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**A Crack
 At Us Guys.**

The Omaha World-Herald, in an editorial appearing Sunday, Sept. 27, challenges the attitude of the University of Nebraska. Thru a discussion of what it terms a "lamentable lack of appreciation" in the way the Prairie Schooner, literary quarterly publication of the university, is received by this institution and by the students at large, the metropolitan newspaper delves into a proposition that perhaps "the university regents, chancellor and faculty should take stern stock of themselves and their work."

Maybe such a challenge can be interpreted as a crack at us—we, the students, for not having the mental attitude bearing on an appreciation of the better things in life. For the editorial in the Omaha newspaper cites figures when it states that of 6,500 students, hundreds of whom, it is claimed, are housed in richly furnished and luxuriously built fraternity and sorority houses valued at two million dollars, scarcely two hundred pay the dollar a year subscription for the Prairie Schooner.

When one reads further, however, it develops that this crack descends on the heads of the regents, chancellor and faculty as well, if not more severely. Students are criticized, then, for indifference to things of cultural worth. The faculty and administration are criticized for bringing about that indifference.

The Omaha World-Herald is right! There is indifference on the part of both students and administration. It is not exactly a matter of whether the university sets aside \$250 for the cause of the Prairie Schooner, it is rather a matter of just what is this university trying to represent as an educational institution of the highest type. From that rises this question: Is the university really an educational institution? And then, what is education?

Accusations along this line have been hurled at the university in general in previous editorial matter. The Daily Nebraskan suggested several days ago that the institution is defeating its own purpose. From the highly learned subjects which were major items in the schedule of early day students the cultural courses have dwindled into veritable oblivion. The mad race in an effort to learn something simple that will enhance the wealth of a flimsy pocketbook steals the breath of practically every student in the modern era. The mad race, furthermore, of earning enough money to remain in school steals any reserve oxygen that those students may have.

Coming down to definitions, the university is trying to represent itself as an educational institution which gives the mobs what it thinks they want. Second, the university is not a "real" educational institution if it places specialization and vocational training above cultural worths. Third, education—in the profound sense of its higher forms in which it should be taught on this campus—is an uplifting of the mind, not a training of hands.

To the editor of the World-Herald, may it be suggested that perhaps the students or the faculty or the regents are not in the least responsible for the deplorable situation which exists in the University of Nebraska. In the first place, it is a situation only too common of every campus throughout the country. Students do not go to schools of so-called higher learning in order that they may enrich themselves for aesthetic purposes which are brought about by cultural enhancements. They come to learn a racket that will bring in cold cash as soon as undergraduate days are gone. And rackets they will learn. Even the sublime professions are tainted with the stench.

It is upon this high pressure age and the cultivation that causes it where criticism falls. A high pressure age that demands mass production in polished and gleaming business men and business women; a civilization which attempts to live centuries ahead of itself. From the time of birth, there is inbred a feeling and an urge of getting by. Living unto oneself and with the barest attempts at exertion is the creed of a nation. Getting by is what students are after; in getting by is where they succeed. Thus, we proclaim a successful age!

Upon whom, then, does the criticism justly fall? Perhaps it is upon our fathers, perhaps other antecedents—but we choose not to guess. It is evident, need I say, that students care little for the things of a real uplifting value. They do not take even their religion seriously. They want to obtain a degree that will assure them of a position which will keep them comfortable for the rest of their days. They care little for mental advancement beyond that point because the age of speed has actually slowed up their insight toward future life.

How can anyone justly accuse a university of bringing about a condition in which it had no creating hand? The Omaha writer is correct and just in his accusations pointing to the indifference of students and administration officials. They are indifferent, but they have become that way as a regular order of the day. It is true that the university is short-sighted

in not setting aside a fund that will keep alive the Prairie Schooner. It is true that every student should subscribe to it and read it and discuss it. It is true that this literary publication is outstanding, yet if this certain type of students will not read it, why force it on them? Of course the Prairie Schooner is a good cause and should be supported and kept going, yet it is absurd to accuse students and even faculty of maltreatment. In the final analysis, they are not to blame.

