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## Sunday Meditation **On Religion.**

ONCE again Sunday rolls around. Some will tear themselves away from Morpheus and attend church. Others, definitely in the majority, will use the morning as a time for blessed rest. Church bells calling the "faithful" to service will go unheeded. And blue-noses will mutter into their beards something about "heathens."

Despite all outward appearances, however, of unconcern about matters religious, is the college student devoid of all semblance of religion? Is he an atheist or has he formed a philosophy of religion that admits some sort of a God?

According to the Rev. George L. Collins, one of the student pastors at the University of Wisconsin, students are "genuinely interested" in religion. As for atheism, he believes there is less such thought at that school than when he took up his duties there in 1928. Conditions on the Wisconsin campus are not known, but it should serve as a fair example of religious thought on all campuses.

The religion of the college student is not like that of many of our good churchgoers. It is not something he enjoys flaunting before everyone's eyes. Nor is it something that he keeps in the closet during the week and then brushes off and dons for a short visit to the church. It is something more sincere than that.

Nor are all of the student's thoughts on religion strictly orthodox. He has learned to question institutions and he has discovered fallacies and inadequacies in the beliefs he has held since childhood. Accordingly he has formed new theories to fill holes left by the collapse of the others. In many cases he is still in the questioning stage. The important thing is that while he may ridicule sects and denominations, in the main he has one great creed.

There are existant on every campus, of course, a few precocious souls who like to claim atheism. They have found that a non-conformist receives attention and have decided to step into the limelight by loudly proclaiming there is no Supreme Being. Maturity, however, may bring a different feeling.

Although the average student is probably not occupying space in a church pew this morning, he is probably approaching nearer to the truth than many of those who are devoutly singing hymns. He is not a hypocrite; neither does he swallow blindly all that comes from the pulpit. To tag college students as irreligious shows a lack of knowledge of the facts.

## **A Military Science**

TO THE EDITOR: THE subject of military science is one course in

the university curriculum that receives more comment than any other course. Whether that is a point in favor of military science, I hesitate to say. I will say, however, that these comments are indicative of the large amount of interest that is centered around the subject. Military science is not occupying such an im-

portant place in the pages of the Daily Nebraskan as it did some time ago. It is not my intention to stir up any arguments on the subject. What I want to do is to release some of the enthusiasm that accumulated in my mind in the short space of a few hours.

Last Tuesday evening the Reserve Officers association held its regular meeting. The members of the R. O. T. C. were invited, especially those who are taking the senior course. Many attended this meeting, including myself. It was this meeting that gave me the enthusiasm, or inspiration, if you please, to write this letter. It was one of those meetings which, upon leaving, makes one feel good. Now you will probably ask (and I don't blame

you), "What caused this satisfied feeling?" Was it due to a sense of superiority that was instilled in us? Were we honored with flowers and bouquets? Were we offered opportunities for the attainment of glamour of pecuniary benefits? My answer to all of these questions is an emphatic "no." My only regret is that this meeting was not attended by those people who claim to be pacifists and conscientious objectors. Perhaps there were some there. Then, too, it would have been well for any citi-

zen of the country to attend that meeting. I don't believe anyone who attended could have failed to see the significance of some of the statements that were made by the speakers. The members of the Officers Reserve, in my humble opinion, are made of "stuff" which every American should be proud of. The spirit of friendship and fellowship that abounds in every one of them is something not to be lost sight of.

I feel sorry for the large number of people who have the habit of associating with military training things that have no bearing on the subject at all. These people are merely ignorant of the primary objectives of military training. I could mention several university graduates who have told me that their courses in military science were some of the most valuable they had taken in the university. The military aspect of the training is seldom mentioned.

Although the percentage of Reserve Officers who are detailed for active duty is very small, yet the percentage of those who make good is very high. That is very significant, a thing which the military department can justly point to with pride.



(In the absence of Maurice Johnson, who regularly conducts this column, this week's review was done by Weldon Kees.)

spawned with the midwifely aid of Scribner's, more than busy trying to keep the rst novel "Look Homeward, Angel." It was a

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## CHANTS BY CHANCE.

"Doc" Ralph Ireland, also known as "Irish," puts the members of pony and male choruses the through their paces in regular fashion, if the demonstration Friday night is a usual performance. Joe Iverson, who is directing the play, watched the rehearsal with an appraising eye. The FORMER GIRL'S ADVISER young playwright, Art Wolf, was there also, watching his show progress. Five years ago he wrote in collaboration with Art Mitchell, a

was submitted for a Kosmet Klub show, but at the time Herb Yen- Smith hall. ne's "Jingle Bells" was chosen. times, and enlarged the original cast from five to thirteen charac-ters. He helped Joe Iverson pick the cast, and thinks the cast has been well chosen. While here in school the subscience in the former ad school, the author was, in two Kosmet Klub shows.

