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FOR FUN.

"LIVE for the fun of it."
That is the counsel given chiefly to young people in an article by the renowned Harry Emerson Fosdick in the April number of the American magazine. Some university students will seize these words gladly and upon academic failure will console themselves that they are "living for the fun of it."

Rightly interpreted, Doctor Fosdick could give no better advice to college men and women. By fun, however, he does not mean a perpetual round of thrills and excitement, ever tempting to the university student. In the first place, that kind of fun is fun only while it lasts. There is a much more lasting, a much more wholesome, and a much finer type of fun that all can realize if they will put forth the effort.

No one can live entirely unto himself. Everyone has a certain job he must perform—a job that relates to other people and has to do with their happiness or welfare in some way. The young man and woman who elect to come to university have a four year job ahead of them. During those four years they must "live for the fun of it" and obtain genuine enjoyment from their college work if it is to be worth while.

Many students apparently enjoy lamenting over the dryness and the difficulty of a course they are taking. Nearly every one has some subject that to him seems almost despicable. There are two ways of remedying this situation. If the subject lies entirely outside one's interests it should be dropped. But that should not come to pass until after the student has made an earnest and sincere effort to like it—to get something of value out of the course.

It is so often the expectation of the student that knowledge will be dished out to him wholesale on a silver platter and that he will have nothing to do but to digest it. He fails to recognize that in many lines of learning, knowledge can be gained only through diligent and persevering effort on his part. If the instructor seems a bit uninteresting, if the text is dry and hard to read, there is an even greater opportunity for the student to master the subject thoroughly.

Few subjects will be obnoxious if an individual will adopt this point of view in surveying the course. Those few would be even less if he would peer into what they offered before registering for them.

Outside the classroom and the university, men and women are encountering obstacles that to them often seem insurmountable. They become obsessed with the idea that they don't like the work, that they have made an error in choosing their life vocation. Just as university students may do if they so desire, these people can look a little deeper and find something really interesting and absorbing in that work.

Everybody can "live for the fun of it" if he tries.

RETURNING PAPERS.

MOST seekers after knowledge who undergo mid-semester examinations this week may expect to have their papers returned and corrected shortly after spring vacation—or about a month hence. This rapidity with which instructors and their assistants work is little short of remarkable. To imagine that within thirty days students will know just what mistakes they have made and what grades they have received seems quite wonderful.

Of course this speed record is not demonstrated in all departments of the university. Some get papers back within a week after they have been handed in. Even the gadflies of "Fire and Sword" could not criticize them. But there are plenty of others who seem to delight in compelling students to wait four or five weeks before returning the blue or red penciled efforts submitted long before.

Seriously, the value of having assignments returned within a few days after they are handed in is unquestioned. But this value is too often forgotten—perhaps because the readers and instructors are in too great a hurry, perhaps because the department budget is running short. The student who wants to know where he erred in written assignments and in examinations should not have to wait a month to find out what they were.

"WHO IS HE?"

(Two gallant University of Nebraska men stand on the steps of Social Sciences. A third man walks along the broad sidewalk, nodding at the idling pair. He continues in the direction of a campus building.)

BOB: Nice fellow.
ART: Looks all right. What is he?
OB: What do you mean?
ART: Well—what fraternity?
BOB: Gamma Kappa Theta.
ART: Oh. (Significantly) I see.
BOB: See what?
ART: Well, I see what kind of a fellow he must be.
BOB: You must be a good judge of men.
ART: Oh, you can always tell. Now if he's a Gamma Kappa Theta he has plenty of money, makes rotten grades, cakes a lot and dabbles in politics.
BOB: Yeah? Well, you missed it this time. He's not that way at all.
ART: Don't fool yourself.
BOB: You're fooling yourself. If you always judge people by their fraternity affiliations or lack of affiliations, you're going to make a big mistake some time.
ART: Don't be silly.
BOB: You ought to judge people by what they are—not by the fraternity hardware they carry around. When you get out of school you'll probably divide all of your business associates into Kiwanians, Rotarians and Elks. That's a swell idea.
ART: Maybe you're right. (Looking at parked car.) Say—who's that girl?
BOB: Alice Farnham.
ART: What is she?
Curtain.

UNIVERSITY PRISON GUARDS.

FROM the office of the superintendent of prisons in the department of justice at Washington comes announcement that the federal prison service is being professionalized. Efforts are being made to interest university graduates in working up in the prison service system.

Sanford Bates, the superintendent of prisons, writes: "An urgent appeal is made to the undergraduates and recent graduates of American colleges and universities to consider entering the federal prison service at this time."

