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Considering An 'Objector.'

RAISING the old, old question of the amount of freedom allowed, or rather denied, university students in the conduct of their Sunday activities, an Objector takes exception to the most recent attempts at purification by abstention. What are we going to do if dancing and playing cards on Sundays are denied us, she asks, and adds that the natural alternative is for girls to leave their houses on Sundays, throwing off all semblance of control.

They are pertinent questions, these things being asked by Miss Objector, and she is not alone in her belief that the rulings are both unnecessary and singularly useless. The regulation in question is one of the common subjects for complaints that come to the Nebraskan office, and no one would care to maintain that the present arrangements for Sunday are popular with the student body. Objector, in short, is asking questions that demand adequate answers.

Before launching into further consideration of the many angles of the problem, however, it might be well to have clearly set forth the specific ruling that is called into question. On the sheet published by the Faculty Committee on Student Affairs, "Rules Governing Organizations and Social Functions," this sentence is to be found under paragraph 1:

"Dances, card parties, down-town banquets, etc., may not be held on Sundays."

Here, then, is the foundation for all the prohibitions. These are the words that make a Sunday on the campus equivalent to a hypnotic trance. But what are the factors responsible for the ruling? Why, as our Objector questions, does this ruling prevail?

UNFORTUNATELY no one has even been able to discover the exact and specific answers to these questions. For a long time the Nebraskan has bent its energies in that direction, with the total result that nothing has been accomplished, and little has been discovered. There are, however, certain things that have been indicated pretty clearly, and altho it must be borne in mind that these are at best only assumptions from the known conditions, yet they do carry some weight.

First of all, then, there is undoubtedly behind the pronouncements about Sunday restrictions a feeling that people of the state of Nebraska—parents and acquaintances of students—would be outraged at any change in the present arrangements. That this is an unfounded belief is firmly maintained by the Nebraskan. Students have vastly greater amounts of Sunday freedom at home, as a rule, than they do in their organized campus houses. It might also be pointed out that one of the purposes of any educational process, too, is to establish a habit of sound judgment in students, and why should parents object to the fulfillment of that purpose?

The Student Pulse

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

The Campus Sunday.

TO THE EDITOR: Sundays! What to do on these days?

It seems to one who is an upper-class-woman on the campus that the students have facing them a problem in which their desires should be made known. The Dean of Women has ruled that the regulation prohibiting card playing or dancing in either sorority or fraternity houses shall be enforced to the limit.

Ye Gods! What are we supposed to do? Young men and women of college age are not going to sit in chairs facing one another and sweetly smile back and forth for an afternoon or evening.

Sunday as a day of rest and quiet, with studying no doubt included in this instance, is all right and should be maintained to a certain extent, but the moral point of that purpose can't help but be abominable when carried to the extent that Greek men and women are commanded to observe it.

Social contact among the girls is one of the finest things obtained in a sorority house and Sunday is the best day of the week to promote this. But girls, as much as they like to converse, aren't going to spend an afternoon or evening just talking. They'll be driven from the house to seek some means of entertaining themselves.

I'm calling for active discussion on this ruling that makes Sundays impossible—and not only discussion, but action. Why must we be shackled to an absurd ruling that prevails for no good reason? —OBJECTOR.

A Typical Letter.

(Editor's Note: A cross section of views not often brought to the attention of university students is presented in the following letter that has been received by the Dean of Student Affairs, who says the letter is typical of many. No alterations in the content have been made.) DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS: We are wondering if you could stop long enough from your busy hours to realize that the depression has not been lifted enough. Could you not cut down a little on your very crazy outside activities. We have lived in two college towns before coming to Lincoln and have

never heard of such a thing. We have two students in Uni and we know they are not doing their school work like before on account of all your nonsense. Like every Mon. eve. a dinner at the chapter house. How in the name of good sense can you expect to keep the people going? We have two more students to enter next year but they will never enter your Uni. Because all you stress is social no wonder this Uni. ranks at the bottom of the list. Now we have a wonderful support and are getting after this thing make those meetings once a month and cut down on dance hours so our boys don't have to take a girl and spend a lot of money. Why can't you do like Okla. where the girls are limited to a piece of the boys' entertainment. We are working hard and have wonderful support for we can't keep this up much longer continually paying. We all hope you will have your salaries cut until it hurts like it hurts us. You may have a few of those who just slide thru they are no good to society at any rate and only tear down the standard of different organizations but of course they have the money. We doubt however if you could keep up should the rank and file one day walk out. We can't plead with you enough to help us or you may be sorry for the conditions will not change for a long time we can assure you. Think this over make those Mon. eve. dinners once a month, no organization has enough bus. to call a meeting once a week it's only the money you want. We are looking for a close up of more than one house since we got together. Now please help us and we will do our part, and give the student a chance to do their work. —The Rank & File.

