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Education Is the Big Idea.

Thousands of young men and women wander into colleges each fall. Every spring, thousands stray out with diplomas clutched frantically in their hands. Some are decently educated while others have trickled through the cultural battlements and emerge without any intellectual development.

Bringing the situation into our own front door, we find a mass of youths milling around in the University of Nebraska. Many of these students, so called, are doing something definite to exercise and develop their intellects.

What can be done? It is quite impossible to impress upon every mother's son or daughter the intrinsic value of education. They cannot understand, for they relate education too closely to college.

Quarterly reports floated out of the dean's office last week. Far too many of these delinquent notices were issued, for instructors are rather generous in their judgment of the first quarter's work.

Oh, that we might rid this institution of the blase, sophisticated, lazy, parasitical youths who thrust their unwelcome presence upon us! We refer to the jelly spined, cake eaters who do just enough work to get by; the batty brained coeds who try to steal an educational label by working their charms overtime; the hodge podge of unambitious, dishonest, cribbing, cheating bloodsuckers who snap at the ankles of any collegiate institution.

Fraternities have a golden opportunity to help. Most of the Greek tongs, however, are satisfied to shoulder the burden of a few drones just to keep up the social rating. They impose slight fines upon their delinquent brothers, but take no forcible steps to remedy the situation.

The scholastic average of fraternity men is slipping. The fraternity system is not at fault, but certain groups which comprise this vast organization are blemishes on the surface of brotherhood. Through their failure to encourage study they are waging a battle with the fundamental purpose of the institutions which gave them birth.

Unless these Grecian gods forget the dating, caking, card playing and loafing to indulge in some old fashioned study, they will suck the fraternity system into the pit of their deformity.

Cheating and cribbing are dirty practices. Loafing is disgraceful. Those who smile indulgently at Brother Plupps, "who hasn't cracked a book all quarter, but is getting by on drag and personality," should be unceremoniously booted into the collegiate trash pile.

We need a rally for education more than football demonstrations. You believe this talk about natural gas escaping around the campus? Why—that's just aroma.

Out of the Smoke Came a Little Sunbeam. Snoke not, little coed, "on the premises of sorority houses or dormitories," is the substance of a rule concerning coed conduct.

Several prominent students were interviewed about the above rule by Nebraskan reporters this week in an attempt to seek out true student opinion concerning the subject. Most coeds, in case the reader is not acquainted with the gentle creatures, are afraid to voice their views. We do not blame them too much, but resent this lack of spinal strength.

expresses her belief that the smoking fad is too new. She prefers to wait until it is firmly established, then spring it on the unsuspecting public. She also thinks that few students are interested in the matter and that a small percentage of coeds smoke. Perhaps she has not visited a certain coffee shop near the campus between classes; maybe she has not seen little sparks falling from fire escapes, red flashes from benches and driveways.

The Nebraskan has taken it information from observations. We sincerely believe that it would be more beneficial to everyone concerned, from a health angle, if coed smoking were completely abolished. Since this move is impossible, we prefer to have coeds recognize the condition and provide for it. We hate to see a university or sorority encouraging sham and deceit on the part of young women.

We believe that the smoking matter should be left entirely to the discretion of individual sororities and dormitories. Some would allow smoking and others would forbid it. Will the A. W. S. board kindly take one stand or another before we run out of adjectives?

Lots of pledges get warmed up, but few get in the game. Some fraternity house meals would look better in Morrill hall museum.

A Tragedy Of Deepest Hue.

We find Alonzo Tipper entering the great old University of Nebraska. He has attended another university for a year, but when the family threw its household goods into the rumble seat and moved to Nebraska, Alonzo was pleased and proud to change to the Cornhusker school.

Alonzo is intelligent and ambitious. He has thirty some credit hours and is fired with enthusiasm to become a regulation, hands down Cornhusker. Activities he considers splendid assets to college education; so he gallops into the office of a university publication.

A semester rolls by. Alonzo is thrilled with his work and, having served in minor jobs for half a term, he is sparing for a chance at a real position on the publication. Alas; poor Alonzo. The staff heads are strong for him, realizing that he has splendid opportunities, necessary talent, high scholarship. He would, they believe, be an invaluable addition to the staff. But he is ineligible.

