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For This Issue
FORREST ESTES
News Editor

KEEP ON STUDYING

With rumors following in the wake of other rumors as to the present stage of fuel shortage at the university and as to when the university will be obliged to close its doors, students are in a more or less tense condition. The possibility that an enforced vacation is in store for them in the near future is the uppermost thought in the minds of students. Added to this feeling of uncertainty and unrest is anxiety for those who are suffering because of the present crisis. No surety that they themselves and their families will not experience actual suffering is another factor which makes for restlessness.

This being the situation, students are apt to quit studying. Many argue that if classes be dismissed soon a few recitations lost now will be of no consequence. These people are merely marking time; they are making no advance. In this period of "watchful waiting," the sane thing to do it to apply ourselves to our studies. Mere conjecture and speculation is a waste of time. Those who have signed the call for volunteer workers in the mines have done all they can do until they are called. In the meantime all that is to be done is to make the most of time still remaining for classes.

The business of getting an education is an essential industry. The fuel authorities recognize this and are making it one of their first endeavors to place more coal at the disposal of the university. Men who have volunteered to help prove that one class cannot dictate to the American people do not wish the educational institution maintained by the people of Nebraska for the people of Nebraska to close during their absence. The patriotic spirit which prompted their volunteering would repudiate the idea of closing the university until they returned. One motive in their signing the call was to render it unnecessary to dismiss classes. To close the university would seem an admission that a clash between a small percentage of the population of the country could paralyze the industries of the nation and force the people to take up their fight.

When hundreds of Nebraska students pledged themselves to a cause in order that the rest of us might not be interrupted in our endeavor to secure a neducation, it is our cue to "stick to the job."

COLLEGE AND THE MAN

Training men for leadership is what President Wilson stated a few years ago, when he was still the chief executive of Princeton college, as the big work and purpose of colleges. Many individuals are accustomed to look upon a college diploma as the "se-same" to the door of success in the keen competition, in the struggle for the survival of the fittest, in the great arena of life and action. When the last text book has been closed and the last lecture attended there still remains the man. The day has passed when the business man has come to sneer at the college bred man because the majority of the men who are college graduates have made good. On the other hand there is a goodly minority who assume careers in the industrial or business world who do not make good.

The why of it may be found to originate far back in the days of high school where the individual allowed himself to drop into a rut and to be one of the group which permitted itself to be led rather than to lead, he permitted himself to adopt the habit of slothfulness and a spirit of contempt for the task with which he happened to be associated; and to place himself upon a false pedestal above that of other of his associates. Given the opportunity to attend college, the individual still permits the same kind of spirit to develop within himself and by the time he is ready to take his place in the ranks of the world's workers he has come to overestimate his worth.

Viewed from the standpoint of a practical business world we have the following statement in the latest issue of the American Magazine, by Percy N. Straus, a Harvard man of the class of '97 and a man of national reputation as a business man: "I have too firm a belief in the real value of a college education in the business world to claim that it is the key to the door of success. The door of success has no key— one has to batter it down. A college education at most merely gives weight to the battering ram and power to the biceps behind it. Moreover I must admit that I have seen a few men who apparently would have stood a better chance of passing through that door if they had never seen a campus save from a sidewalk."—Purdue Exponent.

Society

December 3, 1919

Gamma Phi Beta entertained at tea in honor of Miss Elizabeth Bridge of Berkeley, California, the visiting delegate of the fraternity. The guests were received by Miss Bridge, Mrs. Samuel Waugh, and Miss Harriette Ashbrooke. Mrs. Leon Decker and Mrs. Edward Arbrecht assisted at the tea table.

PERSONALS

Lucille Nitsche, '20, will leave today for Omaha, where she will remain for the rest of the week.

Helen Harrington, '21, has been ill for the last few days at the Delta Gamma house.

Jack Austin, '23, has returned to school from Omaha, where he had been visiting for the first part of this week.

Luella Johnston, '23, will leave today for Omaha, where she will visit for a few days.

Helen Williams, '23, will spend this week end at her home in North Bend. Dorothy Killian, of Kearney, is a guest of her sister Gertrude Killian, at the Pi Beta Phi house.

Dorothy Barkley, '22, has been ill at her home in Lincoln this week.

Sam Brownell, '21, who has been ill with an acute attack of influenza, is recovering.

BUBBLES

The dawn of day leads us to look forward to a successful tomorrow in football at Nebraska.

Fall parties are divided into two classes. Fall parties of the first class consist of downtown dances during the fall year, while parties of the second class consist of those men who take a girl to the Orpheum after she has seen the show once.

The cold spell has been broken. Weather predictions from the Rialto say it will be "Fair and Warmer."

The fuel committee has performed one important service. It has kept the telegraph wires hot.

It would be satisfactory to most of the students if the university were to run on its present schedule for the remainder of the school year.

The establishment of an aviation library is an important step towards higher education.

Theatrical review of "The Dolls House" recently presented at the Temple theatre says that Mme. Hammer was a knockout.

Whether the university should shut down is a close question.

DR. K. J. POOL GAVE EXPERT TESTIMONY IN DAMAGE SUIT

Dr. R. J. Pool of the Botany Department has recently returned from Columbus, Ohio, where he has been giving expert testimony in the District court regarding damage done vegetation by sulphur fumes from a number of large fertilizer plants located there.

The farmers in the vicinity of Columbus found, some time ago, that their crops were being ruined by gas and smoke from the factories, and they called for expert investigation. Dr. Pool was called, and in conjunction with several others the investigators soon became convinced that the sulphur gas in the smoke from the fertilizer plants was responsible for the loss. A suit in the courts resulted, alleging several thousand dollars damage and the testimony of the investigators was required.

During the recesses of the court Dr. Pool found time to visit Ohio State University, and was particularly interested in observing the methods and equipment of the Botany department. He declares that the department in that school falls short of being as well equipped as the one at Nebraska. He was entertained at dinner by Professor Traneau of the department, and met other members connected with the teaching of Botany at Ohio state.

He was a spectator at the Ohio-Illinois game and saw Illinois win the championship of the Big Ten conference in the last three seconds of the game. There was a crowd of twenty thousand at the game, but Dr. Pool declares that Nebraska rooters display much more pep and enthusiasm than was exhibited that day.



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