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After a careful consideration of the letter that appears in the student opinion column today, it may seem that almost its entire structure rests upon criticism of four sentences from an editorial that appeared in The Daily Nebraskan of October 15. It seems to the editor that the contributor has gone out of his way to place on these four sentences the interpretation he discusses. To prevent the possibility of inferences such as the contributor draws, it would be necessary for everyone who writes to use phraseology as redundant as that of legal documents. The first two sentences quoted are each statement of fact which no one can truthfully deny. The fraternity does pretend to influence its members through the years they spend in college, and it pretends to nothing more. Nothing about this idea is ambiguous. What a man does after graduation depends upon the training and character acquired before he came to college. The instruction in ethics received from the parents, the traits inherited or developed by the environments in which he exists in the years of childhood, shape the man's character. And character is the most potent factor in success or failure. Even such a profession as engineering, success in which would be expected to depend largely upon technical knowledge, is united in its opinion that 75 per cent of success or failure in the profession is dependent upon traits of character and personality. These statements, then, are true. Wherein does the second sentence deny the influence of the fraternity over the years its members spend in college? The second sentence refers to what comes after college. The editor is unable to see how this statement that the fraternity influences only the years a man is in college should imply that the fraternity has failed in its attempt to exert that influence. It seems, then, that the contributor is superficial, rather than the editor.

The connection between the next two sentences quoted is not as clearly made as it probably should be, but it can easily be pointed out. Just as the masses of the population of a nation are not expected to rise to the heights of literary critics, for example, the majority of American university students should not be expected to be near-authorities. The university group is compared, in a way, to a larger community, a nation. A university student should, certainly, be more familiar with literature than one who has not had his opportunities for study. There was no statement of pre-eminence of American writers in the editorial criticism. There was a statement that American authors and authorities are as great as those of Europe, and the editor stands by that as strictly true. The works of Longfellow, Sidney Porter, "Mark Twain", Lowell, Byron, Irving and many others compose the evidence offered in support of this belief. The "decision" to which the contributor refers, is the decision of Mr. Johansen, a graduate student, that American students do not appreciate the full significance of great works of literature. His decision is an opinion, the editor admits, but it is none the less a decision, one that he made for himself. Hence the use of the term "decision" is not superficial. The contributor assumes, because it was not specifically stated that university training helps in after life, that the editor considered universities valueless. Does a positive statement that simple food, clothing and shelter, for example, are necessary to life, necessarily imply that a few luxuries would not make man's existence happier? The answer to that question is just as obvious as is the error of the contributor in assuming that a statement that character determines what a man achieves implies that knowledge acquired otherwise than by experience is of no use. The suggestion of the contributor "as to how to think," is excellent and welcome. The last three paragraphs of the letter, beyond repeating the

error just pointed out, contain nothing more than an urge toward the achievement of better work, and this, too, is welcome.

A NEED
One of the highest honors that can come to an American university student—the Rhodes scholarship—is available again this year to some man from Nebraska. Although it is an honor to be chosen to represent the United States in an English university, it may be questioned whether it is worth while for a man to make the special preparation necessary for successful competition for the scholarship, if his purpose in life is not already inclined toward those matters which are more advantageously studied in Oxford than elsewhere. This and other considerations indicate that there is a place for a system of American scholarships with competition on the same basis for all American students.

Oxford is considered, usually, to be an institution in which it is impossible to study to best advantage literature, languages, philosophy and kindred cultural subjects. For this reason students of pure science and of the more technical professions are not the most desirable Rhodes scholars. Many of them, who would like to carry their studies further, might make valuable progress in research but have not the means to continue in university. There is also a field for philanthropists in merely helping students through the ordinary four-year course. Many worthy students are forced to drop study in order to earn a living. Almost anyone with no special knowledge or ability to earn a living. Almost anyone with no special knowledge or ability to fall back on can nevertheless earn enough to exist while attending college. But many would rather dispense with the degree than slave their way to that reward.

Again, it is not desirable for many men to spend three years of their youth abroad, in a strange land where they are likely to lose touch with the customs and manner of thinking of the people with whom they will probably work the remainder of their lives. There is a place for a scholarship fund that will enable American students to study in America—a scholarship not limited by the specific profession the student intends to enter. The adage "beggars cannot be choosers" would apply here if any criticism of the Rhodes scholarship were intended. But it is the intent of this comment merely to point to a real need. It is probable that this want will be satisfied in the course of time, as it has been to some extent in the older European nations, but a systematic arrangement of the matter would bring far better results.

Student Opinion

A REPLY TO A REPLY.

To the Editor:
"O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as others see us!"
sang Scotland's poet of the soil. A graduate student told us something a few days ago about ourselves but it was quite impossible for our Editor "to see ourselves as others see us." Especially did the Editor find it impossible to believe that American students are superficial. I have nothing definite to say on that one way or another. Your editorial, however, proved that the charge is not without basis.

Will the Editor kindly compare two of his sentences which appeared consecutively? "The fraternity pretends to nothing more than an influence over the few years spent in college. What a man does after graduation depends upon his training and character—acquired before he came to college." I am saying nothing about the fraternity system one way or another; there are at least two sides to that question. But in one sentence you tell us that the student is influenced by his fraternity; in the next sentence you virtually deny that influence. If, by the use of the words "pretends to," in the first sentence you mean "attempts to," you confess in the second sentence the failure of that fraternity to make good in its attempt. Isn't your editorial slightly superficial at least?

