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A DEFENSE OF THE USELESS ORGANIZATION

A list of student organizations in the University reaches an astounding length. There are twenty-seven social fraternities, nineteen sororities, fifty-three honorary and professional organizations, and an even larger number of clubs and societies of every conceivable kind and purpose.

There is a general feeling on the part of undergraduates that this over-organization is an evil thing. That this feeling is indefinite and vague is indicated by the nature of the solution, which is usually advanced as offering a complete cure for the situation. This panacea is the elimination of those organizations which are described as "useless."

It is the useless organization which exists for no discernible purpose. It has a name, a pin, officers, and a picture in the Cornhusker. It may meet once a month, once a semester, or once a year. It has no "worthy" activity and does not do "big" things. It is a refuge for those persons who have an ardent desire to belong to something and who wish to be assured of a club membership to add to their personal sketches in the class section of the annual.

In the logic with which its foes assail this kind of organization there lies a curious contradiction which might be interesting to examine. The soundest basis for criticism of organizations is that they divert the energy and attention of students from fields of intellectual endeavor to the field of activities. They demand so much time and thought that they ultimately supersede academic work and not only seriously interfere with, but almost make impossible, the acquisition of an education. This is a valid charge which can be made against student organizations and one which they must meet.

But it is the "useless" organizations which are the least serious offenders in this respect. They demand little time and little energy from their members. Membership entails no obligations more serious than attending an infrequent meeting, paying dues, and being present when the picture is taken for the Cornhusker.

It is the useful, worthy organization, on the other hand, which makes demands on the time and attention of its members. It requires that they serve on committees, that they assist in its activities, and that they devote to its interests a relatively large amount of their thought. Such societies frequently succeed in giving students an interest which overshadows the purpose for which they came to college. These are the clubs against which a valid charge may be made.

The very uselessness of the "useless" clubs is their best defense, for it furnishes them with a quality of innocuousness which is almost impregnable. It is the fact that the useful clubs have purposes and definite activities which makes them pernicious.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM.

Representatives of nine educational associations met at Northampton, Mass., last week and drew up a statement of policy on the question of academic freedom in American colleges. Among the organizations represented at the meeting were the American Association of University Professors, the American Association of University Women, the Association of American Colleges, the Association of Governing Boards, the Association of Land Grant Colleges, the Association of State Universities, and the American Council of Education.

The policy stated is recommended for all American colleges and universities, with the exception of those of a denominational character where

limitations have been accepted in advance by the instructor. It declares that professors should be allowed complete freedom of discussion in their own fields of study but that statements made on subjects outside of these fields should be made on the personal responsibility of the instructor. While no college or university should place any restraint upon a teacher's freedom in investigation, or upon his exposition of his own subject in his classroom, in public lectures, or in published articles, the teacher should not assert as his right, the report declares, the privilege of discussing in his classroom controversial subjects outside of his own field of study.

The ultimate meaning of this policy will depend, of course, on the character of its application which may be either liberal or narrow. This application will be made by the governing bodies of the colleges and the future of academic freedom will depend on whether there are boards of trustees liberal and courageous enough to interpret in its broadest sense the policy that has been stated. It was perhaps fortunate that the Association of Governing Boards was represented at the meeting, for it indicates an endorsement of at least the letter of the policy. Whether this endorsement extends to the spirit will be determined by the future actions of the Boards.

The College Press

WHAT AILS OUR YOUTH.

The men and women who are enquiring with something more rational than pique, impatience or anger, "What Ails Our Youth?" are seeing suddenly that the same thing ails our middle age and our senility.

All ages are affected by the conditions of our life. These conditions work upon the elders and make them thus and so; the elders prescribe an education and a training for the youth, and make them thus and so. The young grow old; it is a vicious circle.

Dr. George A. Coe's new book, "What Ails Our Youth?" sets forth the charges that the elders bring against youth as follows: Craze for excitement; immersion in the external and the superficial; lack of reverence and respect; disregard for reasonable restraints in conduct and for reasonable reticence in speech; conformity to mass sentiment—"going with the crowd," lack of individuality; living merely in the present, and general purposelessness.

