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DENOUNCES CONDITIONS AT STATE PENITENTIARY

GRAHAM TAYLOR CONDEMNS IT
IN STRONGEST TERMS.

POINTS OUT THE DUTY OF STUDENTS

Speaker Declares They Owe It to
State to Better Existing Evils
at Penal Institution.

Denouncing the conditions at the Nebraska state penitentiary in the strongest terms, referring to them as "outrageous and suicidal," Graham Taylor of Chicago, prominent as a social service worker and associate editor of The Survey magazine, addressed the students at a special convocation Monday morning.

Speaking on the subject of "Social Obligations," Mr. Taylor told the students that they owed it to the state that gave them their education to better existing social evils, the most pressing one of which was the state penitentiary.

"Dirty, Nasty Hole."

"The dirtiest, nastiest, old hole that I have seen in a long time, and I have visited many prisons," were the words in which Mr. Taylor referred to the kitchen at the state penal institution. The speaker visited the penitentiary Saturday.

"You are breeding tuberculosis and you are demoralizing men," said Mr. Taylor. "It is an outrage, nothing more nor less. It is suicide for the men to live there."

Favors Easier Death.

"If you are going to kill the men who are prisoners in your penitentiary why don't you line them up and shoot them? Why prolong the agony?"

"I was talking to one of the prisoners at the penitentiary who is facing death. He seemed to take the right view of things. He said that he didn't care much what happened to him, but that he hoped to God that the other men would get some rights, if not men's right, then prisoners' rights."

SIGMA NU CONVENTIONS

DELEGATES FROM SIX CHAPTERS
AND MANY VISITORS ARE
EXPECTED.

The biennial convention of the sixth district of the Sigma Nu fraternity will be held in Lincoln Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. Delegates are coming from chapters at Ames, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Cornell and Kansas. The district includes seven states, so a large number of alumni from neighboring states will be present.

Convention doings will include a formal party Friday evening and a convention banquet at the Lincoln Saturday evening. About thirty visitors are expected for the dance and over fifty for the banquet.

Dramatic Club Tryouts.

The second semester Dramatic Club tryouts will be held this evening in the rooms of the club, and will commence at 7:30 promptly. Final registrations for places may be made this morning in U 106 at 11 o'clock.

CARRIER TO BE CAPTAIN

SPEEDY LITTLE GUARD WILL
HEAD 1913 NEBRASKA BASKET-
BALL TEAM.

Sam Carrier will be the captain of the 1913 basketball team. In a straw vote held by members of this season's basketball squad at St. George's studio Sunday morning the speedy little guard was unanimously selected as next year's leader. This vote will be officially confirmed shortly, say members of the team.

Carrier has just completed his second year on the team and he was the only man to participate in every game played by the Cornhuskers this season, thirteen in all. He has played guard two years in succession. Carrier is a junior engineer.

SENIOR PARTY A SUCCESS.

Dance Thrown Open to Under-Class-
men to Escape Deficit.

Despite the warm weather and various outside attractions, the seniors held a very enjoyable party Saturday evening in the Temple. The occasion was the annual senior masquerade, when members of the upper class stepped down from their usual lofty plane and assumed the garb of caricature.

After 9:30 o'clock the dance was thrown open to the University public and the opportunity was taken advantage of by a goodly number of lower classmen. Chairman Hawley took this action in order to avoid the possibility of going in debt on the dance, the class having already a little financial burden to dispose of.

REAL STUDENTS PROSPER

PROFESSOR CONANT SAYS MEN
WHO STUDY MOST MAKE
BEST GRADES.

Several weeks ago an article came out in the columns of the Daily Nebraskan to the effect that it did not take a student in the Nebraska law school to get along well; among other things it stated that many sluffers did better than the consistent students.

It was to this article that Professor Conant made reply before the freshman law class last Friday morning, showing that the article was inconsistent and fallacious. To make it clear to the class that it was impossible ever to learn much law without using the books, the professor had all the books that would be used in the three years by the student stacked upon his desk, saying that the law was contained in those books that the student would be supposed to know when he received his diploma. He further remarked that the student who read these books with some degree of care would be the one who would know the law in the long run, regardless of the fact that some other student was lucky enough to "guess pretty well" and do better in the examinations without reading the books than the really conscientious student.

Some of the other professors also took the matter up before their classes and showed by statistics that it was after all the students who had done the work from day to day that got the best grades, with the exception of a

APRIL 1 OBSERVED HERE

MODERN AS WELL AS ANCIENT
JESTS HELP MAKE DAY
MERRY ONE.

