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footsteps

living and earning.

of what they were taught

"right" and are embracing the

"left." The ruthlessness with which

the ugliness of people and the way

they do things has stripped them

of their beliefs, has left them noth-

ing to do but turn to something

idealistic, albeit something that is

founded on fact. Their destruc-tive attitude is really a belief that

only by getting down to rock bot-

tom can the future be built se-

curely, proudly, lastingly. And if their efforts seem to take on a red

tinge in some cases, it is only the

first flush of bold hope that they

Only by discarding the scorn

-Syracuse Daily Orange.

Legs and Morals.

Blackwell has indignantly pro-

tested presentation of athletic

stunts by girls gymnasium classes between halves of a football game.

"The school board doesn't sanction

such leg show as was put on at the

school and to the city, and a poor

A member of the school board at

with which they usually greet the

can succeed where only too ob

viously their denouncers

failed.

efforts of the

the goal they seek.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1932.

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FRESHMAN STUDENT

GROUP HAS MEETING

Committee Will Promote

Activities and Get New

Members.

The freshman student council,

w organization for the purpo-furthering the interests

freshmen, held its regular meeth

The one on freshman activities

Sigma Alpha Mu, chairman; Be

Bob Davis; and the one appoint-

being made up of Norman Finh

Mortin, Beta Theta Pl, and

Alpha Sigma Phi, chairman; Lynn

The next meeting will be held

Wednesday, Nov. 9 at the Sigma

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being composed of Irving

nard McKemy, Sigma Chi,

to submit names for the

Bunnell, Alpha Theta Chi.

Sigma Lambda house.

Thursday evening at the Delt

Two committees were appointed

Nebraska-Pittsburgh gan

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Religion and The Undergraduate.

TODAY has been designated All University Church Sunday. The churches of Lincoln invite the students to become acquainted with the religious facilities of the city and offer a special temporary student affiliation so that religious life shall not be broken off when the student leaves home to attend school.

Today the university and the churches of Lincoln do their bit to combat a charge frequentlyand perhaps with some measure of justificationhurled at college students in general: That an increasing number of students are finding no place in their hurried daily schedule for religion; that universities, as they now operate, are eliminating religion from the lives of the educated class in America.

Writing in the Atlantic Monthly for September, Bernard Iddings Bell, professor of religion at Columbia university, repeats the charge, declares that fact supports it and delves into an analysis of its causes.

Professor Bell traces the foundations of this indifference-he points out it is not unbelief but blase indifference-to two principle causes, one not at all peculiar to college students.

In the first place, he points out that this is an age of pragmatism; that young people, even more than children or those of more mature mind, are followers of the crowd; that a dollars-and-cents world sees little value in religion and therefore is indifferent towards it.

But the students and their standards of value, Professor Bell thinks, are not alone responsible. Much of the blame he lays at the door of the educational system in general and the present university curriculum in particular. The universities fail in what he sees as their duty to teach the students religion as well as accounting and farming.

The misconception that religion and modern science are incompatible, as a factor in the condition which he deplores, he dismisses with a citation of eminent scientists, past and present, who were or are profound believers.

Professor Bell divides man's sources of truth nto three: science, wherein man learns by expe-

sundry offices. Whether to mark an x after the name of Oscar Zilch or Hesekiah Hayloft for state land commissioner may sorely vex the conscience of the voter who feels he should vote for the "best man."

Walter Lippman claims that democracy in its present form demands that the average voter be a sort of superman. He is expected to know not only the offices which are elective, but to decide as to the respective merits of a heat of politicians who are seeking public jobs. That such a knowledge is impossible is obvious and seems to point to the fact ing tones they cry, "Look how many of them would vote for that democracy has been run into the ground. Just exactly how voters can hold responsible

their public officers when they rarely know who what will the country come they are is a problem which has never been ex-plained by even the most ardent supporters of the democratic theory. Such responsibility can be de-go of an indignant but joyful tidemocratic theory. Such responsibility can be dedemocratic theory. Such responsibility can be de-termined, however, if the major office holders are it awfulling" at their descendants given the power to appoint the minor office holders. The voter can have a reasonable amount of knowledge so as to exercise intelligence in picking the major officers of the government who can thus be held responsible for the work of the subordinate officers under his control.