Now all these charges in the grand sum total sound to us—part of the mammoth mass called Youth—like an accusation of being young; in other words an arraignment for being otherwise than old at twenty years. The older ones are all too prone to judge us on the pattern of their age. But suppose we grant that the youth of the present is worse in the respects which Dr. Coe has cited than the generation that preceded it. Certainly there is no youth can dispute it since there is no youth who has seen more than his own generation in its youth; so we concede the point.

Then Dr. Coe proceeds to take the blame in behalf of the elders. But the final responsibility he does not lay upon the youth nor upon his father, nor upon his father's father, but rather upon the march of time and progress that has brought man upward year by year.

Specific features of the world that have wrought this awful ailment which youth and elders share alike. Professor Coe sees as follows: The enormous increase in man's control of the forces of nature; the changed status of the female in society; the increase of human contacts, particularly of those of youth, and the loss of their domesticity; the ailments of our industrial civilization itself; the lack of appropriate education to fit youth for these changed conditions.

It is simply a matter of adjustment then, it would seem, adjustment not alone of youth but of middle age and old age too. All ages must work together. Dr. Coe's line of reasoning and his solution will be given in succeeding editorials—New York University Daily News.

Law Must Be Obeyed

A committee of the First Plymouth Congregational Church has looked up the city ordinance and found that it is forbidden to place chairs or to allow people to stand in the aisle during services. As a law abiding organization and one which seeks to promote respect for law, this church has no choice but to conform to the ordinance. Hereafter, therefore, none will be admitted beyond the seating capacity of the building. The attendance at our last film service was between 10 and 100 per cent more than we can accommodate on this new basis, and we trust those who may be disappointed will realize that it is not lack of welcome but lack of accommodations which prevents our receiving them in our present building. Dr. Holmes will preach Sunday at 11:00 on "Count Tolstain"—the Junior Church at the same hour and "Smile Through" will be the subject of the film service at 7:30. There is practically always room at the morning service, though the church is approximately full at every such service, and those who come early enough will find seats at night.

First Plymouth Church

LAW STUDENTS HEAR LINCOLN PHYSICIAN

"The Expert Witness" Is Subject of Address by Dr. J. M. Mayhew.

"The Expert Witness" was the subject of a lecture, the first of series on "Medical Jurisprudence," given by Dr. J. M. Mayhew, local physician and surgeon, to the first and second year law students at 11 o'clock Friday in Law 101.

In this lecture Dr. Mayhew traced the development of the use of the expert witness and of medical jurisprudence from the time of the ancient Egyptians, whose chief contribution to this work was the law compelling a post-mortem examination be held over every body. After the body had been dissected the doctors compared notes and all these notes were filed away. The famous library of Alexandria was filled with these contributions to medicine and science.

The Greeks made little or no contribution to the advancement of the science of medicine, but Rome allowed doctors to appear in court and make their statements, although there was no law covering the subject.

In Europe today, and especially in Germany and France, certain doctors are given a regular position among the court officials, thus procuring impartial expert testimony on cases requiring medical information. Dr. Mayhew pointed to this system as the best now in use.

Dr. Mayhew went on to tell of the practice in the United States, and particularly in Nebraska, whereby anyone may pass himself off as a doctor and have his testimony entered into the court records as expert testimony, regardless of whether he is a college graduate or not, or whether he is or has been a practicing physician. He also said that the doctor is in the nature of a judge himself and talks of technical matters about which the layman is not informed and so he should be impartially selected.

Notices

Cornhusker.

Will the following students kindly see Mr. Larriev at the Campus Studio at their earliest convenience:
R. C. Shellenberger, B. A. Lillien-

borg, J. W. Ross, A. E. Matson, E. T. Gustafson, Roy Pitzer, Louise Austin, Betty Shepard, Mildred Nelson, Elsie Furich, Oris Hedden, D. Krotter, F. J. Murphy, J. W. Hepperly, Kathryn Warner, Eldred Larson, Richard Smith, Lucy E. Weir, C. L. Denton, Neva Jones, Eloise McAnan, Karen K. Jensen, Margaret Campbell, M. C. Volz, K. Lawson, F. J. Scrivner, Fern Hayden, Delia Garrett, Alfred Engle, Virgil Michael, A. L. Stanley, Noel Rorby, Carl Gerber, Helen Watkins, B. L. Anderson, W. L. Jacobs.

