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So willingly and well have Nebraska student organizations entered into the campaign for reduction of social extravagance and ostentation that it might seem almost carpingly critical to suggest further reform. But while it is probably true that Nebraska leads all middle-western universities in the reduction in the length and character of its social calendar there may still be occasion to whack off some more of the frills before the season reaches its meridian. It might be well for students to keep in mind always the fact that changing the vogue in dress for men from formal to informal does not necessarily delineate between an extravagant and economical party. As we plunge deeper and deeper into the reason which ordinarily would be one continuous round of "formals" let us remember that the time worth while is the one that brings silent rebuke from no one and enjoyment for all.

Nebraskans will be glad to give their support to the Cornhusker basketball team in its benefit games with Camp Funston and Camp Dodge, the proceeds of which will go toward securing athletic equipment for the two camps. Neither of the contests is to be considered a part of the regular schedule; both are extra games and student athletic tickets will not be recognized at either for that reason. The Missouri Valley conference recently authorized the playing of these extra benefit games with soldier teams, for the representatives saw the desirability of scheduling games with service teams and wished at the same time to help the campaign to provide recreation equipment. Nebraska owes Camp Funston a special concession anyway, for she once agreed to play a post-season football game with the soldiers and was forced to call it off because of the enlistment of so many players. The basketball game has been scheduled to replace it, and will be played next Friday in the auditorium. Students who attend will support a good cause, as well as see the Cornhusker basketball team in action against an outside competitor for the first time.

Beginning today The Nebraskan will publish from time to time short student criticisms of some of the paintings of the annual art exhibition not because the criticisms are considered masterpieces, but because they will reveal some interesting facts which may prove worth while. The papers were required in a course in philosophy; the assignment was to choose a painting which was deemed beautiful, and write down the reasons why. Of the thirteen members of the class only two selected the same picture, and these two saw portrayed in this one picture something as widely different as joy and sorrow. In such ways as these is the diversity of human predilection revealed. It is probable that if twenty-six instead of thirteen had been sent on the assignment, twenty-four would have chosen different subjects, for every man has his own preconceived ideas of beauty and his own pre-established mood. The old proverb that no two human beings are alike is nowhere more clearly shown, and yet the universality of human sympathy, of appreciation of beauty, of a vague ideal to which specific lives easily adapt themselves, may also be found in this amateur venture at criticism. The most interesting thing to be found in the papers, however, is that every one of them treats the chosen subject romantically. For the cold, technical, two-by-six judgment of art the average student has little time nor patience. A painting is pronounced good or bad by him, if

it be well executed at all, by the general effect it produces—by the power and nature of the emotions it stirs in his heart, which is only natural since it is in youth that we see most clearly our ideal and fight hardest for its attainment. Because this is true, because youth does find in art this stimulus, this stirring of the depths of the groping self—students should develop now an appreciation of the inspiration of art.

IF I ONLY—

"If I only had my college life to live over again—"

And then the senior sighed. He was one of the most popular men on the campus, well known and well-liked. He was actively identified with several Michigan organizations—a typical college big man.

"First, I wouldn't try to make myself believe that my university could not do without me. I have no especial talents, and yet I have dabbled in a dozen activities. I discharged them the best I could, yet I am positive that there were a score far more capable than I was. The result was that my work took a slump and that I just 'got by.'"

"I thought that a man was judged by the number of society pins that he had on his vest. I went after them and I got them. And when I got them, I found that I didn't want them, for they represented very little or nothing.

"When I was a freshman, I literally worshipped the upperclassmen who, as I thought of it then, amounted to something on the campus. And now that I am one of these, I look upon the freshman who tries to keep in my good graces with a feeling of pity. Pity, not for the individual, but because the individual is, too, on the road to become a big man.

"If I had my college life to live over again, I would put my studies first, the very first. If I saw that any activity in which I entered might interfere with my studies, I would drop it as though it were red-hot. I would not try to become a big man, for the big man is usually the big fool.—Michigan Daily.

THE REWARD OF MERIT
By a Nebraska Co-Ed.

It has come to be quite generally admitted nowadays that grades, or marks, furnish an unsatisfactory method of judging the merit of students. "Young people should learn to work for the benefit they derive from the study and not for the sake of a grade or some other mark of distinction" we are told. The old custom of giving prizes in the schools has long since passed into oblivion and even the ancient and honorable institution of Phi Beta Kappa has come into disrepute in recent years, being branded as an unworthy ideal for students to strive toward.

