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DISCUSS THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME "RAG"

QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO ITS USE AS A NICKNAME MADE

STARTED FROM "RAG RILEY"

The Name Seems to Stick with Peculiar Tenacity—Hopes for a More Dignified Nickname Are Held Out

How did the name, "Rag," originate? Many times I have heard this question asked by outsiders. "Is the Rag the real name of the University paper?" Thus we see how universally the nomen "Rag," has come to be applied. The question has often come up in my mind how did such a name of scarcely complimentary nature, originate? This led me to look up the facts in connection with the origin of the nickname.

In pursuance of this quest of facts I consulted some of the "old timers" around the University. After a quest fraught with many difficulties, I gathered the following information. It seems that many years ago the University of Nebraska did not have a daily paper at all. Some of the first attempts at weekly publications had precarious careers. Finally, some young man of shining executive ability founded "The Hesperian." This conservative sheet, although it had a brilliant career, was not at all long-lived, for the University had within its fold a young man with a vision. His first name was Frank Riley and his vision was a daily paper for the University of Nebraska. Of course, he was its first editor-in-chief.

As a consequence of his position as editor-in-chief he was given a surname, which made the young man justly famous. He began to be called "Rag Riley," and simultaneously his paper began to be called the "Rag." I have never been able to learn the particular reason for calling such a conservative sheet as the Daily Nebraskan by the stultifying title of the "Rag," but I suppose it is for the same reason that a fat man is called "Slim." Nevertheless the title sticks with the tenacity of glue to a postage stamp and because of its very inappropriateness is good advertising.

The Comus club gave a dance at Music hall, Saturday evening. Prof. and Mrs. H. B. Pier were chaperones.

LANGUAGE HAS BEEN USEFUL

Dr. Pierce in a Letter to Prof. Fossler Tells What an Asset It Has Been

Prof. L. Fossler received a letter from Dr. W. D. Pierce, entomological assistant of the United States Bureau of Entomology at Washington, in which he stated some rather interesting facts concerning the use of his university education.

In reply to an inquiry from Prof. Fossler as to how he had used his languages since leaving school, Dr. Pierce said that he considered them the most valuable studies he took outside of his own specialties. "Hardly a day has passed," he writes, "in the twelve years since I left the Uni-

versity, if at my office, that I have not had to use some foreign language. A recent piece of work assigned to me required digesting a great mass of material written in Latin, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Hollander, Swedish, Danish, Russian and even Japanese."

Dr. Pierce thinks that a man of science in this day of progress saves much time if he can read foreign languages, since other lands are progressing as rapidly as our own and they cannot afford to work out for themselves theories and principles already discovered by men of other countries.

"In almost every line the more languages a graduate knows the better position he can get and the faster he will be promoted. The university student who simply takes languages because he has to is making a great mistake and will be sorry he did not make the study of languages a business and a pleasure, a part of his professional training."

REPORTER GETS NEWS EARLY

Hixenbaugh, of the Ford Peace Party, Tells How News Was Stolen from Other Reporters

Another interesting extract from the letter of December 12, from Walter Hixenbaugh:

"There was on board a Mr. Bierman who was, or rather purported to be, a cub reporter for the Washington Times, but who had been working on the business staff as letter file clerk. Wednesday night he was given notice that his services would be no longer needed after reaching Christiana, and he began completing plans which he must have considered for some time. They materialized Tuesday at 2 o'clock, when a tug drew up to the Oscar II and two trunks laying on the deck were put on board. Suddenly Bierman walked hastily across the deck, his coat on his arm and a cane in his hand, and descended to the tug, which immediately drew away. Everyone was surprised and thought that he had gotten permission to go ashore or was going to Liverpool to sail eventually for America. But Bierman, fool that he was, couldn't conceal his exultation and he yelled back, 'I'll be a millionaire an hour after I reach New York.' Then everyone knew the truth. He had talked with the prize crew lieutenant and through him had secured permission from the harbor-master who was the military officer of the port, that inasmuch as he had important business in New York, and had touched no European port, to transfer from the Oscar II to the Stockholm, which had been released and was to sail for New York in an hour. All plans being perfected, and permission secured the night before, he pledged all to secrecy, arranged with Underwood & Underwood to take back his pictures with the international news service to take his movies, revised his press news and at 2 o'clock left with all the news of the Ford expedition in his possession. Consider the situation to realize the wild excitement that followed. Here was a ship, interned in a belligerent harbor, all cables, wireless and letters subject to a delay while they were sent to London. Cables would be delayed only a few days. Letters perhaps weeks (we had been told mail would reach New York from Christiana sooner than from Kirkwall.) Here was America eagerly awaiting

