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## HUMPTY DUMPTY AND THE GREEKS

Old readers of Mother Goose may remember that when Humpty Dumpty had the great fall, all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again.

Nebraska's Interfraternity council is probably in about the same number of pieces as Humpty Dumpty was, as far as any effective organization and work is concerned. But there is one big difference between poor Humpty when he had fallen and the present state of the Interfraternity council.

The Interfraternity council could easily be put on its feet. A few aggressive fraternity leaders, conscious of fraternity problems to set the ball rolling, and responsible representatives from each group to back them up, could quickly make of the Interfraternity council a decisive factor for good in the University.

The Interfraternity council already has the question of orchestras before it for solution, a problem which if handled will require no small amount of organized effort. The Interfraternity council could well keep its attention on the matter of halls for dances, in conjunction with the orchestra problem. Party crashing, which has become a chief evil in Greek social life could profitably receive attention of the council.

Rushing is a subject which could always be a subject for discussion by representatives of Nebraska's fraternities, as a mode of working toward more harmonious and more orderly handling of a system which has received much outside criticism. Probation ever requires a watchful eye. The Interfraternity council could well begin now to build up a proper probation attitude. Purchasing is a vital fraternity problem. As a medium for exchange of ideas on the problem, if nothing else, the council could be a help to Greek organizations.

One more significant service lies in the power of the Interfraternity council. Not only could it be made an effective force for solving fraternity problems by themselves. It could also be made a valuable factor in bringing a university consciousness to Nebraska's organized cliques. Fraternities dominate Nebraska's activities. They are the center from which university spirit springs. But they fall far below the ideal standard in promoting all-university interests as opposed to special group interests. Help of the Interfraternity council toward such aims would be beneficial alike to the fraternities themselves and to the University as such.

## AFTER THE BATTLE

Psychologists would revel in an investigation and study of student conscience this week. All stages and all brands of guilty feeling, momentary reverberation of hopes and aspirations as examination papers are distributed, long faces, chaffalpen countenances, dispassionate conversation—these are the symptoms of dejection and hopelessness that are follow-ups of mid-semester examinations.

And at the other extreme is displayed that conscience that feels and knows security from removal from the University, that conscience which is convincing that the gun-fire of mid-semester examinations has failed to batter down the mental ramparts that have been constructed after eight weeks of diligent study and application. Between the two extremes of dejectedness and absolute security, may be found the conscience which speaks neither security nor failure.

The depths of these varying phases of consciousness will be unplumbed, but the consequences of mid-semester examinations will remain to prove that there were existent these turbulent states of anxiety.

There will be dismissals from the University. How many, no person can say. To speculate on the number who will be absent after another week would not even be wise. But the ranks will be depleted.

Modern universities no longer produce graduates by the sausage-mill process and with sausage mill rapidity. Throngs of students cannot be expected to be converted into finished, flawless products, with out loss or waste. The mechanism simply isn't there for mass production and for the production that results in fine, uniform commodities.

The modern university, however, is not serving in the capacity of an eliminator or a grader for those students who enroll for instruction. There is no choice on the part of the university as to who shall enroll and who shall not. Requirements for entrance have become so accepted that they no longer have the strength of requirements.

The elimination is coming from the students themselves. So vast have been the numbers that have flocked toward college campuses that the standard of university student mentality and capacity has been necessarily deployed to the extent that it suffers. There must be fatalities in college class rooms, and that rustication which comes at mid-semester time cannot be labeled as cold, cruel, and ruthless. Universities have not threatening portents that comes rattling down, and no draw-bridge that is taken up, at mid-semester time.

Perhaps some mirthful wave of the wand of good fortune may reduce the number of fatalities; perhaps not. Every university must pass through the same disagreeable experience of dropping students from the records, yet the students themselves are responsible for the practice.

Work: That is the oldest and soundest advice.

