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Editorially Speaking

Side-Shows Blur Academic View

Answer to the question of whether or not all this fuss about being a campus "big shot" is worth even a small part of the effort put forth is being sought by the department of secondary education. A questionnaire is being sent out to a cross section of seniors in an attempt to discover just what values university students find in participating in extra-curricular activities, and also whether or not activities have aided in forming their life work.

Announcement of this survey comes at a time when most universities are viewing with misgiving the tendency of students today to give too much of their time and energy to extra-curricular activity and too little to scholarship. On campus after campus students are given the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities. And it is to be admitted that the various student organizations enable the undergraduate to a certain degree to cultivate the qualities of leadership, initiative, and gain a certain broadening and molding of personality. However, in most instances participation exceeds the boundaries of common sense and becomes such an obsession that scholastic work and all other beneficial phases of university life are forgotten.

Challenging the popular idea that extra-curricular activities are the best things that one can get out of college, and more to be valued than scholastic achievement alone, Dr. Meta Glass, president of Sweet Briar college, declares, "It is my belief that when there is a clash between classes and outside activities, the student must permit the outside activities to suffer." Dr. Henry Black of Harvard university upholds Dr. Glass' statement by declaring, "We've gone crazy on extra-curricular activities, and it's a wonder the students have any energy left for what still is the prime business of the schools."

The interests of the activity minded student are so multiplied, his energies so scattered, his time so minced by numerous engagements, his nerves so taut with the strain of the strenuous life he leads, that

he has little time or inclination for quiet, reflective assimilation of the new facts, truths, and experiences that come to him in quick succession. He rather bolts them down so quickly and in such confusion that intellectual and moral dyspepsia sets in, accompanied often by a flippant, superficial, and jaundiced cynicism. Willa Cather once remarked that restlessness does not make for beauty; neither does the tempo of the activity person's strenuous and distracted life make for thoroughness, wisdom, poise, or peace. "Sit still and truth is near," Emerson bids us. "I have no time," replies the student, "I must go to a meeting." The centrifugal force of a highly diversified and over-organized life is constantly drawing the student away from that painstaking and concentrated effort that alone approximates perfection.

What does the student gain from an imposing array of badges, titles, and offices if he loses his power of clear thinking, his sanity of judgment, his peace of mind, and his ability to concentrate? Constant activity and acquisition without adequate reflection and meditation lead to congestion and confusion instead of strength and insight, to blurred intellectual vision rather than illumination. Having no time for the formulation of his own ideas and convictions, the "big shot" activity person allows himself to be "spoon fed" by his favorite instructors, authors, or friends.

It is, to be sure, impossible and undesirable to dispense with the principle and system of effective organization on the campus, as elsewhere. Students will and should always demand a certain amount of time for recreation and for extra-curricular interests, and it is well that this spare time should be occupied by wholesome and helpful organized activities: Religious, social, and physical. But as Woodrow Wilson once stated the campus side shows are in danger of diverting the attention of the students from the main tent of academic interests. The centrifugal urge of "activities" may easily overcome the centripetal force of study and reflection. A reasonable concentration of effort, not a reckless dissipation of interest and energy, is necessary in college as in business. The military maxim, "divide and conquer," may come to mean for the "scatterbrained" student, scatter and fail.

Cochran Denies That Washington Was Isolationist

BY FERN STEUTEVILLE.

George Washington, originator of the United States' first code of international ethics, should not be interpreted as an isolationist, a pacifist, or a militarist, said Prof. Roy E. Cochran yesterday, well-known authority on the life and policies of the president.

"In the conduct of foreign affairs and in the advice he gave as he left the presidency, George Washington showed himself to be a thoro believer in neutrality in wars not concerning us, in non-intervention in foreign internal affairs, in non-permanent foreign military alliance, but also in the protection of citizens' rights abroad and in temporary foreign alliances when emergencies arise."

According to Professor Cochran, the mistaken idea that Washington was an isolationist comes from one sentence in his Farewell Address which says, "Steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world." The readers then fail to note or understand the qualifying statements that Washington added to the effect that this policy was one for a young nation before it was strong enough to get out and take care of itself. Isolationists often use this statement of Washington's, minus the qualification, in attacking peace leagues, foreign trade, and temporary pacts with foreign powers.

