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Time for Thought. WITH student activities somewhat in the background for the first time this year, every student on the campus can now turn his attention to registration and examinations.

Christmas vacation came at a very opportune time, because it offered students an opportunity to think a bit about college, and why they are attending the university. Only the most aloof and superficial young student can avoid thought on the subject when he is removed from the whirl of social events.

Most of us are of the opinion that there is something to be derived from college. There is a good deal of benefit to be gained from social contacts, and for that reason student activities are valuable. There is, however, the formal and curricular side of education. Advisers and students encounter a hard and difficult task when they proceed to arrange courses of related subjects, courses that must be designed, according to the modern concept of education, to fit the student for work in some profession and also fit him to meet his human and personal problems.

The majority of advisers are well equipped to direct students in the arrangement of their schedules and courses. Many students feel that they know exactly what they want and resent help or meddling from the adviser. Every one attending the university, however, must remember that professors hold their jobs because they know something about a university as well as their particular subjects. It is difficult to ascertain just where the line should be drawn between independence of the student in charting his course and dependence on an adviser.

Every student should procure a second semester program as soon as possible, meet with his adviser, and plan his course for next semester. All would do well to check up on credits, requirements, majors, minors, and number of hours needed. Students too often find themselves in predicaments of some sort or other because they failed to exercise foresight when registering. All credit books can be obtained at the registrar's office.

Final exams are just around the corner, the date for first tests being Jan. 24. That time is just two short weeks away. The student who has studied "according to Hoyle" will do little worrying as the day of reckoning approaches. His less fortunate or less industrious brethren will become either panicky or indifferent.

Now is the time for penitence, industry, and resolutions. The student who finds himself behind in his school work should become industrious between now and examination time, and then should resolve to do better next time. Most educators are of the opinion that cramming doesn't do the student any good in the long run, even though it may serve the purpose of the moment. Numerous experienced students testify to the truth of that opinion.

A Fine Trend.

Announcement of intramural basketball schedules released for Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan revealed the fact that a large number of unaffiliated men are taking part in interclub cage competition this winter. Although this is the third season marked by Barb intramural activity, never before has there been such good response to the call for organization as there seems to have been this fall and winter.

Contrary to general opinion and impression, the success of any one group on the campus is not to be

measured by the political advancement of that group. If the students on the campus are happily employed and entertained in some sort of extra-curricular recreation or activity, the university administration has every reason to expect better response from the student body in the class-room. Three years ago unaffiliated students had no organized means of gaining any sort of social recreation on the campus. There were the varsity parties, of course, and these were operated by the Barb council, but they afforded little opportunity for friendly, human contacts available on every hand for the Greek student. There was no such thing as Barb organization, and the average unaffiliated boy or girl found little hope of finding happy social life on the campus.

Although the situation is far from being perfect at present, and although the Barb social plan hasn't been fully worked out by the Interclub council, Barb council, and the AWS league, there is good reason to believe that non-Greek students have been offered new and valuable social outlets during the last two years. There is every reason to believe that the future holds for that group hope for a complete social organization.

It is the general opinion of campus leaders that the general spirit in the field of campus activities is a bit more pleasant than it was several years ago. There has been a trend toward political equality, and more important than that is the establishment of a system of all-Barb functions by Barb leaders that has taken place.

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. Contributions should be limited to a maximum of five hundred words in length.

The American University Succeeds.

(This is the second of three parts of a letter, the first section of which was published in the Wednesday Daily Nebraskan. It was written in answer to a series of articles entitled "The American University Fails," which appeared in this publication last spring.)

Why is a university? Assuredly not for stargazing nor for learning's sake nor culture's sake, considered as ends in themselves. To answer this question, we shall have first to answer: "What is learning?" Education, says John Dewey, is life. Which is about as ambiguous as any answer that my philosophically inclined friends might give, yet has a grain of truth in it. Learning is adaptation to life. Consider the case of a child. He looks about him at everything, he asks a myriad of questions, he learns a store of things which puts the yearly accumulation of you and I to shame, and what is the purpose of all this? He is trying to find out more about the world around him, and the part he plays in it. He is interested in things in their relations to himself, and as they relate to himself he learns about them.

We are all children. Some of us may have grey hair, or no hairs at all, but we are all like the child—we never learn, nor ever can learn anything unless it has some relation to ourselves and to our lives. The human animal, through the long struggle of evolution, has learned to lay aside the irrelevant and trivial, and what has no connection with his interests or his life lies outside the circle of his consciousness. Thus it is that all education, from primitive times until now, and from now until such time as men have ceased to be, does and must concern itself, in the last analysis, with but one thing: to teach men how to live. A university exists for no other purpose than this. Why is a university? To teach young men and young women how better to adapt themselves to the world in which fate has placed them. And to teach them how to be leaders among their fellows to help them in turn to better adapt themselves to life.