The endeavor to get university men in the prison service marks a forward step in the outlook of the United States government. This nation has been a laggard in utilizing its best trained men in governmental positions. Big business and the professions have always taken the pick of the crop of graduates. Perhaps a few have drifted into government jobs—but it has not been the better few.

It does seem strange, however, that one of the first concerted efforts to enlist college trained men in governmental agencies should be from the prison division. Men who go into this work will start as ordinary guards, after a four months instruction course in such subjects as causes of crime, probation and parole, modern penology, and sociology.

If there is a place for university men as prison guards, there is certainly even a greater service they can perform in other branches of governmental work. But before the most promising graduates are going to accept federal positions, a revision of the civil service laws now in operation is necessary to assure them of advancement. As is shown by the situation today, many are very likely to be pigeon-holed in some drab job where they will remain until eligible for retirement.

That is not the kind of work university men are looking for. They want to be unchained and free. Maybe they won't get so far—but they want the chance which today is not offered them to a very great extent in governmental positions.

+ The Student Pulse +

Signed contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department. Opinions submitted should be brief and concise.

FOR A SWIMMING POOL.

To the editor:
A few days ago you published an article which made plain the need for a swimming pool at the University of Nebraska. This need has long been felt and has become more acute in the past two years.

Not only should there be a pool for the women, but there should be a pool which should enable the university to offer instruction to both men and women. A pool should be large enough to meet the ever-growing popularity of swimming and should be modern in equipment and sanitation.

The only pool now available is the one in the Y. M. C. A. It is small and out of date. Very little of its time now can be spared for university instruction. Many who would like to learn to swim do not register for the courses offered because of the unpleasant conditions. These conditions, of course affect only the men. The women have nothing.

Then, too, the university swimming team won the Big Six championship this year. These swimmers who broke four conference records and made such an admirable showing worked under almost impossible conditions. Sometimes they got no more than thirty minutes' practice for a sport in which condition is everything.

Even these precious moments were not undisturbed as small boys were playing in the pool, making a practice workout impossible. Should the Big Six champions be unable to swim at home or must they continue to have all competitive meets away from home because we have no pool?

Swimming is admitted to be the best all-around sport that there is for physical exercise and pleasure. What a pity, then, that a school like Nebraska, boasting of a wonderful athletic plant, should fail to provide for its students a chance to enjoy this wholesome sport. R. O. Y.

"BROTHER PRESIDENT."

To the editor:
This, Mr. Editor, is what we hear every Monday night at fraternity meeting. What do you think of it?

"I don't like to take up the chapter's time with things like this that seem pretty unimportant, but it seems to me that the sophomores could be doing a lot more around here than they are."

"Naturally, they don't know what the score is as well as the upperclassmen do, but they might at least get out and try to find out something. All I ever see of the sophomores is Brother Slank at the Gamma Kappa house every afternoon and Brother Slatch on the telephone every night at 10:30."

"We used to be right up at the top in activities and scholarship—now look at us. Brother Cartsell is about our only big man on the campus this year and by the looks of the sophomores he'll be the last one. As for scholarship—just look at the hours down."

"Brother Linney is down in one hour of freshman lecture that he was too dumb to get last year. Pardon me, Brother President. Anyway, he was. All right, I won't tell all the others, but all the brothers know just how many sophomores were down."

"I'll grant that the sophomores are the best pitch players in the house; at least they get the most practice. It seems to me, Brother President, that the sophomores certainly are making a mess of things—all right, I'm almost through anyway—and they better snap into it." RASKOB II.

MUSIC HAS CHARMS—?

To the editor:
In this great institution, none can deny the value of music and artistic things of that nature; but does that excuse the wild youths who stalk through the quiet halls, whistling with all the vigor and energy of their boundless wind?

Most college students have a tendency to allow the slightest disturbances to detract from their attention from lectures. When some well meaning youth, his attention held to the business in hand by the merest thread, hears the piercing whistle of some contemporary collegian from the halls, it removes all scholastic thought from his mind.

The atmosphere of quiet which exists in the halls and corridors in university buildings provides temptation, to be sure, for the whistle-conscious youth. He should, however, be more considerate of his fellow students in their respective class rooms. Instead of stalking boisterously through the hall, his hoofbeats accompanied by some tuneless melody, he might walk through like a sensible, conscious human being. Everyone would be benefited. A NON WHISTLER.

MILESTONES AT NEBRASKA

1925. E. E. Beary, the new head coach, spoke at the World Forum.

1915. Prof. E. H. Barbour and Prof. E. H. Schramm returned from the national convention of petroleum geologists.

The editor expressed the view that college comic magazines had reached the pinnacle of stupidity.

1920. Spring vacation; no paper.

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1910. The track team was victorious in the Omaha Athletic contest.

