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## 'Peppy' Pep Clubs.

The recent editorial on school spirit brought some tangible results in the form of stout opinions written to the editor. These opinions set forth various and contradictory views as to the reason for rally failures. However, none of them offer any conclusive evidence to disprove the statement of The Nebraskan that the spirit-fostering organizations on the campus are lying down on the job.

One student insists that Nebraska student spirit is not dead, but dormant, and that its quiescent state is due to the m. damp weather which hung over the campus during the pregame rallies, and that it will be revived as soon as the weather man favors us with some "warm, bright sunshine"; another writer suggests that the cause for the apparent lifelessness of the Nebraska student body was the warm weather.

One writer declares that the cheerleaders "struggled, urged, and pleaded with the crowd"; another is certain that the cheerleaders are cheerleaders only to get into the games free.

In a decidedly sarcastic manner, one contributor infers that the "Innocents, Tassels, and Corn Cobs, always envied by those outside," are being blamed unjustly for a failure which they could not prevent, and that these organizations are being mentioned purely from jealousy—which is beside the point.

No one is going to argue that the blame should be placed entirely upon these three organizations. They alone could do very little toward raising a satisfactory commotion at football games and at rallies. They must have the support of the student body.

But in any movement, there must be leaders. The student body cannot be expected to break out in the much heralded "gigantic outbursts of Cornhusker spirit" simply because news stories in The Nebraskan predict that they will. Careful and complete planning and organization is essential.

By evidencing a little organization, that element which has been so conspicuous by its absence in the initial game of the season, there is no doubt but that the pep clubs of the school can fire things up for the Pitt game. How about a little action?

### The Old Gag.

"Hi there, going home?"  
"Sure."  
"Got your car?"  
"No."  
"Well then, guess I won't go with you."  
Thus started the notorious O. P. C. club. Probably the organization is not familiar to the student body in this newly ascribed name, but everyone is acquainted with these all too common individuals who specialize in depending upon other people's cars for transportation.

The honorable members are horrified if anyone suggests that they might spend their hard earned cash for car checks and the idea of walking is beyond all comprehension. Nobody walks any more, or at the best not more than two or three blocks.

The members of the O. P. C. club do not walk and they do not pay their way. They may start out walking, but before they have gone very far a college car comes along. It is hailed. It picks up its new occupant rather resignedly and proceeds toward the campus. Often the car is heavily overloaded long before it reaches its belated destination. Frequently the driver is late to class, but this is not the only sorrowful consequence of the practice.

Consider the neglect of exercise. We have been informed that if a muscle is not used it will degenerate into a useless member. We greatly fear that the dreaded catastrophe that is ahead of us is the assurance that university students will eventually lose the use of their legs. We call the abbreviated walks across the campus, from one building to another, long walks. We forget our fathers who sometimes hiked miles to school.

Now just what are we going to do about this enigmatic situation? Perhaps if the O. P. C. club were better organized, perhaps if the members were forced to pay dues to keep their privileges, the members' legs might become discouraged and become healthy walkers. The dues thus received might be used to provide hospitals for drivers who become nervous wrecks by yielding to the outrageous demands of the O. P. C. club members.

### Hang Around, Commuters.

A football game of national importance and an array of social events promise to make this week end one of the most eventful ones of the school year at Nebraska. In spite of this fact, there will be many students who will crowd

the railroad and bus depots on their way homeward.

There are numerous men and women attending the university who are missing out on a great portion of their collegiate careers by their habitual chugging homeward every week end.

The loss is twofold. The "commuters" are not getting any benefits from the social and activity side of the university and their scholastic standing is imperiled.

The time when the most contacts are made among the student body is during the week ends. There are parties, football games and other athletic attractions, and work on campus activities. There is a breathing spell from the book grind and everyone has a chance to get some recreation.

Scorn of "Joe College" activities is most general among students who do not take part in them. True, the importance of these activities is sometimes overrated, but at the same time there are some real advantages. Activities are recognized and really supported by university authorities. Such a viewpoint would not be held if campus activities were so trivial. Investigation of campus records of outstanding alumni will bear out the contention that campus activities are of real value.

The practice of "getting around" to various university functions is of true worth. Such functions may not be the smoothest in the land, but there is some benefit that can be acquired by participation in them.

Scholastic standing is not helped any by this practice of "commuting to college." The student will leave Lincoln on Friday afternoon and will not return until Sunday night as a rule. This is two and a half days out of the seven. The home visitor gets out of the swing of study habits on the return home.

In spite of the fact that there is much extra activity during the week end in Lincoln, if the student is on the ground he may slip in some outside work at odd times, and it is a certainty that he will begin his preparation of Monday assignments before the student who has been out of town.

The practice of visiting the "folks" is not being condemned. Every student owes his parents the obligation of getting home once in a while and letting them know of his progress in a way that is not easy to transmit by letters.

On the other hand, it is an injustice to himself and his parents who are furnishing the "whereby" to take advantage of only five-sevenths or less of his college opportunities, to desert the campus when Friday rolls around and not return until some time Sunday.

