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THAT OMAHA TRIP

Are you planning on going to Omaha with the student body on the 19th? If not, you are neglecting your duty to the university, to Omaha, to the state and to yourself.

Here is the state's metropolis inviting us to be their guests for a day. They are going to show us the places that are of interest to every Nebraska booster. Furthermore, they are going to supplement this educational feature with a good time.

You will be excused from classes. You will have to pay only your railroad fare. You will see many things that will convince you of the greatness of Nebraska and of Omaha. You will have a good time. A day so spent with the student body will help you to realize the true meaning of Nebraska spirit. Resolve to go, and to induce all your friends to go.

This means you.

SNOBBISSNESS IN THE UNIVERSITY

In this edition there is an interesting letter from an alumna of the university, setting forth certain views on the condition of society in the institution. The letter comes from one who has evidently been a close student of university life, and who has been out of school long enough to undergo a certain "sobering up" that must and should come to all of us. Every student should read this article and resolve to do his best to remedy the conditions complained of.

On one point, however, we must take issue with the writer. A careful analysis will show that fraternities and sororities are not to be blamed for the backwardness on the part of the "barb." A careful listing of those who are active in every line on the campus, and those alumni that are noted for their activity, will clearly refute this argument.

Those students are reared in a large town and educated in a large high school, and used to hurry and competition. They have seen it all their lives, and when they enter the university they act accordingly. This remains true whether they join fraternities or not.

It is those who come from a small town to whom the system seems repulsive. Usually only the best two or three in each class come to the university after they leave high school. In their home town they were probably the only ambitious students, and did not know what competition was. Within the iron fence the new life is appalling. Never before have they come in contact with such strenuous activity and competition. The effect is usually a reaction, during which the student becomes indolent and loses his ambition. A sympathetic response from companions, so often found in a fraternity, will properly bring back his desire to make good.

This is why the members of the faculty who have dealt with the situation for a long time do not lay the blame at the door of these societies.

While conceding that the fraternity system has its faults, we believe that the conditions complained of in the letter are faults of society in general, rather than the fraternity system at Nebraska.

However that may be, all will agree that any move that abates snobbishness is to be encouraged. We have an excellent opportunity at this time to do great work in this line. No school having a Student Union fails to report that the Union makes the student body more democratic. There the students meet man to man, and any artificial class distinctions are lost. This is true not only in theory, but in practice as well, according to the experience of other schools.

The adoption of the Student Council, which will assure a definite, progressive Union campaign, therefore becomes our duty.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS

The Ivy Day concession committee will accept bids up to, and including Wednesday noon, at T. A. Williams' office.

The Ivy Day tickets go on sale today at 25 cents. These will admit the holders to everything on the except the dancing.

Tickets for the Girl's club convention luncheon at the Lincoln hotel Saturday, will be sold at a table in the Library today.

All members of the German Dramatic club who have not paid their fees for the second semester are requested to do so at the next meeting.

All girls interested in Y. W. C. A. work are urged to meet at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening in the association room. New officers will be installed and plans for the coming year discussed.

The University association, consisting of all Innocents and Black Masques, faculty members and all graduate Innocents and Black Masques, will meet Thursday at 11 in the student activities office. It is very important that all members be there.

Financial statement of the freshman hop, held at Rosewilde hall, Friday evening, April 28, is as follows: Total receipts, \$106.25 Total expenditures: Printing, \$14.50; music, \$30; rental hall, \$25; refreshments and service, \$22; doorkeeper, \$1.50. Total \$93. Net profit, \$12.25. To be put in the class treasury. A. E. Bennett, chairman. I. 1916. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

Financial statement of the senior hop, held at the Lindell hotel, Friday evening, April 21, 1916, is as follows: Total receipts, 51 tickets sold at \$1.50 each, \$76.50. Total expenditures: Hotel, \$37.50; music, \$37.50; printing, \$14.50; doorkeeper, \$1.50. Total, \$91. Net loss, \$14.50. To be stood by the class. Willard Folsom, chairman. Audited May 1, 1916. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

Financial statement of the Engineering banquet, held at the Lincoln hotel, April 22, 1916, is as follows: Total receipts, 170 tickets sold at \$1 each, \$170. Total expenditures: Hotel, \$146.95; printing, \$14; advertising, \$5; incidental expenses, \$4.53. Total, \$170.48. Net loss, 48 cents. To be stood by the Engineering society. Walter Hall, chairman. Audited May 1, 1916. T. A. Williams, agent student activities.

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CONDEMNNS SCHOOL FOR SNOBBISHNESS

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ing once left the university behind, I left also all notions of an "Alma Mater" fostering youthful ideals and ambitions in the youthful breast. I went to school with the greatest possible amount of reverence for higher education—with a firm idea that the university stood for intellectual ideals—and with not a little ambition. The school could have done almost anything with me so far as hard work, intense enthusiasm and impressionability were concerned. Well, it didn't do anything—except to leave me with the feeling that I had a great deal better offered the 'open sesame' of some money or a well known name or something of that kind if I wanted to get on at the state university. Of course, I worked because it was the only thing to do, but when I got my Phi Beta Kappa at the end of the four years I absolutely did not care for it and I have never even gotten the key. The university had just simply crushed the desire for scholarship in me—I have never felt since that I cared to study elsewhere.

"You see, it's cruel when youngsters have read stories of college life—and incidentally fed their minds on 'Tom Brown at Rugby,' and all those tales of English university life—it's cruel in a sort of ironical way to pitch them into such conditions as exist at our own university. We are older, of course, and we ought to be stoical and accept conditions as they are—only we just can't and we beat our silly little heads against the bars and get badly hurt sometimes. All this when we are in the school and then when an appeal is made to us afterwards for the dear old school, it just doesn't appeal.

Must Let Work

"Do you see what I mean? For mercy's sake make them understand that if they expect loyalty from the ordinary 'barb' student they must let them do something while they are there. Make them work. Give them some incentive to remember the place with love. They will accumulate a few friendships along the way as I did and there are always some of the professors who are worthy of respect and admiration. Then it might be a good idea to inculcate a little wholesome regard for scholarship while they are at it.

"Please don't think I am not interested at all in the school. I shall be mighty glad to help in any way I can any such project as the new proposed dormitory for freshman girls, that's fine! Also the vocational meeting for the girls. That, too, is a great idea.

Her Own Work

"I am in the advertising department. It is great fun, and I enjoy it a great deal more than teaching. It is more creative, and it seems vital. I work over prospective lists a great deal with sales letters, you know, and it occurred to me that I was like one of my own 'dead prospects' in getting sample copies of the Journal and never letting anything be heard from me, hence this letter."

NEW MEMBERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

A. F. Rieth, E. I. Premier, E. K. Eskildsen and Earl Frobes became members of the Student Volunteer band at the Sunday afternoon meeting in the Temple. Earl Starboard spoke on "Ancient Religions." More money was received to help in the payment of the salary of Dr. and Mrs. Tucker, missionaries in China.

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