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On the Toboggan.

Every campus, according to one of the Morning Mail's most ardent contributors, is infected with would-be reformers. These collegiate reds, into which Mr. Goodwin generously initiates the editor, are forever sneaking into insignificant places and causing teapot tempests. They are, we fear, rather bad boys.

Bad boys, naturally, should be chastised vigorously; so Mr. Goodwin takes his pen in hand and jabs us quite painfully. Such is the life of would-be reformers.

"Get the facts straight," commands the contributor. Not a bad idea, Mr. Goodwin. But like most truisms it works both ways—and Mr. Goodwin hasn't practiced his preaching. We did not accuse him of placing athletics first and hence his indignation is unwarranted.

Bootlegging ideas, too, is thrown into the editor's face by the contributor.

"If you will read over the Morning Mail column for Sept. 30 you will find that it was I who recommended that the University of Nebraska extend its job hunting efforts to young men and women who would improve the institution scholastically," raves Mr. Goodwin.

Oh, that we might take from Mr. Goodwin the honor, the glory of having conceived this idea. Unfortunately for us, however, the system has been in operation for several years. Other colleges have even beat Mr. Goodwin to the idea.

"You say that 'students who lack athletic prowess are being pushed out of the picture,' I defy you to prove that," he continues. We must smile at Mr. Goodwin's gallant defiance, for we have no picture.

Seriously, however, it is quite evident that if the only effort made by the university to draw new material here is superintended by the athletic department, then students who are short of athletic ability are not receiving proper attention. Hence, with apologies to Mr. Goodwin, they are being pushed out of the picture.

It is not necessary for us to present proof that the athletic department has converted men from other states to this university. We have no axe to grind with the athletic department. Our objection is to the university's apparent willingness to let that department do all of the promoting.

As for Mr. Rowland's entertaining treatise, we fear that its criticism contains more than a grain of truth. Coaches and athletic departments are placed in an embarrassing position, it is true. They seem to be the victims of an over-sharpened public taste for physical combat.

Probably Mr. Rowland, having been both an athlete and a coach, is better qualified to judge this situation than an unlettered editor. Since he mentions coaches, however, we cite D. X. Bible as our idea of an excellent mentor. He enters into his outlined work with the right spirit—but he does not confine his activity to the football field. He is a good Cornhusker. Why do not faculty members realize that students want them to be loyal Nebraskans outside the classroom? They might enjoy a football rally without branding themselves as misguided pedagogues, padding their canoes along in the glorious wake of athletics.

All in all, athletics seem to be better developed than scholarship from a standpoint of promotion and ambition. That is to be expected, for their work is competitive.

Nebraska is a square school. We feel that athletics are over-emphasized, but the blame for this condition cannot be plastered on the athletic department, the coaching staff or the athletes themselves. Public taste demands athletics—sport writers make little tin gods out of football players. We are on the toboggan of brawn and no athletic department could be expected to step off and let the rest of the world go by.

Since this is true, conscientious effort must be made to bring good students to Nebraska, or this will be a one-sided university.

MORNING MAIL

Mud Slinging.

To the Editor: Every campus, it seems, is infected to a certain degree with would-be reformers. A few which everyone knows and very few pay attention to. As long as you have allied yourself with this radical element, Mr. Editor, there is one favor that I would ask of you. Get the facts straight, so that you will know what you are talking about and not make so many mis-statements. That's fair, isn't it?

I have made no attempt to show that athletes deserve first favor in college. There is no legitimate reason why I should make such an attempt as that. Why even a moron knows the primary essence of a college education, dear Editor, and I am not entertaining any ideas that athletics should ever come before scholarship. However I am certain that athletics

should be a very valuable part of every one's educational training. It keeps the body physically able to keep pace with the mind. Heaven forbid that we should all become book worms with all work and no play.

Again Mr. Editor, it seems as though you have taken some credit upon yourself which you rightfully don't deserve. If you will read over the Morning Mail column for Sept. 30 you will find that it was I who recommended that the University of Nebraska extend its job hunting efforts to young men and women who would improve the institution scholastically.