April Fool's day brought out the usual number of tricks at the University yesterday.

The practical joker was much in evidence all day. Fake formal bids as well as envelopes of the conventional regret size bearing naught but a small card with "April fool" inscribed thereon, were some of the favorites. The stale loaded cigar and "doped" food were also present with wings on. Freshmen came clear down town to get tickets for the Monday matinee at the Orpheum for their older frat brothers.

One of the worst jokes played was perpetuated by one of the professors of the Arts and Science college. All but four students were absent from the class, which was an 11 o'clock, whereupon he said "April fool!" and gave an easy mid-semester to those present. The "fooled" ones will now take an examination much harder than the first.

One sorority house was called by phone at 3 o'clock in the morning. No peace was given to the sleeping inmates until the insistent ring was answered. Then a deep, masculine voice remarked, "April fool."

An innocent freshman was told that her 11 o'clock class was dismissed on account of Graham Taylor's talk. At 11:30 she saw the registrar's warning, "No Classes Excused." Now she is trying to think of an excuse that will pass muster at the dean's office.

The usual brick in the hat trick was resorted to frequently, along with other shop-worn jests especially dedicated to this date.

FIRST BASEBALL PRACTICE

ABOUT TWO DOZEN MEN PUT
THROUGH STRENUOUS OPEN-
ING PERFORMANCE.

The first baseball practice of the season was held yesterday afternoon on the athletic field, about two dozen candidates reporting to Coach Stiehm. The men were put through a rather grilling performance, being ordered to run three times around the field. Inasmuch as some of them were in far from good physical condition, they were sore in body when the practice was ended. Coach Stiehm was well pleased with the turnout, saying that he expected to be able to secure a rattling good team out of it.

No first-year men are allowed to work out with the regular squad at present, although some may be permitted to do so after the "weeding out" process has fairly begun. Practice will be held daily hereafter.

Math. Seminar to Meet.

Meeting of the mathematical seminar Wednesday, April 3, 5:30 p. m., in M 307.

Program—Fourth chapter of Le-bisque's monograph.

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few of those who were able to guess well, and it would be impossible for the latter to retain what they might have put down in their examination very long.

FRATERNITY MAN MADE A TARGET BY A BURGLAR

SEVERAL REVOLVER SHOTS FIRED
AT "PEANUT" HILL.

THE ALPHA TAU HOUSE IS ROBBED

Five Watches and \$15 in Money Taken
By an Early Morning
Intruder.

Although it was already April Fool's day, nevertheless it was no joke when a burglar took several shots at "Peanut" Hill about 2 a. m. yesterday morning just as he was about to enter the bathroom at the A. T. O. house.

Owing to the fact that no lights were on, it was impossible to tell what the man looked like, but he could easily be detected drawing the curtains aside after delivering three or four shots and escaping out of the bathroom window. The alarm was quickly given to the slumbering Alpha Taus, who excitedly came to the scene of disaster from all parts of sleeping quarters.

How He Escaped.

After the police arrived an investigation was made to see if anything was missing. The way the burglar escaped was also investigated, and it appeared that he had climbed out of the window on to the roof of a small back porch, and from there jumped to the ground, a distance of only a few feet. Tracks were discovered leading from the spot where the burglar first jumped off the porch through an alley going toward Twenty-seventh street.

Five gold watches and \$15 in money were taken by the intruder. Bruce Mallery was the loser of the \$15, while he also contributed a gold watch to the burglar. Mallery's home is in Alliance. The other boys losing watches were Chester Dobbs of Beatrice, Lloyd Adams of Fremont, Reed O'Hanlon of Omaha and Rex Coffee of Alliance. The loss is estimated at \$150.

SURE SIGN OF SPRING

BASEBALL IN STREET BRINGS
USUAL TROUBLE TO LINCOLN
POLICE FORCE.

One of the never-falling signs that spring has come is when the baseball enthusiasts of the different fraternities pull off their coats in the evening just before supper and play ball in the streets for an hour or so. It is never uncommon to see at least a half dozen games of "catch" going on in front of any of the fraternity houses 'mid the joyous din of baseball slang.

It is this sort of thing that has vexed the police force of the city, and on one occasion some of the boys narrowly escaped getting a ride in the new "city carriage"; the only reason they did not is the fact that the new buggy came a day late, so they had to be content with the old one.

Another fraternity has been warned that the members will be arrested if they are caught playing in front of a certain school building of the city. While there is no grass on the grounds nor apparently anything else that might be injured by an occasional game, it is contended by the authorities that they want to put a stop to these games.