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Strong Language

"Highest and Best American Ideals."
"Subtle propaganda, undermining our government."
"Indifferent and self-centered public."
"Schools, churches, Y. M. C. A.'s, women's clubs, teachers' association, the press, labor unions, political parties—all mediums to spread communistic propaganda."

We make no comment, other than to point out the rather energetic methods of attack used by defenders of our military system.

Seniors, Attention!

The senior class will soon be graduated, shoved rudely into the somewhat degrading task of looking for jobs. Not positions, necessarily, but plain ordinary jobs.

Where does the average college graduate go to find work? Where should he go?

Unemployment is one of the most difficult problems facing the United States at the present time. Says Will Rogers, "If George Washington came back and found seven million unemployed, he'd sue us for calling him the father of a country like this."

Will Rogers' humor is distinctive for the grain of truth it invariably possesses. Something is wrong when that many people are in the streets looking for work.

At this opportune moment, along come Powers Hapgood and Karl Borders, both quite well acquainted with conditions in American industries, to tell us just what has gone wrong, and, in addition, what should be done to remedy the evils of the situation.

At the very serious risk of laying ourselves open to charges of "communism," "communist," which seem to be directed at almost everyone of late, we congratulate the Y. W. C. A. It has done excellent work in bringing the noted speakers for the coming conference.

Students are not inclined to take seriously anything outside their classes and their recreation. They are not interested in national affairs, nor in anything that transpires in the outside world. But Nebraska seniors, at least, should be more or less vitally interested in the question of employment.

We realize that no immediate cure for unemployment can be advanced. The causes for such a condition are bound to be far-reaching and underlying. The road back to prosperity will be long and tiresome. But perhaps seniors will not think of this, and will attend merely to learn "how to get a job" after graduation.

Whatever student reasons for attendance may be, we hope the undergraduates do attend. They will learn something. They can't help it!

A little necking does no normal, healthy girl any harm, says H. L. Mencken. Will someone please secure his services for lectures in Ellen Smith hall?

Ramsay Will Speak. Students like to listen to Ray Ramsay, the alumni secretary, when he arises to speak in any cause whatsoever. He is a drawing card.

For this reason, we hope all seniors will gather in the Social Sciences auditorium to-morrow-morning at 11 o'clock. Whatever Mr. Ramsay's topic, the class meeting will be an interesting one.

Dean Thompson has seen fit to excuse seniors from classes during the hour scheduled. Posters have been circulated, advertising the meeting. The attendance should be very fair. Years ago students wanted to do things. They desired action. Class meetings were frequent, and even results, the aim of the meetings, were sometimes attained. Today class meetings are called on but rare occasions. They accomplish nothing. There is no class spirit, and as a result no school spirit, to speak of.

do. It may engender a bit of spirit. Students might even wake up a bit, and take an increasing interest in the affairs of their college.

Haven't heard much news recently of the Student council military science committee. Maybe the communists are busy grooming the members for their coming act before the board of regents.

Wouldn't it be terrible if all the seniors gathered to hear Ramsay give a funny speech, and then he turned around and got serious?

MORNING MAIL

'Communist Mediums.'

TO THE EDITOR: Once again the question of compulsory military drill at our state university is a topic of discussion. Colonel Oury, commandant of the school, is being severely criticized by some of our ministers and editors over the statement he made in regard to communistic activities in some of our church organizations.

It is rather hard to make an indifferent and self-centered public realize that schools, Y. M. C. A.'s, churches, women's clubs, teachers' associations, the press and numerous other agencies (I wish here also to mention the labor unions and political parties), are being used by the communists as mediums through which they advance the theory of their plan of a supposedly Utopian government.

Thousands upon thousands of dollars are being spent annually in this country to carry forward the message of communism. Certainly we must admit wherever good pay is involved there one can also find willing workers to spread the message.

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When these questions are cleared up we will have to admit Colonel Oury is stating facts and should be asked to tell more about the activities of these fanatics instead of condemning him for giving us some timely warnings.

