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LOYALTY TO SCHOOL AND DEPARTMENT SAME

WHAT IS AND WHAT IS NOT TRUE COLLEGE SPIRIT.

CO-OPERATION IS EVER DEMANDED

Departmental Associations Play Great Part in Building Character of Students.

Four years at a university give, in addition to the mental training received from a certain prescribed course of study, much that can neither be estimated nor defined. For want of a better name, call this, if you will, personality. Coming as it does in the formative period of life, with its encircling atmosphere of independence and with its pleasant associations which inspire those charitable qualities of mutual helpfulness, the real university is a character builder.

The first year after entering a university environment there are a great many adjustments to be made in the life of every student. An entirely new order of things presents itself. The new life brings new personal responsibilities for both physical and mental development. New associations must be formed. Changes come with such rapidity that a good quality of self-control is necessary to maintain oneself at such a time. The bewildering introduction, which takes a more or less dependent person and in the short space of a few days makes of him an independent being and places him in the midst of a very strenuous life, fortunately does not last long and in the natural order of things an adjustment is soon made. This is the critical time for every person who faces such conditions. When a pre-supposed homesickness wears away and the person is beginning to cast about for points of common interest between himself and his associates, a false standard of ethics may easily be set up and followed. Leaving out the morality side, which in itself is too large a subject for this article, these brief remarks will be dedicated to student loyalty and college spirit.

Loyalty Not Misdirected Antics.

A student's loyalty toward that department, or college, which claims his allegiance is indicative of the degree of pride he will later take in the university as his Alma Mater. This statements is not without exception, but it is quite near the truth. But what is student loyalty and what is college spirit? The first comprises an intelligent defense of the institution, backed up by firm faith in the objects for which the institution stands. The second is quite like the first, but is sometimes distorted to mean varicolored paints and the destruction of property. Loyalty and true college spirit should be synonymous terms. They came as a growth, are not acquired in a few short days and are bound up in the very lives of the students. In some cases, during the reconstruction period when a student first begins to realize that he is a part of a college community, there comes a feeling that he must have a full grown college spirit and must have it at once. He proceeds to act upon this suggestion in a spectacular way, to the discomfort of

INSPECTING A WATER PLANT

EXPERIENCES HUMOROUS AND OTHERWISE OF ENGINEERING PARTY'S EXPEDITION.

When a bunch of hob-nailed engineers invade a town there is a riot unless they have sneaked in without being caught. We were caught, and the small boy was very much in evidence with snowballs and the usual joke about the college man thinking that he is more important than a preacher at a wedding ceremony. The old timers were there, too; those who had survived the grasshopper invasion back in '87. As they munched their cud of Horseshoe and spat with a dexterity acquired only by long years of practice, they informed us that their "water plant didn't need no involcin'." But the wiser heads of the town said different, and with the co-operation of every man connected with the plant, the hob-nails sallied forth to count hydrants, electric light poles, and—well, what we didn't count would be much easier to enumerate.

Three days of hard work were spent collecting data, and a wonderful amount was obtained, too. Very little of it was recorded. It is true we recorded all items of importance connected with the plant, but the largest amount of data was the excellent information which was literally thrust upon us, and which each man of us keeps somewhere back in his think box as one of the treasures of his education. This information was not all of an engineering nature, as the fussers will testify, but it was three days of practical experience, of which any "hob-nail" could just be proud.

Moral:—Freshman engineer, get busy in practical work now; don't wait till you are ready to graduate.

surrounding property. Laudable as this exhibition of latent energy is, showing as it does the physical possibilities of the present and the mental possibilities of the future, yet it is misdirected energy and soon burns itself out, giving place to a safer and saner ambition. In the true college spirit there is place for everything that looks toward the promotion of a finer type of student fellowship and the placing of the university upon a plane one notch higher than ever before. It does not presuppose a blind faith which overlooks all faults, but it does assume a hearty co-operation in every line endeavoring to eliminate faults and bring about a better order of things throughout.

This evolution of the student's ideals from the early spontaneous stage to that deep-seated and abiding love for everything which reflects honor upon the institution is a growth that comes only with time and training. Like the boy about to leave the old home to begin life for himself, as he looks back upon his first efforts to attract his father's attention by showing him how well he could perform some boyish feat of skill, and sees the great changes that have taken place in his life, so the student about to graduate surveys his course and realizes what a power the university associations have been in molding his ideals and how he has unconsciously been a factor in forming those college traditions that now so gently bind him to the university—his university.

ENGINEERS FEAST SATURDAY

BANQUET TO REUNITE FORMER MEMBERS OF ENGINEERING COLLEGE.