Sheer logic points to the adoption of the short ballot, and rather than take away any of the voter's ance, completely in the dark poprerogatives, it will actually give him a greater litically and economically. Few degree of direct connection with his government and its policies.

Neglect of Education.

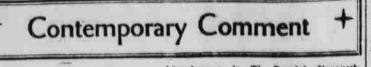
Incation. HE National Education Association, commonly known as the "N. E. A.," has made a study of THE National Education Association, commonly the effects of the depression upon the schools of the nation. The association conducted investigations in four-fifths of the cities having a population of 100,000 or more. They found that in these cities the amount expended for education during the present school year is 812 percent less than it was last year. The expenses of these cities were cut 4 percent last year, so the schools will receive 12 percent less this year than they were getting a year ago.

A system of economical expenditure and in some cases total reorganization was felt to be necessary. The real practice of economy falls most heavily on the teachers. Some 85 percent of the cities have cut the salaries of their teachers, and in some cities the teachers are having an exceedingly hard time getting what remains of their salaries. Other reductions have been affected through a reorganization of the system.

The rural schools, however, are suffering more than the city schools. This condition goes back to the condition of the farmer, whose income in many cases has almost completely disappeared. Farmers cannot pay the taxes upon which the schools depend, so the schools are suffering. In some counties the schools have been closed entirely.

The dangers of such a condition are numerous and far reaching in extent. Education is forcibly being neglected and the question arises as to what to do. The world has come to recognize that education is an influential factor in gaining material wealth and worldly success. It directs the activities of individuals into these more worthwhile channels. Education also serves the public by being a factor in the checking of crime in that it prevents the maladjustments of individuals, which are so likely to lead to crime.

Another disastrous result of such a situation is the effect on the institutions of higher learningcolleges and universities. The effects are perhaps not immediate but several years hence they will become evident. Students who are now being de-"Such shows are a disgrace to the prived of their basic and fundamental courses will be unable to continue in the fields of higher education and the result will be a falling off of the number of college students. This situation is inevitable if the neglect of education continues. A workable solution to this problem has not yet been found. However, educators are doing their best, for they more than anyone else realize the full significance and far reaching effects of such a situation.



burlesque in St. Louis' disreput-able Garrick, or a really lowdown leg show in Chicago or New York. Then the austre gentleman might be able to distinguish between leard exhibition of lives and clear Look Beneath. lot of foggy-minded people thrughout the length and breadth of the land today are busy throw-ing up their hands in holy horror lewd exhibition of limbs and clean honorable exercise in sensible, comfortable gym clothing. Immorality is not a condition of at the terrible radicalism of the college generation. In heart-rend-

dress; it is a condition of mind. A world traveler reports that in his tour of the continents he finds Thomas, or worse, for Foster. a good thing they can't vote! But to the morals highest where the clothes are least. A person be wrapped up in yards of silks and satins and remain the most vulgar being imaginable. Immor-ality cannot be created or erased who haven't sense enough yet to by dressing. follow in their seniors' wandering The Blackwell board member is

of the same family as those righteous but ill-advised guardians of public morality who condemn all who dance to the fires of hell.

