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Campus Candor

By
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ON CORN COBS, —AND MICE

Our mouse-like tendencies are getting the best of us. Like the best of mice, like the best of Nebraska's pseudo-activity men, we like to squeak. To find a fault, we are led to believe, is our ultimate desire. To criticize destructively, that is to run down without suggesting any solution, we have been told, is our supreme purpose. Perhaps this is true.

We wonder, however, if the squeaking spirit isn't in trend with the times. In this democratic age of liberal mindedness, we wonder if our present generation aren't prone to refute the old because it is tried, tested, and proved to be ineffective in places? Likewise, is it not true that members of our generation like to accept the new because it is such, and because it will provide something different, and perhaps, sensational?

TO THE CULLS:
 In keeping with the times, then, 60 (more or less) Corn Cobs have approved an effective reorganization for Pi Epsilon Pi. The majority, we hope, have finally realized the present ineffective status of the organization and have endorsed their efforts toward revision for one purpose — advancement. There are, however, a number in the present organization who look toward the realignment only as a change, something new, different, and sensational for them, never have done the club any good. They are the ones who should be eliminated from Pi Epsilon Pi at the outset.

VALUABLE MICE-PLAY.
 We have felt justified, then, for squeaking — just as justified and sincere as those present members who really want to see a new deal for student activities start at the bottom with a reorganization of Corn Cobs. Likewise, we feel that the plan of revision which we hazarded more than a week ago is the only one feasible method in which to make the organization noteworthy. Squeaking might be mice-play, but sometimes it proves valuable.

The Corn Cobs are going to take a big load on their shoulders. Whether they realize it or not, their task is not going to be a simple one. Their first step in securing a new sponsor is a good one. But reorganization goes a lot farther than that. The Social-Student Council and even the Innocent's society will be concerned — probably enough so that they can throw a dead mouse into the burning wires or strings.

MEMBERSHIP A QUESTION.
 In the first place, the Cobs face the question of choosing their members. Those who have exerted their best and sincere efforts toward keeping the Club active at all say that this will not be difficult. Their solution is to choose 20 active members for next year from the pledges who have worked the hardest this year. With a knowledge that no one has done anything, this will be difficult. Another short circuit will be caused when about 15 pledges who were not chosen for next year's group appear before the club to demand their pledge fees.

Examination of the present Corn Cob constitution will show immediately why reorganization will be difficult. The club, for example, to be effective, should have leadership centered in its own group. Its officers, in other words, should not be chosen by the Innocent's society and faction politics. An organization, as such, always likes to choose its own officers. This can be no reflection, however, on the guidance of the Pi Epsilon Pi's this year.

And so, we feel that if the Corn Cobs have enough mouse-like men in their organization, they will succeed in their reorganization. The Social-Student Council and the Innocent's, too, will be forced to exert some of their mousey characteristics.

WELL DRILLERS' OPENING SESSION ATTRACTS CROWD

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into the well in one piece. Lights ad night work.
 Exhibited by a local company was a windmill operating automatically, utilizing the wind to the utmost. "A roller bearing worm drive" shaft helps eliminate friction. A number of the machines shown were constructed to oil the moving parts automatically so that while a windmill had formerly to be oiled monthly, now only annual attention is needed.
 Another local company showed water pumps with the latest automatic features including the innovation of a mechanism for control of the air supply in the water tanks. A compound leverage wrench which gives a leverage of 10 to 1, enabling one man to apply as much pressure as several could normally, was outstanding in the wrench display. End wrenches permitting workers to work in tight corners were shown as was a 48 well casing used to keep soil and gravel out of water pumped for irrigation.
 Dr. Ernest F. Wittie, director of the graduate school for social work, was elected to the executive committee of the council of social agencies at the annual meeting of the council held recently. He will serve for a three year term.

