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## Hodge Podge For Sunday.

THE student week, in retrospect, presents an interesting picture of campus activities at their lowest ebb. With the "Messiah" being presented at the coliseum today, the advent of the usual number of Christmas parties sponsored by students and organizations, and campus activities terminating or postponing their enterprises until the beginning of the new year, the buzz of student activity is definitely submerged with the approach of Christmas holidays.

A bird's eye view of actual realities reveals a passing scene of student enterprise marked, not for its general inactivity, but for the superficiality of student interest in its own work. The University Players adding another to a long chain of successes; the Mortar Board party—and its usual added sparkle of interest; the revival of interest in the activity tax by the student council and that body's third unsuccessful attempt to settle the Varsity party issue; and the announcement of the first Cornhusker deadline. All of them commonplace and routine in the student's life—but to which his attention is subconsciously drawn.

Looked at in that fashion the happenings of the week seem neither unusual nor important. But superimposed upon the routine of university activities—the steadiness of classes, meetings, and professional and social functions, there appeared on the campus horizon, without significant emphasis, a revival of student interest in two issues which give promise of much student maneuvering—and sufficient justification for the accompanying profusion of editorial comment from the college editor's pen.

THE student activity tax, which is the perennial concern of the Nebraska campus, is once again revived by the student council, under whose guidance the plan made its most significant gesture toward administrative approval last spring.

Under the plan set forth recently by the student governing body a student committee composed of representatives from the Panhellenic and Interfraternity councils, Mortar Boards and Innocents, and one representative each from the other major student organizations will be appointed. As proposed under the existing set up this body will work in conjunction with the student council in attempting to gauge accurately student opinion on the projected plan.

A vote similar to the system used last spring, will be taken among the undergraduate population, during registration for the second semester. The results of the vote, in addition to the sentiment on the question gained through the heads of the various organizations, will comprise, briefly, the procedure through which the student council will seek to gain favorable action upon the student activity tax plan.

when it is presented to the board of regents at its spring session.

Conditions now existing on the Nebraska campus facilitate the alignment of factors in favor of the plan exceedingly simple for the proponents of the plan. Purely on the score of the disorganized army of students' investigation into its merits and defects. Always the subject of much concern, and the inevitable undergraduate confusion in grasping true significance of the blanket tax, the plan deserves at least the sincere consideration of the student population—if it is to gain success or failure.

ANOTHER airing of the relative merits and demerits of varsity parties made its voice heard above the usual hum of student activity when the student council again successfully dodged the issue and postponed further action on the measure until after the Christmas holidays.

Failing for the third successive time to iron out the difficulties and prejudices amongst the Greeks and the Barbs, council members were swallowed up in a maze of confusing arguments for and against the idea of varsity parties. Losing sight of the original purpose of the plan—an informal party or dance to be held in the university coliseum for all university students—the governing body wrapped itself up in a myriad of arguments based largely upon prejudice and fear.

Based, primarily, upon the premise that the parties would be all university parties—for all students and not designated portions of the student population—the sore spot arises over the so called class distinction between Barbs and Greeks.

Arguments for and against the party plan may be summed up briefly. It is feared that under the new arrangement the parties would not be any more representative than they are now. Barbs, it is indicated, would not attend parties controlled by Greeks. The ridiculous situation that the council finds itself encountering, becomes the more obvious when it is pointed out that the parties, under the proposed plan, would not be controlled by Greeks, but by a committee composed equally of Barbs and Greeks.

The question, before a definite agreement may be gained, involves unity within the student governing body. Whether this body can sufficiently adjust its composure to meet the situation only time may decide. If it cannot agree, Barb and Greek relations will mutually be retarded, if not damaged, for it is only through the student council that Barb and Greek interests may successfully be combined toward any sort of unified action.

## Have a Good Time.

CRITICIZING student attitude toward vacations as harmful, "Student" in this morning's Student Pulse suggests that the undergraduate's adolescent anticipation of vacations is harmful to education. He further indicates that true university students should regard vacations with solemnity and vacation periods, though desirable, should not be considered childishly as a chance to "get out of school."

We admit, perforce, that to some degree university students are still relatively immature and do not fully realize the value of the educational opportunities to which they are being subjected.

The anticipation with which students look forward to vacations is not a habit monopolized by them alone. Everyone, bound down to routine work, not only enjoys recesses and change, but needs such a change. College students, despite all ideas about their carefree lives, conform to a fairly rigid routine schedule. Working hours are not confined to any set schedule and sometimes, perhaps before examinations, extend to periods prohibited by law in other industries.

Even the social pleasures which students indulge in sometime become a strain when combined with other activities and school work, and though few students would forego them, for needed sleep, the vacation period brings relief. We hope that vacation needs no defense. We think that students need vacations and are justified in taking them. Their attitude in welcoming vacations is not to be taken as any sure indication that they do not value their education or do not enjoy it. It is merely an indication that a temporary change is desirable.

## 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 student newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

## No Vacation?

Christmas vacation begins on this Wednesday noon. Students have been anticipating it since Thanksgiving vacation. A great number of them, with the thought of a vacation don't even bother to get their lessons for the last few days before the time when school is dismissed.

Without a doubt, it will be very evident in classrooms, the truth of the last statement. Students will attend classes wearily and without ambition, thinking only of the coming two weeks of leisure. If it weren't for the rule of giving double cuts to them for cutting the last class period before vacation, they probably wouldn't even bother to come to class.

There are four vacations during every school year. One can see what that means. If a student thinks of a vacation for three days before school is dismissed, he is wasting a total of twelve school days or in other words—two weeks and two days.

In order to accomplish the desired purpose of a subject, every minute allotted to classroom work must be utilized and every assignment must be completed. Thus an approaching vacation spells chaos to the progress of class and much is lost from the course that should be had by the students.

Thus the attitude of students toward vacations is harmful to their education. When a student comes to the university, it seems to me that he should think first of his education and not of the "fun" that he will have during the next vacation, as most students do. In other words, he should spend his time getting education rather than getting away from it.

I do not mean to say that every student attending the university has this attitude, but a great share of them do. It seems to me that when a person enters the university he should have something else in mind than the thought of vacations.

STUDENT.

## Let's Start On Time.

TO THE EDITOR: The intramural basketball tournament is now about half through. During this tournament, I don't believe that there have been over six games started on time.

It seems as if teams could be ready to start their games on time. There is no reason for the unnecessary delays in the playing of the games. There is no earthly reason why a basketball game should monopolize the whole evening of all the members on the team. If the games were played off on schedule, it would not take nearly as much time as it does under the present dilly-dallying system, and something more could be accomplished by members of the teams than the playing of a game of basketball.

Nearly every member of the teams has his studying to do let alone to play basketball during the course of the evening. With the present system of playing off the games, a student who wishes to participate in the tournament must study until all hours of the night. If the games were started promptly, on time, however, he would be able to get his lessons and still get through at a decent hour.

Why don't the officials of the tournament do something about it? Why can't they impose a penalty upon any team which isn't ready to start playing on time? Is the group sponsoring the tournament so inefficient that it cannot get the games started on time?

I think it's high time for some action to be taken on this matter. If the fraternities would only get together and start their games on time, it would be beneficial to all.

R. A. B.

On the Iowa State college campus 135 workers have started on their jobs under the CWA. All those employed so far are men, but forty women will receive jobs soon.

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