Alonzo, we repeat, is ineligible. He has more than forty college hours and has carried sixteen in the University of Nebraska. He is far from delinquent. But the good old Cornhusker rule which prohibits those with less than twenty-seven hours in THIS SCHOOL throtles him.

The publication staff signs and appoints an unqualified but violently eligible man in his place. Alonzo is griped at the eligibility rule. So are we. The average college man's income is about 3 o'clock in the morning.

Texas Longhorn suggests the following sign for fraternity houses: No Peddlers or Dry Agents Allowed.

MORNING MAIL Cool Off.

TO THE EDITOR: Constructive interest in student affairs is a fine thing. And it is perfectly O. K. if some of the self-appointed trumpets persist in faking a note occasionally—it serves to pep up the ensemble. Now, perhaps it would be constructive to suggest that some of the indignant radicals and conservatives should lock themselves in a shower room, tie the key to a dog chasing a cat out of the window, and apply the liquid ice before bombarding the university at large.

"I see by the paper" that Boulder freshmen are made to adhere rigidly to campus tradition, on pain of a ducking in the icy waters of a lake. That is only one side of it. For strict enforcement of freshman tradition, the Boulder freshmen were once run out of chapel en masse and paddled by every athlete in school with the result of broken bones and very severe bruises. This demonstration to enforce the green cap tradition was a direct result of a radical idealization of the freshman tradition.

If that is a balanced manner of approach then the Prince of Wales never sustained black and blue marks on his hips. Perhaps the Innocents, who are enjoying prestige by alleged ability, realize that it takes time to approach problems sanely and with regard to their relative importance in the scheme of our college world.

Now for the radical conservative, in regard to the coed smoking problem. He signs, "yours for a constructive paper," and then proceeds to give only one side of the question and pan everybody else. In defense of his stand it might be wise to refer his readers to authorities on the physiological evils of confirmed smokers of the female sex. Doubt very much if he has to worry about marrying a girl who smokes even if he gave the girl a big break and was willing to be led to the altar.

Mr. "Disgusted" athlete, sports in a university foster the spirit of co-operation as demonstrated by rallies. If the spontaneity which is such a large component part of such spirit suffers a temporary letdown, perhaps it is partly the fault of the source. At any rate, there is little to be gained by slapping faces; this spirit in itself is just a big happy child—discount the joy, and what have you? It can't be done any more than a cheer leader can get yells from a crowd by bawling them out. This is just a plea for some ardent, well meaning individuals to back into a snow bank and view their college world from a cooler distance. Then, after so doing, let them heave their constructive snowballs. Maybe then the missiles would break the boils rather than cause a fresh unnecessary batch. So saying, I don the coonskin coat, wrap it closely about the face, pull the hat down over the eyes, and hope I can cultivate the art of walking backward about the campus, meanwhile praying that Philo Vance has retired from the game. Love and Kisses. K. B.

Courtesy to Chaperones Stressed in Communication to Societies on Campus By Student Affairs Office

Courtesy to chaperones is the theme of a letter recently sent to university student organizations. The letter, which originated in Dean T. J. Thompson's office, stresses the fact that party chaperones are for the mutual benefit of the organization and university.

Warm friendships may be found through association of chaperones and members of a society, according to the letter. Furthermore, the hospitality of guest to host should be emphasized, says the dean.

The letter follows: "It has often been difficult for organizations to secure faculty sponsorship for their social occasions. There appear to be a number of reasons for this condition. Among them may be mentioned the fact that the sponsorship has often failed to be placed on the proper basis by a few student organizations; in fact, in some cases the faculty members have come to feel that their presence at these affairs is not desired, and therefore they have refused to take any interest in them.

"The matter has been considered by the University senate committee on student organizations and social functions, looking toward securing a greater interest of faculty members in student social affairs. As a result a number of queries have been raised, a few among them being the following:

1. "Do students and student organizations realize that sponsors are present at social affairs for the mutual benefit of the organization and the university because the social custom demands that sponsoring be present where there is intermingling of unmarried young men and young women at such functions?"