Football Men.

Mr. Bearg, our new football coach, has requested that all football men, who are not regularly engaged in any other sport, report daily at the Gym at 4 o'clock for work.

FRED T. DAWSON, Director of Athletics.

Cosmopolitan Club.

Cosmopolitan club picture will be taken Tuesday at 12:20 at the campus studio.

Menorah Society.

Meeting of the Menorah Society will be held Sunday in Faculty Hall, Temple.

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When One Dances

—it is smart to wear a frock of chiffon. Many beautiful colors are popular this spring, but it seems that red in Pompeian shades is predominating; with some cardinal; purple; orchidee turning towards the deeper shades of lilac; green in apple and jade tones; hyacinth, turquoise and sapphire blue, following close behind.

Ostrich trimming adorns many dresses and many ruffles adorn some of the pretty frocks Rudge & Guenzel's have on display now on Floor Two.

Desirable Monthly Charge Accounts Solicited

Hints From Paris

Radiant New Dance Frocks Embody all the Beauty of Spring.

Spring's brightest flowers have lent their loveliest colors to these gay dance frocks. Of shimmering satin. Flaming chiffon. Changeable taffeta. Rich crepe. Some of them beaded. Some embroidered. Some depending on the sheer beauty of their fabric for decoration. With a flower on the shoulder. At the waistline. Or, newest of all, at the knee. A bit of lace. Gold. Silver. All very new. Very lovely. At prices that will not detract from their beauty. Special this week, \$35.00 at Sardeson-Hoveland's

Spring Styles for Bobbed Heads.

Hair will be shorter by Easter and very short this summer. The very latest style coming from New York and Chicago is cut fairly long over the ears, and full in the back, giving a rounded shape to the back of the head, and Feather Edge at the hair line tapering up, making an invisible hair line. Manish clothes as well as manish haircuts will be worn by a great many this year. If you are having hair trouble or are undecided as to the proper way to have your hair cut, come up and talk it over. As an inducement we are offering with each Marcel and Curl at \$1.00 your hair cut free. Management of G. F. Champe, Terminal Hairdressing Parlor, 2nd floor Terminal Bldg. L-8443.

The Ensemble is a Brilliant Exponent of Smartness and Utility.

The ensemble suit is indeed Fashion's favorite for Spring. And small wonder for it combines beauty and smartness with a real economy. A dress and coat for little more than the price of a single garment! Twill, rep, silk, kasha, flannel and combinations of fabric fashion them. And you may choose anything from a high color sports ensemble to the most elaborate affair of satin and tulle. At Sardeson-Hoveland's prices range from \$39.50 to \$125.00.

Refreshments? Dainty Lunch?

Try a delicious malted milk or a luscious lunch. "Always the best." Drop into Meier's, 1230 O St.

"Cleverest Menu I've Seen."

You surely want this said about the menu for your next banquet. It should be original, unique and distinctive with your crest to set off its beauty. Order them soon. Do not wait until the usual rush. Original menus are kept as keepsakes of wonderful banquets. See samples made by GRAVES, three doors south of the Temple, and convince yourself of the fact that you should come here before your next banquet.

Comfortable Hiking.

It's actually possible! Nothing is more comfortable than a soft flexible leathery boot. The National Park Hiking Boots have fifteen inch tops, and are as good looking as they are pure comfort. The active life of a college girl makes a perfectly fitting hiking boot an essential. Boots are dependable in quality, workmanship, comfort, and price when purchased at WELLS & FROST, 124 No. 10th, opposite the post-office entrance.

Delightful Appearing Substantial Wearing.

To wear is to appreciate Hole-proof Hosiery that are full-fashioned with the "EX-TOE" style. A delight to women who dote on pretty Silk Hose. They give more wear than the ordinary kind. Amazing durability united with exquisite sheerness and brilliance. The quality in every pair reflects experience in the making. Beautiful in every way. This fact becomes more apparent when you wear these elegant hose and see how they retain their lustrous newness with snug graceful fit-long after they are laundered. —\$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.50, \$3.00.