No code should be worshipped merely because a wise man originated it. However, because the wise man upheld it, the burden of disproving the code's reliability falls upon the dissenter. Washington's policies have not yet been proved to be wrong and they are among the most substantial and workable philosophies for dealing with other nations that survive in the American heritage.

George Washington was a strong exponent of the theory that the seas are the highways of the world. The natural state of the world was peace, war was an extraordinary circumstance, and in time of war Washington believed in protection, preparedness.

A paper has recently been discovered in which the first president states his plans for the country's protection. Historians have almost failed to notice, according to Mr. Cochran, that Washington's plan is almost identical with the present reserve officers organization. In his farewell address Washington warned his country against

close friendships with foreign nations as well as enmities and inveterate antipathies, for he said that no nation would ever do another nation a real favor with no selfish motives and that such an illusion was one which experience would promptly cure.

Radio Editor Offers Free Prom Tickets For Luckiest Guess

Who wouldn't wager one penny postcard on a chance to win free tickets to the closing formal affair of the season—the junior-senior prom? Who doesn't know enough about orchestras, songs, singers to write down his favorites? No one.

In this case take a postcard and a pencil or pen and write down the name of your favorites in each of the following classes of radio entertainment:

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6. Dance tune.
7. Radio comedian.
8. News commentator.
9. Fifteen minute program.
10. Local program, one which originates in Nebraska.

After you have written the favorite on your postcard, drop the card in the nearest mailbox, after addressing it to the Radio Editor, Daily Nebraskan. This contest closes Saturday, and entries postmarked later than Saturday will not be accepted.

Remember, first prize, awarded to the entrant whose selections come nearest the consensus of opinion, is two free tickets to the JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM, second place winner will win one ticket, and the first 50 entrants will be the recipients of 8x10 inch photographs of Columbia Broadcasting system stars heard over KFAB and KFOP. This contest has been running for a week now, but now you know—that it's running.

Holyoke Finds Cooperate Plan For Universities

(By Intercollegiate Press.)
 As Miss Mary E. Woolley was about to leave her position of president of Mount Holyoke college, last year, having reached the age of retirement, she made a suggestion which might be of interest to many colleges, even though it was applied particularly to Mount Holyoke.

She offered a plan whereby Mount Holyoke, Smith and Amherst, which are located within 15 miles of each other, would become, in effect, a "university of the Connecticut valley."

Her conception of such a "university" pictures a group of colleges "planning some sort of co-operation, in which each college, while maintaining and possibly emphasizing, its distinctive character, would gain the benefit of joint planning and action."

Such tentative arrangements have been completed by authorities of Williams college and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology which embody a three and two year course respectively at each institution for exceptional students who desire a degree in engineering, yet wish a liberal arts preparation before the specialization becomes intensive. Under this system the student will receive bachelor's degrees from each institution.

Special Work in Science.
 The bachelor of arts degree from Williams will be awarded at the same time that the bachelor of science is received from M. I. T. In the catalogue issued from the scientific school, it states that the "institute is in a cooperative arrangement with a selected group of colleges whose work in prerequisite fields of science and mathematics is of exceptional merit."

Among the colleges which have accepted the proposal are Miami university, Middlebury college, Ohio Wesleyan, Reed college, St. Lawrence university, and the College of Wooster. Several other institutions also have the plan under advisement, it is understood.

Every third Saturday at 4 a. m., Arthur L. Loessig of Columbia, S. D., starts a 300 mile drive to attend the special classes for public school teachers held at the University of North Dakota. He travels the greatest distance of any in the class.

Campus Candor

by Harold Niemann

WE PAY HOMAGE TO THE MONEY GOD

We of the present college generation have been brought up in the midst of a competitive acquisitive society. We have been taught that this society demands a "survival of the fittest," the fittest who will pay homage to the god of money in order to survive. We have been brought up by parents who paid homage to the "god of money" in their youth and who have placed this pseudo-god on a pedestal so that we might worship him as they did.

We of the present college generation are in the process of being educated, educated for our forthcoming participation in the acquisitive society, educated by those who are already the obliged members of this same society, who have not the so-called "intestinal fortitude" to release themselves from homage to a hollow gold god, nor the courage to imbue succeeding generations thru the process of education with the "intestinal fortitude" to shatter the all omnipotent money god into a million bits.