It is thoroughly in character with such individuals that they should consider these evidences of the trend of youth's thought purely as proof that the undergraduate And we almost expect such shepards of morality to eternally damn is really, despite his class attendanyone who so much as dares to smile. Their creed seems to be built on the theory that to enjoy who are away from constant conlife is a sin. And we are just perverse enough to believe exactly the opposite. If there is any virtue tact with these so-called radicals can see that their criticized actions in this world it is the joy of living. are an indictment of the ways of We suppose that the board mem their parents, which, inculcated in ber would have given his approval to the gymnastic exhibition if the girls had been attired in the old fashioned black bloomers which the defenseless children, have fallreached below their knees and in ong black stockings which suc-It is their despair at losing the very fibers around which they had cessfully covered any skin. Of course the old costumes were cumbersome, unhealthy and drab, but at least the straight-laced member built what little of their life they have lived that has made these young people turn away and run could heave a sigh of relief and go home content that the girls were highly moral.—Daily O'Collegian. in the opposite direction. They are getting rid as fast as they can

The Student Pulse

Brief, concise contributions perii-neat to unatters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restric-tions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be with-held from publication if so desired.

"Tagging."

TO THE EDITOR:

A recent conversation that took

place between two barb students disclosed some not too favorable opinions of the barb parties that are held in the coliseum. The gist of the students' argument, or

"younger generarather we should say agreement, tion" can the disdainful be included in the scheme which is being sought for the future. Let them for the two students had harmonizing ideas on the subject, was recognize the mistakes they have that these parties are not serving made, the misconception they have their purpose as well as they preached, and forget them, as will might. It is not the general opinion their juniors in their zeal to reach that these parties are successful.

As the barb council is not known to have made any definite statement as to the reasons for these parties, it is assumed that they are staged to provide social activity to non-Greeks as well as providing a place, time and occa-sion where students may become acquainted with one another. An

attempt is made to provide all who attend with an evening's enjoy-ment. If this is the case, it would be supposed that the rules of customs governing these events would be such as to realize the purpose Yet it does not seem to be the general opinion that barb party customs are such,

If a man doesn't take a woman student, in slang a "date," to the party, ne is in danger of getting few dances and making fewer ac-quaintances unless he be the campus romeo and good fellow or unless he be gifted with the ability to meet strangers easily. In the case of women students this 18 even more tragically true. There seems to be an unwarranted air can of formality and aloofness at these get-together parties. This may be up to the standard the barb council has set for these affairs, but in this maner they are not fully serving their purpose and a comparative few who are already well-acquainted are usually

the only ones who really enjoy them With this dissatisfaction listed, let us see if there are any reme-dies, or at least, aids that may be readily put into practice. For the present, one remedy will be our concern, and that one applies to dancing. The dancing custom observed at barb parties has been notably marked as being too formal. When this trouble occurs, one great aid is always available. That aid which we feel would improve the sociality and also dancing at barb parties is the practice known "cutting" or "tagging." No doubt, the reason for banning this custom is that it may lower the standard of formality and good taste, that it is somewhat of a plebeian practice. Yet we have at tended numerous strictly formal afairs in the state's metropolis and found that the instant was rare where cutting was not only being practiced but was affording most

everyone a most enjoyable evening. As far as we can see, there should be no objection to a practice such as this. On the contrary it is our belief that this should be observed and encouraged. For it is not the customs or the formality that determine the standard of party; that standard is set by the people who attend Barb council isn't it possible that students can have the enjoyment from this cus-tom and still be responsible to maintain a high level of refine-

least, let us see it tried.

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rience and sensory observation; art, wherein he finds truth in beauty; and religion, wherein the truth of things incomprehensible is intuitively acquired. Present day thought, he observes, puts its whole faith in the first, tolerates the second and ignores the third. In this, he believes, we are as far off the track as were they of the middle ages who ignored science and put all their faith in religion.

. . .

PROFESSOR BELL'S analysis of the situation is fundamentally sound. But not content with finding the cause, Professor Bell provides also a remedy. And therein he demonstrates an inadequate knowledge of undergraduate psychology. For he would remedy indifference to religion by adding compulsory courses in religion to the university curriculum. He would, in other words, cram religion down the throat of college students, trusting them to see the truth and believe if they but know what religion really is.

