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Why?

Students are surprisingly rational beings. They are rather above the general run in willingness to hear both sides of a question sympathetically—but they do object strenuously to conditions which exist without reason, or at least without a reason made public.

The drill field, eyesore of the city campus, still remains the playing field for the all university game of splash and wallow.

Why? This is the thought that is uppermost in the minds of the students who wade through the mud toward the buildings in the northeast part of the campus. They do not immediately condemn the university, but ask the reason for the failure to provide aid in a matter of no minor importance.

Andrews hall, built at a cost of some \$300,000, has been completed for considerably more than a year. Morrill hall and the coliseum are even older, yet they still stand in a splendid state of isolation. These buildings, especially Andrews hall, house a great number of classes, and cause no small amount of traffic to and fro, in all kinds of weather.

With winter here, snow will cover the paths and wooden contrivances built for temporary relief. It will be impossible to use the usual snow plows at all efficiently, with the result that the next five months will see these lanes in an almost constant state of snow, ice, or mud, as was precisely the case last winter.

Should it be argued that students take the all cement route by way of Bessy hall or along Fourteenth street, it is suggested that this be tried some stormy day when an overtime professor has finally completed his lecture.

From a utilitarian standpoint, the solution consists of building a sufficiently wide walk diagonally across the drill field. This would handle the bulk of the traffic in the best manner. However this may not be possible for two reasons. It may not be in keeping with the co-ordinated plan of campus development already worked out, and it may so break up the field as to interfere with drill maneuvers.

If either of these reasons exist, the failure to place such a walk is adequately explained. However there still remains an alternative, that of placing walks along the south side of the tennis courts, and directly south from the west end of Andrews hall, where the present cinder and board boulevards now exist. These would provide a fairly direct way from any building in the west part of the campus.

Nothing has been done, and if it will be necessary to tolerate the existing condition for the rest of the year at least, the logical question is: Why?

Since formal season has started the social lights have something stiff on their chests.

Captain? No Captain!

Football captains at the University of Nebraska have passed out of the picture! Letter men voted Friday to abolish the grid captaincy and allow senior members of the team to share the honor, each getting a chance at the pilot's berth during the season.

The new move is in direct line with the tendency of universities and colleges to minimize as much as possible that ever-present evil—politics. Heretofore, as The Daily Nebraskan pointed out in its recent editorial wherein abolition was advocated, the captain's position was always the prize of the fraternity factionalists.

With the inauguration of the new plan in football, that of team captains, appointed by the coach, we are to have similar systems carried out in the other sports, according to the decision announced by the coaching staff. In reality, this is to go into effect at once, for there have been no leaders elected in the other athletic groups.

The Nebraskan welcomes the new plan and, judging from its practicability in other institutions, believes it will meet with success.

Some Weekly Reflections

Why the University?

The university exists for the primary purpose of disseminating knowledge among the students. This statement is commonplace enough, surely stating nothing new. Yet one of the most curious facts connected with the bewildering problems of the university student is the fact that he very often forgets it. Amid the hurly-burly of modern educational plants, it is undeniable that many students forget why they originally came to the university, and, as a consequence, forget to put first things first.

The root of this anachronism, that education is often overlooked in educational institutions, lies in the existence of a situation which has dissipated the student's energies, and spread his efforts and interests out to transparent thinness. There are so many other factors which engage the student's interest besides his books and his classes, that these latter things are relegated to positions of pronounced unimportance.

Our present student is vitally concerned, while he is attending college, with his social position, with the development of the social graces, and with the eventual establishment of a "rating" in the "right" circles, when he is through with school. He is concerned with the attainment of various campus honors and distinctions. He is busy with a maze of extracurricular activities. He is absorbed in the advancement of his fraternity, which in turn absorbs a great deal of his time and energy. He fusses around in campus politics, as an exponent of this or that faction, this or that queen, duchess, or what have you.

