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Activities Are Not All Bunk.

The attitude that seems to permeate the popular mind of the present day is well exemplified in the letter to the editor by W. W. S. wherein it is claimed that students have recently become worldly-wise thru the exercise of good sense refuse to do anything except that which brings them immediate financial reward.

To some extent we must agree with W. W. S., for a good many of the things that are considered important on this campus are not actually so. The student often has the wrong impression of the purposes for which these activities are maintained, and consequently does not make the best or the proper use of them.

Salaries, bonuses, profits, and other forms of financial reward are necessary to hold the student interest, but this is merely incidental to the purpose of the activity. The man or woman who spends two or three hours in the Daily Nebraskan office and turns in a news story may not get paid so many dollars and cents for the effort, but this does not mean that he or she has not gained something by writing the article.

Men and women come to this institution and pay good money to learn something; and yet we see many of them losing sight of this fact. They read assignments in their text books and work out problems because failure to do so would mean expulsion and consequent disgrace.

Leisure time is not used profitably; it is merely killed. Card playing, shows, useless gossip or talk, and plain loafing become the chief diversion of the student. School work is done and lessons prepared because they cannot be ignored altogether, but no extra-curricular work is even that of unless a good sized salary goes with it.

To be sure, we do not include everybody in this lazy class, for many students spend most of their spare time working themselves true school, and a good many others occupy their time in one or more useful ways; but a considerable number remain who care not a whit for anything but what will give them immediate reward.

After attending the opening event of the formal season we are quite well convinced that a stiff shirt is a modified form of the cast iron shirt that the knights used to wear.

Who Should Be Santa Claus?

With the approach of the yuletide season Greek letter groups on the campus turn their attention to some philanthropic interest, usually a party for a group of unfortunate kiddies, among other festivities. Most frequently a blanket invitation is extended to a certain grade in a school where the children are

thought to be most needy. The guests arrive and are royally entertained by members of the group, and presented with mittens, scarfs or what not, as well as toys and candy. The children return home and lavishly tell mother and father of the wealth of the occasion, and unconsciously give that longing sigh when they think of Christmas at home.

Who should be Santa Claus to these children? It is in the heart of every parent to do everything within his power to provide for and make his children happy. It is instinctive with man.

As Christmas nears perhaps the father is desperate and some group comes into the home with Christmas tree and many brightly colored toys that really work, and boxes of candy, fruit and nuts. While the father perhaps clinches his hands to control the feeling that he has failed, and the mother quietly wipes away a tear because they have been unable to provide for their children at Christmas time, the children wonder why mother and father do not give them Christmas gifts, and the group with the best of intentions selfishly work to see the joy in the faces of the small children.

How much better at Christmas time to aid the parents so that they might get a glimpse of that joy because they had been able to give their children a merry Christmas. Fraternities and sororities, working through an exchange such as the Community Chest or the Social Welfare Society, could do a great deal this winter to aid needy families with the funds they would customarily spend on a Christmas party for children. Many more individuals would be happy, and the children would be led home for their joy, rather than called away.

We read now that college students can take out insurance against being called on in class. For a down payment of twenty-five cents they may collect five dollars in case the prof calls their names.

A visitor from New Zealand says that the women in this country have much whiter teeth than New Zealand women have. That's what Amos and Andy will do for the country.

A college student at Cornell got drunk so that the profs could try out the sobering up effects of sodium rhodonite. This is perhaps what is meant by combining business with pleasure.

MORNING MAIL

Longer Examinations.

Sometime ago the powers that be here in the university announced three hour examinations for students to begin with this semester. That means that nine days will be set aside for examination "week" and two exams will be given daily, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Not very long ago the University of Chicago, and other institutions, announced a plan whereby less stress would be placed on examinations. They were realizing the inherent weaknesses in the tests that are usually given—they don't adequately cover the material, and are often unfair in their make-up—and decided to do away with them as much as possible.

