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## REPRESENTATION AND BOOSTING

Chugging along through the mud, Cornhusker gridsters got the home season under way yesterday, while fans with long memories recalled the balmy days of the first part of the week. It was a poor day for much color and enthusiasm in the stands. But even so, the Corn Cobs, always in the past swinging through the stands before the game were missing. The Daily Nebraskan really didn't intend to mention that lack of color. But too many students commented on it after the game to ignore the fact. One of the splashes that makes a football game a pleasure spectacle rather than a gruesome business was gone.

Too much credit cannot be given the Corn Cobs for the step they took Friday afternoon when they unanimously supported a program for reorganization of the organization. Students will generously welcome a pep group that is truly representative of the university, which will contain in its ranks, students from every fraternity and a representative group from the ranks of non-fraternity students. Corn Cobs stands today as practically the only campus organization whose standing makes possible a really representative group. In other words, Corn Cobs has answered one of the most serious objections to returning the program concession advanced by the athletic department and others opposed to giving the program sales back to the Cobs.

The Corn Cobs likewise took initial steps towards removing the other objection recently raised against them, that they failed to respond to calls for aid in promoting university spirit and for carrying on work in the service of the university. The Cobs enthusiastically endorsed the suggestion presented by Student Council officers that the club function as a university pep group, not alone during the football year but during the remainder of the school year. Whether their enthusiasm will carry over remains to be seen. If the attitude of willingness to cooperate and to help was as sincere as it appeared Friday, the Corn Cobs can be counted on for some valuable work this year.

The Corn Cobs have recognized that their primary function is not the sale of football programs. They have recognized that they must be representative properly to develop university spirit. But they now lack any reward for services of inestimable value to the university, thanks to the removal of the program sales concession. The concession was by no means all play. But it gave the Corn Cobs a source of revenue, which has been used in part in university interest, as a measure of recompense for their other efforts.

Every encouragement should be given the Corn Cobs in their present efforts to make the organization more useful. The chief encouragement that could be given would be the return of the program concession. It is up to the Corn Cobs to play the game this year, programs or no programs. The Daily Nebraskan thinks they will. But if the athletic board is sincere in its belief that there is a place for such a university pep group on the campus, the Daily Nebraskan believes that the programs will be returned to the Corn Cobs with little delay.

### GALLI-CURCI

Vaudeville and syncopating orchestras, so common of the modern stage, often spoil appreciation for the work of a great artist. More often is this the case, when in the lives of young people, premier entertainers are seldom available to other than the mature. Admission to a concert appears large, when the purse is not accustomed to having larger than the price of a movie extracted from it.

Galli-Curci, appearing at the Coliseum, Wednesday night, for a full concert, affords one of the opportunities of hearing a renowned singer that is too often relinquished in favor of a movie or a social engagement. The present value that is attached to being in a Galli-Curci audience will be much less than the appraisal that is given an experience of this character after a few years.

Renown of Galli-Curci means little or nothing unless one has been in her audience for an evening.

### THE MODEST SCHOONER

Among university publications there is none that expresses the spirit of learning of the school more ably than the *Prairie Schooner*, which made its 1928 debut on the campus Wednesday.

The great mass of literary productions which are contributed each season are carefully culled, pared down and prepared for this magazine. Nothing which does not have real merit can be found in its columns. Articles, stories and poems by the best in the University, in the state of Nebraska, and in other states have found a place among its pages.

The superiority of the *Prairie Schooner* is recognized by men of the literary world. Eastern critics have given it a place along with nationally read magazines and best-known eastern publications.

Yet the *Schooner* appears on the campus with an air so modest and unassuming that scarcely more than a ripple of comment is evidenced.

Furthermore, the publishers expect no outburst of enthusiasm. A statement in the magazine makes only the request that it be allowed to continue its

publication in its modest way. That is little to ask in return for what it gives.

The *Prairie Schooner* is far from the most popular publication on the campus. It is not meant to be the most popular publication. But on the basis of merit, it deserves much more popularity than it now receives.

**THE RAGGER:** Something that never happens: A lecture that is as brief and complete as quarterly examination papers are supposed to be.

This cold weather will be hard on the flies and collegiate wrecks.

Fraternity freshmen are getting smarter every year. The Saturday morning drill period is always full.

Lecturing after the bell is just as distressing as writing after the bell, if you ever happened to think of it that way.

Often when students remark that they are well acquainted with a certain football player, they really mean that they know the number on his jersey.

As a result of the sudden change of weather Thursday evening, fraternity men got up early Friday morning in order to be the first one to the slickers and top coats.

New York university is offering a course to co-eds which teaches them to buy good clothes. A course in the mechanics of a bank account might be more beneficial.

## "IN MY OPINION—There Are Flaws"

The University of Nebraska is located three blocks from the business section of the city. What is wrong with that? Precisely nothing is wrong with that, but there is something wrong with the University.

In fact, there is something wrong with our University. In plain terms it lacks two things: proper environment and proper method.