We need not argue that it is not the purpose of education to destroy allegiance to the money god because we are told continually that education is the search for Truth in its various aspects, in its various manifestations. But we do not understand how we can be led in the search for Truth by those who continue to pay homage to the god that rules the competitive acquisitive society. If it is true that "practice is stronger than precept" then our so-called leaders of the way of Truth have given us incentive for promoting ourselves into a favorable participation in an acquisitive society.

Who are we to discredit or question the chambers of commerce, the Rotary clubs, the Better Babies leagues and all the other various civic organizations that receive their due homage and respect from their members? We follow suit by organizing just as many interesting and profitable activities on our college campuses so that we may be better trained for the life that we will soon lead alongside our elders.

We find by participation in activities of any nature whatsoever, that we are quite likely to make a number of valuable contacts which cannot be ignored when one leaves his "alma mater" and seeks his "chosen field of employment" or usually, any job he can get, whether or not it is the kind of work he may have spent four years preparing himself to enter. We have come to realize that it is not "what you know" but "who you know" that will supply our bread and butter for the rest of our lives. So the contacts that we may make thru activities seem to have their value. Working on a college newspaper offers the greatest advantage in this respect.

We college students are young, with ambition, ideals, hopes and aspirations as every generation is in its youth. We are supposed to be rebeldioled individuals upon whom the hope of the world rests for our efforts at any suggestion of educational reform are repulsed. Can we be blamed for taking the only alternative: That of conforming to the pattern of the acquisitive society? We have asked the same question before and as yet we have not been answered.

Students Down High Rents Via Trailer Houses

(By Intercollegiate Press.)
 The zenith in informality in college is seen as students turn to trailers for campus housing. A number of colleges have reported having students resorting to trailers as a solution to dorm rent.

Last year a camp at Utah state agricultural college had a student population of 44. Trailerville students found that freedom from rentals and table tariffs enabled enjoyment of many extra-curricular refinements—added books, attendance at intercollegiate contests, lectures.

A member of the University of Delaware physical education staff claims to be the first college instructor to live in a trailer.

Trailers At Michigan.
 At Michigan State college the trailer method, devised by the "poor college student" as another scheme for procuring his fundamental three R's with the least possible financial expenditure, has been questioned by the authorities of East Lansing. City officials sought to drive them from their rented land by refusing a nearby business establishment the privilege of selling water from city pipes to any trailer occupants.

The city council felt that a trailer settlement located opposite some of the finest East Lansing homes would be anything but an asset. However, students have solved their water problem, continue to live in "trailerville," and are continuing the business of getting an education.

Maine Constructs Cabins.
 The University of Maine has constructed six cabins that will reduce by about half the living expenses of the 22 students occupying them. This has been done with a view of helping needy students.

Privately owned cabins, constituting a small community known as "Hungry Hollow," have been rented out to University of Maine students for several years, but this is the first time that the university itself has built cabins.

A Musical Letter

New York City.

Dear Mr. Frank:

It is interesting to note that the most significant "event" in the music world this week has been... not a concert, not a discovery of some hitherto unknown work by one of the musical titans, not a virtuoso interpretation of some masterpiece, but a simple, direct and courageous statement of principle by one of our most beloved musicians—the refusal by Toscanini to conduct at the coming Salzburg festival. To those of us who revere this maestro, who anticipate each appearance of his N.B.C. orchestra as the treat of the musical week, this act at once so big and so meaningful is as thrilling and exciting as the art with which he enriches our lives.

The step was to be expected of Toscanini, whose views on fascism of both the German and Italian flavor are well known; but its suddenness has somewhat overwhelmed us. While it may be disappointing to realize that this festival, the most important one to music lovers all over the world, is about to change its character (for surely it will lose, in addition to Toscanini, Bruno Walter, Knappertbusch, and others) yet it is gratifying to note the integrity of Toscanini. Nor is this the full significance of his act. Its implications and possible repercussions are tremendous. Of course, it would be foolish to dream that world trends will be changed by Toscanini or any other artist. But one can imagine its far-reaching effects upon other festivals—such as the Glyndebourne in England, and our own Berkshire festival. Nor must we underestimate the sacrifice of Toscanini—who had labored lovingly in his short association with Salzburg. Certainly one of his fondest hopes had been an adequate Festspielhaus. His coming benefit concert in Carnegie hall had been dedicated to Salzburg. And now for an ideal, all of this is changed.

