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Nebraska's Dishonor System.

Once upon a time there was a university. In this institution, there were many classes and many professors. Some of the professors gave examinations in the course of which they allowed the students more or less freedom, putting them on their honor and requesting absolute honesty in the answering of the questions.

The students registered for courses under the latter group of professors grew quite wrothy at being judged potential criminals, and did all they could to make sure that every member of every such class might pass the tests, administering the necessary knowledge, sometimes lacking, by means of crib sheets, whispers, and notes.

The students registered for courses under the first group of professors were delighted at their instructors' attitude upon questions of student integrity, and did their utmost to maintain standards of honesty and honor during examinations.

Upon the campus of this same university there were a student newspaper and a Student Council. The Student Council bewailed its lack of self-governing powers, and bitterly lamented the fact that it had no real duties to perform.

The campus newspaper lamented the same fact. Amid all the uproar very few constructive ideas were advanced.

Later, a few members of the Student Council had a happy thought.

"Why," said they, "can't we have an honor system at Nebraska, and give the Student Council power to deal with offenders reported? It is done in other schools, why can't it be done here?"

Why, indeed? There seems to be no reason, except that such a system cannot be instituted overnight. Rifle-bearing professors cannot be persuaded to throw away their rifles overnight. Cribbing students, in the classes of the suspicious profs, cannot be persuaded to throw away their crib sheets until the professors toss away their guns.... The question, then—"Who will act first?"

The ideal course of action would be a gradual reform on the part of the overly-suspicious instructors. Let up a bit. Allow the students some freedom, and see what happens. They might crib to beat the band, but it doesn't seem logical. Tell them they are on their honor, and they probably will acquire a certain amount of that quality.

At any rate, it is something that will take time to develop; it promises a very real service that can in the future be undertaken by the Student Council. Can its members devise, right now, any methods of "disarming" the professors who doubt the honesty of every student? If they can, then the honor system may soon be installed at Nebraska. And that, surely, would be a fine thing.

Another Example Of Rifle Bearing

The Student Council constitution, in the hands of the faculty committee on student organizations, has received a bit of rough handling. The one thing in the document, the clause giving the council power to regulate eligibility requirements, was refused. The council's faculty adviser brought back, indirectly of course, word from the faculty committee that the document would be held up until the council voted to remove the offensive clause. They removed it.

Now everything will be fine. The constitution will pass, of course, since there is nothing else of any importance in it, except clear title to rule the sun and moon. In other words, the document will give the council power to regulate everything in general, but NOTHING at all in particular. Quite according to custom, we admit, but hardly in accord with the council's aim to acquire a few useful powers of self-government!

Naturally, no reason was given for the faculty's refusal to allow the clause to remain in the constitution. Not even official word of its refusal was received. Much better to whisper a rumor, and let the council itself clean up its slate, leaving it entirely blank, as usual.

The council itself, so far as we can gather, played rather a sorry part in the whole proceedings. Warned by an unofficial spokesman of the impending refusal of the clause, they removed it promptly. This, rather than bring to light possible objections and give the squabble a little publicity which might possibly justify one side or the other.

It must be understood from the beginning

that any garnering of power by the Student Council will possibly meet with some opposition from the faculty. Past custom opposes any such change of authority, and past custom is adhered to quite consistently in state institutions. Innovations are out, at least until they have been tested and are working in every other school in the land.

Considering this point, the least the council could have done would have been to insist upon the one lone power included in the new charter, and fight for it until sufficient reason had been publicly advanced to justify its removal.

The council members will get precisely nowhere at all by bowing to the slightest whispered wish of the administration. Reasonable objection is something else again, but in this case there seemed to be none.

The Student Council upon the Nebraska campus has been "played for a sucker" for so long that the continued practice appears somewhat pathetic to the casual bystander. We hope it wakes up soon.

May have to institute a few courses in two-arm driving, if proposed bill prohibiting the one-handed variety passes. Maybe we could educate the great university public up to it, though!

MORNING MAIL

A Well-Smoked Education.

TO THE EDITOR:

Oxford is a school in England.

A gentleman named Stephen Leacock writing in a book called essays toward truth has explained the strange relations between student and professor at Oxford.

Says Mr. Leacock, "It is from the instructor or rather with him that the students learn all that they know, one and all are agreed on that. Yet it is a little odd to know just how he does it.

"We go to his rooms," said one student, "and he just lights a pipe and talks to us."

"We sit around with him," said another, "and he simply smokes and goes over our exercises with us."