But, the University of Nebraska, instead of minimizing the value, are increasing the stress on examinations, by increasing the amount of time allowed for each course. An extra hour will not materially aid in the covering of the material, and yet the usual inherent weaknesses of unfairness and overemphasis will continue for a longer amount of time instead of for a shorter period.

Why not cut the length of the exams instead of increasing them? There are so many reasons why examinations should be kept that it is difficult to set forth very many of them herein. But the facts above given seem to point to but one conclusion, that of cutting down instead of increasing the amount of time and emphasis placed on tests.

Q. E. D.

No Money; No Interest.

Of late there has been considerable comment by campus activity leaders on the lack of interest in activities shown by university students. They bewail the fact that workers for student publications, committees, etc., are increasingly hard to find. Younger students raise a supercilious eyebrow when urged by "big shots" to come out for activities. They sneaker at the frantic attempts for some worthwhile action on the part of the Innocents, Mortar Boards and others of their ilk.

Why shouldn't students scorn the transcendental glories of campus fame. They know that all these honors will bring them very little money when they get out of school. They also know that it is ridiculous to go to work, say, for the Cornhusker and spend several hours every day for the trifling reward of seeing his name in the columns of the Daily Nebraskan. The student of today is blasé, worldly-wise, if you please. He knows that being a big man on the campus is all bally-rot and he also knows that if he puts in several hours every week he is entitled to some lucrative remuneration. Perhaps the depression has brought this on but it's a sane view. Students have begun to realize that time can be figured in actual dollars and cents and if they have to piddle away their time there are many diversions much more interesting and probably much more instructive than in activities.

All the berating, cajoling, threatening that the activity leaders can put forth is not going to make students spend their time on activities. In the face of our economic ills the idea of expensive services, gratis, is quite objectionable. If these publications, parties, etc., are business enterprises let those that do the work have the reward. Let there be no more appealing for help on the ridiculous ground of "school spirit" but let the appeal be made on the firm ground of "good old lucre."

W. W. S.

TREND OF THE TIMES

Reports say that Russia has bought two cargoes of Australian wheat and that she is trying to cancel future delivery sales to Greece and Great Britain. Russia's unfavorable balance of trade is increasing. For the first eight months of last year it was \$20,000,000. The unfavorable balance this year is five times that, \$100,000,000.

Quoting: "Governor Bryan will attend the Nebraska-Colorado football game at Denver Saturday. Who will represent or misrepresent him during his absence is not a subject for his worry as he says he will be across the state line only a short time."

There seems to be some question as to whether he can be represented.

Things are being said about the tariff in Washington. Senator Smoot, chairman of the finance committee says of the democrats, there is "conspiracy to deceive the people as to the effects of the Smoot-Hawley tariff."

Crisp, a democratic Georgia representative proposes to go back to the lower Fordney-McCumber act of '22.

Belief is that President Hoover will be most certain to veto any general downward revision.

Democratic House Leader Henry T. Rainey, suggests "lowering tariff rates with a reciprocity clause providing that none of the new rates can be called into effect unless and until, as to some item or group of items, some foreign nation shall establish the same or lower rates." This modified the democratic program.

Says Mark Sullivan, "Mr. Rainey has been an extreme progressive in his convictions and of temperment. His record would cause him to be described as roughly a democratic equivalent of the progressive republican, Norris."

Senator Norris is drafting a resolution for investigation of farm board activities. It will propose investigation by the senate agricultural committee of every phase of the board's activities in the last two years.

President of the American Federation of Labor William Green says, "There will be a permanent unemployment problem" if industries insist upon working employees fifty hours a week. He believes that a five day, thirty-five hour working week will eliminate unemployment.

We now have "The American Bible." It is just off the press and is printed and bound like any novel. It is the eleventh English version since King James' revision in 1611. It has taken sixty years to complete the work. The revisers are: Professors John Merin Powis Smith, University of Chicago; Alexander Reid, Gordon University of St. Andrews; Theophile J. Meek, University of Toronto; Leroy Waterman, University of Michigan; Edgar Johnson Goodspeed, Chicago.