SPEIER'S

Tenth & O Streets. Quality Corner.

Intend to Get in the Movies? Merton says "Don't."

In between time and in the meantime of your shopping make it a point to save two hours to see "Merton of the Movies." Love and ambition, trials and romances are woven into this corking comedy drama of a movie-struck youth and his adventures in Hollywood. Here's the original of "behind-the-scenes." If you want to see a live picture see this at the Lyric this week. Take your friends, take your best choice, but by all means, see Merton.

The Avenue's forecast—the low suspender strapped jumper with a rounded necked blouse is to be worn all summer.

Fashion Experts Living Models to show us how to make clothes.

A feature of Sewing Week is a Promenade de la Mode showing reproductions of original Paris designs, Patou, Jenny, Drecoll, Lanvin, Chanel, and other foremost designers. Fashion experts of McCall Co. will demonstrate how easily garments are made and cut in your own home.

Really, girls, this is a chance of a lifetime. "Tis said that "Opportunity knocks but once," so do not fail to be on the second floor of GOLD'S this week at 3 o'clock. Styles will be shown daily.

Member Saturday's Valentine's Day.

so be sure to send some remembrance to Mother, Dad, Sister, and Friends, whether it be a darling valentine or a framed picture by Wallace Nutting, Maxfield Parish, or other artists, Seaman prints or plaques. A most suitable gift and remembrance that can be purchased for only \$3.00. A gift like this will be appreciated.

Get your Valentines, your favors for your party, and your jewelry for your new frock at a place where you get service and a large variety, at GEORGE'S.

Spring Millinery.

We wish to say that our Spring hats are coming in every day, models in pretty bright colors, pastels, orchids, and blacks. Prices that please. We ask you to come in and see them. M. & E. DODDS, 201 Terminal Bldg., Take the elevator.

A dandy place to use the telephone—wait for your car—or get the correct time. We are at your service. FENTON B. FLEMING, 1143 O, corner 12th and O.

Valentine Party Announcements.

with your own photo. TINYGRAPH size. The very newest sort of an invitation. They make the print snappy. You make the appointment snappy at BARNETT'S ART STUDIO, 1241 N. St.

"Can I Wear This to the Party?"

Sure, you can! Transform it into a new frock by having it dyed. Your friends will never recognize it, or if you prefer to keep the same color, just have it cleaned. They are able to transform old ones into new ones and plain ones into cute ones. Bring them down or phone Roy Wythers at B-3677. VARSITY CLEANERS, 316 No. 12th right on the campus.

The Avenue's forecast—very wide striped flannel makes a straight coat dress that is very popular with the college girl. Reds, greens and yellows are prominent.

Need a Scarf?

Lovely chiffon scarfs are the vogue this Spring. Match your hat or your dress. You buy the material, and we then will transform it into a perfectly "ducky" scarf. Have it hemstitched at the SEWING MACHINE EXCHANGE, 134 So. 12th.

The Avenue's forecast—two large bunches of white violets are worn on a black dress in an effective manner, being worn at the low waistline over each hip.

Valentine Candies a Delight.

Isn't it great to be remembered with a box of candy on St. Valentine's day? Boxes from one to five pounds attractive enough to suit the most particular, whether you want a heart or a square or an oblong—and the candy DELICIOUS at RECTORS 13th & P.

GIRLS! A word to the wise is sufficient. Have him rent his car from the MOTOR OUT CO., the old reliable rent-a-Ford. B-6819, 1120 P St.

"New Shoes?" "No, Old Ones Made New."

The grand and glorious feeling when they're new and yet you do not have to break them in all over again. They specialize in rebuilding ladies' shoes at CITY REBUILDING CO., F. K. Herrmann, 231 No. 12th.

The Avenue's forecast—chokers, combination pearl and bead, as well as long chain pearls and earrings are here.

The Avenue's forecast—aid you to wear the latest and "be up to the minute." Drop into these firms who are offering to assist you in this aim, with the newest and the cleverest.

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