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THE SMOKING PROBLEM

After the recent referendum on smoking which was held at Vassar the Legislative Assembly and Council of the Student Association declared against smoking at the college. The following statement of the reasons for adopting the resolution was made public:

Vassar is primarily an institution for the advancement of higher learning. It is not an institution for the advancement of new social standards. In view of its educational purpose, it wishes to draw from as many groups throughout the country as possible, and is unwilling to take any steps which might limit its membership. It can therefore adopt only those social conventions which are every where acceptable. Letters from all parts of the country show that smoking among us is not sufficiently approved to be accepted by Vassar without seriously menacing the best interests of the college.

A wise course has been adopted in this explanation. To remove the question of women smoking from the field of morality to the field of convention makes the prohibitory action seem not only logical but reasonable as well.

R. O. T. C. AGAIN

In view of the recent controversy at Nebraska over the R. O. T. C. it is interesting to read that a bill has been introduced in the Minnesota legislature military drill optional in the University of that state. The measure is sponsored by the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom.

The University of Minnesota is a land grant college under the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862. The Woman's International League holds that this law only demands that courses in military science be offered in the University and has no provisions which make compulsory training obligatory. Wisconsin is the only land grant college which at present does not require every student to take military.

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.

To the Editor: Since progress is usually brought about by hammering tediously at old problems, I should like to make a few remarks on that troublesome subject, the fraternity question.

It is a truism that institutions exist solely for the good of the men and women they affect, but it is a truism which constantly needs emphasizing, and no where, apparently, more than in the universities. Does the fraternity system aid in the education, in the well-rounded development of university students or does it exercise a hampering or limiting influence upon them?

There has been a general breaking down of standards and purposes in the education during the last fifty years, and our colleges have been invaded by a host of students and professors for whom they never were intended originally. This opening of the doors was inevitable and, perhaps, desirable, but the solution the college is finding is not desirable and is not necessary, for instead of requiring those who come to adopt its standards the college has adapted itself so much to their standards that it may be doubted whether it offers what may be properly called an education at all. The result of the democratization of the college is twofold. On the

campus there is the predominant position held by athletics and social life. In the school room there is the predominant position of such professional subjects as business administration and engineering. Between these two crushing forces there is not much room for scholarship or culture. This suggests other questions such as the position of the arts course in the college but I propose to consider the problem of the influence of the fraternities upon what the arts course is so particularly intended to give—that is, to the question of the influence of the fraternities upon the well-rounded development of the individual.

Organized as it is, with the purpose and function it serves, the fraternity must tend to make conventionalism and indifference to scholarship and culture dominant in the fraternity itself. The prestige and power of the fraternity makes such conventionalism and indifference dominant in the University. Not satisfied with admitting the "average man," with his standards and purposes, the university has gone further and made it possible, when he has certain other qualities, (such as athletic prowess or money) for him to make his purpose and standards the dominating one in University life.

Let us first see the result of the influence of these "democratic" standards with their "aristocratic" prestige upon the fraternity man himself. In the fraternity mediocrity always tends to set the tone. It is the conventionality and hardness of its members, or rather, of some of its members that rules and crushes out individuality and any serious interests among its members. The frat man does not have time to get an education for athletics, politics and social life usurp all his attention. But what is more serious, he does not want an education, acquiring, as he does, or failing to lose, the attitude of brazen indifference and contempt for scholarship and cultural development. It would be decidedly bad form for your fraternity man to care for poetry or art or any of the other interests that were once the life food of the undergraduate.

It is easy to see the result. I venture to say that of the ten or twenty men now at Nebraska who give most promise of truly distinguishing themselves in later life almost all are so much outside fraternity life that their membership is more nominal than real. This absence of superior men in the frat is partly due to mutual avoidance, but, I think, only partly so. That the fraternity does discourage interest in the more valuable things can be seen more clearly in the case of the more typical Barb or Greek. The latter may be a "fine fellow" but that is about all; the Barb has usually read and thought more than even those fraternity men who are clearly his natural superiors. The ideals of the average man do not have the same prestige among Barbs as they have among Greeks.

This leads to the question of the influence of the fraternity system upon the Barb. Often, by virtue of its position and prestige, its influence is much the same, but there are two other ways in which it acts to limit the non-member's development.

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In the first place there is the position of social inferiority he is always made to feel. Though he may disguise it from himself or ignore it and smile at the assumed superiority of fraternity men, the Barb feels his position and smarts under it. Without going into particulars, we may say that treatment as an inferior is not going to make for the finely cultivated man. Then secondly there is the restriction upon one of the most powerful influences for culture, social life. This restriction is inevitable in a university where all social life revolves about the fraternity.

The fraternity tends inevitably to destroy individuality and thought among its members, and to grind out, at best, the manly ass. When it does not do the same thing for the Barb, it acts subtly to hamper the full development of all the faculties that make the cultivated man. These evils seem to be inherent in the fraternity system so that the only way to get rid of them is by getting rid of the system. Mediocrity will always be felt in a state university, but it is the fraternity that allows mediocrity to set the tone of so much of our university life. D'ALEMBERT

The College Press

CONCERNING HAPPINESS Why do men strive? Because in their hearts they want to be happy. Yet with all their striving few mortals achieve real happiness because they confuse it with contentment, fame and all manner of successes. They are not happy. Like certain republican constitutions people labour under the burdensome faith that one of man's inalienable rights in the pursuit of happiness, and all the time they forget, like the boy the rainbow, that it is always just a little way ahead, a mocking mirage just out of grasp.

After a time many men become so contented that they cease to

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strive. The comfort of a rut lulls them into a semi-comatose circle, a mere existence, neither good nor bad, just indifferent. Comfort and contentment are not happiness. The fat white duck that is full to the gullet and sleeping in the sun is truly contented, but happy?

Too many young people place supreme value on fun, on the thrill of possession, on the exotic joys of the senses. Even these pall, and annual returns. Too many college students toil not, nor spin, they have no burdens, no responsibility to society at large. Their education is in the mere pleasant privileges of life, without the work. Yet out in the world of life they expect to find happiness, only to experience the most bitter disillusionment.

The tragedy is that happiness can never be caught in the chase. It is not in feeling but in doing. It is something for which men bear to live and dare to die. Happiness always comes unsought to the unselfish, it lies not in security but in the great joy of having things to do. Hope is a condition of happiness; and that state comes not only when man is contented but when he is



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hopeful of more to come. The happy life more in the to-morrow than in today; their joy is an accompaniment not an end. It has been said that the whole matter of happiness is always to have something going ahead. Content, is really not an essential for the joyous state; one may even be happier in discontent provided there is the hope of contentment soon. The child enjoys looking forward to Santa Claus more than the use of his gifts.

Industry is being strangled by innumerable disputes, not because the workers receive low wages, but because their work is an endless monotony. Organization has so deper-

sonalized business that work is a drill. To be happy man must have something to which he may look forward, something he may do himself, of which he may not have as much as he wants, and which he must think is the only thing worth doing. Happiness lies not in having but in hoping, working and giving.—The McGill Daily.

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the afternoon previous to their publication
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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.

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