with five acts of vaudeville. Both the men and women's Commercial Clubs will present acts and a skit is being prepared by the Delta Sigs and Alpha Kappa Psi. This will be followed by two professional acts. The dance will open at 9:15 o'clock.

Intercollegiate football is considered more brutal than bull fights in Spain.

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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-sense exercise of judgment on all libelous matter, and attacks against individuals and religions.

The Athletic Board

Just recently a new member of the Athletic Board of Control of our University was appointed. One member having resigned to take a position out of the city, a downtown attorney was selected to fill the vacancy. Although he is a former Nebraska student and athlete, little attention was paid the announcement by the student body.

Why should there be any interest displayed by the students in such an organization that is of no importance to it? Why couldn't the appointment have been in the form of a student or several students? It seems peculiar that such an organization which handles all athletic matters and problems of the university should not have a student representative.

Every one of the eight members of the Board is a member of the faculty or a downtown business man. Not a student is found on this executive council. Matters which concern students, and students alone, in athletics, are settled by faculty men and alumni of the school. Not even the captains of the athletic teams or the president of the "N" club is included in the organization.

At Minnesota there are three student members of the Athletic Council. At Wisconsin there is student representation. At Kansas captains of major sports teams are included in the athletic advisory council. Other schools, almost in whole, have student representation. How about Nebraska?

Direction of all intercollegiate sports and intra-mural activities in the university comes within the scope of the Athletic Boards activities. All athletic elections are carried on without the help of students; managers are appointed by athletic officials; financial affairs in regard to sports are handled without the opinion of student members.

Last fall the Athletic Board, or officials in charge, forbade the Corn-cobs to put on stunts between halves at football games. They limited the activity of that pep unit to the sell-

ing of programs. The stunts were sadly missed. Their other activities are minor. They had nothing to say in regard to the matter, and students were not consulted about the action. A student on the Athletic Board could have had something to say about it, perhaps could have taken charge of the arrangement of stunts that would be satisfactory or would not reflect the spirit of the university as did the criticized stunt at the Notre Dame game.

Athletics in the university are for the students. They are the only participants. Students are the interested spectators at the games and followers of the team. The faculty has little or no interest in sports; downtown business men have only business interest in them. It seems to some of us that there should be some student representation on the Athletic Board of Control, the official organization and director of Nebraska athletics. They should help direct themselves, not be just directed.

A 60-year-old student of Emory University, who flunked an English quiz, is suing the university for his matriculation. If this case is legal, our legislators had better come back and prepare for a few more appropriations.

TENNIS SQUAD DEFEATS AMES

(Continued from Page One.) Tennis fans will see a fast meet next Friday afternoon when the Husker team pairs with Grinnell, here. Coggeshall, second ranking junior player in the United States in 1925, will play with the Grinnell team and will no doubt give tennis enthusiasts plenty to talk about.

According to the dope, Grinnell has the edge on the Friday match but Coach Bearg has a team of consistent players that will give some real competition.

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