The cutting of home ties is not the recommendation, but the judicious use of week ends.

### A Band in Need.

Last year the R. O. T. C. band called upon the student body for support in its campaign for funds to send it to the Nebraska-Army football game. The band went and spirited our team to near victory.

The 1929-30 band of eighty pieces will be at all games with the pep for which it is noted. Between the halves of football contests it will parade for the entertainment of students in the east stand and visitors in the west stand.

The little applause that it usually receives for its performance comes from the visitors. But the band goes back to its seats and keeps up 'the old fight' for the remainder of the game.

It doesn't seem that the band gets the 'hand' it deserves. We have let the visitors do the clapping. It's our band and one of the best, so why not support it wholeheartedly? It deserves and would appreciate it.

If the university provides parking space for professors, it will give the cakes a place to sit between classes.

These bonfire rallies are all right if they don't go up in smoke.

## Echoes of the Campus.

Letters from readers are cordially welcomed in this department, and will be printed in all cases subject to the common newspaper practice of keeping out of all libelous matter and attacks against individuals and religions. For the benefit of readers a limit of 250 words has been set. The name of the author must accompany each letter, but the full name will not be published unless so desired by the contributor.

### The Challenge.

Starting Oct. 27, a campaign will be launched on the campus which will challenge the loyalty and love of every man and woman who calls Nebraska his or her alma mater. At that time, each student will have an opportunity to show that his affection for this great institution is genuine as manifested in his desire to purchase a Cornhusker in order to retain in permanent form a record and a symbol of all that Nebraska university means.

These storied walls and halls—the familiar faces—the memorable incidents of both joy and sorrow—the absorbing activities of club room, fraternity house and athletic field—the history of an institution dedicated to one of the highest ideals—all of these things and more fill the carefully and artistically prepared pages of the annual Cornhusker. These are the things that are engraved on the hearts and minds of every red blooded son or daughter of this monument on the prairie, of Nebraska university. These are the things that we should carry away with us.

From the campus we step into a world of cold realities, a place where every warm memory of our youth illuminates the path by countering some of the brutal rebuffs that are sure to come. A Nebraskan owes it not only to his school, but also to himself to own and cherish one of these masterpieces of art and sentiment.

However, note the use of the word *cherish*. Even though the school needs the financial support of her brood, she does not want it in the name of charity. If you are not proud of this mighty institution, if she and hers do not create a warm response in your heart, by no means dare to invest in a Cornhusker!

Beginning Oct. 27, the gauntlet is thrown to your feet, Nebraskans! What is your answer?

MORTON RICHARDS,  
Circulation Manager of the Cornhusker.

## YESTERDAY

Sawdust.  
Cowbells.  
Kansas Spirit.

By MARTHA DISBRANE.

NEWSPAPER reports from Kansas indicate that the state is harboring a young revolution, the purpose of which is to build up the proper atmosphere for the approaching football game between the University of Kansas and the Kansas Aggies. The rumour is an annual affair, but it seems to be increasing in fervor as the years go by. Latest developments, as set forth by the University Daily Kansan, are in the form of the capture of eighteen K. U. students by an "Aggie Army."

The captives were first treated to breakfast. Then they were given unusually distinctive haircuts, and a decoration consisting of a purple K on the forehead. Their presence was utilized to arouse enthusiasm at an Aggie rally, and they were sent home.

It is odd that Nebraska should be suffering so acutely from a lack of spirit, while Kansas has such an abundant surplus. If a trade could only be arranged—

At last, out of the bigheartedness of one of the downtown firms, Nebraska is going to have a tradition that will be useful. Cowbells are to be installed in the cheering section, and are to be used for celebration purposes when Nebraska scores a touchdown. Even the most lethargic of students should find little difficulty in ringing a cowbell. The resulting bedlam should prove encouraging to the team.

One thousand cowbells will be a decided asset to our falling "school spirit." But if one thousand cowbells are good, surely three thousand would be better. Perhaps some other firm will get bighearted and let all of us have a cowbell to lug around to class.

A freshman, the other day, gave a vague description of a building and its location, and asked in that innocent, unsuspecting way, what it was. It developed that the building he referred to was the library!

Talk about freak bets! Some fellow down in Dallas is about to start a long trip north, battling fly balls all the way, as the result of having lost a world series bet. I forget where he is going, but he intends to start immediately and arrive at his destination in early February. Too bad the Cubs didn't win.

A tooth or a splinter may feel you into feeling better for the time being, but it serves you no good. You have to manufacture your own smiles by not trying to dodge the cause of pain. Remember, a splinter may feel you, but you cannot feel it!—William A. Redler, M. D.

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Nebraskan reporters are requested to come to The Nebraskan office for assignments Friday afternoon instead of Saturday, on account of the Pittsburgh - Nebraska game. Nebraskan work will be done Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings on weekends of home football games.

## AG COLLEGE HAS NEW COURSE FOR CATTLE TESTERS

The college of agriculture is offering a two weeks preparatory course for official testers of dairy herd improvement associations, Nov. 11. The course will be divided

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