Truly, we wonder which is greater in this Toscanini—the musician or the man?
 It seems petty, by comparison, to chronicle local happenings in the same breath, but mention should be made of two recent performances here. On Sunday last, Piatigorsky was heard by a full house at Town Hall. The rapport of audience and artist was one of those rare experiences to be cherished long after actual compositions have been forgotten. A stirring performance of the Brahms E minor Sonata (opus 38), a first appearance of a Debussy Intermezzo (the rather mediocre and hardly worthy of that composer), a noble presentation of the Boccherini Concerto in E flat major (opus 34), with excellent support from a chamber orchestra, were the main business of the afternoon. The cellist enjoyed playing—and we certainly enjoyed listening.

The Philadelphia orchestra, continuing its current series under Eugene Ormandy at Carnegie hall, on Tuesday presented the rarely heard "Das Lied von der Erde" of Gustav Mahler. This was indeed sensational! The soloists were Charles Kullman (who seems to be the present specialist of this work, having made the Columbia recording under Bruno Walter) and Enid Szanthe, scheduled to make her Metropolitan debut Thursday afternoon as Fricka in "Die Walkure."

With such able soloists, with the Philadelphia orchestra and Mr. Ormandy, who reputedly takes particular interest in Mahler, how could the piercing melancholy of the "Lied" fail to penetrate even the best insulated of listeners?
 The "Hafner" symphony of Mozart, comprising the first half of the program, sounded beautiful of course; but why must it be played by the full orchestra? Surely even the Musicians' union could not object to a lighter and more authentic performance.

You may note the lack of commingling in this letter. Surely the musical opportunities of Lincoln are full and rich and call forth no sympathy from
 Your Friend,
 Florence Kysor,
 Feb. 19, Lincoln.

To Station KFAB:

It was very irritating for one listener on your Saturday morning program to be deprived of Beethoven's Fifth-Symphony near the climax of the piece and to get in place of it the Adventures of Puckey Dick Whittington. On this occasion probably hundreds of radio fans share my feeling. Do you not make more opponents than friends by this short sighted policy of cutting into symphonic programs, despoiling them of the structural wholeness characteristic of all significant musical works?

The City of Lincoln has grown out of its swaddling clothes. Presumably it is more concerned with Beethoven and Mendelssohn (one of whose overtures was entirely sacrificed to Dick Whittington on this morning's broadcast) than in fairy tales and other juvenile treats. When will the radio stations, with their tremendous civic, social, and educational responsibilities, catch up with their listeners?

Sincerely Yours,
Joseph Frank.

Dean Guy Stanton Ford, acting president of the University of Minnesota, has no time for hobbies. Besides his administrative duties he is editor of "Camp's" history books—a group of textbooks, editor-in-chief of Compton's 16 volumes of Pictured Encyclopedia, and has won diplomas for distinguished service to science from Sigma Xi. So what chance has stamp-collecting?

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GUILD PICKS WETZEL PLAY FOR \$500 PRIZE

'Fool's Hill' to Run on New Production Schedule Next Season.

"Fool's Hill" by Robert Wetzel, which won the \$500 award of the bureau of new plays' first competition, will be on the schedule of the Theatre guild for next season. The play was read by the Theatre guild's board of directors during the last few weeks and there was a unanimous vote for purchase at the last guild meeting.

This new play, a comedy dealing with life at a middle western university, was released by the seven motion picture sponsors of the play bureau as a possible production in order that the guild might use it.

The author of "Fool's Hill" Robert Wetzel was born in Calumet, Michigan and was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1928. He taught English for three and one-half years, afterwards becoming interested in the theatre and playing stock. For these reasons the play contains the elements essential to a successful production.

Ag College Club Adopts Official Necktie Insignia

Wrapped in traditions of every conceivable nature, as we seem to be today, we quite naturally hold anything in high regard that is handed down to us thru the centuries. Occasionally, but very rarely, we are inclined to throw upon any agitation for enthusiastic activity that is a matter of custom, but, by and large, the events that are of sufficient significance to command recognition years after their occurrence, thrill us to no uncertain degree.

Our lives are thickly spotted with celebrations and precedents that yield profound happiness, but our loyalty is greatly augmented when we perceive the opportunity of starting a tradition. Rarely is such a privilege experienced.

