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Just One Of Those Days.

This is a bad day—an "off" day for us. The Student council came to life and moved to submit their new constitution to the faculty committee with the specific clause giving them power to decide questions of student eligibility left in the document.

Another thing—the last straw—the council has appointed a committee to consider prospects of raising money for a student union building. We were busy cherishing a secret desire deep down within us that nobody would do anything about the project.

Furthermore, the committee on military science, compulsory or elective, is beginning to function.

Of course, campus politicians seized immediately upon our wee bit of agitation for a union building to declare resoundingly that "Empty Lump Faction" would fight to the last dirty ditch to push the building project through.

Then, too, the Prom committee members are submitting to the Student council all information available on orchestras, decorations bids, and so on, before they so much as wiggle their fingers in anticipation of signing on any dotted lines.

Even the Innocents are planning something or other. This is remarkable. It is terrible. Is there nothing we can attack?

Of course, we might oil up our guns and raid the administration for parking relief. But we know it would do no good; or even coathooks for classrooms might help; however, we vaguely remember seeing that tried, too, once before.

Then, again, we might pester the chancellor about dormitories, or about the unreasonable exclusion of tobacco advertising from university publications—a source of much profit to magazines and papers of other colleges.

One last request: Will some considerate soul please publish another Fire and Sword?

More than 9,847,652 critics are firmly convinced that the American co-educational university is nothing more than a matrimonial agency. Wouldn't it be better for all of us to get married immediately, rather than make 9,847,652 men liars?

One consolation to the council members. Even if they do get their new constitution off their minds for good and all, they can take up the remaining meetings of the term discussing prospective by-laws.

Down With The Working Class!

Two contributors comment today on the present system of granting tuition scholarships. One says the procedure is too standardized. The other says the procedure is not sufficiently uniform. The point of difference, as we see it, is this: shall scholarships be granted for high grades; or shall they be given to students who need the money?

At present, both classes are considered, the major emphasis being of making the awards. There is, however, one thing that stands out clearly. Working students cannot make as high averages as those who have no outside duties to perform. The question, then, is this: Shall we give every factor of advantage we can to students who need money?

In a late issue of College Humor, Prof. Henry Morton Robinson creates quite a stir by denouncing all working students. He calls them, as a class, very poor students: "The majority of men working their way through school seem to think that they are conferring a favor upon society, and are extremely boisterous in their demands."

He concludes with this somewhat unique proposal: "The first step in revision of our tangled educational system should be the ruthless who comes to college with 'nerve' and no money."

At the University of Nebraska, nearly fifty per cent of the male students earn at least a part of their way through college. Shall we do away with this group, as Professor Robinson suggests? A contributor, Leonard Jacobson, cries out against "this injustice."

Front row dozers, says Mr. Jacobson, are not always, nor even frequently, students who work at some lucrative task or other.

"The odds are all in favor of the theory that the classroom sleepers are the boys who have

plenty of money, and who spend their evenings on some 'spree' or other, or driving until the wee hours of the morning in an expensive automobile supplied them by parents.

"It is admittedly true that many of those who fail in college have had every advantage placed at their command, without working for it. Witness those who sleep through classes, and drape the davenport smoking cigarettes, instead of working at a job; those who eke all their extra time and subsidized income away, rather than spend a little time in study.

"In fairness, though, it must be admitted that all too often work is used as a flimsy excuse to slide out of preparing class assignments.

"The academic parasites, however, which every institution tries to eject are never charged to be working students. The complaints have been of an entirely different class—those well supplied with money, automobiles, social position, and special privileges, who have come to college to enjoy themselves rather than to obtain an education."

Professor Robinson, we believe, has gone off "half-cocked." Mr. Jacobson, we believe, realizing the injustices of the instructor's statement, has promptly gone to the other extreme.

We are firmly convinced that many students at Nebraska who are forced to work their way take advantage of this fact. They slide out of assignments, and appeal to the sympathy of the instructors. "Look at me—I have to work awfully hard to try to get an education," they say. The fact remains, though, that they are not getting an education. Far from it.

The ideal adjustment of tuition scholarships, then, as we see it, would be to grant awards to those who need money—and then force them to cut down on the hours of outside employment. The scholarships should enable them to "get by" on fewer hours outside employment. Thus they might possibly have more time to study, and approximate the process of getting a real education.

Students who do not need money should be left out entirely from the list of tuition scholarships. A Phi Beta Kappa key should be prize enough to a wealthy student. Payment of his fees by the administration means little, financially, to such a man.

We realize there are many "betwixt and between" in this arbitrary classification. It would be the job of the scholarship committee to differentiate in the best way it could in every doubtful case. It would be a difficult task, we admit. But either try it or give up the system of awards entirely.

Great indignation among male students of Morningside college, Sioux City, when coeds appeared for breakfast clad in their pajamas. These men!

We see by the papers Colorado students are taking out insurance policies against being called upon for classroom recitations.

University of Illinois staged an interfraternity snowball fight recently. Seventy-five windows broken. Sigma Phi Sigmas, behind twenty shattered panes, repelled an attack with B. B. guns. Even the governor condescends to an air-pressure attack at times; it's pretty effective.

Cincinnati university has a new "bumming room," according to press reports. The purpose of the room, it is said, is to provide a place for students to loaf and talk—something like a classroom, says the Notre Dame Scholastic.

A class in rest and relaxation has been instituted at Barnard college. The more a person sleeps in class the better grade she gets. We have always had these classes at Nebraska, in any number of departments.

Dean Lyman reports a student complaining of acute insomnia. It seems he keeps waking up every few days or so.