One of the purposes for which our government is dedicated, is to PROVIDE FOR THE COMMON DEFENSE. Nebraska is doing her share along this line by requiring her university students to take a course in military science. Every student who accepts an education from the state owes the state a lifetime debt of gratitude for the opportunities he has accepted. Certainly a little military knowledge is a small price to pay in return. Let those who do not believe in our military requirements go elsewhere. A. A. MISEGADIS, Talmage, Neb.

'Save Our Government.'

TO COLONEL OURY: (Reprinted by permission) I have read with a great deal of interest your fine discussion of the present status of the military department, and also the remarks of William T. McCleery, editor of The Daily Nebraskan.

The line of argument presented by the underclassmen reflects the results of a subtle propaganda that has been going on in our leading colleges and universities since the war, and is apparently just now beginning to get results in expression from those to whom the propaganda has been imparted.

They will argue, to keep us from attacking their work, that there is not enough of this taught to hurt anyone. However, when the vast majority of a student council will express itself in the manner that it apparently has, it is a question as to just how much is really being accomplished.

Stay with your fine work, Colonel, keep up the department to full strength, weed out from our instructors those detrimental to our Highest and Best American Ideals, and preserve for future generations this government of ours for which our forefathers and our buddies have fought and died. FRANK W. BEISER, '23.

That Vacancy Again.

TO THE EDITOR: Considerable discussion has been aroused over appointment of a person to fill the senior vacancy on the publications board. It has been suggested that it is unnecessary to fill the vacancy, letting it ride until next spring, when a new member could be selected at the regular spring elections.

This is a mistake. If the senior is valuable during the first semester, he certainly is during the second. Because of appointments which may come up before the spring elections, it is very essential that full student representation be present on the board.

If the place is to be filled, how is it to be done? The Student council seems to me to be the logical body to fill the vacancy. Some have advocated that the senior class hold a special election. Some have suggested that the publication board doesn't want to, and won't, according to word released yesterday. The choice thus seems to rest between the senior class election and a Student council appointment.

For the sake of impartiality, and to take the thing out of politics as much as possible, it would seem best to let the Student council appoint the member. It would make no material difference to the council members who were chosen for the post. To some of the politically minded members of the senior class, it might make a lot of difference. The council is made up mainly of fair-minded students who have nothing to gain or lose by their acts. If this is the case, why not let the council make the appointment?

At any rate, whether the council, the senior class, or the brotherhood of railway engineers fills the vacancy, it should be filled.

M. W. C.

NEBRASKA DEBATERS SWING INTO ACTION

Negative Team Meets Drake Thursday; Encounters Iowa on Friday.

AFFIRMATIVE SIDE SET

Nebraska's debate teams swing into active competition this week when a negative team composed of Alan Williams, Lincoln, and Charles Gray, Omaha, meets Drake at noon Thursday. They will debate before the Des Moines Junior chamber of commerce on the subject of "Unemployment Insurance."

On Friday of this week the same team will hold a radio debate with the University of Iowa over station WOI at 4 p. m. on the same subject. March 1, Williams and Gray will meet Northwestern university before the Chicago Federation of Labor at 3 p. m. in Musician's hall.

Both of the men are veteran debaters. Williams is a senior in the college of arts and science member of the Student court and of the Innocents society. Gray is a sophomore in teachers college. He won the Long freshmen debate cup last year and was a member of the Omaha Technical high school debate team which won the state championship in 1929.

On Thursday of this week the Nebraska affirmative team will meet Albion college at the Lincoln high school, where it will speak before the debate forum at 3:30 o'clock on the subject of "Unemployment Insurance." Nebraska's debaters will be Ted R. Felder, first year law student of Scottsbluff, and E. J. Faulkner, Jr., junior in the college of arts and science.

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LOOSE THREADS

By Gene McKim

Much has been said during the past few years regarding the wisdom of the virgin land. Many have pictured the younger generation as going straight to eternal perdition. They have been frightfully worried about the future of mankind that must of necessity, sooner or later be trusted to the care of this group of supposed rascals, which at present are doing nothing but eating, drinking and making merry.

