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What is the beautiful in art? We know very little as to the mechanical rules, but we have noticed that the picture which receives the most praise is the one that suggests more than is painted. Our humble opinion is, then, that the highest compliment that can be paid to a picture is that it takes you away from itself. It is a window into an outside world where the eye sees what it wishes.

CONGRATULATIONS, Y. W. C. A.

It has been our secret belief for some time that in many respects women are more progressive than men. Now we have positive proof. In explanation:

According to the constitutions of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., active membership is limited to members of the evangelical, or what is known as the orthodox, churches. Catholics, Christian Scientists, Unitarians and people without any particular creed have been excluded from active membership in the Christian Associations. They have been allowed to join as associate members and pay dues, but not to hold office or go as delegates to conventions.

Now the remarkable thing is this: The College Y. W. C. A. Convention, which met at Chicago during vacation, by a vote of 78 to 1, recommended that the eligibility clause of the constitution be amended so as to admit into full membership women other than those who belong to evangelical churches. This will not go into force until approved by the National Y. W. C. A. Convention which meets in June at Los Angeles. But the proposed change indicates the fine spirit of college women. It is concrete proof that they have outgrown religious intolerance and prejudice. By adopting as a condition for membership, not belief in certain church dogmas, but character and conduct, they have covered themselves with glory and won the respect of all thinking people.

And now that the women have taken this forward step, why should not the Y. M. C. A. do likewise? Are the men less democratic and more intolerant than the women? Come, boys, remembering that this is the twentieth century and that you are trying to do work among university men, why not make the test of active membership in your association character and manliness instead of membership in an evangelical church? If you do that the adverse criticism you now face will to a great extent abate of itself.

Again, hats off to the Y. W. C. A. girls. They have shown themselves to be democratic and remarkably free from religious bigotry.

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THE FORUM

Editor Daily Nebraskan:

In asking for your votes for Editor-in-chief of the Daily Nebraskan, I would call your attention to the following facts:

I have had two and one-half years experience on the Daily Nebraskan including two semesters as managing editor and one semester as associate editor. In addition, I now hold an important position on the 1915 Cornhusker staff.

If elected, my efforts will be directed towards making the Daily Nebraskan an example of good newspaper work and a powerful expression of the best student opinion.

KENNETH M. SNYDER.

To Daily Nebraskan Subscribers:

I believe the editor-in-chief should take an active interest in making the Daily Nebraskan a good, live, representative paper—one that would credibly reflect upon our institution. If elected I shall devote a reasonable amount of time toward making the Nebraskan the best paper possible. In this connection I shall co-operate in any effort looking toward the establishment of a school of journalism whereby the Nebraskan editors and reporters could be more effectively trained for their work.

J. C. BEARD.

To Subscribers of Daily Nebraskan:

I wish to call attention to the fact that I have had city newspaper experience, and have also held various positions upon the Cornhusker, the Daily Nebraskan, and Awgwan. At the present time I am rewrite man on the Nebraskan, and was chosen for the position by Mr. Sorensen, present editor of the paper. If the voters at the polls will consider these things, I am sure there will be no doubt that I am able to edit the Daily Nebraskan in a newspaper-like manner.

Respectfully,

BURTON S. HILL.

Candidate for Editor-in-Chief.

To Daily Nebraskan Subscribers:

Journalistic Activities: Awgwan Staff (3) (4). Senior Managing Editor Cornhusker (4).

Charter Member Sigma Delta Chi. Policies: An investigation of the advisability of the establishment of a student Union.

A "Rag" campaign to get more Nebraska High School graduates to the University.

The removal of noise-making institutions from the vicinity of the University.

The rendering of student affairs more democratic to the end of making the graduate a more practical citizen to the state which has educated him.

If you believe in these policies I solicit your vote for Editor-in-Chief of the Daily Nebraskan.

CHAS. H. EPPERSON.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND THE FACULTY

Editor Daily Nebraskan:

Are the students aware of the fact that they are not given the rights that are due them, as students at an institution of learning which enjoys the standing among colleges, that the University of Nebraska does? Do the students here know that the rights enjoyed by the students at other leading colleges of the United States and at the universities in Great Britain are denied them? I do not believe that they do. I believe that, if they were really awake to the state of affairs they are in, they would not be satisfied until a change is made.

The present situation is deplorable. Why? Because the students are given no more freedom than the average high school student, they are given no more responsibility than the

average high school student, and they are given no more credit for common sense and good judgment than the average high school student. The average age of freshmen men students is twenty years and the average age of freshmen girl students is nineteen years. This is just the age when they should be relying upon themselves, and just the age when they should be given as much responsibility as possible, in order to bring out the best there is in them. Yet, the students, who are supposed to have the full rights of citizens of this great commonwealth, Nebraska, are treated as children by the faculty of the state university.

Under this state of affairs, a faculty committee, known as the Committee on Student Organizations and Social Functions, makes a set of rules governing all student activities and social functions. This committee decides how long a student shall study, when he may go to parties and how long the parties may last. The members of the committee even go so far as to try to decide for the students what they shall eat. They decide whether a student may take part in dramatic or glee club presentations or elocution recitals. In fact, they encroach upon the rights of students just as much as possible, even prying into the domestic affairs whenever they think such investigation might be interesting.

A select university dancing club is organized. The plan is to have one mid-week dancing party every two weeks; a fine hall in the most respectable part of the city is rented; the party is planned carefully, insuring good order and respectability. Many tickets are sold and complete arrangements made. The day of the party comes along, and like the old cow who stood perfectly still until the pail was full of milk before she kicked it over, along comes the Committee on Social Functions and says, "No, you can have no dancing parties on week-day nights. There must be no parties after eight o'clock except on Friday or Saturday evenings."

At the same time a movement was under way to organize a dancing club among non-fraternity men. Plans were made to have a week-day party, once in every two weeks, at the same select place as the other parties and some of the younger, more progressive faculty members were interested in it in order to sponsor this new activity. Such a party would have been a fine thing for the non-fraternity men, for it would have provided a place where good wholesome recreation could have been obtained, where any man would not be ashamed to take his own sister or his best university girl friends. But the action of the faculty committee, on the first proposition, put a damper upon this plan and it had to be abandoned.

And now, as a result of this action on the part of the committee the only mid-week social recreation for men students is to go to the poorly ventilated, unchaperoned public dance halls in the poorly lighted districts of the city. Or the students gamble away their time and money in a smoke filled pool hall. Then if they get into bad company and disgrace themselves and the good name of the university, they alone are held to blame. Never a thought is given the fact that this is very often a direct result of the lack of interest in student activities simply because they are so suppressed by the Committee on Student Organizations and Social Functions.

I believe that all this can be remedied very easily by giving the students their just rights. The professors of the committee are, no doubt, under the impression that they are doing the right thing to promote a higher standard of scholarship. Now, if that is what they wish to do they should simply raise the standard of scholarship and then place the students upon their honor, make them responsible for their own conduct, let them understand that they have some faith in them as men

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