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STUDENT INTEREST IN EDUCATION

A student forum at Kansas University was held last week for the purpose of criticizing the methods of education there, and a committee was appointed to present specific points, to be taken from the speeches made, to the administration, so that a decision may be reached.

One of the members of the committee, in a speech before the group, made the following statement:

"A student can engage in any activity that interests him without being an expert in that sort of thing. For example, there will be third and fourth glee clubs for students like myself who like to sing but cannot sing well enough to make the University glee club.

"The first two years of the regular college course will be devoted to orientation courses to familiarize the student with the civilization that he is living in. The broad scope of the work of these years is adopted in order that the individual may get a purpose in life by having a large perspective on life.

"Courses in the two last years will all be elective. The recent criticisms of the Dartmouth college students will be the basis for the reorganization of teaching methods. The lecture method and large classes will be replaced by the seminar method with small groups."

It is a hopeful sign in itself when students begin to take an interest in what they are getting out of college, whatever their ideas of reform may be. Such a forum of opinion at Nebraska might be out of place. Doubtless there would be a great deal of disagreement over many points of discussion. Not everyone would be willing to agree with the ideas of the Kansas students, or of the Dartmouth report. But whatever the action taken, there is some virtue in discussion. Students will be forced to crystallize their opinions; they will be forced to discover the principles which should guide an education in the university. There will be criticism of whatever decision is reached, but even if no action is taken by the administration, the students will at least have had the benefit of determining for themselves what it is all about.

RULES

The registrar's office publishes the announcement that first semester grades for all seniors have been put into the mails and that all other students will receive their grades this month. The announcement is intended as a balm for the impatient who are beginning to cause too much annoyance in the office by asking for their grades.

Here we have another indication of the too-important part which marks play in our present system of education. When a course has been completed, and the student has either possessed himself of the subject matter or failed to do so, what can be the significance of so mechanical a thing as a grade? It is doubtful whether anyone except the student himself can measure his progress in any particular piece of work.

Yet we are bound up not only by grades but by a maze of rules and petty requirements which serve only to hinder and hamper those who would go about in quest of knowledge, forgetting such things as grades. In order to be worthy of being granted a degree we are expected, and as far as possible forced, to live in accordance with these rules. They allow no leeway.

It does not matter, for example how much of a waste of time the attendance on the lectures of professors may be, if the officials could secure the perfect working of their system, skipping that class would be an offence, and an inexcusable one if it were continued. Roll call with all that it signifies and entails is made a matter of the utmost serious-

ness. That such an institution should be oppressive both to the student and the instructor is a fact which is given no importance among those who make the rules.

These inflexible requirements do not leave students free to work out their own problems, to satisfy their own needs. It is small wonder that the output of this machine of rules should deserve the criticism that it has failed to find "true education."

D. T.

ADVERTISING AND ATHLETICS

It is significant that the most effective and the most used means for advertising the University has been through athletics. Every year hundreds of youngsters throughout the state get their first glimpse of the workings of the University through the high school basketball tournament and the high school track meet. Add to this, the fact that it is the fortunes of the football team which receives more newspaper space than any other two or three University activities, and it is easy to understand why there is such an overwhelming interest in intercollegiate athletics.

The high school student receives a preparatory course in enthusiasm for athletics before he ever discovers that there is also a curriculum and professors at the University. When he comes to Lincoln his interest in athletics has already been created and it is an interest which is often not replaced by another in his four years in college. When this is taken into account it is easy to understand why not only the undergraduates but the alumni as well are more interested in athletics than in any other aspect of University life.

Student Opinion

The Daily Nebraskan assumes no responsibility for the sentiments expressed by correspondents, and reserves the right to exclude any communication whose publication may for any reason seem undesirable. Except by special arrangements, communications cannot be published anonymously.

Since the publication of Veritas' opinion some time ago, we have been doing a little research work. After deep thinking we have come to the conclusion that Veritas, amiable as his intent, is not very well acquainted with the aims of the University. We are doubtful if he is a good citi-

zen to have in our midst. He would like, we feel, to upset University customs—the very ones that we have struggled for so many years to establish. Surely we can not allow such socialist doctrines to undermine our noble institutions.