Will the Editor kindly compare two other sentences that appeared consecutively? "The decision that American students do not appreciate the full significance of great works of literature is unfair in that the literary stars are not usually the 'social' lights on the campus. The masses, in any country, are not likely to be literary critics." What is the connection? Isn't your comparison somewhat superficial? Does the Editor honestly think that it would be expecting too much of university students to know more about literature than one of the masses? Doesn't your editorial excuse the very superficiality it denies? Isn't your statement with regard to the pre-eminence of American writers possibly superficial? Isn't your use of the word "decision" superficial? Isn't your conception of a university superficial? "What a man does after graduation depends upon his training and character—acquired before he came to college." If a student's university career, Mr. Editor, has nothing to do with what he does after graduation, what's the use of universities? The non-university public, however, expects some relationship between universities and the

character and achievements of their students. And what is more, the public is not entirely wrong therein.

Mr. Editor, your position is a reasonable one. It requires as much thought as you can give to it. Will you pardon my boldness in making a concrete suggestion as to how to think? The Greeks realized long ago that doubt is the first principle of thought. Write your editorials, take a pencil, put a question mark in the place of every period, weigh every statement carefully and send all your friends away when you put your editorials into final shape.

I am writing this letter as an alumnus of the University, justly proud of the influence of my Alma Mater upon my life. You need not be a college graduate to feel the influence of your school. I can only be pained to know that a student of the University in your position has been influenced so little, such that he can make the superficial or careless statement you made with regard to college training, without realizing the full implication of his statement. I have purposely delayed this letter so that it would not appear in the Saturday issue of The Daily Nebraskan to cause pain to other graduates who still believe in universities in general and in the University in particular. Won't you think about this matter for a while, Mr. Editor, and then write an editorial without superficially telling us what Nebraska has meant to you? Yours, Mr. Editor, for a better editorial column; yours for a courage that dares to stand alone; yours for a definite conviction in the essential mission and high purpose of our American universities.

Yours truly,
A. H. J.

Notices

Agricultural College Y. W. C. A.
The Agricultural College Y. W. C. A. will meet Tuesday noon at 12:20 in the Home Economics parlors. Rev. Hobbs, of the Vine Congregational Church will address the meeting.
Freshman Council.
All men on the Freshman Council are to report at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday at 6, for a dinner to be followed by a meeting.
Girls' Commercial Club.
The Girls Commercial Club will hold an invitation for all new women Wednesday, from 5 to 7 o'clock.
W. A. A.
A special meeting of the W. A. A. will be held at 7 o'clock Wednesday in the Social Science auditorium. A board meeting will be held Wednesday in Social Science 101 at noon.
Viking.
A Viking meeting will be held Tuesday at 7 o'clock at the Acacia House.
Corncob.
The Corncobs will meet Tuesday at 7:15 in the Temple.
Lutheran Club.
A business meeting of the Lutheran Club will be held Thursday at 7 o'clock in Social Science 113.
Lutheran Bible League.
A business meeting of the Lutheran Bible League will be held at 7 o'clock in Faculty Hall.
Xi Delta.
The Xi Delta meeting is postponed to Thursday, October 30.
Fraternalities and Sororities.
All fraternalities and sororities having houses are requested to either deliver a complete list of their active chapter and freshmen, arranged alphabetically, to the office of the general secretary of the University Y. M. C. A. in the Temple, or to Fly Lewis at 1724 F street by Wednesday noon. This data is needed for the Student Directory and must be in on time.
Organization Presidents.
All organizations on the campus are requested to turn in the name of their organization together with the name of their president at the earliest possible time at the office of the general secretary of the University Y. M. C. in the Temple. This material is necessary for the publication of the Student Directory and must be turned in not later than Wednesday noon.

Notice.
Union business meeting Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock in the Temple.
Nebraska high-school students are taking advantage of the half-price football ticket offer in large numbers, the athletic authorities announce. These students are given the best available tickets providing their applications are accompanied by remittances and letters from their superintendents stating that they are bona fide students.

TOWNSEND—Portrait Photographer.
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Notre Dame
Contest
Fraternity Standings
1—Kappa Sigma
2—Acacia
3—Nu Alpha
4—Alpha Gamma Rho
5—Sigma Alpha Epsilon
6—Pi Kappa Alpha
7—Alpha Tau Omega
8—Sigma Chi
9—Sigma Phi Epsilon
10—Phi Gamma Delta
Standings will be corrected Daily. Watch this space for changes.

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LET'S admit that all men are not born for gridiron honors, just as all men are not born poets.
You can admire a man's grit for plugging away at the thing that comes hardest to him. He does derive benefit in developing himself where he is weakest. But to achieve real success it is only common wisdom to pick out the line for which you have a natural aptitude—and go to it.
Particularly if you are a freshman it may be useful to remind you of this principle, because it can help you start off on the right foot in both your campus activities and your college courses.
If your fingers love the feel of a pencil, why not obey that impulse and come out for the publications? You can serve Alma Mater and yourself better as a first-class editor than a third-class halfback.
Similarly, when it comes to electing your college courses, you will be happier and more efficient if you choose in accordance with your natural aptitude.
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