"From this and other evidences," reasoned Leacock, "I gather that what an Oxford tutor does is to get a little group of students together and smoke at them. Men who have been systematically smoked at for four years turn into ripe scholars. If anybody doubts this, let him go to Oxford and he can see the thing actually in operation. A well-smoked man speaks and writes English with a grace that can be acquired in no other way."

Of course Nebraska is not Oxford but that is no sign it wouldn't like to be. Then, too, smoked ham is always better. And it's common knowledge that there are plenty of hams around this college that need the smoke or the air of something.

OH DEAH!

Current Comment

The Harvard Memorial.

The Harvard Crimson has made a sharp protest against the proposal of the corporation to build a great new chapel as a war memorial. The New York Times ridicules the protest, saying: "Some of the children are bawling in the college papers"; "So the infants bleat" and more to the same effect. One of the editors of the Harkness Hoot, in a letter to the Yale Daily News, strongly supports the Crimson. The honors, in our judgment, rest with the younger generation. The grounds of objection to the proposed memorial actually set forth by both the editors and the contributors of the Crimson seem to us evidence of a sound and serious concern with a question of real educational interest, and we congratulate them on their protest. The letter of Selden Rodman to the Yale Daily News supporting the stand of the Crimson raises at least three questions deserving of serious thought. He objects to the assumption of most of our war memorials that we were right and our enemies were wrong; he questions incidentally the right of universities to spend vast sums of unnecessary building; and, most striking of all, he declares: "The very gesture of sinking a million dollars in a Protestant chapel when the validity of Protestantism (and Christianity in general as a solution for contemporary problems) is being questioned must, to the unprejudiced observer, appear at least extravagant."

Now these protesting young men, if we understand them, are not objecting to religion as such, however much they may be questioning some of its current manifestations. They do seem to object, however, to the assumption that God is Nordic, Protestant, capitalistic, and pro-Ally. And they do not believe that the universities have the right to use the millions they can so easily command for the uncritical propagation of accepted ideas and beliefs. The students seem to be doing honest and genuine thinking, and in their thought we see far more of hope both for the universities and for the religion of the future than we can see in the action of a corporation that would build an unneeded chapel in the midst of a living university, or in the ideas of a great newspaper that finds it possible to defend such a waste provided only that the proposed building is "beautiful."

The controversy brings up another question that cries out for answer. It is not full time to stop setting up religious war memorials of any kind? The churches, with a few honorable exceptions, blessed the last war, just as they have blessed every preceding one—and just as they will bless the next one, we are tempted to add. But during the past few years some of our prominent religious leaders have professed repentance, and have declared that they will be on the side of peace next time even when the drums beat. If their professions mean anything, they ought to fight every attempt to associate religion and war, even in retrospect. Let us build memorials, if we must, to our war dead, and let them express our grief at our folly and wickedness in sending these young men to death; but let us not help prepare another war by sanctifying the last one through associating its losses and sacrifices with the service of God instead of the devil.—The Nation

No Man's Land



NO MAN'S land gets told! It gets cracked at in Pop Corn N' Peanuts. In spite of its alleged masculinity it indulges in the guinea practice of cracking back. Having the last word, more or less. Chiefly less, because Hayseed and Haywire cuts loose a torrent of sarcasm—under the name that we modestly suggested.

Laugh at the word modesty if you will. We are told that we have no such thing and that our name is meant to work in the reverse. Maybe those who are telling us would suggest that we change to "No Man's Land" to attract a few feminine readers. We are not so advanced in psychology as that, but thanks all the same.

NO MAN'S LAND should deal with matters of general interest. It attempts to do this when, once in a while, it is written for something besides a filler of space. But after all, matters of general interest permitted since recent horn lockings are few and far between. Therefore we deal in a return of wise (?) cracks, odds and ends. (Mostly odds) and get told that our stuff is the world's worst, which is doubtless true, but there would be little point in admitting it.

This is not the only time in recent hours that we have been told. We have been personally informed what is wrong with us and why. Such inventories, taken by others, don't do a person any harm—provided that temporary stagers are not permanent injury. Great life, isn't it? For such is the fate of every good journalist and every bad one. As to personal panings, we hope those who administer the blows are not as correst as we think they are.

HAVING said nothing so far, which is natural since we admittedly don't know what we are talking about, we will be definite enough to make an announcement. Ann Bunting has become women's sports editor of the staff. This important office gets swallowed up in the more obscure but imposing title of "women's editor" so we announce her here instead of in the masthead, which is hardly fair. But it can't be helped.

AND so we got told and told, in words and in print. Are we supposed to remake ourselves and our policies immediately or laugh with a sardonic and superior air? Either or both. But we will probably continue to fill space and get panned. For such is the fate of every good journalist and every bad one. As to personal panings, we hope those who administer the blows are not as correst as we think they are.