A few venturesome souls have attempted a defense of modern youth, trying to picture it in a more sane manner, and holding out a bit of hope for the future.

Few, however, have put forth quite as well expressed a defense of "Flaming Youth" as did H. L. Mencken in the March edition of the American Mercury. Whether or not one agrees with Mr. Mencken's policies as a whole the youth of the land at least owe him a vote of thanks for his presentation of their side of the argument.

Mr. Mencken opens his editorial entitled "Less Noise Than Formerly," by saying, "The late pious belaboring against the crimes and carnalities of 'Flaming Youth' seems to be dying out: one hears a great deal less talk than a fortnight ago on gin toting in the colleges and necking in shady lanes. This is a good come relief, and perhaps shows that there is such a thing as human progress."

The author continues to say that, in his opinion, the generators of all the unfavorable propaganda regarding the youth of the land were "oldsters, male and female, whose own youthful conduct was anything but chemically pure."

Speaking of literary censors Mr. Mencken says: "And practically all of the literary censors, when they allege solemnly, to the astonishment of the rest of us, that the single reading of a naughty book can establish lifelong habits of secret and unsanitary character are simply publishing incautious autobiography."

"The truth is that the moral divagations of the youth of today probably do not differ three percent from those of the youth of yesterday. When I was a youngster, which was very long ago, with Victoria in full blast on her throne, great numbers of college boys were diligent lusers, just as they are now; the only difference I can make out is that they then drank beer, which was relatively harmless, whereas they now have to put up with bootleg gin, which often makes them sick."

To date to neck, or to neck to date, according to Mr. Mencken, was as much a matter for discussion in Queen Victoria's day as it is at present.

He says: "There was necking, too, in my early days, and all of it that the traffic would bear. . . . There were, to be sure, boys who refrained and girls who escaped, but they were just as rare and singular as non-neckers are today. The vast majority were quite as willing in the dim, gas-lighted parlors of that remote era as their heirs and assigns are in parked roadsters now. Perhaps they had a shade less opportunity, but that was surely not their fault."

"A little necking, I am convinced, does no normal and healthy girl any appreciable harm. On the contrary, it tends to improve her, if not only riding her of groundless fears. . . . In case the business goes further than mere necking, there is some ground for sociologists to intervene, but I doubt that it goes further today any oftener than it did yesterday."

In the light of the recent con-

Baseball Candidates Show Signs of Spring as Forty-One Sign for Squad

BY OLIVER DEWOLF.

"Just another sign that spring is here," commented a bystander in the coliseum the other day, as he watched several men briefly attired leisurely tossing a baseball back and forth. And so it is. Forty-one baseball enthusiasts signed up for the 1931 Husker squad the other evening at a meeting called by Head Coach Harold Browne. Eight lettermen are back to form the nucleus of the team.

Since the meeting the candidates have been taking light exercises on the handball courts, and about March 10, weather permitting, the work will start out of doors with all men reporting. Not like the professional teams the Husker squad will not take a swing down into the Grapefruit league, commencing at the present down among the sunny climes of Florida, Texas, California, and Georgia. Instead the Huskers will have to imagine Landis field, the scene of Huskerland baseball activity.

Pitching is Popular. Judging from the signatures of the other evening, pitching is the most popular pastime on the baseball field, with all men signing the "pitch" to tryout. Among these are Henry Armatis, Wayne Fairchild, and Clyde Bittner who lettered last year. With three outfield positions to fill, eight men have signed to try out as fly chasers. Ed Kotab is the only letter man back.

In the receiving line, Russell Smygg, and Meredith Williams, lettermen, have signed up along with four other candidates, while the slysters sack number five each. No lettermen are back for these positions. According to rumor the

master pilot course, 204 hours flying and 924 hours ground school, value \$5,250; second and third master mechanic courses, 224 hours ground school, value \$675; fourth, private pilot course, 22 hours flying, 45 hours ground school, value \$500.

OKLAHOMA STUDENTS WILL DISPLAY WORK

'All-College Day' Planned As Annual Custom At Stillwater.