Saturday evening of this week will occur one of the biggest banquets of the year, second only to the Cornhusker banquet in the mind of the engineer. This will be the annual engineering banquet, at the Lindell hotel, which, from present indications, will far outdistance former banquets of the college.

R. E. Kiplinger, chairman of the committee in charge, states that arrangements are being made to accommodate two-hundred men. Mr. Venable, manager of the hotel, is making a special concession in that he will seat the banqueters in the main dining hall. Notices have been sent to all alumni in the state and many of them will be present at the banquet. A. L. Hoagland, '00, is to be toastmaster. Mr. Hoagland is an engineer in the employ of the Burlington, with headquarters at Lincoln, and is prominent in alumni circles. The toast list includes Prof. O. V. Stout, J. D. Hoffmap, L. W. Chase, G. H. Morse, G. R. Chatburn, and several outside speakers whose names have not yet been announced.

An interesting feature of the evening will be the engineers' quartette, which won prominence at convocation.

Tickets are now on sale and are going fast. They may be secured from J. K. Hewett, C. J. Ericson, J. R. Rippey, and B. N. Wilson.

Notice.

The Senior Masquerade committee will meet at 5:00 o'clock today in U. 106.

University Loyalty Does Not Suffer.

The undergraduate has little time to come into actual contact with and to cultivate a vital appreciation for many departments of the university work, hence, during his college course, his own particular department receives, as a natural consequence, that exhibition of loyalty which, if called for, would be as freely given to the university. He loves his own department because there are those close companionships developed by mutual work—but for all that he loves his university none the less as a student, and because of it he will cherish those splendid memories all the more as an alumnus of the larger institution whose name he soon expects to bear.

The cosmopolitan make-up of a university brings together a wide variety of talent, both latent and active, and gives an equal opportunity for all to develop along lines not prescribed in the course of study. The student who fails to take advantage of his share of these opportunities must sooner or later come to feel a more or less onesided development. Student activities, when not taken to excess and when properly selected, have a beneficial effect upon both the student and his associates. Finally, the accomplishments of a university course are bound up in those close departmental associations, where each learns to feel for and with the other, accentuated by a consistent departmental interest in the all-university affairs.

FIRE CAUSES HEAVY DAMAGE TO MUSEUM

SOUTHWEST CORNER OF BUILDING DESTROYED BY FLAMES.

LOSS REACHES \$11,000 OR \$12,000

Valuable Specimens Burned and Work of Years Rendered Useless—Defective Wiring the Cause.

A fire, occurring between five and six o'clock yesterday morning, burned out the southwest corner of the Museum building, causing a total damage estimated at between \$11,000 and \$12,000. The fire started on the first floor of the building and, shooting up through the stairways in one mass of flame, completely destroyed the woodwork, cases and specimens of that quarter of the structure. Superintendent Chowins states that it will require at least \$5,000 or \$6,000 to reconstruct the damaged portion of the building itself, and Professor Barbour places the loss to cases and specimens at some \$6,000.

The fire started beneath the staircase on the first floor where a series of electric wires ran within a few inches of a gas meter and probably came in contact with the woodwork, setting this afire. The fire from the woodwork melted the meter and the gas, issuing with full pressure from the pipes, was ignited by the flame and rushed up the pine stairs. When the night watchman left at five o'clock yesterday morning there was no indication of anything wrong and it was but shortly after he left that the fire started. While the electric wires all over the other parts of the building are enclosed in iron conduits, they were left exposed at the west end of the building for the reason that that portion of the structure is merely temporary, it having been the intention of the authorities to build on to the west end as soon as sufficient funds could be acquired. The wooden stairs were to have been replaced next summer by circular iron ones. All the rest of the building, with the exception of this one point, was entirely fire-proof.

Will Not Stop Classes.

The debris is being cleared away and the staircases being temporarily repaired so that classes will not be materially interfered with. The laboratories and offices in the east end of the museum were uninjured.

A large amount of Professor Barbour's most valuable specimens were destroyed. One large panel mount of a small two-horned rhinoceros upon which the museum officials were working and which is valued at \$1,000, was burned to a crisp. This specimen was of extreme value to Professor Barbour, since it was an illustration of a new system of panel mounting of his own invention, and had won much praise from zoologists. Another slab, containing a large number of bones, that was destroyed was also valued at \$1,000. The fur and feathers on many specimens were crumpled and singed, and the results of years of work on the part of professors and assistants has been rendered useless.

Cause Clearly Shown.

Professor Barbour makes the statement—
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