You say that "students who lack athletic prowess are being pushed out of the picture," I defy you to prove that statement. That also gives us the idea that athletes are not good students. Don't forget Mr. Editor that an athlete must be up in his grades in order to be eligible. If you would enquire of prominent coaches you would find that the good athlete is also the good student. Incidentally not a few athletes have received scholastic honors.

Your only real grievance as to us is that athletes are being found good jobs. What do you consider as the good jobs? Only fifty-six athletes were helped to find jobs this fall. Surely that is a small percentage out of 10,000 students. Surely that is no more than our share of these so called good jobs. So we save our sympathies for you Mr. Editor, it seems as though you are the one that doesn't know what year the War of 1812 happened.

And now for J. K. R. There is only one statement in his reply that I deem of enough significance to answer. Your idea that Nebraska coaches, Nebraska "N" bearers, and alumni have tried to convert athletes from this and other states to enter this institution with the sole purpose of playing on our athletic teams is an extorted and mistaken one. There has been no converting of athletes from other states and you seem to forget that an athlete must study and keep his grades up before he can participate in any sport.

If the student body of this university doesn't want a football team that is their look out. If they do, it is the duty of the athletic department to give them the best teams that they can produce, providing they don't get their material illegitimately, and that hasn't been done.

HAROLD GOODWIN.

Racket.

To the Editor: Just because I attend the University of Nebraska and because I take my meals at one of the Greek houses and because with the morning prunes we receive a copy of The Daily Nebraskan and because the editorial page is sometimes less nauseating than the rest of the sheet; for these reasons I am aware of a verbal combat which has stopped pace encore. And why shouldn't I add to the rubbish that has already been written pro and con.

It seems that it's open season on athletes and coaches hereabouts. Because I have at various times presumed to be each but at present am neither it behooves me to submit my humble and sympathetic observations about my brothers. May no one take offense, for my paragraphs are directed toward no one and I have no school in mind except that it must be some other than the University of Nebraska. For the situation is the same at other places and we may see it better from afar off. So select in your imagination some other college of which you know and you may be sure that I too have it in mind.

Then read my letter for its poetical worth. First of all coaching is not a profession, not even a job. It is only a racket. Any coaching staff nobly tries to elevate their modus operandi to decency and respectability, but neither decency nor respectability may be attained by a coach without difficulty. If he either outright, or secretly, hires players then the moralists will damn him to the depths. As an opposite policy he may refuse to attempt, legitimately or otherwise, to secure promising players. If he does this his team will atrophy and he will be forced to sell insurance, or teach school, or take up aviation, (and many coaches have taken this alternative).

As a further alternative the coach may try in a perfectly respectable manner to secure jobs for his team so they will come to the dear old alma mater that is paying him his ten thousand a year or whatever it is. It is the exceedingly rare coach who will succeed at this approach for an athlete veritably has no time for an outside job and people don't enjoy paying money for labor that is not well done. And too, if a coach or a coaching staff succeed in placing even a few of their proteges then all of the academic wing deride them for emphasizing things baser than Phi Beta Kappa.

If the P. B. K.'s have any brains, which is doubtful, then they should have no trouble in securing more advantageous employment than can be mastered by the alleged dumb athlete. But really the athletes are not dumb. They don't even have low I. Q.'s, whatever that is. They are only mediocre, just as are their fellows, the P. B. K.'s. The reason the athlete seems dumb is due to the fact that our curious American state of affairs throws one who is athletically inclined into an emmeshing situation which ironically inflicts upon him a set of prolonged adolescent roles and attitudes which must be lived and worn constantly 365 days and nights of the year. The difference between the athlete and yourself or myself is that we only put on our sets of adolescent roles and mannerisms on days of the big, glorious, gory combats. Isn't it fun to live out once a week intensively through projection and identification with those wonderful heroes all of the thrills and lofty grandeur of sublime heroism, denied us in our everyday mundane existence.

And the coach is the greatest of all the heroes, and because of this we must condemn him the most severely. For as we identify ourselves with him, we unconsciously condemn ourselves for having made such a presumptuous ego elevation. And to himself the coach is also a Jehovah unknowingly. That is why he may always reach but never grasp. He is destined never to find reality. Then there is the typical faculty idealist from the ranks of the academic cult. The reason the athletic situation chagrins him is because he too is a god whom the masses cease to worship during the heat of battle.