If he were determined to criticize a University organization why did he not aim his scathing remarks at some organization less representative of the student body, for example that mysterious organization which might be called the Harold Lloyd Club. (Incidentally it occurs to us that they get along very nicely with just half the equipment Harold Lloyd needs to make himself ridiculous, because they are so outrageously funny in themselves.)

As there are no women in this organization we found it difficult to learn anything about it. But it is very likely that there is nothing to learn. The name, however, in itself, denotes dignity just as the term literary promises literature.

And as we had a number of capable assistants we did find out a few things about them. One reporter told us that having heard that at least one of the members was a radical she thought that she would like to interview him. Before entering his office she thought it wise to be sure just what the word "radical" meant. She was astonished to find that one of the first definitions given in the dictionary was: "original." She was prepared to forgive the Harold Lloyd Club for almost anything if this member could only prove that he was original. For she felt that that was the aim of everyone. After a dull hour she came away disgruntled. He had not said one thing that could be considered radical. He had admitted that he could not prove to her that he was radical. If the club stands for originality should he be tolerated as a member? If there is no originality should the club be allowed to exist?

Recently another member of this club substituted, in a way, for an esteemed professor. (He gave a test for which no one was prepared.) During the whole hour he smiled most



"I hear that Jones' wife is kicking over the traces."
"Yes, Jones should have seen to it that his Finchley coat was more thoroughly brushed."

amiably. It is not necessary to say that the fairer students in the class agreed he was most charming. But the fact remains that we hesitate to associate him with the dignity of the aforementioned club if he can find anything in this world to enjoy. He should not have changed his facial expression when a business-like young woman asked him whether or not he "just wanted us to tell about the early lives of Romulus and Remus." But he did smile; he even laughed. And if he were in the full dress of his club its dignity would have been shattered. Are the ideals of this club, like so many people's religion, to be worn only on Sunday?

Another assistant reported that a member of the same club had proclaimed himself a socialist; yes he had the courage to say it bluntly. She asked him to prove it. In five minutes he was hopelessly tangled up and admitted that if he had \$50,000 he would be a republican.

Another thing that Veritas has remembered was the teaching our mothers dinned into our ears when we were little chaps. A big boy must not fight a little one. That is not in accordance with true American sportsmanship. And I am sure that the aim of every student in this great University is to be, above all things, a loyal citizen and a true American.

JEREMY

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Notices
Rifle Team Picture. Theta Sigma Phi will meet at 7:15 Thursday evening in Ellen Smith hall.
Theta Sigma Phi. The picture of the rifle team will be taken Thursday at 12 o'clock at the Campus studio.
First Semester Grades. The first semester grades for January and June seniors have been mailed out from the Registrar's office. Grades for all other students will be mailed out later in the month and will not be available until that time.
Class Officers. All class officers including president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer should have their individual pictures taken for the Cornhusker at Townsend's studio before Wednesday, March 18.
Pershing Rifles. Meeting of the Pershing Rifles Wednesday at 7:30 in Nebraska Hall, 307. All men who have been absent

College Gossip advertisement: Style-minded persons, knowing the importance of unusual Accessories, invariably go to Rudge & Guepzel's to choose their fashion mites. This spring they choose from crisp, fair flowers to tinge with chic each simple costume; scarfs in daring colorings; wheat-colored gloves; snake-skin handbags—everything to accord with natural and pastel-colored successes of the season.

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Lutherans. The Lutherans Bible League will meet for Bible study Wednesday at 7 o'clock in Faculty Hall.
Organizations. All organizations, clubs and societies must pay for the space in the Cornhusker which they have reserved by March 25 or their picture will not be printed.
Varsity Baseball. Members of the Varsity baseball squad are expected to be ready for practice at 3:00 daily at the Armory. Freshman practice will be announced later.

Special Offer for One Week 10 Per Cent Discount! on all repair work in the Shoe Department and a shine free with every pair of half soles and rubber heels. Capital Shoe Shop And Hat Works 1236 O St.

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