Faculty Forum

Bring Syphilis Under Control

To the Editor:

Recent articles and editorials about syphilis which have appeared in the Nebraskan lead me to believe at least a brief statement should be made concerning the disease so that students may see what it will take to bring the disease under control and eventually wipe it out.

Dr. Thomas Parran, surgeon general, U. S. public health service, is the moving spirit behind the present anti-syphilis campaign. In the Feb. 18th issue of Science he makes the following statements: "Our problem therefore simply resolves itself into a finding of new cases and treating them. Infections occur singly from person to person by intimate contact. There are no explosive epidemics as occur in typhoid fever thru pollution of water supply. We know today that syphilis is primarily a disease of youth; that more than half of all those whom syphilis strikes, it strikes before the age of 25; that more than a fifth are infected with the disease before they reach the age of 20, and that more than 11,000 per year are infected before the age of 15. We know that in addition to these figures for acquired infections, 60,000 babies are born in the United States every year with congenital syphilis." The very facts about venereal diseases are themselves spectacular.

From the statements in the press one would think "blood testing" was a cure for syphilis. I note in a local paper one restaurant is already commercializing the blood test by advertising that all their employees are "blood tested." This means nothing, since every employee of any firm might give a negative blood test tonight and every one of them contract syphilis before breakfast tomorrow morning.

The blood test is important because it locates the infected. Each infected person has long months or even years of painful

costly treatment ahead of him before a cure is accomplished.

Two factors that are scarcely being mentioned in this campaign must be considered if syphilis is to be conquered. They are alcoholism and promiscuity. Alcohol is the great ally of prostitution. If alcohol could be eliminated, fewer men would contact infected persons. If only the non-syphilitic would marry and their sexual contacts thereafter be limited to the married, the syphilitic parasite could not find new fields to grow in and would die and be buried with the infected. Practically all prostitutes are infected with syphilis. In the large cities of our land there are 500,000 prostitutes, 40,000 of them die annually. If from this time on, we could save every girl from becoming a prostitute, in approximately 12 years prostitution would disappear and with it the chief source of syphilitic infection. Think of the tragedy of it—11,000 becoming infected before they are 15 (mere children) and half of all infections occurring before the 25th year. That means most infections occur before the marriageable age. In other words, science alone cannot "lick syphilis" altho we do "drive it into the open." Science can do a great deal but it needs the help of the human intellect and right living on the part of every man and woman. If the present generation wants to do some pioneering, here is a field which offers an opportunity that will put their intellects and courage to a greater test than our ancestors experienced in wrestling the Nebraska prairies from the virgin soil. The control of syphilis is the job of men and women under 25. It is not the job of men and women of middle life. He who thinks it a job that can be accomplished if he keeps on drinking, or keeps on practicing promiscuity, is doomed to disappointment. It would be a great thing for the university, if her students could set an example and lead the parade.

The student health department has been making blood tests for all students who desire them for the last two years and will continue to do so for those who wish to report to room 208, Pharmacy building.

Rufus A. Lyman, Director
 Department Student Health.

Editorially Speaking

An Anti-Syphilis Measure

In answer to the plea to include the Wasserman blood test as part of the regular physical examinations carried on by the student health service comes a statement from Health Director R. A. Lyman to the effect that for the past two years the health department has given blood tests to any student who desired them. Appearing in the student pulse columns today is a discussion by Dean Lyman on the control of syphilis.

The health department is to be commended in so far as it has made provision for giving these blood tests in its department, but it is our feeling that such a provision does not go quite far enough. Under the present system it would be virtually impossible to find those on the campus who were infected with the disease, since only a few people are likely to take advantage of the opportunity offered under the present set-up. In fact it is rather unlikely that many students, in their lackadaisical manner, are aware of the existence of the blood tests in the health service at the present time.

