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CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

Learning To Live.

The average person thinks that the university's paramount purpose is to teach students how to make a better living. Consequently many come here with the exclusive idea of seeking knowledge to that end, failing to realize that a higher purpose of the university is to teach individuals how to live better.

There are so many things in this world which are enjoyable. Mixed up with the splashes in life's picture is a lot of fine color. And the reason a lot of us don't see anything but the smudges is that we have come to think that activity is worthless unless it is required or is materially productive in an immediate sense.

Many of us were urged to think in these terms very early, learned to play marbles for keeps when kids, and never got out of the tendency to avoid that activity which does not yield something which can be taken home in the pocket.

Learning how to relax—take pleasure in superficially unproductive activity—is one of the important lessons of more pleasant living.

One does not have to resolve to be a loafer, in the highly prejudicial sense of the word, to learn to relax. There is an art to good idling, the kind which gives your sensibilities a chance to exercise themselves, affords the setting for the cultivation of an appreciation for beauty and the tendency to look for the inspirational rather than the sordid things in the panorama of society.

The means to pleasant living these days cannot be completely divorced from the dollar mark. But the student who abandons or ignores the sources of benefit in the idler's art for nothing but the search to make a better living does himself an injustice. And what he gets out of the university cannot properly be termed a higher education.—From the Daily Texan.

The Exam Problem.

Speaking with a candor and humility that is refreshing, a professor in the University stated last Friday to his classes that he had been "trying for thirty-five years to find a solution to the problem of examinations."

And no answer had been found, it was indicated.

It is very probable that no answer ever will

CHARM SCHOOL WILL HEAR MISS HEPNER

Dean of Women to Review Year's Activities at Last Meeting.

Concluding the meetings of the charm school hobby group for this year, Miss Amanda Heppner, dean of women of the university, will speak before members of the group at their meeting to be held this evening at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall. All university girls, as well as others interested in attending the meeting are invited to be present, according to Jean Doty, program chairman of the organization.

The subject which Miss Heppner will discuss will be in the form of a summary of the most outstanding points of the year's meetings and will include a short review of the various characteristics which have been brought out in the gatherings as being necessary to the development of charm.

COLLEGE WORLD

A blither is something you look for while the ink dries.

be found until there is an effort by the faculty to experiment with various other methods for testing the knowledge and thinking capacity of students.

If it is agreed that the present system of examinations is obstructing the work of higher education, then there should be a definite eagerness on the part of educators to revise that system.

At the University of Chicago that revision is being attempted. An experimental program of comprehensive examinations is being tried.

Those who formulated and are carrying out the "Chicago Plan" are apparently of the opinion that higher education should not be interfered with by frequent, unnecessary and distracting quizzes. In each course there is one examination which is given at the end of the semester and that examination is a comprehensive one, that is, it covers the entire subject which has been under consideration by the student and professor.

Students are not coached with the aim of passing regular two-week or monthly tests. All examinations are prepared by a Board of Examiners. The function of examining is not that of the professor.

The teacher is not the judge, or the accuser and the student is not the petitioner for grace. At Chicago, the faculty administration is hoping to work out an arrangement in which student and instructor are co-partners in the adventure of learning, with the professor enjoying a respect that is the result of his superior knowledge and insight.

The "Chicago Plan" of comprehensive examinations is frankly an experiment.

It seems to be functioning exceedingly well.

At least at that institution there is some practical endeavor to determine how the present examination evils may be overcome.—From the Daily Californian.

Primitive Ethiopia Checkmates Italian Victories.

Emperor Haile Selassie is ready for peace at almost any price. At any moment Italian forces will occupy Addis Ababa and the war for all practical purposes will be over, with the Ethiopians in full subjugation. Such are the optimistic reports from the Italian front.

But while Mussolini states that he has Ethiopia in the palm of his hand, he must realize that, far from complete victory, his troops are in one of the critical stages of the war. Marshal Badoglio may continue his dashing campaigns and Addis Ababa may be conquered shortly with little trouble, but the victory will be only a little more than psychological.

Ethiopia, after all, is a backward country, and therefore control of its capital means little from a military standpoint. It is not the center of government, commerce, communication or finance, for these are in a primitive state. Thus the capture of the capital would not paralyze the country as would, for instance, the capture of Paris paralyze France. There would still remain the menace of native troops conducting guerrilla raids against the invaders. These forces will have to be mopped up one by one, necessitating a long and arduous campaign.

Meanwhile, the heavy rains are only six weeks away. When the rains come, the roads pointing south to the capital will become unpassable mire, for time is too short to permit construction of hard surfaced roads which can be used in any season. The supplies of food and ammunition will be cut off, and if there are any considerable number of troops marooned in the interior their position will indeed be critical. Further conquest would be entirely out of the question.

