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MID-SEASON

The 1924 football season is not over—two of the hardest games on the schedule are yet to be played. Nebraska's only chance at the Missouri Valley title involves a victory over the Kansas Aggies Saturday and the defeat of Drake by Ames. The team is fit and ready, but there is danger of the students dropping from the high pitch of interest that characterizes the middle of the season for a university whose football team still has games to win.

And the loss of the Thanksgiving day game to the Oregon Aggies would hardly make the 1924 Cornhuskers seem more like champions in the eyes of the nation's prominent sports writers.

One of these sports writers, whom it is desirable to impress because of the recognition he can give the Huskers, recently classed Missouri and Drake as the Valley leaders. Nebraska's loss to Oklahoma early in the season was his reason for excluding the Cornhuskers from consideration. He had evidently not seen the score of the Nebraska-Missouri game, played a week or so before he wrote his "dope." If this is what the team must depend upon for national recognition, perhaps winning the next two games on the schedule will not mean much.

But team and students know that with these two games credited to Nebraska the team will deserve recognition—and will receive it, at least in the Missouri Valley conference.

Singing in classes Friday, a rally, an extensive section of Nebraskans at Manhattan, all would contribute to the cause of achieving a claim to the 1924 Missouri Valley title.

WAR GUILT.

Dr. Walter Aitken of St. Paul Methodist church presented the intelligent, reasoning point of the question of war guilt, and hence reparations, to a group of students at the World Forum luncheon Wednesday.

There has long been doubt in the minds of the American people that the Germans were the "blond beasts" that the more violent war propaganda described. With this suspicion went doubt of the sole guilt of Germany for the precipitation of the world conflict that was halted six years ago.

Dr. Aitken referred to an article that placed the greatest guilt upon Austria-Hungary. In order of responsibility the other nations were Russia, Germany or France, and England. The group led by Sherwood Eddy, with which he visited Europe, accepted this classification, Dr. Aitken indicated.

But there is danger of reaction. Germany was to blame for the whole catastrophe, public opinion asserted when the armistice was a recently signed document. The people have been swinging with an accelerating movement to the other extreme—they seem to be absolving the Germany of today of all guilt of aggression.

Neither of these extreme opinions are correct, obviously. And men like Dr. Aitken represent the middle course. Nevertheless, the order of responsibility which places Austria first, Russia second, and either Germany or France third, may not be quite right. Only one who was thorough, familiar with the intrigues of the German, Austrian and Russian courts in the years just before the war could give a dependable list of this sort. More than an appearance of German domination of Austrian policies was evident in the summer of 1914.

The College Press

IN DEFENSE OF DESTRUCTION.
The destructive critic is regarded generally, and particularly by the complacent and unthinking who follow without question the traditional path, as one of the lowest forms of animal life. He attacks, destroys, demoralizes—and he offers no remedies; he tells people they are wrong, but

he does not show them the right way.

Well, is the destructive critic to be so utterly condemned? Our answer is most emphatically that he is not to be condemned at all. He points out error; he shows that we build on false foundations. Must he be asked to put up a new structure in place of the one he destroys? Better perhaps if he did, but even if he doesn't, he remains a salutary influence. If an irate husband should rap up on the lower jaw for becoming too intimate with his wife, he would be destructively critical. But we could not very well require him to find us another sweetheart. As in most other destructive criticism, the remedy suggests itself after a little sober thought and rubbing of the criticized jaw.

There is another quirk in the attitude of people toward the destructive critic. Because he is merely critical and suggests no remedies, he is howled down as malicious and wicked. But what, do you suppose, is in the minds of these ruthless destructive critics? Are they airing grievances? Do they hold personal grudges? These things may taint the criticism, but they are not the root of it. The fact is destructive critics have honest convictions and an honest purpose.

But do people argue about the essential truth or falsity of the critic's opinions? No, people reject it in sum and substance because they put no faith in the critic's motives. This is wrong. Thus the people who dismiss destructive critics become themselves destructive critics.

And further, is destructive criticism intrinsically not as logical as the habit of boosting? The booster does not examine the foundations of his beliefs; he accepts them blindly, his eyes closed and his mind distorted by sentiment or a sense of loyalty. Should not a cause be sound fundamentally if it is to be boosted? And should a thing not be criticized if it is unsound fundamentally?—Ohio State Lantern.

Twenty Years Ago

Statistics as given by the last university calendar showed that the proportion of women was increasing in the "literary" colleges while in the industrial college the proportion of men was increasing. The grand totals showed 948 registered in the "literary" colleges and 453 in the industrial college. Of these 1401 students there were seventy-six listed as "conditioned." There were eighty-nine senior women and ninety senior men in the four year colleges.

Ten Years Ago

Twenty-one players, including Rutherford and Chamberlain, were taken by Coach Stiehm to Iowa City to meet the University of Iowa. The struggle was to mark the end of the season and if they won the game they were to have as good a claim to the national championship as any team in the country, east or west. The regulars were all in good condition, and confident of victory although they anticipated an exceptionally hard struggle.

The Daily Nebraskan had been requested to announce that Thanksgiving vacation was to commence at 12 o'clock noon on the following Wednesday. The instructors had requested the Nebraskan to inform innocent freshmen and forgetful upperclassmen that the alluring habit of missing classes the day before and the day after the vacation would be met with a very determined action on the part of the instructors.

Calendar

Thursday, November 20.
Kindergarten Club—Ellen Smith Hall, 6-8.
University Players.
Friday, November 21.
Phi Delta Theta—House Dance.
Silver Lynx—Fall Party—Lincoln.
Theta Sigma Phi—Woodburne.
Alpha Delta—House Dance.
University Players.
Saturday, November 22.
Zeta Beta Tau—Fall Party—Lincoln.
Lambda Chi Alpha—House Dance.
University Players.

Notices

Silver Serpents.
There will be a meeting of the Silver Serpents Thursday at 7:15 in Ellen Smith Hall.

Delta Sigma Pi.
Meeting at Grand Hotel Thursday at 12. Luncheon and business meeting.

P. E. O.
There will be a meeting of the P. E. O. at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house, Thursday from 4 to 6 o'clock. All students and house mothers who are members of the P. E. O. are invited.

Scabbard and Blade.
Scabbard and Blade will meet Thursday, at 7:30 in Nebraska Hall, 205.

Christian Science Society.
Christian Science Society meets Thursday at 7:30 in Faculty Hall, Temple.

Freshman Council.
A meeting of the Freshman Council, will be held Thursday at 7 o'clock in Temple 101.

Congregational Students.
Congregational students may reserve plates for the banquet by calling F2206 whether they received an invitation or not. The banquet will be held at the University Club Thursday at 6:15.

Sophomore Olympics.
Tryouts for sophomore boxing will be held, Thursday at 4 o'clock in the Armory.

Xi Delta.
Important meeting of the Xi Delta will be held Thursday at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall.



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Basketball.
Beginning November 17, basketball practice will be held, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 4 to 6 o'clock and Wednesday at 7:30.
P. E. O.
All University women belonging to the P. E. O. are invited by chapter B. Y. to a tea at the home of Mrs. Cadwallar, 2627 N streets, Saturday at 2:30.
Delian.
Delian will hold an open meeting, Friday evening in Temple 202.
Thanksgiving Party.
Everyone is invited to the Thanksgiving party to be held at the First Baptist church (14 and K streets), Friday at 8 o'clock.
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—the
College Gossip
says—

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