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THE JUNIOR PLAY TRYOUTS

Will Be Held on January 20—The Play is "The Man of the Hour"

The tryouts for the Junior play will be held Thursday, January 20, in the Temple theatre. All Juniors who wish to take part should register at the table in U. 106 between 11 and 12 o'clock on Tuesday and Thursday, January 11 and 13. The time for each tryout will be assigned, a limit of five minutes being put on each performance.

No requirements of previous dramatic work or training are made. People are urged, however, to tryout in groups, since situations are more easily worked up in this way. If any are unable to arrange to tryout with others, the person in charge of registration may be able to assist them. Incidents and situations must be taken from "The Man of the Hour," which is on reserve in the general library.

REPORTERS' NOTICE

The Cornhusker picture of the Daily Nebraskan staff will be taken at Townsend's on Saturday morning, January 22, at 10 o'clock. No reporter whose work has not been kept up and whose name does not appear in the reportorial list at that time will be entitled to a place in the picture. Those whose names have been dropped may be reinstated by seeing the managing editor and getting their "copy" in for the rest of the semester. C. E. PAUL, Managing Editor.

CORNHUSKERS IN DIRE NEED

Must Capture Business College Student—Help of Student Body (Implored?)

While soliciting an "ad" from the Nebraska School of Business, the business manager of the Cornhusker was told that his space brought no results, and no amount of polite arguing by said business manager could alter the views of our friend of the Business College.

This offer was at last voiced by the pedagogue of Business. "If you will bring me one full course student, I'll buy a whole page of your Cornhusker space."

Now the burden of proof is on the Cornhusker manager, and if there is anyone in the University who can give aid in this quest they will be doing a great service to the Cornhusker, and the business manager intimates that they might not lose anything personally.

Somebody must do their duty. It is not in accordance with Nebraska traditions to let bluffs go by uncalled.

Ralph Hill, ex-'16, of Hebron, is visiting at the Phi Gamma Delta house.

The Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity gave a dance Saturday evening at the Lindell hotel for forty couples. Prof. and Mrs. T. A. Bengston were chaperones.

Kearney Club Elects Officers

The Kearney club met in the Y. W. C. A. room of the Temple, Saturday evening, January 8, for the semi-annual election of officers and a social hour. All the old officers were unanimously re-elected. A happy wedding resulted from leap-year proposals written by all the aspiring and qualified candidates present and accepted by those eligible. A wedding luncheon was served and the party broke up wishing the young couple long life and happiness.

The Chi Omega alumnae gave a reception, Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, in honor of their new house chaperone, Miss Mary Axt, who recently came to Lincoln from Staten Island, N. Y. The party was given at the home of Mrs. Roy H. Bjorkman. In the receiving line were Miss Bjorkman, Miss Axt and Miss Amanda Heppner. The active chapter assisted in serving and directing the guests.

MORE FOOTBALL HONORS

Rutherford and Chamberlain Are Picked by Oregon Paper for All-American Team

Captain Rutherford and Chamberlain of the 1915 Cornhuskers were picked for the All-American team by "U-No-Me," in the Portland Oregonian. Walter Kempton, a former Nebraskan, send in the following clipping:

The time has come for the All-American selection. With apologies to Walter Camp, the god-father of All-American teams since time began, we submit a team that is the greatest combination that ever trod on paper in the Stove League:

Center—Wesbecher, Washington and Jefferson.
Guards—White, Syracuse; Weyand, Army.