It is realized that the inclusion of the Wasserman test in the regular health examinations would not be a cure for syphilis, but it certainly would be a preventive plan in that those infected would be discovered and measures taken to cure them and keep them from infecting others. Many are not aware that they are victims of the disease and only thru the testing process may they receive assurance of their freedom from or affliction with syphilis. Thus, it would seem necessary that the health department take steps to test all students for indications of the presence of syphilis. Naturally such a procedure would necessitate giving the Wasserman test to a large number in order to detect a diseased few, but if these few were discovered and treatments begun to affect a cure, the project would be worthwhile.

At present, blood samples are taken at

the student health departments and sent to the state health department for testing. As long as the state department has agreed to make the necessary test, it would seem logical that students should be made to take advantage of the opportunity offered, and that the tests should become a part of the regular examinations.

Dr. Lyman points out the fact that negative results on the test would not be adequate assurance that a student would not become infected with the disease later on in his college days. However, it would discover those already affected and if the tests were given to all students every year some check would be kept on new infections. These regular checks would at least keep syphilis from getting too great a start before the student discovered the infection and began to take treatments for the affliction.

The plea on the part of Dr. Lyman to check alcoholism and promiscuity as preventive measures against syphilis is perfectly legitimate and true. Dr. Lyman sets forth an excellent idea when he asks students to set an example and lead the parade against these evils. It must be remembered, however, that the student cannot be safe from this disease because of his personal cleanliness and moral conduct alone. Unfortunately, syphilis does not respect social boundaries. Morally and personally clean individuals can and do pick up the germs of these diseases without being connected with the evils of alcoholism and promiscuity.

Because many who are infected with syphilis do not realize it and because only a few students take advantage of the blood tests offered at the present time, it would seem logical that there is a need for some testing measures. One of the best and surest means of contacting all students would be to include the Wasserman test as a part of the regular physical examinations given upon entering the university, and if this did not seem often enough it could be incorporated as an annual student test in the student health department.

Bombs Destroy Centers of Chinese Cultural Life

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 generation and more. In many of them were gathered some of the finest teaching staffs to be procured anywhere in the world. And approximately one-half of all Chinese universities and colleges are already out of commission.

What is lost in cultural value to Chinese education is inestimable. As to the actual material damages suffered, it is difficult to give even a rough estimate at present. But it is known that the aggregate value of these now demolished institutions was, in 1935, about 57,000,000 Chinese dollars. That did not include the National Sun Yat-sen university at Canton, which represented by itself a fortune and

was only recently rebuilt on its new site at a cost of more than 10,000,000 Chinese dollars. Since 1935, material additions had been made to many institutions.

The fact that, what China built in a generation is being destroyed in a day, should leave an impression on the minds of American university students. We cannot answer the questions, "Will modern, higher education be lost to China?" or "What must be done?" Only time may give the answer to those queries.

MINISTER VIEWS JAPANESE BIDS FOR SUPREMACY

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 Japan, the Orient and the christian movement in the far east, Brumbaugh has spoken in no less than 38 universities in 19 different states. He figured prominently in the national Methodist student conference held in St. Louis, Mo., last December.

Served As Missionary.
 Brumbaugh was educated in the east, served a year over seas, being discharged a second lieutenant, U. S. infantry, and was active in young peoples work in Ohio and Massachusetts before he took up missionary work among the youth of the Japanese empire. His work there has brought him into contact with Kakawa's program.

The meeting at Grace church will begin at 7:30 with Beula Brigham, president of Kappa Phi, club for Methodist girls, presiding. Devotional services will be directed by Winthrop Darlington; Verne Giesinger singing. The gathering is open to any who wish to come.

Speaks Twice.
 Saturday afternoon Brumbaugh will be available in the Wesley foundation building for personal conferences which are already being arranged. In the evening Brumbaugh will lead a discussion group at the foundation centering attention of the topic, "Youth of Japan Facing the Present Crisis." Sunday morning he will address the Trinity Methodist church on the subject, "Why Japan is Not a Christian Nation." The missionary will probably show slides depicting the work of the Wesley foundation in Japan following his speech at Grace Sunday.

