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COMMENCEMENT TIME.

THIS JUNE is commencement time for 134,000 American college seniors. At graduation exercises the country over, this new army of cap and gown wearers will be awarded Bachelor of Arts degrees. For the most part, college careers of these young people will be over forever. The nation will add them to its rolls of adult wage earners.

They will put into practice the academic and theoretical preparation which has taken from onethird to one-fourth of their expected span of life. The teachnical background they have secured will be helpful in their vocations, but will have to be supplemented by much additional training that can come only through actual contact with the practical aspect of the work.

Certainly this side of college training is imporinto the world next month have gained only factual riod of their lives will have been largely wasted.

Intellectual expansion. an appreciation of the of what life is all about, a philosophy of living that they have thought out for themselves, a broadened point of view, and a reconstructed set of ideals surpassing adolescent principles-these are far more important than the technical aspect of a university education.

The ideals developed in a university should be particular significance to the graduate. The ideals broader and richer and finer than those which ac- now crue from contact with a conservative, endowed. eastern school.

Actual democracy, as it was conceived and practiced by pioneer Americans, has practically disappeared. It is still preached by politicians, but it is disguised under the toga of big business of class distinction, of economic repression, of restrictions upon individual liberty.

. . DEMOCRATIC institutions and democratic spirit

emphasized by pioneers are threatened. In the state university, with its equal advantages offered to all, these ideals must be perpetuated. The material aspect of this democracy is changed, but the intellectual material aspect of this democracy is changed, but the intellectual conception is widened still farther by the increasing popularity of education.

The ideals of a people determine the character of a university. Nebraska, still remembering its frontier struggles, remains democratic in its convictions, democracy, though in actual social practice this ideal suffers.

university is superficial. The chief idea involved is speak. that each individual who chooses to take advantage may do so if he wills.

tainly was some grounds for their expression. Numerous outsiders have been frequenting the parties -and they are many times an undesirable type. As these dances continue with an open door policy to all who care to spend their 35 or 50 cents, this motley crowd will increase and the university aspect

of the parties will be lost. To guard against a growing tendency in this direction and to remedy an evil which many sincerely believe already exists, the barbs should adopt a measure to restrict all from the parties without fraternity and sorority scholastic identification cards. This would not only serve to report. weld the barb group together more solidly, but could be an effective measure to promote a university feeling at the dances.

In fairness to the students who regard these parties as their principal social outlet, the faculty committee should insist upon indentification cards in granting the parties to the Barb council next year. To the council goes considerable commendation for the excellent way in which the parties were conducted during the past year, both financially and

from the standpoint of entertainment. No one intimates that these affairs should be transferred to any other group, but the failure to accept an identification card system is a valid criticism.

RETURNING ALUMNI

CLOSELY associated with the closing days of school are the thoughts of reunions, when for-

mer students return to the scenes of their collegiate tant. But if the enlighted legion who sally forth activity. Only a few are able to attend year after year, but those who do seem to find a never ending knowledge from four years in university, that pe- source of joy in recalling to mind the days so long past.

A warm welcome should be extended to those who aesthetic things life has to offer, an understanding return this spring, a welcome that will make them realize that they constitute a vital part of this great educational institution.

Invitations are now being sent out by the university and by the various campus groups. One alumnus, deciding for the first time to again visit the campus, expressed his opinion that what others thought were the glorious days were after all not so glorious. "The good old days were the bunk," that tower in a western state institution are far ne says, compared with what conditions must be

> But to most returning alumni the "good old days" will be truely just that. While they will enjoy seeing the progress that has been made since their student days, the university will continue to be to them the same institution that they left years ago. Loyally they defend their alma mater, and find as much glory in the achievements of the school as do those who are now attending.

The Student Pulse Signed contributions pertinent to matters of stu-dent life and the university are welcomed by this department. Opinions submitted should be brief and suprorete.

FROM DR. H. B. ALEXANDER. To the editor

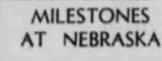
My attention has been brought to issues of The Nebraskan of May 18, 21, 22 and to a circular by Mr. Jensen entitled "Congratulations, Mr. Editor," endows its university with these principles. The all containing allusions to my self. I profoundly state university in turn continues to emphasize regret that my name should in any manner be brought into connection with criticisms of the University of Nebraska as under its present adminis-The social side of a democracy manifest in a state tration, where certainly I have no competence to

I do, however, think that I am justified in reof the opportunities offered the youth of this state questing you to publish my denial of two state-

ments in your editorial of May 18, namely, that I In the world of tomorrow the idea of material at any time "demanded" (I quote your word) that conquest has been replaced by the ideal of intel- I be made chairman of a committee for the draftlectual achievement. Fifty years ago any man in- ing of a constitution for the university, and again spired toward adventure and conquering the un- that as a step in reorganization I "wished" the known could "go west." To day the west is gone abolition of the teachers college. Neither of these

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May 30, 1920.

The publication board chose the new members of The Daily Ne-braskan staff. Dean Engberg published the

University Players pre-Shakespeare's "Twelfth

Shakespeare's sented Night.