SPONSORS DEEM CHEST DRIVE ON CAMPUS SUCCESS

(Continued from Page 1.) divided into seven teams in the first regiment of division D of the city wide campaign. The captains of the seven teams are: C. O. Swayze, H. C. Koch, J. P. Colbert, L. E. Gunderson, H. J. Gramlich, and R. B. Scott. Realizing that this year would prove more difficult than ever to gain full subscription to the university quota, Chancellor E. A. Burnett made an urgent appeal to the faculty members and university employees in a letter addressed to them and made public some time ago. Chest is Worthy Enterprise. "I consider the community chest one of the most worthy enterprises

of the city, in caring for the needs of the poor and unfortunate," he stated in the letter. "The university has always responded to the demand for subscriptions in aiding the enterprise." "While I am aware that the salaries of people connected with the university have been severely cut, I hope you will feel impelled to give as liberally as you did last year, perhaps in some cases more than you did last year. Our total contribution should not be decreased," he declared. The following comprises the list of university team captains and workers. Community Chest, University of Nebraska, Division D—Regiment No. 1. Team No. 210, C. O. Swayze, captain. A. College of arts and sciences: Botany, chemistry, dramatic arts, English, fine arts, geography, geology and museum, Germanic languages, history, mathematics and astronomy, philosophy, physics, political science, romance language, school of journalism, economics. B. College of business administration: Business organization and administration, business law, economics. Team 211, H. C. Koch, captain. A. Teachers college: Commercial arts, educational sciences, educational services, elementary education, high school, history and principles of education, practical arts, school administration, secondary education. B. College of dentistry. C. College of pharmacy: Student health, student infirmary. D. College of law. Team No. 212, J. P. Colbert, captain. A. College of engineering: Applied mechanics, architecture, civil engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering. B. Conservation and survey. C. University of Nebraska, Division D—Regiment No. 2. Team No. 214, H. J. Gramlich, captain. A. Agricultural extension. B. Agricultural experiment station. C. College of agriculture: Agricultural botany, agricultural chemistry, agricultural engineering, agronomy, animal husbandry, animal pathology and hygiene, cafeteria, dairy husbandry, entomology, farm department, farm operator, home economics, horticulture, plant pathology, poultry husbandry, rural economics, serum plant, vocational education. D. State department of vocational education. Team No. 213, L. E. Gunderson, captain. A. General administration: Chancellory office, dean of student affairs, dean of women, finance secretary's office, public relations, purchasing department, registrar's office. B. School of music. C. General accounts: Library, legislative reference bureau, military science, physical education men, physical education women, athletics. D. Commercial activities: Bookstore, women's dormitories. Team No. 215, R. B. Scott, captain. A. General Services: Department, city campus, agricultural campus. B. Conservation and survey. C. University of Nebraska, Division D—Regiment No. 3. It is estimated that students can obtain an education at the University of Arizona, Tucson, for as little as \$320 including tuition and living costs. Football has been discarded for rodeo sports at the Cheyenne school at Colorado Springs. Bucking horses and wild steers are considered less dangerous by Dr. Lloyd Shaw, superintendent.

pose if it involved no more than assuming that students could take care of themselves on Sunday? That, of course, leads directly to the second argument evidently behind the regulation in question, that any form of Sunday amusement in the houses is immoral and irreligious, to say nothing of being calculated to destroy all sense of decency. It would not be missing the mark to characterize the whole "argument" as absurd, but perhaps it would be well to point out some of the reasons the stand cannot be sustained. As generally recognized, student morality, or any other morality can never be guaranteed by regulation and law. If students wish to play cards or dance on Sunday, no effective means will ever be discovered of quelling that wish. Those seeking amusement will simply go beyond their houses to find it, and that fact must be faced, for it means that the whole structure of regulations will thereby be subtly undermined. If one law is disregarded, as the Sunday regulations inevitably will be, all other regulations automatically lose some of their weight.