2. "Do students realize that through these social affairs they have a very splendid opportunity to form warm friendships with faculty members that may be of lasting benefit?"

3. "Do students realize that faculty members who act as sponsors are their guests and that the relationship of guest to host, throughout the history of civilization, has always been on the highest and finest plane possible and that no human social relationship approaches it in the demand it makes, especially upon the host."

"Having raised these queries and believing that the faculty members will be the more easily persuaded to act as sponsors if the relationship of host to guest is exemplified in the courtesy extended them, the committee makes the following suggestions only as an indication of what may be done in this respect:

1. "The organization should make sure that its sponsors have a comfortable way of reaching and returning from the place of the social affair."

2. "An effort should be made by the group to see that sponsors are not left entirely by themselves, either by having members of their own group with them or inviting others with whom the sponsors are acquainted."

3. "Sponsors should not be embarrassed by the action or conduct of the members of the organization or of guests."

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5. "Finally, taken altogether everything should be done to make your sponsors and guests comfortable and to make them feel as you would wish them to feel in your own home."

"In conclusion, it is believed that if the suggestions herein incorporated are borne in mind, little if any difficulty will be occasioned in securing sponsors."

(Signed) DEAN T. J. THOMPSON.

BARBS MAKE BETTER GRADES THAN GREEKS

Non-Fraternity Scholarship Higher Than Affiliated In Kansas Report.

MANHATTAN, Kas.—Non-fraternally students in a ke better grades than those affiliated with organizations if the report issued by the department of education at Kansas State can be taken as a true example of the kinds of grades made here. The report was taken from a master's thesis prepared by Bessie Geffert in 1930.

Names of all fraternity and sorority students of the year of 1927-28 were secured. With each was matched a non-fraternity student of the same rank in the freshmen intelligence test, the same sex, the same classification, and the same division. All grades were then secured from the registrar's office for both groups for the school year of 1927-28. As a check, grades were also secured for those in the division of agriculture and home economics for the year of 1928-29.

When the comparison was made by Miss Geffert between grades of each group, it was found in all but one case the non-fraternity students excelled in scholarship. The one exception was in the second semester sophomore year in the agricultural division.

TEACHER SAYS O. HENRY HAD YELLOW STREAK

NEW YORK.—(IP)—That William S. Porter, who wrote under the pen name, O. Henry, was known to have a "yellow streak," is the statement made here recently by Miss Blanche Colton Williams, head of the English department at Hunter college, who is a short story critic and who annually conducts the O. Henry Memorial Short Story contest.

PULVERIZED IOWA COAL IS FAVORED BY COLLEGE PROF

AMES, Iowa.—Pulverized Iowa coals are recommended by Earl B. Smith, research professor of mechanical engineering, at Iowa state college, who has just published a bulletin of the Engineering Experiment station which reports the results obtained by Iowa plants using pulverized fuel.

Professor Smith says, "On the basis of actual operation, Iowa coals, when burned in pulverized form, may be depended upon for efficient and reliable generation of heat and power."

His conclusions are based upon a study of 21 plants in or near Iowa which are operating pulverized coal equipment. Special tests were run at certain plants including the state capitol heating plant at Des Moines.

Five thousand delegates will represent half of the teachers in the world at the convention of the World Federation of Education associations, to be held at Denver, Colo., in July 1931. These delegates will come from sixty nations and from all the races of the world.

Russell Declares Men Losing Their Paternal Instinct

NEW YORK.—(IP)—Writing in the Parents' Magazine, Bertrand Russell, British philosopher, declared that men are losing ground in their paternal instinct.

In old times, Russell argued, men wanted children to protect them in their old age, to carry on their name and to possess them for their own sakes.

Now, he said, old people are protected by police, families move about from town to town and lose the urge to carry on their own line, and men are regarding marriage less seriously, so that the sense of possession is lacking.

IOWANS JAILED AFTER CRASHING GATE OF THEATER

IOWA CITY, Ia.—Three hours in the Iowa City jail was the admission price paid by six University of Iowa students who were arrested after crashing the gate of a local theater along with approximately 300 colleagues.