If Mussolini persists in his intent to subjugate the kingdom of Haile Selassie, his difficulties may well be just beginning. Capture of the capital can be little more than a prelude to the enormously difficult and expensive piecemeal conquest. It is extremely doubtful that Italy's precarious internal economy can much longer stand the strain. Hence we can expect further attempts on the part of Mussolini to make peace on terms which will not make him lose face at home.—Minnesota Daily.

GEOGRAPHY CLASSES TAKE FIELD TRIP TO STUDY TOPOGRAPHY

150 Students Go 110 Miles On Annual Excursion to Platte Valley.

One hundred and fifty students, constituting the first division of economic geography 72, took their annual field trip of 110 miles Saturday, April 23. For those students who were unable to go on the trip April 23 there is to be another conducted trip May 7. Four special Union Pacific buses were chartered.

There was a study made of the dissected drift hills east of Lincoln, the alluvial flood plains and terraces along the creeks and river valleys, the deeply entrenched Weeping Water valley, the river phenomena and the bedrock exposures which could be seen to good advantage. After leaving Weeping Water the trip was directed northward to Louisville. Here the students saw the Manly loess plain and the divide between the Weeping Water and Platte river drainage system. At Louisville the party was conducted through the Ash Grove Cement factory and the quarries. The students studied the various processes involved in cement manufacture. Due to rain the trip to the pottery factory was eliminated.

From Louisville the trip was north across Platte valley bottom to Springfield, then west over the glacial drift and the loess mantled hills to Gretna and south to the fisheries located along the banks of the Platte river. At the state fisheries there is a small aquarium and several natural springs.

The return trip was made via Ashland and Waverly to Lincoln. During the last part of the trip the extensive terraces along Salt creek were noted and the varying phases of land utilization in respect to soil were observed.

Student Pulse

A recent issue of Cosmopolitan carried an article on psychological criticisms of the methods of raising those much publicized babes, the wonders of the past decade, the Dionne quintuplets. Psychology critics of much renown denounced the uniform method of the upbringing of the infants on the ground that beneath the almost identical physical characteristics of the five were five distinct different personalities that should be separated and placed in separate homes to follow their natural trend of development.

I am not a psychologist or even an exceptionally bright college junior, but good common horse sense would tell me as it should tell you that if it would curb the natural personalities of anyone so identical as the quintuplets to put them under a uniform pattern of living, it would be impossible for the university officials to expect six thousand students to conform to a common set of rules. We must have rules of course, just as the United States government must set up laws for the better welfare of its people. But should these rules be based on a theme so staunch, so puritanical that they will be followed to the letter by a small minority of the students. The faculty could glory in new strength and power that it has never before enjoyed if it would only give the students the opportunity to give vent to the natural hilarity and brightness, and still be within the laws of the institution.

Students are gathered at the University of Nebraska from all over the United States. They come from families of every circumstance; financial, spiritual and moral. A large majority of the young folks from these families have always done more or less as they please, at least most of them have accumulated habits that, although accepted by society as a whole, are outside the bounds of some restriction set down by the university.

It is a natural tendency for the young growing mind, when thwarted in its natural tendencies to turn to the extreme to satisfy its want. Every now and then one of them is caught and punished, quite often by expulsion. But this is really an injustice to the student, and a distinct failure of the purpose of his being here as an example to frighten a few more into line.

Although the faculty is the direct factor in this type of governing, and the body that receives a large part of the student criticism for it, I believe that the indirect underlying voice is the administration of the city of Lincoln, and the narrow minded parents of a very small part of the students. These different groups bring pressure to bear upon the administration that for political reasons and reasons of self preservation can not be ignored. It is these groups that are responsible for the petitions that are being circulated to prevent any liquor by the drink legislation at the next session of the legislature. In the city of Lincoln a bill advocating liquor by the drink is inevitably a failure.

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REINHARDT DELIVERS SPEECH AT RECREATIONAL MEETING

The problem of the tremendous wastage in personality disintegration through loss of self respect resulting from wholesale unemployment in our country must be met by an adequate leisure time program on an intelligent and constructive basis, explained James M. Reinhardt, instructor in sociology at the University in an address on "Leisure and Personality" before the recreational planning conference in the house of representatives chamber Monday morning.

The conference, which is sponsored by educational and child welfare organizations of the state, is assembled for a three day meeting for the purpose of recognizing and discussing the need for a new approach to the problem of leisure time planning.

"We must recognize a new definition of leisure," Professor Rein-

hardt stated, "a definition which makes it possible for the unemployed, aged, and children to find outlets in keeping with standards of respectability and human worth."

