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Something Has Stirred!

The present editor gives his concluding remarks on this page today. A new editor will soon be chosen and policies will naturally be changed in some form or other. Until that new editor is officially seated in the editorial chair, the present managing editors will fill these two columns.

With but hardly one month of classes gone, it has been difficult to formulate definite plans, procedures, and campaigns. One month is hardly a long enough time in which to get started, let alone accomplish much.

Yet, The Daily Nebraskan feels that something, at least, has been stirred. The campaign to reduce social expenditures on the Cornhusker campus has received favorable attention. The "nickel-saving" move has been acclaimed widely.

At no time, it is again reiterated, has The Daily Nebraskan demanded that downtown parties be abandoned. That would be unnecessary, impractical, and futile.

There has been recommended, however, a plan to trim down on the more unnecessary features of expensive university parties. This includes the three major formal functions of this year as well as other activities among students which imply the spending of money for pure frivolity and items which pass their usefulness with the break of a new day.

Favors at parties have been tabooed. Decorations are nonsensical for the present. Fancy bids can be done without. Refreshments are unnecessary. Balloons and confetti can be used in moderation if at all. Orchestras can be hired at cheaper prices. That is the gist of the whole matter.

All of these things make for bigger and better parties. They are swell during those bigger and better years. This is not a campaign to boycott concerns which exist largely upon the indulgence of rampant money spenders. It is merely a hint that those businesses will do well to wait for a return of times similar to those which gave birth to their occupations. Chances are they will do so much better then.

Most students are realizing that it makes little difference from where the money comes which finances their school careers; it is certainly true that that money was a long time coming. How to spend that money in the best manner and make of that career, which each student has begun, a full course which will end in graduation—that is the individual problem. In most families, there is certain amount which has been budgeted to education of the upstarts who are to propel the family name on into another generation. In those same numerous families, it is safe to say that amount is not as great as it was hoped it might be.

That is when the trimming on school expenses should begin. Book learning comes first, in the generally accepted order of things: social education next. The "first" must be protected against outlaws; the "second," then, is where the shading belongs.

If we neglect social training, someone objects, we shall reduce our refinements. True, but it is much better to be barbarians in the handling of our demi-tasse than it is to be high-powered swells with the mentality of permanent twelve-year-olds.

And all that, you ask, arises from the question of putting out decorations and favors and so forth? Well, it is the perpetuation of university careers which interests this newspaper. And one can't go to school long as an absolute pauper.

In regard to other matters discussed by the editor, no definite summing up can be made. Vocational education shall always be a bone of contention among educators, yet this writer believes it is one of the greatest blessings to the thousands seeking advancement in the world today. Criticism has been filed by The Daily Nebraskan because of excessive demands of the state upon the university when adequate funds are not provided with which to carry on the work. If there are not enough funds, expansion should be halted. Similarly, if instructors cannot be held because of the same lack of funds, this newspaper has recommended that enrollment be curbed and the building program be cut to the extent that a greater amount of money can be converted into salaries. University buildings, be it known, are false and valueless if the correct instructional staff cannot be maintained.

And so, this editor leaves you. It is much to his regret, for he has enjoyed the duties of this position as a medium for student voice. Much co-operation has befallen this humble servant of the press, far more than his fondest expectations had led him to believe he could obtain. Faculty and students and administration have fallen in with the program of economy and much that has been procreated in

even such a short time. We part with a hope that the "nickel-saving" move will bring rewards.

The Cornhusker picture deadline is already burning the headlines—a godsend to managing editors of Daily Nebraskans.

An eastern school has instituted a course in bridge. Our dental college has been doing that for a long time.

Freshmen

Caps—Off and On.

Surely, Mr. Zip, you must understand that when a freshman is ordered to put his cap on he can't take it off—officially—until he is ordered to do that, also. Freshmen, you must remember, are a peculiar kind of individuals who are born to these campuses as playthings and tools of upperclassmen. They are also born to harass the sophomores, but it happens that successive brawls beating on the part of B. M. O. C.'s in the past has wiped out practically all of the harassing, hazing and anything that might be interpreted as class spirit. Of course, those things had probably gone too far, causing them to become abolished; but there ought to be something that will take the boys and girls off their crutches.

It has been suggested that a tug-of-war be staged before the caps are taken from first year scholarly domes. Now that has been swung into action and a tug-of-war it shall be. All glory to the Freshmen and their contest—may it be conquest for someone.

There is room for more conventional ideas in this modern university. Individuals, of course, do not want to be entirely conventional, nor should they; but universities are built upon the conventionalities of the past. The place to brand such things into a student is when he is a freshman. Give him something to do that all others have done before him. Make him feel as to the things he does are necessary as a part to his scholastic career. Cause him to know that he has become entangled within ties that bind him ever closer to what may soon be an Alma Mater.

This tug-of-war can become a responsibility to which freshmen will look with eagerness.

The Columbia freshman, it is reported, does not smoke, drinks two glasses of milk each day, eats spinach regularly, and prefers swimming. Oh, you hellions!

