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MORE COMMITTEES

Another class committee list appeared in the news columns of The Daily Nebraskan yesterday. This time there were ten committees with more than forty members. Two additions to the conventional committee list are to be found, a committee on entertainment and a general committee. The title of the latter is more honest in its confession of futility than are some of the others.

In one respect these committees are harmless. They take little or none of the time of their members. If the presidents aspire to membership in honorary societies the work of appointing the committees affords valuable training in political log-rolling. The greatest objection to them lies in the danger that the solemnity of their announcement and the connotations of influence and importance which it carries will actually deceive some one. It would be regrettable if they should be taken seriously.

TRACK

The criticism most frequently made of intercollegiate athletics is that not enough students participate in them. A small group of students is highly trained, the mass is untouched. On this ground it is pointed out that as a means of conferring the benefits of physical education on the majority of the students intercollegiate athletics are inadequate. This objection is met, to some degree, by the effective way in which the track sport is being handled at Nebraska. There are approximately 300 men working out for the track team. These men are divided into teams and the teams compete in practice meets. To this number there may be added the men who take part in the interfraternity track meets which are held annually. A sport which can interest and train this many students approaches the real purpose of physical education.

PROFESSIONAL OPTIMISM

One of the needs of the college campus is a few confirmed pessimists, for the reason that a pessimist is frequently a critic and criticism, intelligent or otherwise, usually results in progress.

The popular inclination today is to encourage optimism, whether it is justified by the facts or not, and to discourage and condemn criticism. The person who habitually or frequently lifts his voice in objection to certain accepted practices or established ideas, is immediately tagged and discredited with the label "knocker."

The antithesis of the "knocker" is the "booster." He is the campus equivalent of the little glad girl whose pithless optimism has found expression in popular fiction. He insists of seeing good in everything which exists and his determination to discover this good frequently leads him to the very heights of insanity. The "booster" belongs to everything and believes in everything. He believes in "selling" things—everything, in fact, from subscriptions to the college comic to the the Christian religion. He is thoroughly imbued with the bigger and better idea—the terms being synonymous in his mind. His cheerfulness, his good faith are refreshing. But his senseless insistence that every thing which is, is good, and his irritated bewilderment when he meets criticism, retard progress. There is nothing more out of place than habitual and unfounded optimism—especially when conditions do not warrant it. In Utopia, perhaps, criticism will be unnecessary; but Utopia is as yet far removed from the college campus. We have a superabundance of little glad girls. May Providence send us some pessimists. We need them.

The College Press

THE REMARKABLE PRESENT
Mr. Arthur Corning White of the English Department has jumped, pen in hand, to the defense of this "Golden" age of literature. It was President Moody of Middlebury whose "Age of Lawlessness" in the January Bookman evoked Mr. White's reply in the recent issue of the same periodical. Mr. White has compiled an able, rational and convincing defense.

The Dartmouth instructor attacks the "pigeonhole" method of many literary critics. He considers that all ages have their vulgar and their sweet novelists, their atheist and their pantheist poets, their shallow and their deep essayists. And he believes that our age, likewise, embraces all types; and that it is replete with writers of excellence.

Mr. White brings out the fine point that the study of modern writers is the only opportunity students have for intelligent and individual critical thinking. The last word on Congreve was uttered by Macaulay, and John Morley has uttered many last words himself. But Shaw still offers the student a possibility for originality in criticism.

Mr. White occupies himself with the value of studying present day writers, and both he and President Moody take it for granted that colleges have taken up the study. It was only a month ago that Heywood Brown found space to rail against colleges for snubbing such writers as Galsworthy, Barrie, Shaw, Conrad and O'Neill. The Dartmouth contends that Mr. Brown's railing was unnecessary, that the colleges are not now snubbing the finest activity of present writers.

Mr. White's evaluation of such teaching seems justified. It is fortunate that few American colleges are now oblivious to the value in the study of contemporary writing, and that few of them persist in emphasizing solely the antique.—The Dartmouth.

THE BUSINESS OF SCHOLARSHIP

It is a curious and interesting reflection that a scholarship week should be held in a college. In a place where scholarship should be a permanent and living thing, it would seem that there should be no need for setting apart any particular period for study; and as a matter of fact, the typical American college student has no idea of what scholarship really is.