THEN, too, where is the justification for the original statement that card-playing and dancing are inherently wicked? The Nebraskan has no desire to precipitate theological arguments, but it does believe that view is insulting to the educational purposes for which the university stands. Religion is not a matter of pastebord squares and orchestra music, nor are the personal emotions on which it is based a subject for institutional regulation. So much, then, for an attempt to deal with the only discoverable arguments that have been put forth in support of the Sunday regulations. Perhaps it has not been done with any great amount of adequacy, but then the arguments themselves scarcely lend themselves to rational treatment. Only one conclusion, in fact, remains possible, and it is very clear: the rule prohibiting Sunday "dances, card parties, down-town banquets, etc.," should either be removed from university statutes, or attempts to enforce it should be neglected. Either one of those alternatives has certainly a strong place in student wishes, and the Nebraskan in its capacity as student newspaper joins Miss Objector in asking: "Why must we be shackled to an absurd ruling?"

Unfortunate, But Necessary.

THAT Homecoming day arrangements for this year will have to omit plans for competitive decoration of houses seems a wise step in view of the undeniable financial pressure being sustained by almost every Greek organization. Even with a limitation placed on the amounts to be spent it is extremely doubtful if the cost of decorations could be justified by most fraternities.

In the past, perhaps, elaborate outlays for the celebration of Homecoming day were justified on the grounds of making the houses colorful and "collegiate," but at a time when every fraternity and sorority is not without some financial difficulty it would certainly seem unwise to continue a custom that does require monetary expenditure, often on a large scale. Some objections may be raised by undergraduates who feel they are being deprived of a spectacle that should be a part of college football, but it is to be hoped that the majority verdict will favor the new policy.

As the custom has operated, the element of competition has almost every year been responsible for attempts to make the displays as elaborate as possible, and it is to be suspected that on some occasions more than stipulated amounts have been spent on the decorations. Under the new arrangement that element will be largely ruled out for no prizes will be given and the displays will not be judged in competition.

Individual houses, of course, may decorate if they wish, but there is no necessity for making the exhibits representative of much time and money and no occasion for any house feeling obliged to "put up a front." In years to come the custom of competitive decoration may very well be revived, but for the present, abolition of decorations—even tho it be at the cost of sacrificing some of Homecoming's "color"—is probably wisest.

+ Contemporary Comment +

A Decision At Last?

Prospects of some kind of a legal settlement of the perennial controversy over military training should be welcomed both by the so-called "militarists" and "pacifists." Even Dr. Ernest Carroll Moore, vice president and provost of the University of California at Los Angeles, where the controversy is again raging, is said to admit that a court decision would be desirable. The situation is expected to be brought to a head if two students threatened with dismissal from U. C. L. A. for refusing to enroll in military training courses persist in their announced intention of taking the matter to the state supreme court. This court, should it render a decision, would set an important precedent, which would not only affect publicly-owned institutions of higher learning in California but in California but in other states as well. As long as we can remember, there have been these seasonal wrangles over compulsory R. O. T. C. and since legal opinions seem to differ as to the rights of "conscientious objectors" who demand to be admitted to state owned colleges and universities without being forced to undergo military training, it is time that we had an authoritative ruling, if for no other reason than to clear the academic atmosphere.

Dull Classes Reviewed.

Why professors fail to be real intellectual leaders of American youth is told in an anonymous article entitled "Confessions of a College Teacher" in the current issue of Scribner's. When he entered the teaching

Ag College

By Carlyle Hodgkin NOW WE'LL GET THE DOPE. Selected to represent the home economics girls in this AG COLLEGE column are the Misses Lois Turner and Genevieve Jeffries. Miss Fedde and Miss Steel appointed the two girls, told them what to do, made them responsible for home economics news and activities on the campus. Now we may look for something interesting.

MOTHER'S LOVE DISPECTED.

Here is a question that I suggest as a research problem for some home economics students who want to delve into the more intricate problems of the home. What is the nature of Mother's Love? When Johnny arrives mother is proud of her first born. She loves him with all her heart. She loves him with all the love she has. Then Mary arrives. She loves Mary just as much, too. Or at least she says she does. Then Willie arrives and she loves him with all the love that mother possesses. And then Rose arrives. It is the same thing again—mother loves her with all the love she has in the world. She couldn't love her any more. And so, with more arrivals, it goes.

