

SPORTRAITS

Nebraska has no alibi to make any where in its track record this year or any other year. But other schools and athletically interested people, lovers of clean sport, will admit that a strong protest from the Husker officials would have been more than justified as a result of the slippage at Chicago.

The hot summer days do not phase the spirit of the basketball class under Coach Frank. The members of the class held regular workouts in the armory gymnasium and some heated contests are staged. Were it not for the excellent ventilation system of the gym, playing basketball would be

an almost impossible thing on the armory floor. But with a little clothes is possible, the men find the exercise a means of keeping in fine fettle throughout the summer.

Summer school students who happen to drift onto Nebraska field any afternoon will find a group of men pacing up the cinder path at a lively gait. Each day from four to five o'clock, the track class has its workouts. Coach Shulte is jubilant over the numbers and the prospects of the candidates. He predicts an even better high school track year next year than was had this year for there will be better men to develop the teams.

ALUMNI IN POLITICS

Governor — Adam McMullen, '96, Beatrice, republican; J. N. Norton, '03, Polk, democrat.

Lieutenant Governor—Fred G. Johnson, '03, Hastings, republican.

Attorney General—O. S. Spillman, '08, Pierce; William C. Dorsey, ex-'92, Lincoln, republican.

Railway Commissioner — Dale P. Stough, ex-'12, Grand Island, democrat.

Supreme judge — Ralph D. Brown, '01, Crete, fourth district.

State superintendent — Charles W. Taylor, '98, Lincoln; E. Ruth Pyrtle, '04, Lincoln.

University regents—Harry D. Landis, '99, Seward, and Frank E. Edger-ton, '00, Aurora, fourth district; Frank S. Perkins, '15, Fremont, third district.

COLLEGE WOMEN SHUN MARRIAGE

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married, and they were allowed 25 years in which to find a suitable mate before being relegated to spinsterhood.

Vassar college graduates have apparently decided upon a compromise of 50-50. Slightly less than one-half of the graduating classes marry.

Over the entire country, 45 per cent of college women marry before they are 40 years of age, which is approximately the age at which child bearing ceases. As a wide contrast to this figure, of all the women in the country, educated and uneducated, 90 per cent marry at some age, and in most states before they reach the age of 40 years. In the majority of cases the non-college woman is married long before the fortieth milestone is reached. For example, 30 per cent of Massachusetts women have married before the college women of their own ages have graduated.

P. B. K.'s Slow to Marry

Phi Beta Kappa contains a larger number of spinsters than the ordinary majority of average women students. It would seem that the higher she climbs on the intellectual ladder, the more loath is the woman to take up home making as a profession.

If we invade the privacy of the family circle, we discover that the college woman's noncollege sisters, cousins and friends marry at an earlier age, and with much greater frequency than the college graduate herself.

The marriage rate among the graduates of Washington Seminary decreased from 78 per cent to 55 per cent over a period of 55 years. Those who took up business and profes-

sions increased 19 per cent during a like period of time. Those who, either through choice or misfortune, neither worked nor married, constituted only 6 per cent. However, if 1 per cent equalled one woman, the celibacy of that 6 per cent would mean a loss of 22.2 children to the total births, according to the figures set as the normal birth rate by eugenists.

The girls of Washington Seminary who marry, usually do so within five or six years after they receive their diplomas, but the number who marry ten years afterward is very little less.

Report By Centuries

C. S. Castle in the Popular Science Monthly reports by centuries, showing that the range of marriageable ages has risen and broadened from eight to thirty years in 1200 A. D., to fifteen to sixty-seven years in 1900.

Coeducational colleges, especially the large universities of the west, show approximately 9 per cent more marriages among women between 25 and 30 years of age than do the strictly women's colleges. The alumni register of Oberlin College (coeducational) shows the marriage rate to have decreased ten per cent in the short period of fifteen years.

Although coeducation may seem conducive to "getting a man" it is not so, broadly speaking, for we find that of the women graduates of Ohio State, Illinois, and Wisconsin universities, only 53 per cent have married within ten years after graduation. The three named universities have practically none of the sex barriers which supposedly exist in some of the other universities, and still only one-half of their women graduates are invited or desire to become wives!

Is it the desire for a career which is responsible for celibacy among college women? Or do they, with the acquisition of a so-called "knowledge of the world" become cynical and suspicious of men and marriage?

Those who remain single in order to pursue a career are probably less desirable at the outset than the students of home making and mother craft. And again, when a woman segregates herself, she usually does so for a length of time sufficient to insure the passing of her physical attractions in the eyes of men.

Desire Man Her Equal

The college woman who has spent more time at academic work than at the weekly dance fest, desires a man who is her equal, if not her superior mentally, and as Paul Popenoe suggests (probably with a smile) such a specimen of the male is exceedingly rare, so the female intellectual is doomed to a manless existence. It is also not seldom that a young man

will object to marrying a woman who is his mental superior.

Now, if you have had the courage or endurance to read thus far, you will vociferously demand that the shortcomings of the man student be held up to light. Whatever animosity may have arisen within you must be short lived, for the record of the man graduate is, on the whole, satisfactory.

Men Keep High Birth Rate

Harvard, Yale and Syracuse statistics show that the graduate maintains a comparatively high and constant birth rate.

One of the much flaunted reasons for the celibacy which does exist among men, is the necessity of long periods of study and apprenticeship before the graduate is permitted to enter his chosen profession. If a man remains single between the ages of 25 and 35 years, will it not be conducive to life-long celibacy?

But men are not the center of attention in this question. It follows from the infrequency with which college women marry that birth rates among their numbers are exceptionally and alarmingly low. Eugenists have fixed 3.7 children per college graduate as the minimum figure. Wellesley women average only .86 of a child each.

The most proficient students among their numbers show even a worse record. Wellesley members of Phi Beta Kappa do not average even .86 of a child; their record shows but .65 of a child per member.

Bryn Mawr Very Low

Bryn Mawr graduates show .84 of a child per married alumna, or .37 of a child per graduate.

Low marriage rate and low birth

rate may be due to a number of personally concocted trumperies, such as objections to marriage as an obstacle to a career, the high cost of supporting a family, interference with social duties, and an artificially produced aversion to marriage.

Whatever may be the attitude of the generations of college people to come, we must realize that here in America we face a condition of race suicide unsurpassed even in France, to whose statistics we usually point with a "holier than thou" attitude, and that the evil is being perpetrated by a class of people who ought to know better.

John Andrew Holmes

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