## THE BIGGEST SOAK

The blotter's chief virtue lies in its ability to soak liquids until it can absorb no more. When the saturation point has been reached the blotter is discarded. From the blotter's point of view this is probably a trifle unjust. He has performed his work efficiently and quickly. Just when he has succeeded in soaking up as much ink as it is possible for him to do, he is unceremoniously thrown away.

One's concern, however, is with himself primarily, and perhaps the blotter secondarily. Without stretching the imagination unduly one is able to compare the mind of a student with the aforementioned blotter. Following a period of "cranking" such as the average student has just completed one cannot blame the mind for getting the viewpoint of a blotter. It is expected to "soak up" as much material as possible.

This may be, and probably is, of temporary benefit. As long as the absorbed knowledge is fresh it may be used to an advantage in answering questions concerning itself. If the material could then be discarded the student would be exactly where he started.

Unfortunately, however, the mass of tangled thoughts and facts with which the student has cluttered his mind stay with him. They occupy space in his subconscious mind, but are of no value whatsoever. Granted, of course, is the fact that the student gives his mind a little period of rest until the following quarterly.

"Cribbing and cramming" have often been referred to as the two college evils. As a rule it is thought that the latter term was added more for euphony than for the import of the word. The difference is not so great as one might expect. In either case the one who pursues these lines is cheating himself.

This is, supposedly, an age of efficiency. Material is tabulated and put away in orderly fashion to enhance speed in production. The modern college student is falling short of this efficiency in his matter of study. Instead of packing away knowledge and facts in an orderly and systematic fashion he is throwing great masses of undigested facts and theories into the melting pot he assumes his mind to be. In a few years the result of this practice may be evident, and the blotter will laugh long and loudly up what might be his sleeve.

## THESE COLLEGIATE MOVIES

Several years ago some scenario writer decided that the theater goers were interested in youth, and especially in college youth. So he wrote a story about college life. The people flocked to the box office, and so great was the success of the picture that other writers took up the idea.

Most of the pictures that were produced had similar themes. The green freshman turned out to be the athlete of the generation, and the contests always depended upon him. In some cases he got mixed up in trouble, and his eligibility was questioned, only to be cleared up during the game. He always went into the lineup in the final minutes of the contest, intercepted a pass, raced 98 yards to a touchdown, and kicked the goal to win the game.

Other times, if his eligibility was above question, he was kidnapped by a group of men who had bet on the game. He was locked up, but managed to escape in time to win the high hurdles and the track meet for dear old Podunk college.

In most of these pictures the students had their fun all of the time. Professors were old crabs, and studies were not worth bothering about. Hip flasks and road houses seemed to get most of the attention of the students.

Then the college students and their friends rose up and decried the lack of truth on the part of the college movies, stating that the pictures were doing much to discredit the true life and value of the colleges. The cry was carried on, and finally it penetrated the inner sanctuaries of the scenario writers, and somewhat different stories were written.

The new type of college picture is not entirely true to college life, but it is a vast improvement over those depicting the pleasure-mad students and fossil professors. New pictures do not show the true college life, but they are at least a relief to the college students, who did not like the idea of being unfairly portrayed on the screen as "flaming youth."

**THE RAGGER:** The New York sports writer who dubbed the Huskers "Tarzans of the Platte" probably thought the Platte was really a deep river in the middle of any July.

Fewer dates are being cancelled now. Must be getting about Christmas time.

An extra student in the parade to the depot today, means an additional cheer to send the Huskers to the Army game.

And wouldn't that Army Mule look fine picked on the last, back of Morrill hall?

The rough pavement on the Lincoln streets is rivalled only by the Rocky Road to Dublin and that part of Twelfth street that extends onto the campus.

The election of the Nebraska sweetheart at the Kosmet Klub show may let us know two weeks early who the honorary colonel is this year.

The University paves the streets leading to the Coliseum, but the street in front of Chemistry hall remains with a dirt surface.