Tackles—Beckett, Oregon; Buck, Wisconsin.

Ends—Chamberlain, Nebraska; Baston, Minnesota.

Quarter—Barrett, Cornell.

Halves—Mahan, Harvard; Rutherford, Nebraska.

Fullback—Abraham, Oregon Aggies. Abraham, of the Oregon Aggies, is the most talked of player in the United States, because of his remarkable playing in the game against the Michigan Aggies. The papers of the middle west pronounced him the greatest player ever seen in those parts, not even excepting the renowned Heston, who had no superior in his day—east or west. He can pulverize the line, or skirt the ends with equal facility. He is as strong on defense as offense, and is a terror at leading the interference for the other backs.

Mahan is the best halfback in the east, and ranks alongside of Jim Thorpe, Brickley and Ed Coy, who in turn have been crowned king of the gridiron. Mahan was two-thirds of the Harvard team this season. As a punter and drop-kicker combined, he surpassed the classiest bunch ever developed since Pat O'Dea, and Herschberger were in their prime fifteen years ago.

Rutherford, of Nebraska, is the class of the middle west.

Olcott, the former Yale player who was center on the All-American team of 1909 and has been coaching various teams since, including three years at the Navy, is authority for the statement that two greater players than Rutherford and Chamberlain of Ne-

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LAWS PLAN DANCE AT ROSEWILDE

SO-CALLED "HARD TIMES PARTY" WILL BE HELD

ON LAST DAY OF SEMESTER

After All the Examinations Are Over Will Be a Fit Time to Hold Celebration—Committee Is Announced

The Laws will give one of their famous "Dollar Dances" on January 29, at the Rosewilde. Considering that the dance is given on the last day of the semester, after all examinations, it is expected that there will be a popular demand for tickets, not only by the Laws, but by students in all other departments.

Hard Times Suggested At the first meeting of the committee it was suggested that in keeping with the price, it should be called a "Hard Times Party." To follow this out, soft collars and shirt waists would be in order. No final action on this feature of the party was taken. Ultimate decision will be announced at a later date.

Commence to Dance Early Following the strain of examinations it is anticipated that all will be anxious to lay aside "dull care," and the committee has arranged to start the dance at 8 o'clock sharp.

Committee Announced Tickets can be secured from the following men: Spencer, Ellis, Speler, Deizell, Stierges, Towelle. Juniors: Caley, Gardiner, Metcalfe. Freshmen: Schwab, Potest. The dance will absolutely be limited to seventy tickets.

Art Talk at Convocation

Dr. H. B. Lowry will talk on the Art Exhibit this morning at Convocation. About six of the more important canvases will be shown. Students this year may attend the Art Exhibit for 50 cents the season. Single admission is 25 cents. Speakers at the Exhibit this week are: Tuesday, 8 p. m., Martha Pierce, supervisor of Drawing, Lincoln high school; Thursday, 8 p. m., Prof. F. M. Fling; Saturday, 8 p. m., Prof. W. F. Dann.

Miss Golden Rule, of Harlan, Iowa, and Miss Eloise Cary, of Beatrice, visited during the week-end at the Alpha Phi house.

PRE-MEDICS HOLD A MEETING

Plans Are Made to Spend the Money That the Organization Has Accumulated

The meeting of the Pre-Medic society was held Friday evening, in N. 210. There were about seventy-five or eighty men present. The secretary's report shows that the society has about \$30 on the right side of the ledger.

Plans were made for a meeting at which they will have an illustrated talk by Dr. Franklin Barner, a talk by Dr. Lord on "The Medical Man and the Railroad," and later go for an oyster stew. The entertainment will probably be held sometime near the middle of the month.