Let me repeat, coaching is only a racket. If the coach tries to make it even a decent racket he will be sorely saddened but he will not know why. Let's lay off of the athletes and coaches. They're to be pitied, not praised or blamed.

HOWARD ROWLAND.

McLean Hall, Established by State Christian Foundation, Furnishes University Home for Non-Greeks

By HOMER DEADMAN.

Last year the Nebraska Christian foundation, organization of Christian churches in Nebraska constituted to carry on religious work among the students of that denomination attending the university, set up and organized a men's student home in the former residence of the late Chancellor Andrews located at 1410 Que street.

The name chosen for the home was McLean hall after Archibald McLean, one of the greatest leaders in the Disciples brotherhood. It was the character of McLean which they sought to exemplify in their own lives. The attempt of the foundation was to furnish a Christian home for non-fraternity men on the university campus.

Furnishes Board and Room. The house is organized and the following men are officers: Curtis Nelson, president; James Hilton, vice president; Ronald Hoffman, secretary and Charles Gray, treasurer. Mrs. Myrtle Martin is house mother. The men are furnished room and board at the hall during the school year. The dormitory plan is used for sleeping and the third floor is devoted to this. The second floor is used for study and dressing rooms and the first floor contains the house mother's rooms and the living rooms and dining hall for the boys.

The house is entirely democratic, that is, every non-fraternity man is welcome to live in the house as long as he abides by the constitution, by-laws and traditions of the hall. The hall sets up no denominational barriers although it is expected that the students take some part in the religious life of the university and the university churches.

Dr. Hunt Directs Work. Dr. Ray E. Hunt of the First Christian church directs the work of the foundation and interests himself in the life of the hall. Homer R. Deadman, student worker for the foundation, lives in the hall and is responsible for the membership. The hall is always open to visitors and any men who might be interested are invited to come to it.

The house has a full social program of parties and dinners during the school year. The membership of the hall is thirty-five and other men are invited to join. The hall represents another effort being made on the university campus to solve the housing problem for non-fraternity men. McLean hall desires to cooperate with the university and the student organizations to the fullest extent.

men, Herschel Lamme, Verne Place, Bill Carrs. Staff secretary for the coming year is Virginia Hunt.

The following were selected for general editorial service: Helen Jean Morrow, Katharine Oury, Otto Kotouc, Louis E. Miller, Eleanor Byers, Hillard DeMaris, Gretchen Bightol, John Ralph and Mary C. Sutton.

Those who were selected for typists are: Jean Lipton, Zorinda Alexander, Alice Pedley, Gladys

INNOCENTS CALL FOR MORE CARS FOR RECEPTION (Continued from Page 1.) on, president of the Texas school.

Surprise Promised. The tour will show the visitors the city agriculture campus, the residential section of Lincoln, and the state capitol. Arrangements have been made for a short reception at the college of agriculture where something of a surprise has been promised by those in charge.

The tour which will close the reception will end at 3:15. A big pep rally will be held on the drill grounds in the evening.

The Corn Cobs will assist as hosts in getting accommodations for each visitor.

NEW CORNHUSKER STAFF SELECTED TO MANAGE BOOK (Continued from Page 1.)

named as follows: Society editor, Ruth Schill; studio editor, Gretchen Fee; military editor, Claude Gillespie; athletic editor, Ralph Rodgers; administration editor, Carl Beckman.

The following students will serve on the business staff of this year's annual: assistant manager, E. C. Edmonds; assistant business managers, Frank Gue and Russell Mousel.

Circulation managers: Bob Lackey, Ray Baumann and Bill Crabill.

Business assistants: Charles Skande, Verne Weller, Leo Skalowsky, Morris Treat, Chalmers Graham, William Eddy, William Tw-

Maec McCormick, Virginia Jones, Hester Hunt, Paul Miller, Ruth Ann Rhamey and Ruth Byerly.

GEORGE ROUND TO ASSIST LUX WITH EXTENSION WORK

George Round, Jr., junior at the agricultural college, of Ord, will again assist Edith Lux, extension editor in writing up college news this year, according to information given out from Lux's office at the college today. This will be the second year Round has worked in the extension editor's office.