Hold out your hands for gold is coming back to United States. After England suspended gold payments we lost \$730,000,000 in six weeks, said to be the heaviest gold movement in history. France has had the largest supply ever, \$2,656,000,000 since then. But now France has an adverse balance of trade. Her crops are poor and she has to purchase heavily outside. She has huge temporary investments by outsiders in francs. Last week found the franc declining while the dollar rose.

A boy fifteen years old who plead guilty to the charge of murdering his foster mother in Savannah, Mo., has been sentenced to life imprisonment in the state prison despite his age.

Finland has had prohibition for twelve years. Thursday the Finnish government asked the diet to authorize a referendum to determine whether prohibition should be continued, repealed outright, or modified to permit medium strength wines and beer.

The government's statement said that the nation's habits had changed little. A social criminal profession has come into being.

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Prohibition has caused a heavy tax burden to be laid on citizens living on legal income while those living on the illegal sale of alcohol are free from taxation.

To bring any piece of legislation before the house of representatives requires a petition signed by 218 members. This has been too large to secure signatures for bringing prohibition to a vote. Thursday republicans in a party conference voted to change the rules so that 145 signers could bring a question to a vote. It is expected that democrats will agree to a similar change.

Drys are still confident of a majority in the house. The desire of wets is to bring the thing to a vote so that the stand of all members can be definitely ascertained before next year's general election.

Perhaps the world disarmament conference will not be held in February. Great Britain up until two weeks ago was insisting that the conference should be held in February but now her attitude is changing.

The London Times speaking of the conference says this, "It is not because its success is not desired, but, on the contrary, because it is realized what an immense misfortune it would be for all European stability if it should meet and fail."

For such reason as the Manchurian affair and French insistence on "security" British people believe that it would be thickly wrong to try to force the disarmament issue, when there is not enough force in sight to promise success.

The authority of the league has undoubtedly been shaken by its inability to control the Manchurian trouble affairs the London Times. This authority might be irreparably damaged if the disarmament conference breaks down.

HAYSEED and HAYWIRE

By GEORGE ROUND

Lorenz Kay, senior student in the college of agriculture, is gripped. Perhaps he has a reason to be in such a mood. Upon his return from Chicago where he was a member of the Cornhusker livestock judging team, he learned that his dancing and skating pavilion in Wayne had burned to the ground during his absence. Investigation proved that Kay lost approximately \$10,000 in the fire. It was only partially covered by insurance.

Returning from Chicago where he attended the annual convention of Ag college student executive boards, Charles Kellogg maintains that the Nebraska organization is not functioning nearly as smoothly as some of the boards in the eastern colleges. Kellogg says the executive board in the other schools is the supreme power and works co-operatively with other organizations on the campus. His report indicates that there is something lacking in the organization on the Ag college campus.

Helen Hengstler, college of agriculture coed, has a new way of

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working her way thru school. She sells neither magazines or aluminum ware but instead teaches the "kiddies" how to play the piano. Giving piano lessons is getting to be quite a profession for her.

Those little "no parking" signs on the quadrangle on the college of agriculture campus seem to be effective. Nary a car can be seen parked in the prohibited area, although some students might as well leave their automobiles at home as to park them down near Havelock and then walk to classes.

A professor on the farm believes the time of concentration of food into small capsules for human consumption is far from being just around the corner. This, he says, is especially true for livestock. They, as well as humans, need bulk in their food to stimulate the intestines.

So perhaps, after all, we can't

push a button and take our meal from the cabinet in the form of a capsule.

These University of Nebraska athletes seem to pick queer ways of working their way thru school. For instance, Feiber Maasgum is a policeman. Then there is Art Mauch, varsity basketball letterman, who is partially working his way thru by teaching English to the short course boys at the Ag college. He also works for the extension service.

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