The two young ladies who wrote songs for the show were both up watching the rehearsal. Portia Boynton, who has five songs in the show, has written songs for last year's play, also. Some of her pieces are "I Wonder Why," "Too Many Men," "Is He Dear?", "The intermediate and power. History of Our Love," and "Slave It is based on historical fact and Marg Souders has con-Song. tributed four selections to the scribed in the book in the minds cause. She also had some of her of the Armenian people that they creations in last year's show. Those which will be in this one are "Mid- celebrating the event. summer Night's Dream," "Swords Play is Sordid Business," "The and the story is concerned with Poetic Sailor" and "Ginsburg's the life and experiences of a group Poetic Sailor" Jewelry Song." who will be Queen Isabella of Spain, wrote "I Want a Man" and being waged in the country about. KOSMET MUSICAL the music to "The Executioner's Published in the New York COMEDY TO ON "The Executioner's Song," lyric by Art Wolf. Barney and O'Neill wrote the "Reporter's Blues." These twelve hits have already taken the campus by storm, book. and are some of the high spots in ians now living in the United Madness," and "The History of the show. acters and events which are so

around the Temple with one show a large crowd, with the presentapresentation of The interest. a storm of applause, which tem-porarily interrupted the cast for the latest University Players' production which was rehearsing "The Dark Tower" and members of the Kosmet Klub cast, who were work-The review is open to the public and anyone interested may puring rather noisily on "Kiss Columbo." The Follies show was



"The Forty Days of Musa Dagh," written by Franz Werfel Delt, "The Absorbing Adventures of Professor Blotter." This play viewed by Mrs. Roy Green Fri-

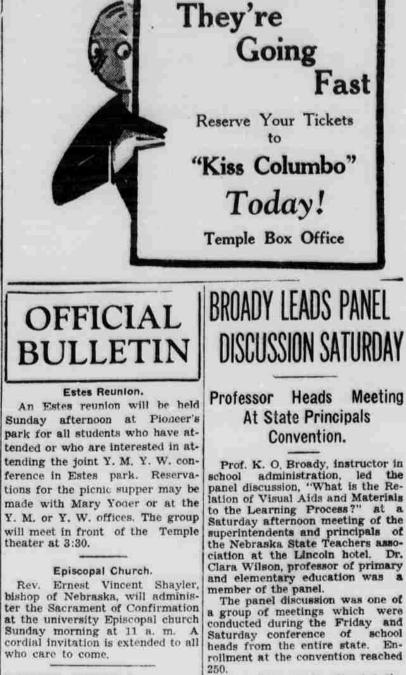
About two years ago, Wolf wrote a one act play from which the present show is taken. For two Sponsored by the conference months he worked on it off and Klopp, who is chairman of the on, and after reading nearly "every group. Members of the staff who three lines to his wife as they were added," Wolf ended up with this three act comedy. The first and last acts came readily enough, but charge of sales, Eloise Benjamin, he rewrote the second act several Mary Yoder, Henrietta York, Mar-

Mrs. Green, who is a former ad-viser of the Y. W. C. A., has given many book reviews before tended or who are interested in at-

terest not only to faculty members but also to students especially made with Mary Yoger or at the

so important in the incident dehave set aside a national holiday celebrating the event. Musa Dagh is the name of a mountain Vance Leininger, of people who spent forty days ueen Isabella of on the top of it while war was Herald Tribune book section of Sunday, March 24, 1935, was full page article describing the It was written by Armen-

Friday evening was a busy time thrillingly portrayed in the book. "It narrates the heroic drama of a little band of people cut off Nuts," a rhythm number that the and two rehearsals going on. In of a little band of people cut off the theater, the Coed Follies drew from the world, struggling against great odds to preserve their lives, tion of several skits and the style their heritage, and their Chris-show providing a good deal of the tian faith. From an episode of actual history, the defence of Musa Dagh is celebrated by the girl of Nebraska for 1935 brought Armenians as a great anniversary in their annals. Though not actually banned in Germany, the book is listed as "un-desirable" by the Hitler regime and may only be sold surreptitiously by book sellers who wish to remain in good standing.



COMEDY TO OPEN

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Portraying "Queen Isabella,"

Vance Leininger runs the country

as well as the court household, ac-

cording to the story. Despite the

objections of her half-witted hus-

band, the Queen gives Columbus financial assistance for his trip.

The executioner Jose is enacted

their practices.

Iverson.

### About 350 guests attended the Schoolmasters banquet Friday eve-ning at 6:30 o'clock when the prin-MONDAY EVENING cipal speaker was Dr. Frederic B. Knight of the University of Iowa. Dr. Knight also spoke at a convong hits-"Midsummer Night's cation of Teachers college students Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Duncan Sowles, the roving re-ported "Andy," will be featured in "That's Why Reporters Go **Kirkpatrick Judges Iowa Music Contest May 2, 3** 

choruses have been using in all of Howard Kirkpatrick, director of the University School of Music, has been asked to judge the Iowa As the chancellor of the Spanish Exchequer, David Goldware portrays the character "Ginsberg" in a manner that promises to steal the show, according to Director high school music contest during the festival to be held at the University of Iowa in Iowa City May 2 and 3

### BELL TALKS ON FOSSILS.

Frank Bell, assistant preparator in the university museum, talked on "Fossils" at the Van Fleet school Parent-Teachers' meeting recently.