MORNING MAIL

Unfair Scholarship Awards.

TO THE EDITOR: The necessity for a certain standard type of requirement for the granting of tuition scholarships at Nebraska seems to be taken for granted in the extreme. As a matter of fact, it is very discouraging to a student who honestly tries to make something of a scholastic nature of his university career to discover that a job is the prime requisite for needed financial help.

It is hardly reasonable to refuse this help to a student simply on the grounds of non-self support. Consideration is due the person who gives up outside work for 18 truly hard-earned hours; and this does not imply that a scholarship is merely a prize. On the contrary, less standardization of the giving of scholarships should be an improvement. S. R.

On the Other Hand.

TO THE EDITOR: Tuition scholarships might just as well be called the Nebraska farce. This may be ridiculed as sour grapes, yet none the less it contains the elements of truth. We are told that these scholarships are to be granted on two bases: Financial need, and scholarship, with most of the emphasis on financial need.

This statement is obviously inconsistent with the recent selections of the committee. One man who does no outside work, can afford to take a long trip home almost every week end, is supported by his parents, pays fraternity dues, and gets a scholarship. His fraternity dues alone more than equal the amount he would pay as fees, for both semesters. True, his average is in the nineties, and you may say such earnest application to his studies should be rewarded.

Yet the man who works four to six hours a day is denied a scholarship. Give him those four to six hours to spend on his homework, and he too could have an average in the nineties. The above instance is but one of many such cases. Let us have done with this farce, and definitely state whether grades or need is the basis of a ward. If the committee admits it cannot fully and truthfully determine the financial need of the applicants, let it say so publicly, and abolish the present contradictory system. A. G. W.

Deaf and Dumb Native Englishman In University Employ for 25 Years Cites Experiences, Displays Models

By MARVIN SCHMID.

Seated behind a workbench, neatly arranged with tools and intricate parts of machines, in his workroom of Brace laboratory, John M. Chawins, silver-haired, smiling-visage old gentleman, who has never been able to speak or hear, over his gold-rimmed spectacles, recalls how he has spent his working hours for the past twenty-five years. Working for the university

Mr. Chawins has usually been accompanied by his wife and some friends in his later journeys. Football Was Sole Sport. "Upon first coming to the university there was only one type of sport. That was football," he said. He stated that he very rarely missed a game until the last few years. When questioned about his failure to attend them at present, he said, "No, it isn't because I don't enjoy them, but I'm getting too old."

Second only to traveling, Mr. Chawins enjoys constructing models of many types of machinery and buildings. In his laboratory in the physics building he has two prized possessions, two miniature steam engines which he made over thirty years ago. These took him more than two years to finish. However, he only worked evenings.

Makes Engine Models. Upon expressing great enthusiasm and interest over these truly remarkable models, he said, "I could make much better ones now." When asked if in his travels he found any place he would rather live than in Nebraska, he replied, "Wyoming has its great Yellowstone park, Colorado its many scenic spots, and Canada has its light wines and beers (and maybe more) but none of these attributes are sufficient to induce me to leave the old home state."

LOOSE THREADS

By Gene McKim

Today is the one hundred and twenty-second anniversary of the birth of one of the greatest of Americans—Abraham Lincoln. Much has already been written and said about Mr. Lincoln, and his services to this country. Many of us, however, tend to forget such anniversaries. In the whirl of college life, students are not prone to give such occasions much more than a passing thought.

Perhaps it would be well if people would pause a moment and contemplate the things for which Mr. Lincoln stood, and for which he is revered today.

Probably one of the things about his career which made him such an example to the peoples of all nations was his ability to succeed in the face of seemingly insurmountable difficulties, and having attained that success to still keep his deep appreciation and sympathy for mankind.

Another birthday which is honored by the citizens of this country is that of Washington, the anniversary of which occurs in ten days. Washington is an example of

that a man whose education came to him solely by his own effort, whose life began in a log cabin and finally took him to the white house, could have been what this modern author has portrayed him?"

Is it not possible that the traditions which accumulate about the names of such heroes serve a good purpose, be they true or idealized? At least they serve as ideals to the youth of the land, and what better ones could a country choose than those attributed to Washington or Lincoln?

In his recommendations to the present legislature, Governor Bryan recommended that the appropriations for tuberculosis eradication in livestock be discontinued.

In his desire to save money for the tax payers of the state the governor has evidently lost sight of the fact that such a move would soon mean the destruction of work and money already expended by the state in that direction.

Milk, beef and pork, are three of the largest sources of food supply used. The use of milk among children is particularly invaluable.

To have that source of food contaminated by tuberculosis, in the light of all modern science has disclosed regarding the value of state inspection of livestock, in the eradication of the disease, would indeed be endangering the health of the state in a needless manner.

Statistics gathered by the Daily Journal Stockman show that \$227,000 has been saved on the

Omaha market in 1930 because of the reduction of tuberculosis and that since 1922, when the work first began, the percentage of tubercular hogs received at that market dropped from 16.6 to 8 per cent.

In 1922, 2 1-2 percent of all cattle tested reacted while in 1930 the percentage had been cut to .06. Economy is all right when it does not endanger the health of the public, and when it will not lead to greater expenditures at a later date. When, however, it does this, it certainly cannot be considered as a wise move.

Liquor was confiscated recently in five fraternity houses at the University of Michigan, in what was termed the most extensive raid ever conducted on that campus by Ann Arbor police.

Warrants charging disorderly conduct were issued for several of the students involved.

No doubt this action will be a bit rough on the students and individuals but the chances are very good that fraternities on that campus will be a bit cautious about breaking the eighteenth amendment in the near future.

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