Statistics from the registrar's office showed that the percentage of scholastic delinquencies among fraternity men was becoming less.

The editor pleaded with students to vote in the coming city elections.

1905. The Black Masque society was organized.

General Ballington Booth, commandant of the Volunteers of America, addressed a large convocation audience.

The second number of the University Journal was sent to various public schools over the state.

WANT PRIVILEGES FOR WOMEN.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, Ill.—Petitioning the faculty for permission to bring women unchaperoned into fraternity houses, the fraternities of Northwestern university are classed as favoring social reforms.

The students request 1 o'clock permission for all parties with 1:30 as the time for returning the women to their dormitories on week nights and 2 o'clock on Saturday nights. The students also wish to be able to stage their parties any place in Evanston or Chicago, sanctioned by the dean of women, instead of being forbidden to have their parties south of Belmont avenue on the north side of Chicago.

Along with other reforms, fraternities wish the number of parties to be raised from two, as at present, to six, having two of these formal, and the other four informal.

Contending that the rule that no women be allowed in the fraternity houses unchaperoned is archaic and degrading to both the coeds and the men on the campus, the men ask for definite hours during the day when they may be allowed to bring friends into the houses. Now a sister or wife of a member

or alumna is not even allowed in unchaperoned.

The fraternities promise to come to a "gentlemen's agreement" not to present favors at any of their parties in return for the granting of their wishes. These favors are always an expensive part of any social function and are frowned upon by the school.

DEFEND SMOKING AS HARMLESS.

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE, EVANSTON, Ill.—Smoking does not impair a student's mental power in class work or in intelligence, according to psychological investigation made recently by a group of students at Southwestern college.

Two out of every three men on the Southwestern campus smoke, and by taking a representative group of 100 smokers and fifty non-smokers, it was determined that the smokers made as good grades as those who did not smoke. Girls were not allowed to participate.

EXAMS BECOMING "RACKET"

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, Ill.—Commercialization of examination and quiz papers in Indiana colleges has reached the status of a racket, according to administrative officers there who are taking steps to curb the evil.

The practice consists in buying up the returned papers of the best students and syndicating them to the dullards of the following semester. Wholesale rates have been given to large purchasers, especially fraternity and sorority houses.

Prices vary also with the instructor. A "tough" professor's quizzes, being greatly in demand, command higher prices. Where English professors assign the same themes year after year, a mimeographed "A" theme proves efficacious.

Advanced courses, sciences and foreign languages claim the highest tariffs. Since an under instructor or a student corrects most of the quizzes, detection of repetition is easily avoided.

DISCOVERS "PERFECT CRIME"

OKLAHOMA CITY—Page the shade of Sherlock Holmes. The "perfect crime" has been discovered.

Despite the sleuthing dished out by modern fictionists ranging from the blood-and-thunder type to soliloquies on pseudo-psychology, modern criminologists have found a murder that can't be punished.

The case in point is the prosecution of a killer for a murder committed in an airplane. Two government attorneys contend it can't be done.

Modern court procedure being what it is, establishment of venue

is fully essential as the corpus delicti, or proof of crime.

"How," the lawyers ask, "could the author of murder committed in an airplane engaged in interstate commerce be brought to justice?"

Bailey Samslow, of the legal department of the bureau of aeronautics answers promptly, "It can't be done."

Roy St. Lewis, United States district attorney, says it could be tried. —Oklahoma Daily.

PROFESSORS OR MINSTRELS?

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—The faculty of the University of New Mexico plans a minstrel show to pay off the debt incurred by the 1929 issue of the year book.

The professors will parade in black grease and low cut evening gowns.

RELIGION DEPT. HEAVILY ENDOWED.

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE, Los Angeles, Calif.—Endowments totaling \$75,000 have been received by Occidental college here. Thomas Synnot, wealthy Philadelphian, gave \$50,000 to endow the department of religion. Twenty-five thousand was given for scholarship funds.

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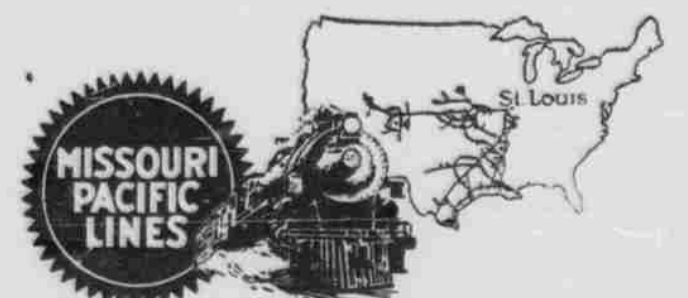
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