University of North Carolina students are proposing a fine for absence from classes. Then it will be the high cost of not going to school.

MORNING MAIL

The Tug of War.

TO THE EDITOR:

It looks as the class presidents are going to justify their existence by doing something beside getting their pictures in the Cornhusker. The Innocents society has authorized the presidents of the freshman and sophomore classes to pick teams for a tug-of-war to decide whether the freshmen may discard their identifying headgear or keep them until the first snowfall. Thus the object of this struggle is to decide whether the freshmen must wear or not wear something which they never wear anyway.

Such an idea is pure irony. If the freshmen wore their caps all the time and did not dislike wearing them, things would be different. As it is, the average frosh doesn't like to wear his cap. It is either too large or too small, it muddles up his hair, it is hard to keep on, and in general it doesn't improve his self-confessed good looks.

The tradition of freshman caps seems to be slowly but surely dying. And Nebraska cannot afford to lose any of its few remaining time-honored customs. Such a tradition as the wearing of caps by freshmen should be kept. Almost all of the biggest schools have such a custom and they enforce it. Nebraska should do likewise. The freshmen should enter into the spirit of the custom and promote it.

It is to be hoped that the planned tug-of-war will somewhat revive this dying tradition. Maybe it will establish a precedent for another tradition. At least it should instill some class spirit into the students and make them better friends.

ZIP.

Foul Play in Rushing.

TO THE EDITOR:

The Pan-Hellenic Council of the University of Nebraska changed its rushing rules this year. An effort was made to overcome a few of the many difficulties encountered during past years. Each year a few new rules are added, old ones changed, or discarded; but the perfect system remains yet to be found.

Take, for instance, the rules governing the Wednesday night party. Sororities were required to have their written invitations at Ellen Smith hall, where the rushers were to call for them. From numerous actual reports, this is the way the invitations were handled: All of the invitations were placed on one large table. The rushers entered the room, as many as possible at one time, and simply hunted until each girl found her own. Perhaps one girl had several invitations, or perhaps she had none. Nevertheless, she continued to search for the invitation she desired.

There not only was great possibility of foul play, but it actually did occur. One girl, who was absolutely certain of two invitations, as later testified by the two sororities in question, never did find her invitations. This naturally led her to believe she was not ever being considered by any, and even later, apologies and explanations failed to console her wounded feelings and pride.

Surely some scheme could be devised where a person in charge could supervise the distribution of invitations, and make some sort of check on the rushers as their invitations are presented to them. Even an alphabetized list would help vastly.

True, the time was short and the work heavy for those in charge; yet a little more time and order would have saved worlds of inconvenience for both sororities and rushers, not to mention the heartaches spared.

The defects of this system will have to be remedied before the next rushing season.

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ALUMNI FEATURES

HOMECOMING PLANS

IN OCTOBER NUMBER

Publication Shows Winners Decoration Contests Last Year.

Editor of League Chronicle Believes Disarmament Is Necessary.

Medics Plan Clinic.

Dr. J. Wm. Terry, editor of the

League of Nations Chronicle, an

international magazine published

for the explanation of the

economic and commercial condition of

the several countries who have

membership in the league, completed

his series of talks in Lincoln

Wednesday afternoon and left

for New York, where he will

conduct several lectures.

Medics Plan Clinic.

An alumni clinic week for

graduates of the College of Medicine

is to be held at the University Hos-

pital in Omaha Oct. 22 and 23. The

clinics and round table discussions

will be concluded by a migration to

Lincoln Saturday to attend the

Kansas football game.

An announcement was made

that after June 1, 1932 that a life

membership to the Nebraska

Alumni association will be \$50.

Previously alumni might obtain

membership in the association and a

subscription to all publications for

\$50.

An article on "This Thing Called

Fashion" by Kate Goldstein '28

and a story on the "Yankee Con-

sult" by John Allison '27 were in-

cluded in the issue.

Russian Question Important.

"The Russian question is of im-

mediate importance, as is the part

the United States will take in the

conference," emphasized Dr. Terry.

"We must keep our eyes on Russia

and note all changes and advances

made by this lone nation."

Dr. Terry laid emphasis on the

entrance of the United States to the

World court, saying that it

would then be only a question of time

before complete peace would

dominate.

China, through the Nanking

government, now demands eva-

cuation of Japanese troops from that

territory but the Japanese have re-

plied that they are entitled to pro-

tect their nationals and their eco-

nomic interests. Japan refuses to

move troops out until a diplomatic

settlement is reached.

"At the same time," Professor

Hill showed, "the Chinese declare

they will not open negotiations

until the Japanese have evacuated

the disputed territory."

Under its covenant, the League of

Nations has the power to ap-

point a committee to investigate

the trouble and recommend certain

diplomatic settlements. Under the

Kellogg pact there is no definite

provision for the enforcement of

its articles which declare that na-

tions signing it shall use diplo-

macy rather than militarism in

settling international disputes.