## OTHER EDITORS SAY—

**GREAT MEN AND FOOLS**  
 "According to Professor Alfred N. Whitehead of Harvard, nearly every youth is imaginative and the purpose of college is to restrain and discipline his imagination. "Fools," says Doctor Whitehead, "act on imagination without knowledge, while their opposite, pedants, act on knowledge without imagination." A combination of the two would make the most desirable person.

"It is a trait of unthinking people to 'jump to conclusions.' With an unrestrained imagination they build up stories on one or two facts that may prove injurious to the subject of their tales. Bruce Barton tells of a man that left for his first long vacation. Upon his return he is confronted with questions about his health, family and business affairs. "Six different people reported he had been confined in a western sanitarium.

"On the other hand, it must be a drab existence for the unimaginative. Scientists are often thought of as men with the least imagination, but a good scientist must be able to look ahead and conjecture in order to discover a new process or element. The least imaginative prove to be the least successful.

"Christ could look ahead to a great Christian church, Columbus to a new world, Ford to a huge demand for automobiles. The line between great men and fools seems to be in the way they use their imagination.

—Vermont Cynic.

## RELIGION ON THE CAMPUS BY HOWARD ROLAND

Is your religion a life insurance policy and your God a "Mystical Santa Claus?"

Nearly all of us in our childhood days came to know of Santa Claus as a being who rewarded good people once each year with lovely gifts. As we grew a little older either by reason or by the malicious dissertation of some playmate the Santa Claus hypothesis was discarded and to each of us slowly, gradually, Christmas has come to mean the spirit of unselfishness and of love.

Some students come to college with their childhood conceptions of God and of religion. They ask, "What motive would anyone have for leading a moral life if there were no heaven as a reward for such a life?" So many people presume to be religious in order to be looked upon with favor by their Santa Claus God, and to receive certain measure for measure benefits from their religious insurance policy.

Some scientific discoveries are likely to knock the "props" out of such conceptions just as the malicious playmate in childhood destroyed the Santa Claus idea. The intelligent student isn't going to sob, "Boo hoo!" there isn't any Santa Claus God! but he will set about to reconstruct his conceptions about religion so that they will fit the scientific discoveries he has made in laboratory and in life.

## FINE ARTS PROFESSOR GIVES RADIO LECTURE

**Grumann Talks on Works Of Ibsen in Eighth Lecture Of Drama Series**

University of Nebraska radio program for Tuesday was broadcast from the university studio over KFAB was headed by Prof. Paul H. Grumann, director of the School of Fine Arts who gave the eighth lecture of the series of radio course in the study of Ibsen's dramas. This lecture was on "Rosmersholm." Short talks of interest to farmers were given by other professors and students.

The feature of Wednesday's program will be a talk on "Some Social Psychological Aspects of Personality Development," by J. O. Hertzler, Ph. D., Professor of sociology. Housewives will get many suggestions from "Decorating the Thanksgiving Table," by Mrs. True Homemaker.

Thursday's program will consist of the museum talk, by F. G. Collins, curator; the seventh lesson in the radio course in Spanish, by J. E. A. Alexis, professor of Romance languages. Other short talks will be given by University professors, of interest to farmers and farmers wives, especially.

On Friday "Mrs. True Homemaker" will give a book review of "A Lantern in Her Hand," M. L. Fisk, state extension agent in dairy husbandry, will present, "A Trip to Europe." A talk by Prof. H. A. White, president of the Nebraska state high school debating league, will conclude the program.

The program for Saturday will be a demonstration of homemade musical instruments by Dr. C. C. Wiedemann, of the teachers college, followed by the regular weather report.

## SELECTION OF BEAUTY RESTS WITH ZIEGFELD

**Winners Picked by 'Flo' Will Have Pictures in Iowa State Annual**

Ames, Iowa, Nov. 20.—The fate of the twelve winners in the beauty contest conducted the past few days at Iowa State college by the Bomb college yearbook, now rests in the hands of Flo Ziegfeld. Ziegfeld will select from the twelve girls selected by the student body, the six most beautiful coeds. Pictures of the six winners will be printed in the 1929 Bomb.