Hayseed and Haywire By GEORGE ROUND

Tut, tut, my dear Miss Frances Holyoke and your No Man's Land! You become alarmed at compliments and then threaten to insult one. When you hear one say that it would be hard to imitate your honorable column, you should consider it a compliment. It shows you are original.

Then too, Miss Holyoke, you continue spasmodically by ridiculing the name of my "hokey." Well I shall change it. But then Popcorn n' Peanuts applied about as much to the content of my column as No Man's Land does to yours. All you ever talk about is the men. Still it is No Man's Land. You had better change it to No Women Allowed, children must be sixteen years of age to read it.

But getting back to the subject, Farmer's Fair. Yes, it comes Saturday, May 2. Despite the fact that Miss Holyoke doesn't seem to think much of it, it will be a success.

One of the biggest fair rallies of the year is scheduled for tonight in ag hall. It will be a regular barnwarming with all the farmers in the University of Nebraska present. The farmerettes will be there also. Manager Myrtle White promises a real program.

Mentioning personalities connected with Farmer's Fair reminds us that Emory Fahney is taking care of the financial side of the big event. Fahney has been one of the most active students on the campus and one of the most popular. He is a member of the Senior Fair board.

Students at the ag college who are prone to think that they don't have to work when fair time rolls around should be reminded of similar cases in past years. There are plenty of tanks around the campus into which such slackers go if they refuse to work. It was but a few years ago that a certain student decided he was too good to work. A dip into the tank, clothes and all, soon changed his mind.

"Shorty" Dillon, though nearly hearing the wedding bells jingling, is at the head of one of the major committees. It wasn't long ago that Dillon thought he would try out for the varsity wrestling team. His first match didn't last long for his opponent threw Otto in somewhat less than thirty seconds. Dillon decided if he couldn't be a

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"raasier" he would try some other line of endeavor.

Harking back to Miss Holyoke it might be best to mention a few girls in connection with Farmers Fair. Evelyn Krotz, co-chairman of the advertising and publicity committee, is taking an active part in making the 1931 show a success. Already she is planning big things for her committee. Radio talks, news stories and placards are going to advertise the 1931 Farmer's Fair to Lincoln and Nebraska people. The talks will be given over KFAB. News stories are being sent out to home town papers of all students. Bills and placards advertising the show will cover Lincoln so that everyone will know that Farmer's Fair is being held on the agricultural college campus Friday, May 2.

Adios Miss Holyoke!

IOWA STATE HAS AWARDS DINNER IN MEMORIAL UNION

AMES, Iowa.—One hundred and twenty Iowa State college varsity and freshman athletes will be entertained at an awards banquet in Memorial Union Tuesday night. A feature of the program will be the awarding of 23 major letters and 32 freshman numeral to men who participated in the winter quarter sports—basketball, wrestling and swimming. Members of the athletic council, the coaching staff and members of the faculty and stu-

dent body will also be in attendance. Coach George F. Veenker, newly elected Cyclone football coach, will be the main speaker.

TENNIS SQUAD LOOKS TO OPENING CONTEST

Oklahomans Will Come Here For Initial Battle On May 4.

The varsity tennis squad is pounding white pills to all corners of Nebraska's courts these days under the direction of Coach Gregg McBride in preparation for the season opener May 4 when Oklahoma journeys north to joust with the Cornhuskers.

The Husker racqueteers are working out on the coliseum courts when the weather drives them inside but intend to do most of the brushing up on their games on the Lincoln Tennis club plots. With the spring vacation period breaking into this month's practice, the Nebraskans are grasping every moment of spare time in order to be in shape by the first part of May.

Following the Sooner tilt McBride's men go to Missouri May 9, and then on over to Lawrence, on May 11 for a pair of bouts with the Tigers and Jayhawks. On May 12, Nebraska will play Kansas Ag-

gies at Manhattan and conclude the season with a court match in Lincoln with Iowa State May 23.

The athletic department is carrying on negotiations with Drake university and Grinnell, which point to the possibility that racquet contests may be scheduled with those two schools.

Pittsburgh Team Names Maclay on Opponent's Five

Don Maclay, veteran Cornhusker basketball center, was given the pivot position on the "first" mythical team picked by the Pittsburgh Panthers from among their opponents this year, it was learned here today.

Steven Hokuf, Nebraska guard, and Seldon Davey, forward, were given second and third team births respectively on the mythical quintet. Other members of the first team in addition to Maclay were Hayman, Syracuse and Crowe, Notre Dame, forwards; Katz, Syracuse and Fergus, Carnegie Tech, guards.

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH

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