ALUMNUS HOLDS STUDENT COVER DESIGN CONTEST

(Continued from Page 1.) tained from Dwight Kirsch. Alumnus Appears Monthly. The Alumnus will appear regularly every month of the academic year, according to present plans. It was thought earlier in the year that the publication would be forced to discontinue due to the slash in university appropriations. Economics, however, have been effected, Ray Ramsay acting as editor of the publication as well as being secretary of the university alumni organization, Oscar Norling, now with the Lincoln Star, was editor of the Alumnus last year.

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Complete Staff of Political Science Department by Late Appointment.

Christian Larsen was recently appointed assistant professor in the political science department to take the place of F. V. Peterson according to Dr. J. P. Senning, chairman of the department. Mr. Larsen who did his undergraduate work at Nebraska has held several fellowship scholarships. At Leland Stanford University, where he held his first scholarship, he assisted in the instruction of the introductory courses in political science. In 1931 and 1932 he assisted at Nebraska and received his master's degree. Last year he taught three sections of the introductory course at the University of Minnesota where he had a scholarship.

CAPT. G. W. SPOERRY DEFENDS ARMY AND NAVY AS ORGANIZATIONS FOSTERING GOOD CITIZENSHIP IN UNITED STATES.

(Continued from Page 1.) where, and the lack of appropriations to take care of the additional thousands requesting advanced voluntary training in established units, is positive proof of the value of the instruction.

Training Builds Character.

Making soldiers or militarists of the young men at these institutions is far from the aim in mind. Instead, the application of the instruction given in the military department makes for better discipline among the students in the classrooms, on the campus and in their rallies, while after graduation it leads to more courteous professional and business men, more understanding men, more gentlemen, and fewer disloyal citizens.

Officers Examples for Boys.

Officers of the army, he stated, than whom there are no finer examples of honor, integrity, morality and patriotism, naturally become the ideals of thousands of

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boys in their hero worship, especially where they come in contact with them, in the relation of teacher and pupil. The burden of responsibility placed upon the shoulders of the officers by implicit youth demands of them their best, in that they may stand for good and be all that their hero worshipers would have them be. The army goes even further. Its officers are in constant demand as speakers before the many service clubs, associations, fraternal societies and churches, where they promulgate the principles of good citizenship. Then there are those who go above and beyond the ordinary calls that come to them, and seek additional ways and means of bettering the citizenry by giving lectures to the inmates of reformatories and penal institutions. Is this labor lost? Perhaps, yet if a few, or even one, can be helped to become a better citizen in this way, then the effort is worth while when not otherwise engaged.

Army is Dependable.

The army is the one organization that can be depended upon in any emergency, at any hour, of any day, and under all conditions. It never falters when the safety of the government is imperiled. It will be found intact and steadfast when everything else has failed. It is the last line of defense. It has never failed and never will. As long as its soldiers have the strength to take another step, just so long will this government "by the people, for the people" stand; just so long will they enjoy life, liberty and the right of self-determination.

If today you weaken that last line of defense, tonight you encourage internal enemies to undermine the foundation, and tomorrow this government will fall," he concluded.

AFTERNOON TEAS CONTINUE

Appointments Are in Fall Flowers; Encourages Membership.

Second pair in a series of informal Y. W. C. A. membership teas will be given Thursday, Oct. 12, and Friday, Oct. 13, in Room Smith hall from 4:30 to 5:30. The membership and finance staff's tea on Thursday will be in charge of Margaret Ward of the finance staff, and Myra Grimes of the membership staff. Fall flowers will be used in the table decorations and there will be piano music during the affair.

A tea, in charge of Donna Davis, will be given by the church relations staff and the project staff from 4:30 to 5:30 on Friday. An orchid and rose color scheme has been planned and around the room exhibits of various Y. W. C. A. activities will be displayed.

The college of Arts and Sciences at the University of Georgia is offering a course for those students who are preparing for consular or other foreign services.

Temple university, Philadelphia, sets the unique record of having eight sets of twins among a student body—all but one having chosen the same department.

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