Promote Animal Breeding.
 The members of the Block and Bridle club on our campus, in an undivided effort to promote the field of animal breeding and production with which they are vitally concerned, are experiencing that pleasure today. They have adopted a necktie with a standard pattern that is to be worn by all animal husbandrymen on every Tuesday of each week. The exclusive design is cleverly prepared and the intermingled shades of gray, blue, gold, and black renders the tie suitable for various combinations. Furthermore, the colors signify dominating characteristics of the livestock industry—gray exemplifies strength; blue stands of first place; gold indicates wealth, and black is for stability.

Not only is an endeavor being made to establish the tradition on this campus, but the idea is being passed onto all the leading agricultural colleges in the United States. Though the scheme is comparatively new in this country, it is an old story in England where each educational institution has an exclusive tie.

Washington Begins Custom.
 Rather coincidental is the fact that the custom will date back to Washington's birthday. Not only was Washington the first president of the United States, but he was also the first to import Cottswold sheep to the United States from England. He thus established himself as a pioneer in animal husbandry as well as in government.

Today, and henceforth on each Tuesday, the student promoters of one of our basic industries will display their insignia to the campus. May the custom prevail for many years and establish itself as a notable and worthwhile tradition.

FRESHMAN A.W.S. HOLDS FINAL MEETING OF YEAR

Jane Barbour Discusses Benefits Realized By Group.

Jane Barbour, president of the Associated Women Students society, will speak at the final meeting of the freshman group for this year. The meeting will be held in Ellen Smith hall at 5 p. m. Wednesday.

Miss Barbour will speak on the aims of the year's work, and will define the benefits which are to have been derived from the meetings.

Doormen and ushers for the Coed Polls show will be announced. Betty Lehman will act as chairman.

Thirty-two students at the University of Nebraska are working their way thru school by scraping bones of prehistoric animals for the university museum.

Browsing Among The Books

Odds and Ends in the book world: With the slogan "Given enough rope, any man will hang himself," Dr. James Scherer relates how Japan has known fascism before any other country. In his recent book "Japan Defies the World," Dr. Scherer tells many an enlightening tale of the Japanese and their ideals. It is not an uncommon practice, so the story goes, for the older sister in the Japanese family to be sold into prostitution so that younger brother may go to school unimpeded to learn the essentials of good military tactics. Perhaps residents of metropolitan cities can understand this situation which seems so utterly foreign to us. Trailers are now being employed extensively in larger cities to act as libraries for the suburban areas which do not possess other facilities. . . . Expert book salesmen predict that Eleanor Roosevelt's new book "This is My Story" will top best seller next month. . . . J. Edgar Hoover tells "the truth about those rats" in his book "Persons in Hiding". . . . Magazine publishers having raised eyebrows some months ago, now lift a worried face. The cause for their anxiety is to be found in a current campaign of publishers who now compete with the magazine publishers. Best sellers of last year are now available at twenty-five, thirty-nine, and fifty cents. . . . Dr. Spalding of the American Library Association pointed out in his survey of the city library how utterly absurd it was for the various libraries of the city to compete with one another. The libraries of the city, says Dr. Spalding, exist for one goal which can best be achieved when they are working in unison instead of bucking against each other. . . . Cribbing university students will do well to read Crawford's "Think For Yourself". . . . Such famous authors as " honest Abe" as popularly conceived, but a half-melancholy, half-insane man who detested his wife and made his wife detest him. Herndon claimed the following: Lincoln's mother was an illegitimate child; Lincoln was a bastard; he lost his only true love and made another woman unhappy; he was temporarily insane, and he wrote a heretical infidel book. Though publishers would not accept his work, Herndon remained insistent that the Lincolns were not the glorified country people, but immoral, ambitious radical, insane. Apparently there is cold water for every bit of enthusiasm. . . .

Y.M. NOMINATES THREE CANDIDATES FOR PREXY

Gustafson, Jones, Vaughn, To Compete in Coming Election.

Nominees for new officers in the Ag campus branch of the University Y. M. C. A. were recently announced by Wesley Dunn, chairman of the nominating committee.

Three names have been presented for the position of president: Milton Gustafson, Gordon H. Jones, and Marvin Vaughn. The one receiving the second highest number of votes will serve as vice-president. Charles Huenefeld, and Robert G. Wilson have been nominated for secretary.

Bellots will be sent out to the organization members by mail and must be returned to the office of Dean Burr in Ag hall not later than 6 p. m. Monday, February 28.

Police questioned 13 University of Tulsa students recently whom they suspected of being "grave robbers," only to find that they were filling a half week assignment—copying data from tombstones on order of their fraternity "brothers."

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