Last year Merlin Matske was also employed in the extension editor's office but now is assistant editor on the Nebraska Farmer at Lincoln. He graduated last spring. Round has had considerable ex-

perience in the journalism field, having edited a sport and agricultural page on the Ord Quiz for the past two years. He is continuing his work with the Quiz during the school year.

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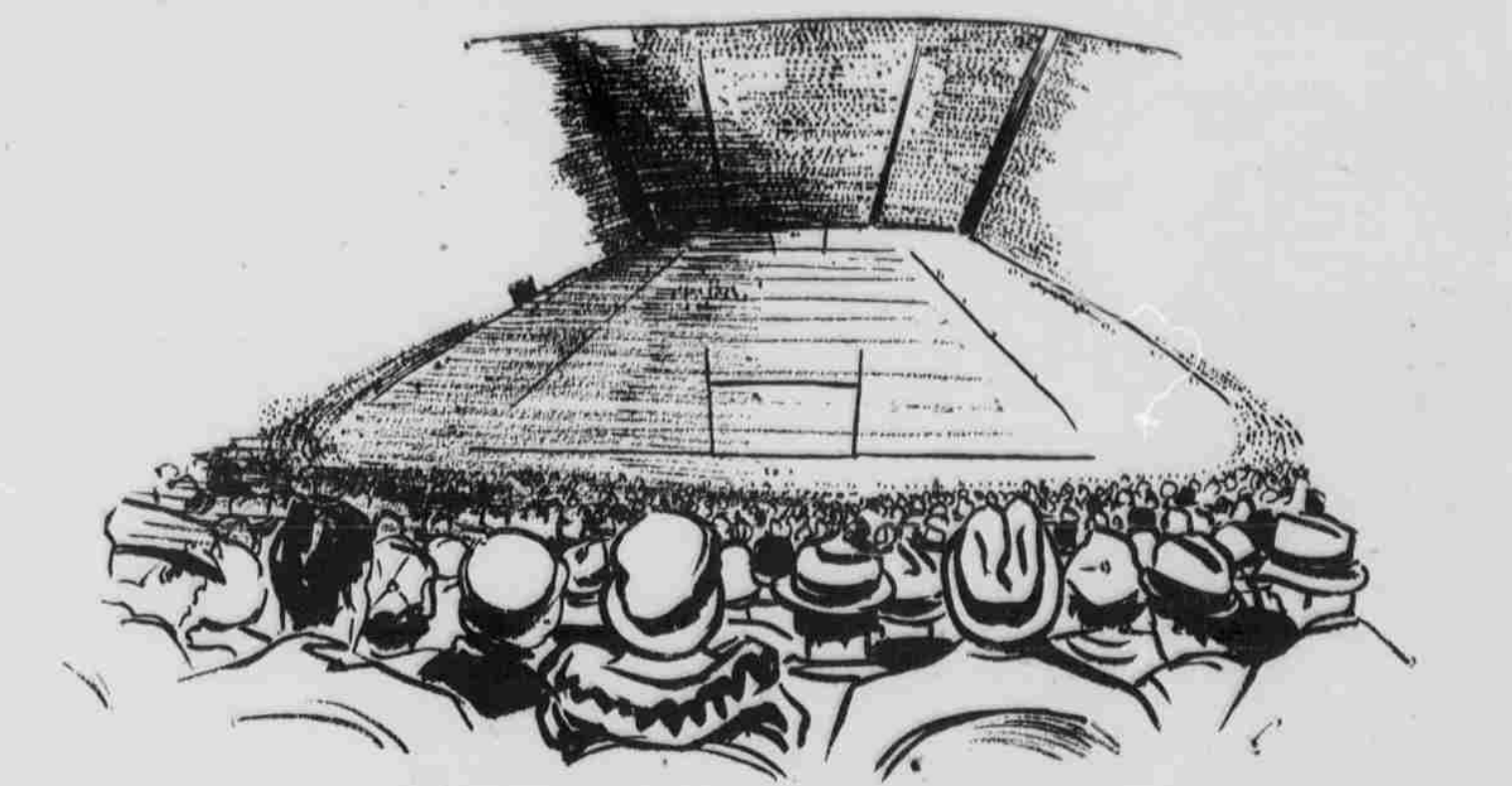
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