As a result of all these activities, most of which are all right in their proper places, the student is apt to forget that the reason for his being here is the university, and that the reason for the university's being here is the promotion of education. There are many fraternity men, for example, who become oblivious of the fact that the fraternity exists because of the university, and get to thinking that the university is here as a result of the fraternity. Nor is this misconceived notion of causality confined to fraternity men. The general attitude of a great many students is that the pursuit of knowledge is but of secondary importance.

The student cannot be exhorted too often to put first things first. While he is down here, he should always bear in mind that the supreme ideal of the university is scholarship. However we may desire athletic or social distinction, and however worthy those aims may be, and the means of their attainment, still the training of the mental faculties is the raison d'être of our university careers.

The man who can suggest the Christmas gift that is sure to exactly please each individual coed's taste should be able to make a fortune this week.

MEN START Y.M.C.A. FOR AG MEMBERSHIP

Branch Will Operate Under City Committee; Has Own Organization.

Students of the college of agriculture decided to organize a branch of the Y. M. C. A. on the agricultural college campus at a meeting held Thursday evening in the agricultural college cafeteria. Ted Menke is in charge of the program.

The first step in the plan is to build up membership for the organization. A separate cabinet will then be formed. A field secretary of the Y. M. C. A. will be in Lincoln for a week during the month of January, and will help in the organization of the new branch.

An election of the cabinet and officers will be held in February. Agricultural students plan to maintain relations with the downtown branch but will have their organization. Only one advisory committee will be maintained for the two branches.

SIGMA XI PLANS MONTHLY SESSION AT WESLEYAN U.

The regular monthly meeting of the Nebraska chapter of Sigma Xi will be held at Wesleyan University, Monday evening, Dec. 18, at 8 o'clock in Main building, room 200.

Prof. J. C. Jensen, head of the department of physics, and director of station WCAJ, will have charge of the program, giving an account of the measurement of received signal strength and fading, with possible relations to weather conditions, and accounts of recent developments in stabilization of carrier waves and of high percentage modulation. The public is invited to attend this lecture.

Dr. Philbrick Suffers From Sudden Illness

Dr. Inez C. Philbrick, resident student health physician, was taken ill suddenly Friday afternoon while at work in her department at Pharmacy hall. An ambulance was called and she was hurried to her home, suffering from an attack of acute indigestion. Her condition was much improved Saturday afternoon and she expected to be back for classes Monday morning.

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Fake Cavemen, Mermaids, Grid Stars And 'Skirts' Attend Costume Party

Amid the din of clackers, whistles and the wails of toy balloons, Pierette, with a fake cigarette hanging nonchalantly out of her mouth, tripped lightly across the floor on the arm of a robust Cornhusker lineerman in the person of a buxom gym major, whose lightness of foot was encumbered only slightly by cleated shoes. The original three bears—all-rolled-into-one himself escorted a timid daughter of the gay nineties and a shimmering, silver scaled mermaid hung over the edge of the old well-eating an eskimo pie.

Everyone from cavemen, with real clubs, to Father Time, with his retinue of angels, were present at the girls' Cornhusker costume party held Friday evening at the armory. Nor was there any shortage of synthetic men. Men in all stations of life, from farmers to army officers and dandies in "soup and fish," including jockeys and coltish cake eaters served as escorts for hula-hula ladies, blushing

brides and Broadway stars. A couple of paper sacks, a pair of cats, several conical ladies, bowery skirts, a "royal flush" of cards, ap iccanny, and five husky Huskers, physical education students who prevailed upon the keeper of costumes at the stadium to outfit them in football suits, were some more of the characters present at the annual costume celebration.

Nebraska's Writers Will Hear Wimberly

Dr. L. C. Wimberly will address the Nebraska writers in Omaha this Sunday, at a meeting in connection with an exhibition of Nebraska's Writers.

The University Players

"LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN" (Oscar Wilde's Comedy) TONIGHT Sat., 7:30 P. M.

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UNIVERSITY STUDIO RECEIVES QUERIES Inquiries are being received at the university broadcasting studio from schools in three states, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa, for information regarding the program sponsored by the University of Nebraska. The requests are coming from schools that have installed radio receiving sets and have provided a place in the course of study for educational radio programs.

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