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## Stay Away From the Stove.

NEBRASKA'S senior senator, George Norris, in a public statement this week end expressed confidence that the United States can keep clear in case the nations are involved in another war. "We've had our fingers burned," he stated.

It must be remembered that the burnt child sometimes goes back and pulls the same trick over again. The problem that confronts this nation is to see that it does not allow itself to get too close to the stove.

There are forces at work in the United States now as there were at the time of the World war which might stampede the nation. Suppression of those forces should be one of the prime objectives of every college student and of every other man and woman in the nation.

# 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 news-paper 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 to length.

## Working Student Wants No Sympathy.

TO THE EDITOR:

ACCORDING to the editorial "Working Their Way" one might expect to find working students wandering about the campus bleary-eyed and hazy-minded, vainly attempting to see through some difficult subject.

I challenge you to investigate the reasons why students go around bleary eyed.

As a rule the students who do part time work get the most out of school. There are always some courses which they slide through because they need the time for other things, but pienty of students who are not working slide through just as many courses because they want the time for other things. The student who has to help finance himself realizes that when he spends money he is spending hard labor and for that reason is more careful how he spends. This can be applied to payment of tuition as well as other expenditures, for when a person is paying his own fees he takes the courses which he feels will be valuable to him and are worth all the time that he has spent to earn his fees. Perhaps this is a mercenary attitude, but at any rate it means that those students are going to take school more seriously.

"The true goal of a college education, awakening of an intellectual curiosity, is never realized." This is absolutely on unjust statement. Awakening of an intellectual curiosity does not have anything to do with a student's outside work. The working student has an intellectual curiosity awakened before he ever comes to college or he wouldn'e be here.

The working student is not feeling sorry for himself, and he isn't asking for sympathy. Respect is much more acceptable. He is glad that he is working because it enables him to get that which he could not otherwise, even though he does not get all the academic knowledge that his native ability 4. C. WATTADIA.

huge book, which, though only half as long as Hervev Allen's execrable romantic botch. "Anthony Adverse," had forced tired eyed critics to stay up late nights to finish it for their Sunday editions.

The book met with instantaneous success. Sinclair Lewis, in his Nobel prize speech, grandly declared that Wolfe had "a chance to be the greatest American writer. . . and I can't see why he should not be one of the greatest world writers." "Look Homeward, Angel" went into six or more editions: the Modern Library brought it out in their Giant Series alongside of Plutarch's "Lives" and "War and Peace." Scribner's magazine printed Wolfe's short stories as fast as he could turn them out; and Wolfe, once he hits his stride, is a hard man to beat for literary productivity.

The critical acclaim on the first book was pretty deafening, and for a while it looked as though America had come through. Richard Sheridan Ames, in an article in the recently folded "American Spectator" astutely observed that Wolfe had escaped the fire and shouting that usually greets a new writer of promise, and that he was "the real thing at last." Mr. Ames is talking a lot of nonsense, for surely no author was ever so highly ballyhooed, one way or another, since William Faulkner shocked the Humanists with "Sanctuary."

Wolfe's new book, "Of Time and the River," published this month, reveals his same faults, same excellences. Those critics who hoped Mr. Wolfe would learn, in five years, the value of careful editing, are bound to be disappointed. It is a bigger book than "Look Homeward, Angel"-five times as long as one ordinary novel; and if Mr. Wolfe continues his present plan of writing four more of the same length to complete the sextology, he will succeed in making Proust's "A la Recherche du Temps Perdu" look like fifty cents' worth of Haldiman-Julius' Little Blue Books.

Despite its length, "Of Time and the River" is seldom boring. One never feels that Wolfe is trying, like other writers have too often done, to produce merely a "big" book. No; like Victor Hugo, whom he resembles more than I like to think, he enjoys screaming at the top of his voice, philosophizing for page on page, indulging in sentences that even the Ciceronians would have envied for their sheer length.

This section (!) of a sentence might be by some clever writer imitating Wolfe; but it is his own. ... the rich voices, aggrieved, injured, henlike and sensual, omened with deep undertones of ripe hysteria, rose and fell with undulant cluckings of yolky protest-the rich sensual voices of the Jewesses receiving, giving, returning and withdrawing, rose and fell in curved undulance of yolky henclucking protest, with omens of ripe hysteria." Score: Rich, 2; hen, 2; omen, 2; ripo, 2; undulant, 2; yolky, 2; sensual, 2; voices, 2; hysteria, 2.

And although Wolfe is guilty of passage after passage of this sort, few can deny that his gift is one of the greatest in America. He writes with a vigor and power that none of his contemporaries, save Faulkner and Dos Passos, possesses; and he can pour so much into one novel that the reader is at all times profoundly moved, swept, struck.

But some day, let us hope, Thomas Wolfe will realize that Guy de Maupaussant was a far greater artist than Victor Hugo. For the time being, "Of Time and the River" is one of the best books that has appeared in this country about this country since "The Education of Heary Adams."

(This is the first of a series of articles of Thomas Wolfe by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kees.)

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