For the thousands of students that are registered in it, there is a decided ineffectiveness of the "college atmosphere", or spirit of the place, that is effectively present in such schools as Oxford, or Holyoke, and numerous colleges in France.

For the thousands of students that are in it, there is a decided evidence of a secondary quality of instruction. It permeates an atmosphere, in which grades, credits, and honors are of first importance; where egoism is fostered and athletic spirit is "the stuff". The resultant culture, characteristic of American colleges is what Dr. Butler calls "utilitarian and superficial", born of coercive methods.

The presence of such evils in the environment and methods of the University of Nebraska would not be generally conceded. Many would fail to find them purposely. But they do exist, and until far in the future the majority of state universities including the University of Nebraska, will continue to turn out a lesser product of college graduates, well informed, but uncultured and uncultivated, and who cannot hope to compare with the Oxonian, nor with the college graduates of France or Germany.

## OTHER EDITORS SAY—

### CONSIDER YOUR ADVICE

One of the professors recently made the statement to his class that he would give a great deal had he taken Greek when he was in school; he said that he entered college with the intention of making it his minor, until a number of horrified upperclassmen had discovered the fact and persuaded him to change his course and take something easier.

This habit of older students interfering with freshmen's courses is a discreditable one, and one that often causes regret in later life. Many a cheerful soul has entered the university with the best intentions of taking really worthwhile subjects—Latin, mathematics, chemistry—only to be discouraged and talked into enrolling in lighter work.

The upperclassmen have good intentions most of the time; they are looking out for the grade average of their fraternity, or perhaps hate to see the freshman make a low grade in a course. Their error is in placing the grade above the value received from one's work. It is better to make a barely passing grade in a subject from which the student has gained at least a foundation of something worthwhile, than to get an "A" in a snap course.

New students in the university should be allowed to use their own judgment in picking out what they want to study. The efforts of the upperclassmen should be devoted to helping the freshmen learn something in college that will be of use to them after they graduate, instead of fostering the impression that the collegiate way is to get by as easily as possible.

—Oklahoma Daily

### DORMANT LIFE

A University of California professor has revived life in micro-organisms which have been sealed up in the everlasting rocks for a hundred, maybe two hundred million years. Here's a dormant life tale with whiskers on it.

And that seems to settle the hash of that Texas horned toad story. Not that it discredits the Texas yarn—indeed it rather lends verisimilitude to the tale—but it makes such a piker of it. What is a horned toad sealed up in a cornerstone for 25 or 50 or even 75 years compared with a job of primordial life imprisoned in solid rock for eons upon eons of time?

The professor did his best to keep his rocks from coming in contact with the ubiquitous germ life of the present day. And he believes he succeeded because the infinitesimally small beings which his special treatment appears to have coaxed back to life are totally unlike anything he has ever seen or heard of in all his scientific career.

Of course there will be doubters who will want to know how his germs managed to get along without food, drink or air. But then there were doubters of the horned toad story. Daily and nightly Voliva witnesses the phenomena which demonstrate the earth's sphericity and blandly answers, "Tain't so."

Omaha World-Herald

### BOOKS AND EDUCATION

"Don't let books interfere with getting an education," is a bit of charming advice to which thousands of college freshmen listen annually. A better slogan would probably be "don't let intelligence interfere with getting an education."

University Daily Kansan.

## FROM OUT THE DUST.

And the rush of activities, social and curricular, I repair to my room and from the dust covered bookshelf I draw a volume, scarcely noticed before. Here I find success from the momentous grief of the days which seem to stamper upon the heels of those preceding.

Interpreted by Phil Blake and LaSelle Gilman.

"Many earnest readers," says the Saturday Review for October 6, "are asking for standards in literature. The fault in current criticism, they say, is that it has no standards by which the bad taste or the ignorance of the writers may be corrected. We have lost our touchstones and no longer test the products of creative imagination by the Good, the Beautiful, and the True."

Students in English 21 and 22—Introduction to English Literature—would hardly agree with this statement. Neither does the author of this essay but his disagreement is based on a point more fundamental. He feels that modern criticism is not at fault and says, "It is the business of criticism to erect standards and point to models, but it is only part of its business and not even the greater part." And he continues his argument pointing out that "standards in the abstract" grow old and that "the chief business of criticism is to search out the living spirit in literature."

The people who ask for standards merely want someone to tell them what to think. "It is not the lack of standards that trouble us," he concludes, "it is how to apply them, not for their own sake but for the sake of art."

Deferred pledging has been adopted by the Pan-Hellenic council at Colorado State Teachers college. Under the new ruling no rushing of freshmen women is to take place until the women have passed one quarter's work with an average grade of "B." The advocates of the system wish to raise the scholastic standards of all sorority women.

A fraternity pledge at Iowa University recently took his complaint to court, because the paddle had been used a bit too strenuously on him. Four actives were charged with battery and assault and paid fines.

It is an age-old custom at Brigham Young University to have a Hello Day. Any student failing to say "Hello" to everyone is subject to capital punishment. This custom is continued throughout a week.