Educate and train the students! That is the yelp. Well, begin that education down below the universities. Yes, get it down to the bottomest rock you can find; for you will discover that we are cursed with a desire to do nothing!

It might not be a bad idea to move the Nebraskaan offices to Bessey hall. Then journalists would be more quickly able to have their "queer animal" specimens identified.

Leading the cheer leaders seems to be a big problem in trying to find yell kings for this collieth.

The Homecoming all-university party will be an attempt to put on a big affair at nominal cost to each individual. It can be done.

A grad studies tornadoes. That's a whirlwind of a idea.

Yes, it was a sorority that had thirty-three pledges. No fraternity has that many neckties.

The height of pathetic cases: A librarian with athlete's foot.

MORNING MAIL

Citing Some Answers.

TO THE EDITOR:
 They charged up the walk, pushed the willing freshmen away from the door, broke up furniture, pulled down the draperies, and in many other numerous ways left destruction in their wake.

So swooped the members of Pi Epsilon Pi down upon unsuspecting members of the sororities during their recent rally, according to "A Sorority Girl."

Are you convinced, my dear "Miss Sorority Girl," that the Cobs actually behaved themselves in such an ungentlemanly manner? Is it true that in every sorority, or even ONE, they broke up furniture, rudely swept thru every group of girls and gave housemothers an extra boost to bolt up enthusiasm? Is it true that even before our opening selection, "There Is No Place Like Nebraska," was finished every one vanished into thin air upon the suggestion, "Let's seram!"

No, little sorority girl, you know such was not the case. After all, I don't believe your mind would be so devilish to even think that of us. To reiterate and make more emphatic, you yourself do not accept the assertions published in last morning's "Rag."

There are many plausible answers to why you advanced such an attack. If you don't mind, dear, I will cite a few.

1. You have, all thru high school and as many years as you have been in college, pined to observe some of your own work in print. This proved an opening, but aren't you sorry?

2. You are envious of our recognized position. But remember that you are of a different sex, so we couldn't possibly have taken you in.

3. Weren't you just a little disappointed when among the motley crew you recognized the one lad who you have wished and hoped and prayed would call you for a date—and on the night of the rally he failed to observe and comment upon your superb beauty?

Oh, anyone—even you—could go on endlessly forwarding practical and quite sound theories why you condemn us, why you have published utter falsities concerning us and the manner in which we conduct ourselves.

I agree with you, dear, that Webster has some fairly accurate work in his little book. Now, if you will kindly permit, we will compare our rally with the one cited by you from our mutual friend, Webster.

"To collect and reduce to order"—were we not so? At one little word from the president, the entire group would conform.

"To bring together for common action"—your assertions prove this.

"To rouse spirit and stimulate enthusiasm"—do you deny that such was not obvious and apparent among us? Even tho you do not, what is your word against that of nearly every other girl affiliated with some sorority?

Now will you be good?

A CORN COB.

NEWSPAPER TALK

Build for the Future.

Approximately 55 percent of the men enrolled in the university during the year 1930-31 participated in intramural athletics. These figures show a gain of more than 3 percent over any previous school year, and it is an achievement of which the university may well be proud.

The wisdom of interesting all men students in intramural athletics is exemplified by Notre Dame, a school that for long has enjoyed a marked success in the field of sports. There was no firmer believer in the value of this activity than the late Knute Rockne. He frequently picked varsity material from the inter-hall squads.

Aside from the possibility of future positions on the varsity squads, the contests do much to stimulate interest in various sports. A man more likely will attend a major athletic contest and have a better appreciation of what is going on down on the field if he himself has played the game.

It is folly, however, to attempt to play football or any other strenuous game if one's body is not in condition. The intramural directors of the athletic department have realized this, and accordingly have made stipulations that intramural participants must train for contests. The player owes it to his parents and to himself to follow the training rules so that there will be few injuries. Abiding by training rules will prevent the branding of intramural athletics as "roughneck sport."—Indiana Daily Student.

SOCIETY

More than five hundred university women are expected to attend the all activities tea Thursday afternoon in Ellen Smith hall from 3:30 until 5:30 o'clock. A pink and lavender color scheme will be employed at the tea tables, at which the sponsors of the various organizations participating will preside. Members of Tassel will serve in the dining room and the court, and will direct the guests at the door.