In so far, and only in so far as a university meets this prime requirement may it be said to be a successful university. An education that removes men from life, that makes them anti-social, that makes the ordinary conditions of life impossible and burdensome for them, that makes association with their fellows a task rather than a pleasure—that is an education unworthy of the name. Nothing so conclusively demonstrated that fact as did the momentous years of 1914-1918 when men took the products of misguided learning and used them to blast civilization well nigh from our globe.

You tell me I am a reactionary, that like Gandhi I want to go back to the spinning wheel and the oxcart. Nothing of the kind. But I do say that if professors cannot at the same time teach men how to live with one another, how to use the products of their own brains, then the scientists who pursue pure reason and pure knowledge, however noble their intent may be, are creating a Frankenstein that will destroy them. Science has meaning only in so far as it exists for men. Culture for culture's sake is not only an empty phrase—it is a pernicious and enervating one. Education and the universities which pretend to dispense it are like Anteus of the fable—they lose their power when they lose contact with the earth. Any scientist would tell you that science must be based on praxis, and that science which is molded on pure theory is apt to be pure bosh. And the criterion applies to every field of human learning. Knowledge, whether pursued for its own sake, or for a so-called ulterior end, is based on the practical fact that men live in a real world and must adapt themselves to it or die. G. A.

out freedom of thought and expression. Mr. Hearst, apparently, is going to encounter more opposition than he has anticipated. Another "professionally clever move" was to sponsor a Washington meeting of the editors of all college dailies. There they were feted and dined, and then removed to New York to be subjected to the wisdom of some of Mr. Hearst's foremost satellites. Two Washington newspaper men of recognized enterprise asserted this was just his way of pouring syrup after a challenging letter sent him by the Association of College Editors. Mr. Hearst imagined, they declared, that such generosity would make immeasurably easier the progress of the "red scare" among the separate colleges.

Following the conference, News-Week claimed the "Hearst-Youth baiting" as farcical a misstatement as ever appeared in print. It cannot be denied that a few of those present had slightly too much regard for Mr. Hearst's altruism, and were rudely shocked when he was accused of ulterior motives. But the overwhelming majority came and went in firm opposition to his principles and methods. Talks by Hearst-writers Richard Washburn Child and Bainbridge Colby and indirect-

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Gamma Alpha Chi. All members of Gamma Alpha Chi will meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at Ellen Smith hall, when reports on results of Prairie Schooner campaign will be given. Everyone must be present.

CORNHUSKER PAYMENTS. Third installments on copies of the 1935 Cornhusker are due this week in the yearbook offices in University hall.

Lutheran Club. All Lutheran students are invited to attend the meeting of the Lutheran club in 205, Temple Bldg., Friday evening. Prof. A. L. Lugin will speak on "The Geography of the Holy Land."

Komesky Club. A regular meeting of the Komesky club will be held Friday, Jan. 11, at 8 o'clock, in room 203 of the Temple building. Dr. Vraz, professor in charge of the program, said all students interested are welcome to attend.

Religious Council. Monthly meeting of Religious Council Thursday noon at Grand hotel. All three groups are requested to be present.

Publicity Committee. Publicity committee of the Council of Religious Welfare will meet at the Temple, room 205, at 4 o'clock Thursday. Prompt attendance is requested.

Pi Mu Epsilon Meets Tonight. Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics fraternity, will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in M. A. room 308 at which time talks will be given on the "Invention of the Calculus."

Freshman cabinet will meet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall. All new members of Y. W. C. A. should fill out membership cards by Friday noon.

Sigma Delta Chi. Sigma Delta Chi will meet at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the Aagwan offices.

ties depend for almost half their revenue upon freshmen or new students. And it is common knowledge that a freshman usually has more money than any other class of student since he ordinarily comes to college with his high school and folks' savings which he squanders during his first year. It is this first year bank roll that the Greek groups depend so much upon; it is this first year bank roll that, if it were kept out of fraternity treasuries, would sound the death knell for the Greek organizations. If such a rule is passed at the university it will undoubtedly have some effect upon the local situation. The passage of such a rule would, we believe, tend to cause many tentative O. U. freshman students desiring to join fraternities to come here to school. For this reason and because of the fight that will be put up by the fraternities we do not believe the O. U. board of regents will pass the proposed resolution.

Despite the fact that we think Rosser's plan will fail at the present time we do think it will eventually be brought about, especially when the Greek groups get their houses paid for and are able to function on less revenue. It will be interesting anyhow to note the action taken by the O. U. board of regents.

—Daily O'Collegian.

CHANTS BY CHANCE.

