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### OLYMPIAN STUFF

Life around the campus as seen from the Mountain of the Gods.

#### OUR STUPID STUNT NIGHT

University Night failed to realize its possibilities. The students had an opportunity (almost their only one, by the way) to express an opinion of the general policies of the University—to show the administration, by means of satirical skits and sketches, their judgment of the atmosphere and traditions of the school. They might have approached the level of Greek comedy, at least in kind; they were content to descend to mere personalities—and personalities which were, for the most part, in rather poor taste.

Our objection to personalities is that they are stupid. It takes no intelligence to call a person opprobrious names; it requires none to say, for example, that he spends all his time petting. But that is what the students did on University Night. The intelligent thing for the University Night committee to have done was the selection of skits which were satirical rather than personal.

One act—that of the Dramatic Club—was of this kind. It was a comment on the flabby policy of the Student Council, and any personalities which entered into it were more or less incidental. There were two other acts which were not mere personal invectives: the parody of aesthetic dancing, and the selections by the orchestra. The difficulty with the first is that, good though it was, of its kind (and it was sublimely ridiculous; gloriously good parody) it was not the right sort of thing for University Night. As a parody of aesthetic dancing in general, it was good; it did not, however, have a particular application to University life. The orchestra act is open to the same sort of criticism. As a particular kind of music—a kind which does not appeal to us in the least—it was good enough, but it was not the stuff which University Night needed.

University Night should be a series of satirical comments on the social, educational, and intellectual life of the campus in general; as it was, it was simply a kind of organized scandal-mongering. Satire is the achievement of civilization and sophistication; personal "cracks" are a relic of a Ladies' Aid society. Satire is an expression of intelligent criticism; opprobrious references to particular persons are the product of a resentful or a lubricious mind. The University Night committee, in its selection of the skits, failed to be either sophisticated or intelligent.

#### THE SITUATION IMPOSSIBLE

"I'll love you when you're far away (she said):  
Of you my fairest dreams will ever be.  
I'll think of you at work and play (she said);  
I'll love you while you're gone, across the sea."

"Come, kiss me now, and I must go (he said);  
Come, tell me that your love will never chill,  
And I will cheer myself; I know (he said)  
That you, dear heart, will truly love me still."

At last he went; her mournful, parting tears  
Were masterfully, wonderfully hid.  
She said she'd love him, yes, for years and years—  
And, miracles of miracles, she did!

—LEWIS.

#### KITTY PHILOSOPHIZES

Are you a nature-lover? Or do you have a camera?

Reason is useless in a world where nothing is rational.

Happiness within arm's reach is not worth taking.

Peace is the antithesis of philosophy.

Discretion is a certain destroyer of happiness.

The censure of a fool is the highest praise.

Living a virtuous life is like running a handicap race.

Dignity is a mask used by men to conceal their weaknesses.

A stupid thought cleverly said is much more effective than a wise reflection uttered stupidly.

—KITTY K.

#### A SUGGESTION

The ire of Veritas, who inveighed against the "literary" societies in the Sunday Nebraskan, seemed aroused, in great part, because they called themselves literary. We understand that the principal occupation of the members during their weekly meetings is playing "Three-deep," and bean-bag games. The objection of Veritas would probably be met if the organizations changed their names to "Bean-bag Societies," or some such nomenclature.

#### JACKASSES

At the next table there was a hot discussion of the merits of Aristotelian logic, fast becoming an argument, and so I listened shamelessly, being both Irish and curious.

"The logic of Aristotle is largely outworn," said the young man, in a sweeping way. "It is so proved by the works of Schiller, Sidgwick, and the pragmatists, not to say by the universal practice of law, and the sciences. (The formal method is largely obsolete, and the course as given at the University is neither trustworthy nor defensible.)"

To this the P. B. K. responded: "My dear young sire, the certainty of your convictions is equalled only by their invalidity."—There was rancor in his voice. This was clearly argumentum ad hominem. Still, it called for a reply.

"Well," said the young man, "that's a neat statement, but what does it prove? It strikes me you are animated by what Nietzsche would call a resentment morality."

"And I am moved by resentment," said the P. B. K. "For a long time I have observed your pretentious ways, and have longed to tell you my opinion of that attitude. Hence, in my academic way, I term you a jackass."

All of this reminded me of the old days on the farm, and in particular of a big (jack) mule of my father's. One day I led him to the water-trough, where he refused to drink. It was warm, and being convinced of the rightness of his drinking, I tried coercion. I smote him with my clenched fist; he was obdurate. I hit him again and again, but he would not drink. At last I desisted, a sadder and wiser man, leaving the jackass in possession of the field.

I picked up my hat, although the battle at the adjoining table was still raging. "Can it be possible," I reflected, "that a man can be a P. B. K. and still be related to the ass?"

—RADICUS.

#### FROM THE NOTEBOOK OF ADONIS:

Only a fool can fall in love; only a wise man can make love.

#### ANOTHER SUGGESTION

Since the number of persons being held at the isolation hospital is becoming so numerous, it would be well, we fancy, for the faculty committee on student organizations to install a chaperone there for fear the students will go on a mixed sneak-party.

—CLAIRE MONTESREY.

### WILL GIVE U. S. EXAMINATIONS

Civil Service Commission Announces Open Positions.

Open competitive examinations for the position of junior engineer and junior civil service examiner have recently been announced by the United States Civil Service commission.

The receipt of applications for junior engineer will close March 28. This examination is to fill vacancies in the various branches of the government service at an entrance salary of \$1,860 a year.

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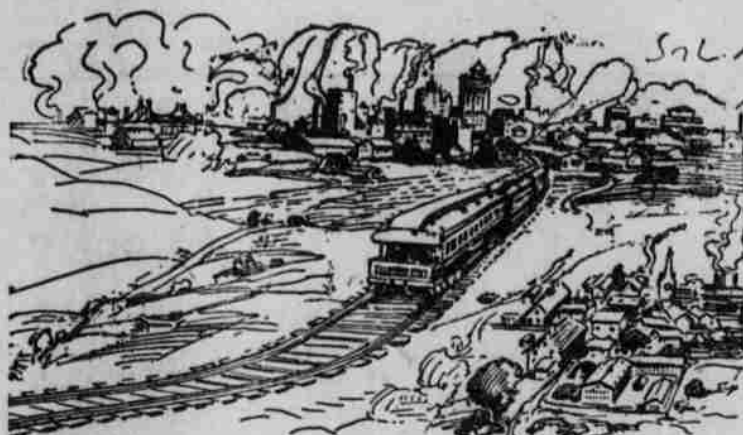
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