But the critics who frown upon school systems which use this effective incentive to bring about the desired results, nevertheless avail themselves of the same instrument when they appeal to the instinct of rivalry common to all mankind. They, like the schools they have censured, hold out a prize, a medal, a badge of honor for the performance of some duty and "grown ups" like children, respond.

Little Johnny goes to Sunday school every Sunday and contributes a penny to the collection box. For this service he receives a tiny gold star which he pastes in his book and jealously guards. On the way home he proudly displays his stars to his envious friends and hopes for the day when he will have more than any other boy in the school. "What a foolish system," says Johnny's mother. Yet only yesterday she accosted the Red Cross worker and demanded a red cross to display in her window, saying she would withdraw her membership if the insignia were not forthcoming at once.

"I got one hundred per cent in spelling," boasts Mary or Bobbie, "and that's more than any of you got." But no adult would boast so or wilfully humiliate his neighbors. And yet the Smith family which has a 100 per cent sign in their window snubs the Browns who are only 25 per cent patriotic. "Shocking. The council of defense should be looking into it," they whisper.

Polk county has adopted the card index system for recording the patriotic activities of each citizen. Working on the same principle a University professor recently announced that a black list was being kept, made up of the names of students who failed to contribute to the Y. M. C. A. fund or the Red Cross.

Minding one's own business seems to be an unpopular procedure in war times. If any one has assisted in any way in bearing his share of the burden, he should advertise the fact and devote himself to finding out if his neighbor has done as well.

BASKETBALL TOURNEY REACHES SEMI-FINALS

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Delta Taus are doped to have an equal chance with the A. T. O.'s of winning the meet. Bekins and Hubka starred for the winners, and Collier, Howarth and Phillips for the losers. The line-up follows:

Delta Tau Delta Delta Upsilon
Strohmerf..... Harlan
Gillilandf..... Patty
Bekinsc..... Phillips
Hubkag..... Howarth
Richardsg..... Collier

The semi-finals will be played tonight, when the A. T. O.'s will meet Delta Tau, and the Phi Psi will play the Sig Eps. The final game will be played Wednesday night.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS AT WAR CONFERENCE FRIDAY

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dred branches of the Nebraska Four-Minute men have already indicated their intention of attending the Four-Minute men conference, which will meet on Friday and Saturday. To this conference the division of Four-Minute men of the committee on public information is sending MacMartin of the advisory council.

THE PROGRAM

General Sessions, Friday January 18
Afternoon, 3:00

Address—Director A. E. Bestor, speakers division, committee on public information, "The War and the Making of Public Opinion."

Evening

Governor Keith Neville, presiding.
Address—Rt. Hon. Frederick E. Smith, bart, attorney general of Great Britain.

Address—President George E. Vincent, the Rockefeller foundation, former president University of Minnesota.

Saturday Evening, January 19
Address—Dr. Vernon Kellogg, Belgium relief commission.

Section Meetings
(Program Incomplete)
Friday Morning
9:30—State Council of Defense and County Councils of Defense.

Women's Section
Address by Mrs. Philip G. Moore of Washington, member of the women's committee, Council of National Defense.

State Council and County Councils of Defense.

Saturday, January 19
9:00—State Council of Defense and County Council of Defense:

Address—Gurney Newlin, representing Council of National Defense and the U. S. Shipping Board. "The State Councils and the Work of National Defense."

Food and Fuel:
Address—Gurdon W. Wattles, Federal Food Administrator for Nebraska
Address—John L. Kennedy, Federal Fuel Administrator for Nebraska.

NEBRASKA FOUR-MINUTE MEN CONFERENCE
(Program Incomplete)
Friday Afternoon, 1:00

Greeting—Director Wm. McCormick Blair, Division of Four-Minute Men, Committee on Public Information.

Address—Director A. E. Bestor, Speakers Division, Committee on Public Information.

Address—Mac Martin, Advisory Committee, Division of Four-Minute Men, "The Four-Minute Men and its Military Organization Behind the Lines."

Roundtable Conference.

Saturday Morning
Address and Report—Prof. M. M. Fogg, State Chairman.

Address—Mac Martin.
Roundtable Conference for Chairmen and Speakers.

Saturday Noon
"Four-Minute" Luncheon.

Saturday Afternoon
Roundtable Conference for Chairmen and Speakers.

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