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UNDER THE LENS

College students have been brought under about every sort of microscope imaginable. Statisticians have found a productive field in colleges and universities. A questionnaire recently circulated among seniors of the University of Nebraska throws light upon the training, the interests, and the expectations of a representative group of students distributed in the various colleges of the University.

times, that the campus can become the ring for a rough and tumble scrap. Traditions sometime need a little punching around the ring.

Since the freshman class election Friday the rest of the campus is wondering whether the factions actually got together or if it was just a mistake.

SPARING THE ROD

"Spare the rod and spoil the child," they would say in passed decades, but one Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, has quite an opposite view upon the matter. In stating the policy of the university in regard to the discipline of its students he clearly points out that he intends to "spare the rod."

"I am not going to snoop around student gathering places and the deans are not going to do anything of the kind, and students know that we are not going to do so. The university has no force employed to pry into the private lives of students. The use of compulsion is abhorrent in an institution based upon the traditions of Thomas Jefferson."

What courage it must have taken for Dr. Alderman to make such a statement. No doubt the utterance called forth a storm of criticism, such a bold, frank standpoint could not pass unheeded or unchallenged. Yet such a position is not unworthy of praise. The executive has taken a step backward as well as forward. He recalls the traditions of Jefferson at the same time pioneering in the field of "education without a policeman."

Whether the student body at the southern university will take advantage of the new disciplinary system remains to be seen. Likewise the opposite reaction may set in. The students may realize that they are upon their honor, that the conscience of the whole institution pulsates upon their actions.

There was a fellow on the campus yesterday with an armful of books. One can always gauge the length of time until school is out by the run on the second hand market.

It is evident in classes that spring vacation is still going on for some students. Another of the overlooked virtues of the nice weather is that many of those who wear knickers are out on the golf course instead of the campus.

The next big event seems to be the annual spring campus election. The politicians are kept pretty busy saying 'hello' to everybody.

After the Varsity party committee gets chosen and squared away, maybe there will be a party by next spring.

OTHER STUDENTS SAY—

BARBS IN SPORT For the past several years there has been a good deal of complaining among the Barbs that they did not have an opportunity to compete in intramural sports. When spring comes and everyone begins to feel athletic, the fraternities have organized their baseball teams and track teams which have done a great deal of good for the fraternity man. But that is changed now.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

A FACULTY FREE TO TEACH Private interests, more especially the power companies, have not exerted an undue influence upon the faculty of the University of Nebraska. This is the finding of the senate investigating committee; a verdict that is welcomed by the state. No one expected anything other than a clean bill of health, but with evidence everywhere of a power trust propaganda reaching into even the lowest grades in the schools, it is good to know that the men who instruct our university students have not had their opinions or their lectures influenced by any other allegiance than that to truth.

Culture, that phantom ideal which college students think they seek, but which few find, can now be plucked like fruit from the lower branches, one would judge from a statement of Dr. Norman F. Coleman, president of Reed college, at the installation ceremony of Phi Beta Kappa at W. S. C.

With the increase of leisure among the business and professional classes, culture is within the reach of all," the Washington State Evergreen reports his speech. "Under the old idea, culture and wisdom could be acquired only by those who did not work. This is changed, until today we find some of the most cultured men are those who, during the working part of the day, can be found behind the bank window or in the lawyer's office."

Knowledge comes on the lower branches; culture is the prize to those who climb the tree.

Transition Period The campus, uninhabited for a week's time, has again taken on a busy appearance, with the final quarter of the year ahead. Students meet, praise or condemn their last quarter's professors, and the first day ends as usual.

There is a noticeable difference in the attitude of students at the beginning of the spring quarter compared with the fall and winter. There is an eagerness that cannot be hidden. The spring, with its warm weather, conducive to outdoor life, has an inviting aspect that is felt by all. Even though the winter quarter is the most active, the final one of the year creates the most enthusiasm.

Juniors are thinking about the appointive and elective senior positions that are to be allotted soon. Seniors begin to write for jobs. Sophomores anticipate graduation into the upper class division, while freshmen dream of the time when they will be treated like human beings by their brothers.

