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For This Issue

THE WAR AND TRADITIONS

The year 1918-1919 has been one long line of successive disappointments to the freshmen who thronged the campus in the early Fall days of the Students' Army Training Corps. They came to the University in all eagerness, and were fired with a determination to "lick der Kaiser," picking up a few stragglings of knowledge on the way. The Armistice was signed November 11th, and thus was brought about the first great shattering of hopes. The back of the S. A. T. C. was broken, and also the spirit of the student soldiers.

From September until January the freshmen were given but brief glimpses of University life. Nearly all our traditions and customs were smothered by the S. A. T. C., and the first year men were denied the privilege of witnessing university life as it really is in peace times. Time passed by one tradition after the other. There were no freshmen caps, no olympics, no inter-class football, no inter-class debates, no REAL rallies, no "freshman initiation," no social life to speak of, and, in a word, there was no college life. The war had eclipsed the importance of everything else. The authorities had tried to co-ordinate education and military life and it had not worked.

Students who had hoped to "go to college" were sadly disappointed. Traditions have been thrown aside this year like foam from the prow of a vessel, and with them has gone much of the joy that attaches to university life. Freshmen should not judge the university as they have seen it under the peculiar conditions of the past year. Next year it is to be hoped that all the traditions and customs will be revived, and that 1919-1920 will blossom out with the true atmosphere of our institution.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

What is the aim and purpose of college athletics? Is it to advertise the collegiate institution, to build up a tradition and a practice of college spirit, to furnish excitement for the alumni and the public as well as for the student body? Or is it to endow the individual members of the student body with health and strength? At Vermont both of these objectives are aimed at but the benefit to the individual student is uppermost.

University athletics were suspended last term because of the organization of the S. A. T. C. Because of the inability to continue athletics there was an apparent lack of college spirit. The new students here did not have that same love for Vermont that has existed in previous years. With the coming of the baseball season there has come a new enthusiasm into the heart of every man. Each is determined to do his best toward making the team a success. It is this kind of spirit that will help us to keep up the good record we have always had.

Tennis will also have its place again this spring. Already enthusiasm has been shown for the coming tournament. Thus, it is that college spirit is being manifested. At the same time, each and every member who will participate in these athletics will find himself physically improved. And what more can one do for himself?—Vermont Cynic.

CAMPUS BOLSHIEVISM

The famous movement or creed which emanated from Russia is now undoubtedly the most widely discussed subject in the country not excepting peace. Peace seems to depend upon the Bolsheviki and since the latter seems to be the more tangible and interesting topic to discuss, we are prone to talk about that in preference to peace itself.

Warnings have come out repeatedly that this country is being swept in a small way by a wave of Bolshevism. But, even at that, we didn't expect it to hit a great university campus as it seems that it did up at the University of Wisconsin this week. Briefly, the freshman defied all university traditions and finally mustered up courage enough to attack the sophomores. Pitched battles raged all over the streets of Madison that night and the favorite diversion seemed to be to pitch the boys into the lake. It was more than an ordinary class scrap, more like real war.

Now just what is the cause of such student anarchy in a school is an impossible question to answer without knowing the local conditions. But we feel that no such outbursts of Bolshevism could ever occur at Purdue because Purdue freshmen, with a few exceptions, know their place in the university, recognize the truth of the old saying that "A Good Freshman Makes a Good Upperclassman," and conduct themselves accordingly. Student self-government has been in vogue at Wisconsin and whether this recent outburst is an indication that the plan is a failure remains to be seen. We hope it is not true.—Purdue Exponent.

STUDENT OPINION

Editor of "Daily Nebraskan":

This is written extemporaneously under the impression of the reprint from the Massachusetts "Tech" in yesterday's "Rag" about the weakness of the high school.

I had many opportunities to watch University instructors blame the high schools for the failure of administering knowledge to students in the University. The high schools are beginning to use modern methods of instruction which the University professors usually teach either in any manner, or in the same manner that they have been taught in their college days. When a student has been used to meaningless goading in high school, he may continue with equal success in the University. But if one went through a modern high school with the knowledge that there is life and purpose in every subject, he will not succeed in the University where he is taught Latin from a medieval grammar, physics from brief outlines and many other subjects in any old way.

I do not intend to start any arguments, I am not even absolutely certain that I am putting the blame on the right party, but this is how I feel about it, and I know that many others sympathize with me. It is my firm belief that this subject is not getting the attention it deserves, and I would like to draw the attention of our faculty and students to it.

One of the Students.

Society

SOCIAL CALENDAR

April 19

Delta Delta Delta formal—Lincoln Hotel.

Viking formal—Lincoln Hotel.
Alpha Phi banquet—Lincoln Hotel.
Sigma Nu banquet—Lincoln Hotel.

Delian Society banquet—Lincoln Hotel.

Alpha Gamma Rho—House dance.
Farm House—House dance.

Chi Omega—House dance.

Camp Fire Girl's Party—Ethel Hartley's home.

PERSONALS

Gertrude Quinn, '21, is ill at her home in Gothenburg.

Marion Reeder, '18, of Columbus, is visiting at the Delta Delta Delta house.

Madeline Hendricks, '22, went to her home in Wahoo.

Veda Samuelson of Hemstead, Tex., who has been a guest at the Delta Gamma house, left for Rochester, Minn.

Vesta Mawe, '18, has gone to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where she has accepted a government position.

J. W. Ferris, '15, who recently returned from France, has been visiting his parents at 321 South 14th street.

Clara Paper, ex-'17, of Bloomfield, has come to attend the Delta Delta Delta formal Saturday evening.

Helen Edgecombe, '20, is ill at the Chi Omega house.

Catherine Brash, '22, has gone to her home in Beatrice.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Epperson announce the birth of a baby girl, Wednesday morning. Mr. Epperson was editor-in-chief of the Daily Nebraskan in 1916.



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STUDENTS IN FAVOR OF MASS ATHLETICS

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dash, 50-yard low hurdles, high jump, broad jump and 12-pound shot put, a relay will be run in the meet here, as well as a bar vault. Thirty-two men will make up a team in the relay race, each man running 110 yards, for a total distance of about three and one-eighth miles.

A Government efficiency test may be run in connection with this meet. The Government is planning to get the relative efficiency of the college man in athletics and will prescribe certain events in which they are to take part to furnish this information.

NATIONAL COUNCIL PLANS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

A system of national research fellowships in physics and chemistry, to be supported by the Rockefeller foundation and to be administered by the National Research council, has just been established for the colleges and universities of the country, according to an announcement received by President E. A. Birge, of the University of Wisconsin.

To open a scientific career to a larger number of able investigators, thus meeting an urgent need of universities and industries, to increase knowledge relating to the fundamental principles of physics and chemistry, and to create more favorable conditions for research in educational institutions are the purposes of the scholarships. Between 15 and 20 such fellowships will be available this coming year.

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