While in Japan his literary activities have made Brumbaugh Japan correspondent of the Christian Century and the Zion's Herald, author of "A Son of the Rising Sun—A Biography." "Religious Values in Japanese Culture," and editor of the Japan christian year book for 1937.

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Phi Chi Theta Sponsors Display of Silverware
 Phi Chi Theta, honorary bizad sorority, has issued an invitation to all senior women students to come to Ellen Smith hall between 3 and 5 o'clock any afternoon this week to inspect a silverware display sponsored by Toole silver-smiths and to indicate their preferences in silver patterns.

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Musical Footnotes

Wednesday's convocation was the contribution of Phi Mu Alpha, formerly known as Sinfonia Fraternita, an organization for students of music throughout the nation. This group has chapters in most of the universities, and numbers many famous musicians among its members and alumni.

The program went very smoothly, as one would expect of a professional type honorary, and should enhance the reputation of the fraternity, already recognized as one of the more worthwhile campus organizations. Only one correction needs to be made in our reporting of the manner in which the program was presented. Duane Harmon, though a very capable trumpeter, did not play on the convocation. Mr. Harmon is also a student of William Tempel, voice instructor, and the numbers programmed were sung.

There was one faulty performance in the series of selections. Due either to poor arrangement or to lack of practice among the performers, the performance of "Paterlandisches Lied" was very weak. There was considerable faltering and lack of agreement among the players. We should like, however, to have the opportunity of again hearing this number on some future program when these faults may be corrected.

Music is evolved in strange ways. Alexander Borodin's Second Symphony in B minor is a fitting example of this phenomenon. Originally, Borodin had intended to write an opera which would be truly Russian in story and flavor. After he had commenced work thereon, he discovered that the words and the mood of the work did not fit; therefore, he followed the usual procedure and junked the whole affair, and started over again.

However, the discarded music was not to be forgotten so easily. It haunted him—haunted him till he rewrote it into the first movement of a new symphony, which required six years to complete. The length of time thus required brings to light another fact; that Borodin, in addition to his composing, was also professor of chemistry at the St. Petersburg academy of Medicine and Surgery.

By the time Napravnik wanted to conduct the premiere of this queerly conceived symphony, in 1877, Borodin had lost the first movement, containing the original musical idea, and the last of the four. The sick in bed at the time, he managed to rewrite both these movements and completely re-orchestrate the whole work.

UNIVERSITY NOTES

John Matzen, associate professor of school administration, left Thursday to attend a convention in Atlantic City of the American Association of School Administra-

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PALLADIANS INSTALL NEW CHAIRS IN ROOM

Chromium Furniture Marks Last Step in Program Entailing \$500.

With the arrival of 55 new chromium chairs the latter part of this week, the last improvements for Palladian hall will have been installed.

Palladian, the oldest organization on the campus, has taken over \$500 from its sinking fund this winter to purchase new improvements for the hall on the third floor of Temple.

Scarlet Stage Curtain.
 Yesterday a new coat rack arrived and was set up. During the last week Venetian blinds were installed. Drapes, at all the windows, have been a recent addition. A red velvet stage curtain has also just been hung. A drinking fountain has been lately installed as well as a ping pong table for the recreation of the members.

The hall has an entirely new lighting system. In addition to the installation of six new floor plugs and the purchase of three new floor lamps, the newest style of indirect lights have been installed. In former years the alumni members of Palladian have been called upon to assist with all major expenditures, but this year all of the money was taken from the sinking fund of the organization. About five years ago a carpet was bought at a cost of \$1,400. Before that a grand piano was purchased.

Baptist Student Group to Hear Music Teacher

Mrs. Altinus Tullis will address the Roger Williams club at their regular meeting next Sunday night on the History of Church Music. Clinton Sturdevant is in charge of the social hour which starts at 6 p. m. The meeting will be held at the First Baptist church.

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