The general subject of discussion at the conference Monday morning was "Philosophy and Interpretation of Leisure." Miss Mabel Lee, head of physical education for women at the university, will speak before the conference today.

and when it fails to pass, the so-called protectors of young man and womanhood will sit back and reminisce upon the number of young souls that they have saved from perdition.

Their minds can see only a brass rail around a long bar with students staggering to and fro with glasses partially filled with amber poison. What they don't see is the well equipped and luxurious barroom of 1936. These establishments that are maintained in almost all large cities are under governmental supervision, are places where father meets son, partakes of luxury provided by law in an atmosphere free from the stigma of the old speakeasies and roadside taverns, and go their way in full confidence and trust in each other.

Regardless of the general opinion of our elders, there are a great many drinkers on the campus, male and female. The legislature ruled that liquor might be had by the bottle, but provided no place for the consumption. University control of fraternity and boarding houses gives the student desiring to drink only the alternatives of a parked car or one of the houses maintained on the campus or within the city by the vultures that are always ready to take advantage of the condition of depraved students.

There are several houses of this sort in Lincoln where a man or a couple can go and stay as long as they wish. Rooms are provided, private if desired, in which the student may eat, sleep, drink and be merry far from the eyes of the university spies. Campus social headquarters; drug stores, restaurants, beer taverns and soda fountains are infested by stooges to entice the young folks looking for a good time to these speakeasies where they can get just as they please in perfect seclusion.

At a recent meeting the housemothers were berated for allowing afternoon dancing in the fraternity and sorority houses. If this be the will of the parents of students, they should realize that such regulations impose on these warm spring afternoons will be driving the students to roadhouses, hotels, and blanket parties in the country. Conditions such as we have brought on the famous Nebraska Sunday afternoon picnics in activity that should give dotting parents fruit for worry.

It is my contention that the average student is law abiding, and willing to do his share to uphold the law and traditions, and conform to any rules if given a break. But the young man of twenty or twenty-one will naturally resent a ruling that he feels is unnecessarily confining. Give him an opportunity to do a few of the things that are his right as a citizen, and he will not turn to the extreme form of entertainment. That from necessity accelerates his tempo of living and turns him out at the end of four years a perfect example of what the university doesn't want. It is the general view that if given an inch, the student will take a mile. I don't think so. GIVE HIM A BREAK. B. K.

WIEMAN ADDRESSES STUDENTS TODAY ON 'ADEQUATE RELIGION'

Religious Week Speaker Appears at Joint Convocation.

Students of both the city and ag campuses will meet in a joint convocation this afternoon at 4 o'clock in ag hall, in order to hear Dr. Henry Nelson Wieman, professor of the philosophy of religion at the University of Chicago, speak on the general subject of "Religion Adequate for These Times."

The convocation, sponsored on the university campus by the Religious Welfare Council, is being held as another program in observance of Religious Emphasis Week, and takes the place of vespers services on both campuses for this week.

Dr. Wieman will conclude his series of Religious Week programs at the university on Wednesday, April 29, when he makes closing addresses before faculty members at a noon luncheon at the Grand Hotel and before students and other interested persons at the University Episcopal church.

As a supplement to his first address before faculty members yesterday noon, Dr. Wieman will speak on the subject of "God and the Work of Man" at a luncheon to be held at 12 o'clock today. The topic of the young people's discussion meeting in take place this evening at the University Episcopal church at 7:15 o'clock will be in continuance of the discussion begun last evening and will deal with the theme, "Prayer and Faith."

The committee in charge of the meetings scheduled for Dr. Wieman includes: Miss Grace Spacht, chairman; Dr. C. E. Patterson, Dr. S. M. Corey, Miss Leucy Hill, Rev. R. B. Henry, Miss Mildred Greene, Mr. C. D. Hayes, Miss Theophile Wolfe, Howard Wright, and Rev. G. T. Savery.

Several hundred carefully chosen postal cards of the scenic and historic points of interest in Paris are now on display in the Romance language department, University hall. In addition there are several French publications. The public is invited to see the display.

Recent visitors in the chemistry department included Dr. Donald Loder, who received his M. A. degree in 1927; Dr. R. E. Etzelmiller, who received his Ph. D. degree in 1930 and Dr. Henry J. Wayne, who was granted his master's degree here in 1925.

It looks like it's the cowgirls out west who are the toughest, not the cowboys.

Anyway, in the University of Utah, investigators tried to find out how much theoretic etiquette say that fast! the freshmen girls and boys knew. The males out-classed the female.

They all agreed, however, that the gum chewing and love making in public was not in good taste and that if one insisted on it one should first seek out a heavy clump of asphodel.

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