Previously most of the publicity given various members of the cast of "Yellow Jack," has centered around the members carrying principal roles. Now, however, those who are also to be featured, should be given a break. Six more soldiers who have been cast are Clifford Domingo, Arnold Gadeken, Charles Fair, Henry Peterson, Bill Strong and Jack Beasley. These characters will be costumed in uniforms of the Spanish-American war period. As this play is supposed to have an army background, there is yet room for any fellows who desire to be in it. Rehearsals are being held every evening on the second floor Studio theater in the Temple. Jack, the well known campus canine of past dramatic experience, will once more be featured in this production.

"The Barretts of Wimpole Street" was the best picture of 1934 in the opinion of 548 out of 424 motion picture critics in the thirteenth annual nationwide critics' poll of the "Ten Best Films." Ranking in subsequent places were "The House of Rothschild," "It Happened One Night," "One Night of Love," "Little Women," "The Thin Man," "Viva Villa!," "Dinner at Eight," "Count of Monte Cristo" and "Berkeley Square." "Little Women" and "Berkeley Square" were released at the end of 1933, but not in time to get into the competition that year. "Berkeley Square" was nearly eliminated by "The Gay Divorcee," but an even more lamentable fate befell "Judge Priest," which appeared to be of a certain bet for "Ten Best" honors, but apparently was out thru the decision of votes with the other outstanding Will Rogers picture, "David Harum."

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the strong human interest in practically all the stories. In diversity of story subjects, the range from "Rothschild" and "The Barretts" to "It Happened One Night" and "Thin Man," covered much territory. Foreign pictures didn't get a look in this year's "Ten Best," and only one candidate from abroad "Catherine The Great," got into the "Honor Roll." In the previous year's poll the winners included two productions from the other side, "Henry VIII" and "Madchen in Uniform." Robert Donat, a new foreign star, however, was responsible in good measure for the popularity of "Count of Monte Cristo," one of the winning ten.

The "Honor Roll" made up of supreme pictures but still, according to the critics, not included among the "Ten Best," were "The Gay Divorcee," "Judge Priest," "Queen Christina," "Treasure Island," "Of Human Bondage," "Catherine the Great," "Death Takes a Holiday," "David Harum," "Flying Down to Rio," "Design for Living," "Little Miss Marker," "Only Yesterday," "What Every Woman Knows," "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," "Eskimo," "Men in White," "Cleopatra,"

"Twentieth Century," "Little Man, What Now?," "Crime Without Passion," "Affairs of Cellini," "As the Earth Turns," "Her Sweetheart," "The Lost Patrol," "Alice in Wonderland," "Hi, Nellie!," "The Cat's Paw," "Riptide," "No Greater Glory," "Cradle Song," "The Last Gentleman," "The Life of Vergie Winters," "Operator 13," "The Prize Fighter and the Lady," "Caravan," "Handy Andy," "Here Comes the Navy," "I Am Suzanne" and "Thunder Over Mexico."

Up above the stage in the Temple theater auditorium is a narrow walk sometimes called the "catwalk" and sometimes known as the "pin-rail." Up on this platform is stationed all the powerful spots which will be used in the 29 scenes of "Yellow Jack." It is Don Friedly's job to work them all. One controls the left side of the stage, and another the right. One is a gigantic blue spot for the background. Still another one flashes on the center of the stage and an incidental spot is for the front. It is quite a complicated matter to keep all these working and just at the crucial moment. Many of the intricate workings of the back

stage are placidly done by this modest young faculty member. Director Sumption spent his Christmas vacation putting up the sets which were constructed under Friedly's guidance. When one goes in for theatrical work, there are innumerable details to be reckoned with, of which the audience is totally unaware.

Y. W. C. A. STAFF TO HOLD FINAL CLASS FRIDAY

Y. W. C. A. Social Staff will sponsor the final dancing class of the semester at the Armory Friday evening, Jan. 11. Instruction will be given from 7 to 7:30. Social dancing will follow. Ruth Hornbuckle will have charge of the instruction period. Hazel Baier is general chairman.

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Contemporary Comment

Hearst Waves A New Banner.

The Sage of San Simeon has a new ace up his sleeve. Not content with prattling against internationalism, he is now devoting his attention to the eradication of college communism, which, he proclaims, is growing rapidly through the subversive teachings of bearded professors. Mr. Hearst has a perfect right to resent communism, but there is sufficient evidence to show that under the guise of this "100 percent Americanism" he is waging a battle against all dissenting opinion. That the methods whereby he attempted to justify his personal ends at Syracuse and Columbia were promptly exposed and condemned does little credit to Mr. Hearst. It does, however, honor a group of private educators who were determined to see no intrusion of fantastic doctrine on the American campus, and justly protested against this effort to stamp

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