A STUDENT LOOKS AT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By David Fellman

A sharp difference of opinion is developing between President Hoover and the senate, now meeting in special session to consider the problem of farm relief. The house seems to have fully endorsed the views of the chief executive, as outlined in his message, and in his personal interviews with individual members. But the senate committee on agricultural has endorsed a bill which will introduce into the relief scheme the principle of debenture payments. The debenture plan involves the payment of bounties by the government to exporters of farm products. It seeks to increase the glutting of the domestic market by thus encouraging a large export trade in agricultural products.

The president has absolutely refused to accept the principle of debenture payments. He wrote a letter to Chairman McNary of the senate agricultural committee last Sunday, in which he outlined his reasons for his refusal to endorse the government of bounties by the government, and in which he reached the conclusion that such a plan "would bring disaster to the American farmer."

He is willing to extend the credit facilities of the farmer, and is anxious to promote cooperative marketing among the farmers, for the purpose of putting the American agricultural industry on an equal plan, so far as organization is concerned, with other fields of economic endeavor. The debenture plan, however, has powerful supporters, both in the senate, and among the great farm organizations, notably the National Grange. If all the democrats in the senate, and there are thirty-nine of them, join with the eight republican senators from the radical west and the single farm-labor senator, in insisting upon the export debenture policy, President Hoover might experience some difficulty.

We think that the objections of the president to the export debenture plan are very well founded. Such a bounty, as he pointed out, would mean an additional charge of about \$200,000,000 a year upon the national treasury, a sum which would have to be made up by higher taxes. It would benefit the speculators, as the plan calls for the payment of bounties not to the farmer, but to the exporter. At the same time, President Hoover points out, it would hurt the farmer by stimulating overproduction of farm products, and would "disturb the whole basis of diversification," which really goes to the heart of the farm problem.

It would also lead to manipulation in the foreign and domestic market, with disastrous effect upon the stability of trade. The president also fears that it would raise serious questions of international amity, as the practice of dumping cheap goods on a foreign market might raise serious objections from abroad. On the whole, the export debenture plan sponsored by a majority of the senate committee on agriculture is very poor economics.

The trouble seems to lie in the fact that President Hoover hasn't quite made up his mind as to what he really does want, so far as farm relief goes. His message suggested nothing new. He repeated the well known formula that the farmer's ills are due to a multiplicity of causes, and that there is no single panacea, and that a general commission with broad powers should be established to meet the various problems, each on its own merits. He also suggested that this commission have a considerable sum of money on its hands to be able to extend more credit to the farmer. It is difficult to see how more loans will do the farmer any good when he is already mortgaged clear over his head. In the absence of anything but broad platitudes from the president, the senate committee went right ahead with its work, and sited upon the bounty as a good idea. Now the members of the committee feel justly aggrieved, because the president doesn't approve of the product of their deliberations. There is no questioning the fact that the farm relief problem will put President Hoover to a most severe test, both with regard to his much-heralded economic genius, and to his qualities of leadership.

The Mexican revolution is now practically a historical fact. There is little organization left among the rebels, most of the leaders being in flight at the present time. The government is now engaged in clearing up stray gangs of desperadoes that may be lying around loose and unapprehended. American investors in Mexico may now breathe a sigh of relief, and be happy over the fact that the American government picked the winner. Now that the revolution is over, it is reported that President Gil is going to devote his energies to involving a prohibition system in Mexico. He realizes that it would be folly to try to do away with all drinking in Mexico at the present time, but he is anxious to start the process of education which must precede the fact. We suggest to President Gil that he be careful in his drive toward prohibition.

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Arbor Day Lets Thoughts Drift To Boyhood Days

Since 1872, Arbor day, originated in Nebraska by J. Sterling Morton and then recognized nationally by having April 22 officially known as Arbor day—to encourage the raising of bigger and better trees—has been observed by city and state officials, bankers, and other white collar men as a holiday.

Many years ago, in grade school days, Johnny Green, with his shiny spade helped to plant several little trees in recognition of the beauty of trees. The part of the Arbor day celebration that he remembers most after his mind was relieved of its burden of remembering Joyce Kilmer's "Trees" long to acquit himself properly in the eyes of his mother who sat in the audience during the program, was the half-day vacation accorded him. It was with fervor that he repeated "Trees" each year knowing that the afternoon would find him enjoying the fruits of the existence of leafy-armed ladies with nests in their hair.