## CORN COBS WILL REORGANIZE, MEET DEMANDS

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In the Student Activities office in the Coliseum between 8 o'clock Monday morning and 5 o'clock Tuesday evening. This will give interested students two days in which to file and the Student Council a day in which to check the eligibility of the applicants before its meeting at 5 o'clock Wednesday when the new non-fraternity representatives to Corn Cobs will be selected.

None of the present members of Corn Cobs will be removed this year. However, at the close of the year, all junior members will automatically be dropped. Any fraternities having more than one sophomore this year will have to choose at the end of the year which sophomore will stay in the organization as each fraternity will be allowed but a single representative.

Under the new plan, beginning next year, all men elected will be sophomores and will serve through

their sophomore and junior years. Half of the fraternities will elect a man one year and the other half the other year so that there will be an equal number of juniors and seniors. A drawing is to be held in the spring to determine which fraternities will elect sophomores next fall. The ones drawn will remove their junior representatives. The Student Council will choose six juniors and six sophomores from the independent ranks this week. Next fall six sophomores will be chosen to replace the juniors of this year's group. The council has the option of increasing the number of non-fraternity men so warrants. Ten junior members may be elected to hold over at the discretion of the council.

### Changes in Personnel.

Addition of a representative from each of the eleven fraternities which do not now have men in Corn Cobs, and twelve non-fraternity men to be selected by the Student Council is the major immediate change in the organization. Beginning next year, there will be but one representative in Corn Cobs from each fraternity, with at least twelve non-fraternity men included in the pep group's rolls.

There are at present 47 students in Corn Cobs. The regular number beginning next fall will be 50 with an option of an increase to 60 if it seems advisable. The fifty would include a representative of each of the 38 campus fraternities and twelve non-fraternity students.

In the future, according to the plan accepted Friday, each fraternity will elect its own representative to Corn Cobs, subject only to such class requirements as are furnished by the Student Council. Fraternities which do not now have representatives should choose their men Monday and notify Jack Elliott, president of Corn Cobs, and Eldred Larson, president of the Student Council, of the choice made.

The Student Council has also been given authority to consider any case of failure of a Corn Cobs member to fulfill his duties satisfactorily. Complaint may be placed before the council by any of the officers of the Corn Cobs, by the athletic board or its representatives, or by a petition bearing the signature of fifteen members of Corn Cobs.

May Remove on Complaint.

The Student Council may remove any member on just complaint, provided only that in the case of a non-fraternity man, it must choose a successor and in the case of a fraternity man, his fraternity will be permitted to choose a successor. This provision was designed to re-

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move charges of irresponsibility on the part of some of the members of Corn Cobs.

If a non-fraternity man, after selection, joins a fraternity, he will be permitted to finish out the year but a successor from the same class, will be selected to fill his place the year following.

Along with the reorganization plan, went provisions for Corn Cobs to help in all university functions during the year as well as during the football season. Among the activities expected from the club were listed aid in Round-Up week, Commencement week, state high school gatherings at the University, meeting of trains bearing visiting athletic teams, or other university visitors, and other services for university spirit and color at the call of the Innocents society, the Student Council, or the athletic department.

The reorganization plan was presented following the meeting of student representatives with the athletic board Friday noon at the Lincoln hotel. Students at the meeting were: Jack Elliott, president of the Corn Cobs, Barney Allen, chairman of program concession committee for Corn Cobs, Clarice McDonald, president of W. A. A., Miss Mabel Lee, sponsor of W. A. A., Eldred C. Larson and Munro Kezer, representing the Student Council. Dr. T. J. Thomson, L. E. Gundersen, L. F. Seaton, John K. Seleck, and Prof. R. D. Scott were the members of the athletic board present.

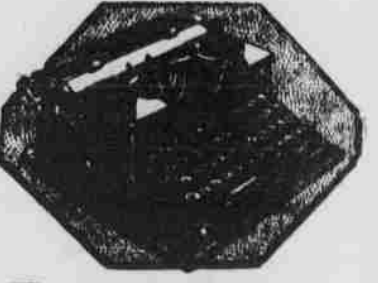
ent. James Lewis, representing athletic department, was also present. The board voted not to act on the program situation until the return of Herb Gish, athletic director.

## FIRST PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN TOMORROW

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 week of Oct. 15 to 20 inclusive are: Alpha Chi Omega, Townsend; Alpha Delta Pi, Hauck; Alpha Delta Theta, Townsend; Alpha Omicron Pi, Hauck; Alpha Phi, Townsend; Alpha Xi Delta, Hauck.

The fraternities which will have their individual pictures taken this week are: Acacia, Hauck; Alpha Chi Sigma, Townsend; Alpha Gamma Rho, Hauck; Alpha Sigma Phi, Townsend; Alpha Theta Chi, Hauck; Alpha Tau Omega, Townsend; Beta Theta Pi, Hauck; Delta Chi, Townsend; Delta Sigma Delta, Hauck; and Delta Sigma Lambda, Townsend.

The list of fraternities and sororities for next week will be published later in the week. All pictures must be taken during the allotted time at the studios assigned.



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