The Panhellenic board adopted the preferential system of invita-tions for future sorority rushing. 1915.

The military department an-nounced appointments for the coming year. Two Nebraskan reporters were awarded cash prizes for their work during the semester. An eight page "good bye" edi-tion of the Nebraskan was pub-

lished. 1910

Twelve letters were awarded in track and ten in baseball. New captains were elected for both these sports. The university chorus presented

another new school song to the students The English club considered the proposition of publishing a univer-

sity literary magazine. 1905

The university debating board published an intercollegiste debat-ing souvenir, showing Nebraska's successful four year's reord. Six members of the track squad

left for the conference meet at Chicago.

PRAIRIE SCHOONER TO BE DISTRIBUTED SOON

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is one of the promising poets from this state.

Eugene Konecky has written "Buds." Konecky is commercial di-rector of station WOW in Omaha and has been recently chosen edi-tor of "The Sovereign Visitor" of-ficial magazine of the Woodmen of the World Insurance association. "Sonnets" is a contribution of El-izabeth Shaw of New York City. Andrew Weber, a native Omahan and a graduate of the University of Iowa has written "Bargain" a poem. Weber is also college representative for Appleton's.

Doane's Review.

Another poem "Serf" is the product of Margaret E. Haughawout who teaches "Creative Writing" at the Kansas State Teachers college. Fittsburg, Kas. Harold Vinal and Ruth Estelle Shriver have contrib-uted "Excellent Is Spring" and "Prairie Morsels" respectively.

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FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1930

Shriver has lived in Pitts- Paul M. E. church on Sunday, May the year for the organization Sev 23, where the following girls were initiated into membership: Mabel Langdon has written the Pearl Brackidke, Ruth Burman Ella Donaldson, Della Dunbar, Mabel Foster, Gertrude Knie, Thelma Larson, Ruth McCormick, Lela Miller, Imogene Pellatz, Hazei Powell, Elvera Rosane, Dorothy Simons, Mary Shipherd, Mary Swaze, Verna Warnke and Mildred

eral girls are planning to attend the national council of chapters which will be held at Montreat, N. C., from June 14 to 21. Mrs. W. C. Fawell, local sponsor, and several alumnae will also accompany the group.

Mother-"Come, Freddie, and kiss your Aunt Martha." This was the closing event of done nuthin!"-Stray Stories.

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but those who seek new worlds are finding them in statements is true. the spiritual and intellectual fields emphasized and developed in a university.

versity.

The class of 1930 should remember it has this solemn duty to the state which has provided its education when it tramps across the Coliseum platform to receive its sheepskins Commencement day.

BARB PARTIES.

fairs has taken on definite action on the matter, the Barb council is figuring on a series of barb

parties next fall and winter. Some change in the nature of the affairs looms as the result of the past year's experience.

Barbs are insisting on calling the dances barb parties, rather than all-university parties, which they aren't. They plan only to have six instead of seven of the affairs, believing that interest wanes when they come more often. A change in the price of admission is being considered. But no plan to introduce identification cards as admission tickets has as yet met with the favor of the barb group.

The Nebraskan's advocacy of the identification card idea is based on the success of the plan at the agricultural college mixers and on a cursorial examination of the crowd that has attended barb parties the past year. It contends that these paremploying no restrictive measure opens the dances to outsiders who are quick to take advantage of the exceptionally low price the barb council has been able to offer.

Several complaints as to the constituency of the crowd have been voiced during the past semester. They may have been exaggerated but there cer-

When in the spring of 1927 I had decided to present my resignation to the University of Ne-More and more are university graduates consid- braska I was unofficially requested by a member ered leaders of today. Theirs is the duty of per- of the board of regents to present to the president petuating the democratic concepts involved in an of the board a statement of the conditions upon education and the democratic ideals of a state uni- which I might be willing to remain in the university.

In answer to this request I stated these conditions, which were genuinely "conditions" and in no sense 'demands." They did not include nor contemplate the abolition of the teachers college, although they did ask that the matter of the A.B.

degree and the certification of teachers through the ALTHOUGH the faculty committee on student af- college of arts and sciences be submitted to its faculty for the consideration which I believe they had never received from that body.

I also asked to be empowered to select a committee to draw up a provisional constitution for the university, securing certain rights to its faculties (nothing was said about chairmanship), though this was to be in no sense mandatory, but merely for the board's consideration. It was my opinion that this long talked of move could be best made while there was no appointed chancellor. In his quotations as to these matters from letters which

at request I showed him in copy, Mr. Jensen is, I

believe, quite correct. Mr. Jensen is also correct in saying that I did not leave the University of Nebraska for reasons either of salary or title, a fact which my letters made clear. I think, therefore, that I am justified in resenting the repeated implication that an inties should be limited to university students, that crease of salary persuaded me to leave Nebraska. I had served the university for many years with opportunities of this sort open to me, and I think that my stand in favor of a salary scale rather than salary favoritism is sufficiently known. My

letters made this matter clear, also. Claremont, California, May 27, 1930. H. B. ALEXANDER.



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