Winners in the contest, whose pictures will be sent to Ziegfeld for final selection are: Marjorie Hankins, Godland, Kan.; Katherine Rubey, Des Moines; Mary E. Peckinbaugh, New Castle, Ind.; Catherine Garner, Little Rock, Ark.; Helen Cox, DeSoto, Kan.; Josephine Burkett, Merrill; Nell Wiley, Little York, Ill.; Winifred Palmer, Fort Dodge; Evelyn Shepard, Gilbert; Dorothy Coon, Freeport, Ill.; Mary Lotae Murray, Schaller; and Genevieve Neuman, Osceola.

## Iowa Journalists Will Attend National Meet

Ames, Iowa, Nov. 20.—Six members of the Iowa State college chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, men's professional journalistic fraternity, will attend the national convention of the fraternity to be held on the campus of Northwestern university, Evanston, Ill., from Monday to Wednesday. They are Prof. Blah Converse, head of the department of technical journalism; Franklin P. Ferguson, Arthur Thompson and Frederick Crowell, all of Ames; Samuel H. Reck Jr., Gary, Ind.; and Stephen McDonough, Valley Junction, president of the local chapter.

A building to be known as the "Mildred Rutherford Historical Museum," is to be erected on the University of Georgia campus. It is to be a memorial to Mildred Rutherford, historian-general for life of the Georgia division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Co-eds of the Louisiana State university have been extended the privilege of the Y. M. A. rooms on the new campus. Heretofore, the rooms have been used exclusively by men students but the new ruling will allow co-eds to take advantage of it, as a reading room and as a place to study.

## PSYCHOLOGISTS MEET TO HEAR DISCUSSIONS

**Hertzler Is First Speaker; He Shows Relationship To Sociology**

To hear and informally discuss talks about the relationship between Psychology and other courses is the purpose of a group of the Psychology department which meets alternate Monday afternoons at 4 o'clock.

The group includes faculty, graduate, and advance undergraduate students in Psychology.

The first meeting of the group was held Monday, and because of the disability of the speaker to speak at 4 o'clock the meeting started at 3. Professor Hertzler of the Department of Sociology spoke on "The Relation Between Psychology and Sociology."

**Hertzler Gives Talk**  
 In his talk, Professor Hertzler gave a brief history of the science of Sociology. He also showed the connection between Sociology and Psychology. An informal discussion was held after the talk.

A series of meetings are being planned by the group in which men from other departments will talk on the relationship between their work and Psychology.

Meetings are open to the public and are held in the Psychology laboratory in Social Sciences building. Meetings are held every other week on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## Texas Students Will Make Mexican Tour

Austin, Texas, (AP)—J. W. Woodruff, junior student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Texas, is organizing a party of students and faculty members of Texas colleges and universities to tour Mexico during the

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summer of 1929. While the party is open to any one, the attractions visited will be those which will appeal especially to college people.

The tour party will assemble in San Antonio and proceed to Mexico City by special pullman. From there the party will go to Vera Cruz by train over the famous mountain route, returning to Mexico City by way of Pueblo.

A side trip will be made to Guadalupe in the mountain lake district, known as "the Switzerland of America," and the return trip to San Antonio will be made by way of Queretaro to visit the opal mines.

As part of the attractions for the trip, Woodruff has arranged to have the party entertained for a week end at the ranch owned by former President Diaz.

## Clippings From Exchanges

A play, the cast of which is entirely composed of faculty members of Centralia, Wash., is now in the making. The title of the play is "Adam's Apple."

The story of the development and progress of Oklahoma during its twenty-one years of statehood was given at a convocation held last week at the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college.

A recent issue of the Tulane Hullahaloo, weekly newspaper published at Tulane university, New Orleans, was dedicated to the University's alumni as a part of the Homecoming. The entire paper, consisting of twelve pages, was given over to news of the alumni.

Pi, Louisiana State High School Press association, was recently organized through the efforts of Louisiana State university chapters

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