STILLWATER, OKLA.—Displays ranging from good things to eat produced by the home economics department to strange machines arranged by embryo engineers will be viewed by visitors to the Oklahoma A. & M. college campus when "all-college day," expected to become an annual custom, is inaugurated March 12 and 14.

Every department in every school in the college, it is planned, will prepare an exhibit of its work. Nearly every division of the college, in past years, has had such a display sometime during the year. Now the separate exhibits are to be combined into one large display which will give visitors who are particularly interested in the other work of the college at the same time.

Student committees are being appointed in each of the schools to prepare the exhibits.

Iowa Tank Squad Again Seeks Lead In Big Six Match

AMES, Ia.—The Iowa State swimming team is again a contender for the conference championship by virtue of having defeated the Big Six champions, Nebraska, 55 to 29, in its first Big Six dual swimming match. During the last two years the Cyclones and Cornhuskers have contended for the honor, Iowa State winning in 1929, while the Nebraskans nosed ahead by three points last year.

Altho Kansas has recently forged ahead in the aquatic sport, placing third last year, Coach Jake Gauder does not fear the Jayhawkers for he has on his Cyclone team four men who have beaten existing conference records in competition this year.

Unser and Fraser have both bettered the existing time for the 440-yard free style, Sands has raced the 200-yard breast stroke under the existing time of 1:57.7, and Weld has broken the time for the 150-yard backstroke. Besides this, the Cyclone medley relay team has bettered the existing conference record for the medley event.

The Big Six meet will be held at Kansas City March 14.

HILLBRAND NAMED HEAD OF WICHITA SUMMER SCHOOL

WICHITA—Dr. Earl K. Hillbrand, dean of the graduate school at the University of Wichita, has been appointed director of the university's 1931 summer school in the absence of Dean L. E. Sipple who is in India on leave of absence. Dean Hillbrand will have charge of all phases of the summer work, including the two innovations, the omnibus college and the tour of Europe to be conducted for art students by Clayton Henri Staples, art professor at the university.

Plans are being made for a larger summer session enrollment than the record one of last year, and as many as possible of the regular university faculty will be retained. A downtown division of the summer school will be conducted at Catholic high school as usual for Cathedral sisters.

Aeronautics School Offers Scholarships

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Boeing School of Aeronautics is offering a number of scholarships to college men intending to specialize in aviation. The competition is nationwide.

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HOOVER WRITES OF CHINA'S COMMUNISM

Y. M. C. A. Representative Declares Much Work Is Being Done.

"The element of communism in China is threatening the activities of the era of reconstruction," Lyman Hoover, Y. M. C. A. field representative to China, declared in a recent letter to C. D. Hays of the university Y. M. C. A. Mr. Hoover is in China aiding this movement as a result of the efforts by the students of the Rocky Mountain field of which the University of Nebraska is a member.

Hardships are endured but Mr. Hoover reports accomplishments worthy of mention. Groups of college men and women go out 20 to 50 miles into the country villages to carry on their work, he writes: "Almost always the little meeting houses are jammed to their capacity, while the college people relate their messages to the young people of China. They plead for a consideration of the Christian message and the co-operation of the officials in the reconstruction in China."

However, he pointed out the young workers experience many difficulties in dealing with the communistic element existing in China at the present day. It seems that the communists, in their recent activities, spread handbills thru the various villages condemning the students who carry on religious activity. On the back of these bills appears the word "sha," meaning "slay" or "kill."

But, notwithstanding these threats, he added the workers go on and in many cases they are given the support of the city officials, meager as it may be, to carry out their purpose.

NEBRASKANS WIN IN FIRST ROUND OF BOXING MEET

Nebraska's fighters all survived the first round of elimination battling in the amateur boxing tournament being held in Grand Island this week.

Fonda Rock in the lightweight division disposed of Gallagher by a knockout; Bernard Malcolm defeated Parr on a decision and Harold Ostran and Jack Fisher drew.

M. Smith lost on a foul to Nutter according to the first decision but the fight will probably either be staged again or the two men re-bracketed.

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