But, alas, for the dreams of youth! Johnny is a freshman in "college" now, and in accordance with the holiday accorded him yesterday, he was seen vigorously chopping down a large cottonwood tree, reciting as he chopped: (With apologies to Joyce Kilmer) "I think I shall always see in dreams on Arbor day a tree: A tree in foliage green is dressed— So stately in her summer best— A tree that looks at me all day. And with her murmuring seems to say: "I think I shall never see A freshman quite as dumb as thee. You might have known a man in college. By vacations can't gain knowledge Holidays are made for trees like me. To you, poor fool, my sympathy."

SENIOR FINDS MEN'S MINDS WAVER EASILY

"Teaching is about the only thing a girl can do who is not especially talented unless she wants to be a stenographer." Women Decide Sooner It has also been found that the decision as to a vocation is reached at an earlier age in women than in men. On the whole, the university 70 percent of the women had already decided on their life work while only 60 percent of the men had so decided.

During the first two years of college 14 percent of the men and 18 percent of the women decide while 19 percent of the men and 16 percent of the women leave their decision to the last two years. Nine percent of the students decided before they entered high school while 41 percent decided during their high school career. Deductions from the general conception that most high school students go to school only in order to get into university it was found that 41 percent of the women and 30 percent of the men chose their high school work with a view to their life work.

Men Change Easily Many of the women changed their mind as to the work which they intended to follow but more of the men have followed different lines and have changed their minds more often. Sixty-four percent of the women have followed the vocation first decided upon, while only thirty-three of the men have held to their original intention. Only one woman has changed her mind more than three times while five men have changed four times and one is yet undecided. Women are more susceptible to the change of a higher salary in some profession which they have finally decided upon. Six percent of the women express themselves as temporarily satisfied but are looking forward to some more agreeable work. Sixty-three percent of both men and women will follow their chosen vocation next year, and twenty-four percent will study further either toward a higher degree or in specialized work. Four percent

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of the women and two percent of the men will follow a temporary vocation while eight percent of the women and fourteen percent of the men are uncertain. Marriage is only a secondary consideration in the life of all of these students. Only six percent of the women intend to marry and take up "housekeeping" as a vocation. The relation between the vocation chosen and satisfaction is close. Those who have chosen dentistry, pharmacy, writing, journalism, nursing, librarian work, the stage, or social work are all satisfied. Of those choosing agriculture eighty-three percent are satisfied, eighty-eight percent of the engineers think they have chosen wisely, seventy-three percent of those choosing business are all satisfied. Teachers seem to be the least satisfied as only sixty-seven percent of these are completely pleased with their choice of a life vocation.

CONTRALTO SINGS TO MANY ON LAST TOUR

Continued from Page 1. ered to make a sort of gentlemen-schafts versammlung (family gathering.") "What numbers Mme. Schumann-Heink sang, how well she was followed by her accompanist, Mrs. Joseph Hartman Volkmere, or how soothing the skillful playing of Joseph Lefkowitz, a young and promising violinist, was not the chief matter." "They came principally to pay tribute to Madame to enjoy the melody of her voice, and if the youngsters couldn't hear the same smooth rich tones the elders did, they made no comment. Schumann-Heink's concert was no place for one inclined to consider her from a critic's point of view."

Toured in Auto From Oklahoma City Mme. Schumann-Heink went to Texas, Kansas, traveling by auto. An excerpt from the Texarkana Gazette reads as follows: "Members of her party declared she stood the trip better than any of them. The departure from Oklahoma City was delayed until 11 a. m., but there was no trouble en route, and the party was sped with the comfort of a

'sold out' house at the Oklahoma capital." A letter from one of her managers to Max Johnson, member of the local American Legion post, and manager for the Lincoln concert, states definitely that this is to be Schumann-Heink's last appearance here. The grand lady is sixty-eight years old, and while still in the best of health, she feels it necessary to expose herself less to the rigors of traveling. Mr. Johnson wishes it to be clearly understood that this is to be her farewell concert to Lincoln music lovers. The tickets will range from \$1.50 down. They may be procured at the Ross P. Curdick Music store.

OTIS WADE GETS SUMMER POSITION

Dr. Otis Wade, zoology instructor, Joseph Reeves, senior in zoology, and George Hudson, graduate student, have received official notice that they have been appointed to the staff of ranger naturalists in Yellowstone national park for the coming summer. Their work will consist of lectures and conducting tourist parties to instruct them in the natural wonders of the park, giving explanations of plant and animal life and formations.

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