Now college students just don't act that way. Requirements, although some few may be necessary, constitute a challenge. No more prolific source of student "gripes" could be invented than a required course in Religion 1.

More emphasis on courses in religious fundamentals-such courses are now provided in the University of Nebraska-would doubtless prove beneficial. But a required dose of religion, academically administered, never!

What the university and the churches of Lincoln are doing today will go much further towards imparting to students the desired interest in religion than Professor Bell's required courses. Religion, to be sincere, must be voluntary.

The Daily Nebraskan joins the university in arging that every student attend church this morning-and maintain that connection with some form of organized observance throughout his student life.

Down With

Blanket Ballots.

ADMONITIONS to vote intelligently may seem a bit foolish to new voters when they are handed ballots Tuesday resembling to some extent the city directory of a small town. While the major interest of the campaign has been in the presidential and the gubernatorial election, voters will find that their franchise also extends to a large number of state officers including such as state land commissioner, district judges and so on and on.

If the student has taken seriously the idea of voting intelligently he will be hard put to it to decide who is best qualified to fill these numerous and have been fought.

Unskilled A. B.'s?

 $C_{\rm and\ their\ graduates\ have\ become\ so\ common\ as}$ to be worthy of little more than passive amusement, but among the latest of these charges is one which stands out by virtue of the heights of rheotorical figure to which the speaker ascends.

Having qualified to make his statement by putting four sons through college, Joseph Scott, republican party leader, declared that "the average graduate comes out of college prepared to do approximately the work of an unskilled laborer, except that his muscles are usually too soft to do any strenuous work."

Mr. Scott also commented that taxpayers were not getting their money's worth out of expenditures for colleges and universities. "Taxpayers shovel out money by the barrel full in this country for education," he declared, "and we ought to be able to develop some intelligence and public spiritedness among the undergraduates of our college.

All of these declarations roll from the tongue fluently, but that fluency is open to question as emanating from one whose very desire for such fluency over rides better judgement. Readers of the Daily Nebraskan are familiar with the statements alleged by Mr. Scott, and it would be trite to delve into their inaccuracies, which would probably have remained unspoken by Mr. Scott in other circumstances

But the fact remains that they were spoken, and it is such thoughtless commonts which make connection with a university or college hard to justify in the eyes of those very taxpayers to whom Mr. Scott makes his cry.

There is only one way to combat that feeling of resentment so carefully nourished in the hearts of the populace, and that way is almost impossible of achievement. It is to be so guarded of action as to allow no room at all for censure. Even then, of course, faise charges will be flaunted, but if everyone connected with colleges and universities everywhere honestly attempts careful conduct, the biggest battles of the war against intolerance will

up the community." The poor deluded, hypocritical,

way to build

smug and Puritanical man! Thru what crossed eyes does he view the world! And we had thought the people who burned witches at the stake were no longer with us. We are mean enough to smile fiendishly and wonder what the horrified school board member

would think were he to view a



VOTE FOR



COMEDY COMING MUSICAL Revived "Merry Widow" Will Be Presented on

November 14.

"The Merry Widow," world-famed musical comedy with Don-ald Brian playing the leading role, will be presented to Lincoln thea-tre-goers Monday evening, Novem-ber 14 at the Linerty theater

A CALLER CONTRACTOR STATES

was greeted by capacity houses are Cleveland, Indianapolis, De-troit, St. Louis and Toronto. Robert Tucker, dramatic critic for the Indianapolis Star had the following comment to make con-cerning the revival: "When the operetta resists the ravages and

tour of the country, stopping in the majority of the principal cities. The been brought here by Florence Among the towns where the show Gardher, local manager. EVENTS FEATURES MEETING OF GROUP

An innovation in the upperclass ald Brian playing the leading role. will be presented to Lincoln thea-tre-goers Monday evening, Novem-ber 14 at the Liberty theatre. The revival of "The Merry Wi-dow" was made this season in New York City where it enjoyed a long run. The New York en-gagement has been extended to a



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