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ACTION OR REFLECTION?

The conception of life as held in the modern university has become thoroughly established. It might be safely said that its establishment has been more or less detrimental to the prime object of education—intellectual development. It has come to pass that the ends of education are considered rather than the education itself; the practicability of courses has eclipsed the consideration of the courses themselves. In the old conception of learning the gain of information constituted the prime aim; studies such as Latin, Greek and mathematics were pursued for their own sake; they possessed no practical connection with life, but demanded disinterested study.

In our modern university disinterested study is held in rather low esteem; life is regarded as a practical affair capable of measurement in dollars and cents. The man of action is now the one who commands respect, who has superseded the man of reflection, formerly so highly esteemed.

For this reason the man who is elected to Phi Beta Kappa has lost his exalted position, for he typifies reflection rather than action. He is regarded as the extreme student, the "grind;" he represents an organization which is clearly on the defensive. It is justly asserted that the desire for a Phi Beta Kappa causes the student to work for grades rather than intellectual benefit; that it influences his choice of courses, inclining him toward the "snaps." There is without doubt much truth in these accusations but their existence seems to emanate largely from the prevalent worship of activity, the underestimation of reflection.

A WAY TO AID THE SCHOOL.

The second annual high school basketball tournament has come and gone and with it as fine a collection of many young athletes as has ever trodden upon our soil. The athletic management of the institution is to be commended for its efforts in bringing to Nebraska each year this picked assortment of prospective University students. An opportunity is afforded the University on such occasions as these to become acquainted with the material out in the state, and at the same time, the high school lads are given a chance to inhale some of the college atmosphere, which we believe in a great many instances induces them to matriculate later on.

This reminds us of the fact that perhaps the greatest advertisement an

institution of learning has is its student body. At least this is what appeals to the incoming student. It is the character of one's associates that concerns him most, for they, in a great measure, furnish the environment in which he must live. If the new student is given an opportunity to become familiar with the college surroundings in advance, and he is pleased with the impression received, there will be a temptation to enter that school, which will at least create a presumption in its favor.

We should grasp the opportunity, therefore, to extend our hospitality in the fullest measure to the visitor from out in the state, whether he be from city, town or farm, and make him feel that at Nebraska University he will find a community of interest that will be entertaining, wholesome and beneficial.

OUR NEW POLICY.

It's always been the policy
 Of our old daily "Rag"
 To keep from bringing into view
 The question of the "jag."

In other words it's always been
 Our purpose firm to try
 To keep the paper from the point
 Of going "wet" or "dry."

But now we're forced against our will
 By Nature's gentle hand.
 On one side of this question deep
 To straightway take a stand.

The melting snow our office without
 Through cracks and chinks doth seep
 In endless streams, to form within
 A puddle wide and deep.

Our stand we take upon the chairs
 And tables and desks around,
 Until they start to float about
 And then we simply—drown.

We're forced to inform our readers,
 dear
 That our policy's firmly set;
 We hate to so inform you,—but
 This paper sure is wet!

CUTRIGHT.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

We wish to remind our readers that the recently instituted and magnanimous offer of two Orpheum tickets per week is still in vogue.

Last week the plum went to Roxie Lewis, a fair co-ed. Under ordinary circumstances such a condition would prove embarrassing, but this being leap year, the embarrassment was averted.

So far the system has reached the fondest expectations of its perpetrators, and in consequence will be continued until the end of the semester.

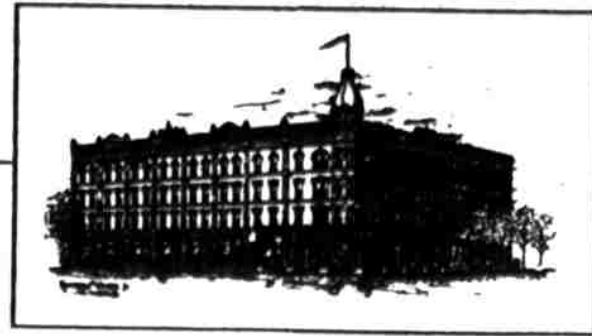
One name appears each week, cleverly (or poorly) concealed in one of the "display" advertisements. The fortunate discoverer, by applying at the "Rag" office, can obtain two tickets for the latter part of the current week, or for the coming week.

Deutsche Verein to Meet.

Der Deutsche Gessellige Verein meets Thursday evening at the home of Elizabeth Wittman, 936 H street. The meeting will be called promptly at 8 o'clock.

Some Senior Play Parts Left.

The senior play cast met last evening with Miss Howell to review "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which will be presented June 8, and to arrange for rehearsals. Several parts are still to be given out, but it is expected that these will be filled in a short time.



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