The prevalent impression is that scholarship is something entirely apart from the normal activities of life, a matter of dull and weary grinding at dull and weary subjects. Exactly the opposite is true: scholarship is the result of life in the highest degree. It is the product of an insatiable longing to taste everything in this business of living; it is the divine curiosity that differentiates—or is supposed to differentiate—man from the brute. The real scholar is not the man who is working for grades, the dull caterpillar among the butterflies of collegia; he is the man who recognizes the reality of the world and the dreams of the world, and he glories in beauties that the butterflies have never seen. They have only the joy of the present; he has that of his own day, all the ages that have passed, and all that are to come.

It is impossible to believe that the minds of college students are so childish and undeveloped that the pleasure of the present is to them the fullness of life, that there are never moments when they feel most terribly bored with themselves and the world, and feel the hunger for some sort of a soul-slave. It is at these moments when the man, sick of his own thoughts, and incapable of creating soul-food for himself, can find encouragement and renewed vigor in scholarship week.—Colorado Silver and Gold.

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JOURNALISM SCHOOL TO COVER TOURNEY

Students Will Cover Basketball Games for Home-Town Newspapers.

Final arrangements have been completed by the School of Journalism in reporting all games played in the basketball tournament this week. Over 75 students are writing the stories of the games. These stories will be sent to the home town newspapers of the competing teams.

Signs of the basketball tournament are prominent in the Reading Room of the School of Journalism. Complete records of last year's games, names of the students who are reporting the games, and names of eighty-five newspapers of the towns whose teams are playing here are posted on the bulletin board. Typewriters have been placed in the room for the use of the students, and copies of former stories are available for those desiring aid.

LAMMLI REACHES NEW HIGH RECORD

Completes Firing with Score of 379; Exceeds Old Score by Four Points.

W. T. Lamml, star Husker rifleman, established another new indoor gallery record yesterday, when he completed his four-position firing for a score of 379, which is four points higher than the old record made last week by R. M. Currier. Lamml's record score was made by consistent shooting in all four positions. His lowest score was 92 in the kneeling and standing positions. He made 98 and 97 prone and sitting.

The nearest approach to Lamml's mark so far is by R. M. Currier, former record holder, who has fired 96, 95, and 91 sitting, kneeling, and standing, respectively. This is one point more than Lamml's mark for the three positions, and gives Currier a good chance to tie Lamml, or pass him.

Dale Skinner, still suffering from rib injuries received in wrestling a week ago, fired in the four positions yesterday, making a score of 365. E. L. Plotts is another who has completed firing. His score for the week is 358. Mark Fair dropped considerably in the shooting this week, making only 94 prone.

Clapp Makes Plans For Wrestling Meet

Plans for an interclass wrestling meet to be held on April 1 and 2 are being made, according to an announcement by Dr. Clapp. Class numerals are to be given to the winners of the meets according to the plans. Further announcements will be made.

A. A. U. W. TO GIVE TEA

Will Entertain All Senior University Women March 21

A reception and tea will be held at Ellen Smith Hall, March 21 at 3 o'clock for senior University women. It will be under the auspices of the American Association of University Women, Lincoln chapter.

The social part of the reception will be in charge of Mrs. Philo M. Buck, Mrs. Samuel Avery, and Dean Amanda Hepper. The reception is an old tradition and is held every year for the purpose of acquainting the University women with the organization and its members.

Notices

To School of Journalism Students: All members of the School of Journalism who have no other college engagement at 11 o'clock Friday, March 13, are urged to be at Law 101 to hear Dr. J. M. Mayhew's analysis of their answers to the observation-test questions he gave them February 25. M. M. FOGG, Director.

Twins' Club
Twins' Club will hold a party Saturday at 8:30 at 1302, South Eleventh street.

Mystic Fish
Meeting of the Mystic Fish at Ellen Smith Hall, Thursday at 7:15.

Engineering Faculty
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Vesper Choir
Vesper Choir practice at Ellen Smith Hall Thursday at 6 o'clock.

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

Lutherans
The Lutheran Bible League will hold its social Friday evening in the parish hall of Trinity church. Chancellor Avery will speak.

Organizations
All organizations and societies having space reserved in the Cornhusker must pay for it before March 25, in U. Hall 10, any afternoon.

Ecclesia Club
The Ecclesia Club will have a luncheon at the Grand Hotel Friday noon.

Kappa Phi
Kappa Phi initiation service at the home of Rev. Huntington, 1427 R street, Thursday at 7 o'clock.

Lutheran Club
St. Patrick's Day Party, Saturday evening at 8:30.

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