The mob entered the theater after the pep demonstration last night, but their ardor was cooled after the session in the jug. The sextet was released when no charges were filed against them.

WELLS EXPECTS NEAR EAST WAR WITHIN DECADE

LONDON, Eng.—(IP)—That another war will break out in the near east within a decade is the belief of H. G. Wells, well known English author and historian.

Speaking at a conference on "The Strategy of Peace" Wells said: "Now is the time for men and women to organize and to tell their governments that if the governments want war, they can count them out."

Wells is of the opinion that a memory of the horrors of the last war will influence people from entering one.

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FLIES DISLIKE YELLOW. Favor White Light

NEW YORK.—(IP)—That the common house fly has preference for white light and he will not go near a room where there is a yellow light, has been discovered by scientists.

A firm of jam manufacturers in England first noticed the fact when they found flies, attracted to a room where jam was stored stayed outside the room in the corridors when yellow panes were placed in the room's windows, and that when yellow glass as put in the corridors, the flies left altogether.

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"Come, my friends, 'Tis not too late to seek a newer world, Push off, and sitting well in order smite The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds To sail beyond the sunset . . . till I die . . . To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Halliburton, you make manna-taught schools a bitter potion, and who hasn't felt the urge to slip away. The world is so full of methodical things, so full of moral obligations, and duties to fulfill. If you have a father you're to make him proud of you. If there is a business, you are to carry on. Is life intended thus to make us hinge on one another? If you drift away from your moorings, to roam and breathe the air of another land, you are quite likely to be termed worthless, and a "good-for-nothing."

Just that has proved the chain in many an instance. It must be so for the world is full of stay-at-homes. Hungry souls longing for the open, for new vistas, and new friends. But society holds them back, this great world of conventions engulfs them. Their gallions turn to houseboats.

But the feeling, the desire remains. If you have ever wandered along the waterfront of a harbor city you know what it is. You can smell it in the salt spume from the bay. You can hear it gurgling about in the dirty bilge water of a steamer's hold. It lingers in every hoarse note of the plodding, rusty tramp. The rotting quay timbers give it back, and the tar barrels—they have it, too. It comes up with the breeze, it comes in with the tide. You can't resist it, for it grips you and pulls you out, out—out and away. School, friends, business—nothing matters. You have a rendezvous to keep. Where? No one knows. With whom? No one knows that, either.

We read so much about great men and their philosophies of life

that it is almost impossible to formulate a philosophy of one's own. But these great men, these recognized leaders, make their conduct of life too complicated. There is too much pattern, not enough freedom. Everything is a la blue print, with squares, angles, degrees and boundaries. What a waste of thought. It's too painful to be methodical, and besides, in being methodical one knows exactly what is going to happen.

No doubt there are a great number of philosophies of life waiting to be adopted. Everybody could have one and some to spare. But made to order philosophies would never do. In time you would get to be a great man. We have too many great men right now. But if you are a convert of Halliburton's your philosophy will come easily. Your essence is a single sentence—"A new day, a new world."

Berkeley, St. Paul Are Classified as U. S. Art Centers

BERKELEY, Cal.—There are only two centers of culture in the entire United States and this campus is one of them.

That is the opinion expressed by Hans Hofmann, director of the Hofmann Art school in Munich, Germany, in an article on "Art in America," appearing in the Art Digest. During the summer just closed Hofmann was on the faculty of the university, and he has also traveled extensively throughout America.

"There are in America today two cultural centers," he said in part, "which are the gathering places of an endeavor seeking to create and further unfold an art which is, qualitatively, in feeling and sensitivity a specific expression of American life.

"These centers are the University of California, the art department of which is dominated by an extraordinary fine spirit; and the small art school in St. Paul which is of the highest artistic significance. Together with the University of Minnesota it represents the cultural center of the middle United States."

He goes on to condemn the lack of interest in artistic expression here and to suggest that our government, with its vast resources, might do more to encourage it, as in Germany where funds are set aside to purchase works of art and to assist worthy artists.

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