Theta Phi Alpha Mothers' Club Holds Informal Meet.

Theta Phi Alpha's Mother's club had a business meeting at the chapter house Friday. Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Henry Hermen were the hostesses. After the business meeting the time was spent playing bridge.

Members of Pi Beta Phi are planning a tea dance to be given at the chapter house from 5 to 8 o'clock after the homecoming game with Kansas, Oct. 24.

Members of Phi Delta Theta were entertained at an hour dance Saturday evening by Pi Beta Phi.

Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained Beta Theta Pi at an hour dance Saturday.

Misses Mary Alice Kelley and Katherine Hammond, Princess and Countess of the Ak-Sar-Ben coronation ball, motored to Omaha Saturday, to be present at rehearsal.

Mrs. Stafford of Omaha came to Lincoln to visit her daughter, Juanita, at the Theta Phi Alpha house.

Lucille Carroll, Theta Phi Alpha, is now in Lincoln. Lucille has been working for the past year in Silvis, Ill.

**EPISODES
 BY OLIVER DE WOLF.**

And the gold standard takes another one on the chin. Monday, Norway and Sweden announced that they will temporarily suspend the gold standard, and there will probably be other countries following suit. In the announcement from Oslo, Norway, it was stated that an embargo would be placed on gold exports; the Norwegian bank rate was raised from 4 to 5 percent as far back as Sept. 11, 1931, and the discount rate has now been raised to 8 percent. Norwegian finances for the fiscal year ending July 31, 1931, showed a net deficit of approximately \$1,600,000. In a dispatch from Stockholm, Sweden, we notice that they have also prohibited the exportation of gold, raised the Swedish bank discount rate, and accordingly suspended the gold standard. Felix Hamrin, minister of finance, has issued a statement declaring the financial condition of Sweden to be as sound as any country in Europe, but that it would be necessary to reduce expenses. Although the three countries, Great Britain, Sweden and Norway, have announced that the suspension of the gold standard was merely a temporary measure, it will be interesting to follow this phase of history for the next few months.

Good news from Europe! Aristide Briand, French "man of peace," and Premier Laval are now visiting in Germany in an effort to banish all former enmities. And if these two countries can get together in the interests of peace it will go a long way toward solving that problem. For years Germany and France have literally been ready to fly at each other's throat on the slightest provocation. The activities of Napoleon, the war of 1870, and subsequent annexation of Alsace-Lorraine by Germany, and last the World war, and the Treaty of Versailles. All of these have widened the gulf between two great nations of Europe, but today, even as this is being written, history is being made, and the prospects look bright for Germany and France to become friends.

It may cost only \$200 to get "bumped off" in Chicago, but in this day and age, who has two hundred bucks, to be used for such a morbid purpose?

We don't know exactly what the most commonly used words in the English language, but we would like to bet that the word "Depression" is right up in the front rank.

UNITARIAN CHURCH

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 Capstone of Nebraska's Capitol
 Building.

Marionette Ticket

Salesmen to Report
 All who are selling tickets for the Marionette show on Saturday, Oct. 3, please report amount of sales to the desk in Social Sciences Hall some time Wednesday morning.

**"PLAY THE GAME"
 SAYS MILLER AT
 VESPERS SERVICE**

"Play your part in the college game, don't stand on the sidelines," was the theme of Miss Bernice Miller's talk at vespers services last evening. Miss Miller, general secretary of the university Y. W. C. A., addressed her talk mostly to the new freshmen students at the meeting.

"You must learn to be a real citizen in the college community," continued Miss Miller. "You must learn to overcome obstacles, to fight for what you want, to make your own decisions. You must have perseverance and maturity. It's fun to grow up. After you've struggled along and played your part, you'll come to know that sense of achievement that is part of the art of living and means that you're growing up."

Aleen Neely conducted the services and special music was presented by Marjorie Young.

Various speakers will address Vespers from time to time on different subjects. This has been the custom in past years. It is to be continued, it is reported.

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