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THE DISORGANIZED CURRICULUM

The comment on "Sugar-Coated Material" reprinted from the McGill Daily in the College Press column voices what has come to be a common criticism of the present curriculum. Students, it is pointed out, do not study subjects, they register for courses. When a student wishes to know something about economics, he takes a course in economics where the knowledge he desires is handed out to him in lectures and daily assignments. It is knowledge, prepared in tabloid form, for easy consumption. It is easily consumed but too often it has neither depth nor permanency.

Because the curriculum has been founded on this idea of courses, it has divided the field of knowledge into rather narrow departments. There are departments of philosophy, departments of English literature, departments of history, departments of economics. A student gets an education by taking two courses in one department, two in another, three in another, etc. Since the work he gets in all of them is superficial, he never thoroughly masters any one division—not even the one in which he takes the most courses. What is even more regrettable he never sees the relationship between the various departments. His work in one is detached, distinct, unrelated to his work in another.

The honors course plan, now in use at Swarthmore and Smith colleges, in which exceptional students are freed from ordinary academic restrictions for two years to study one broad field of knowledge and given a general examination on this field at the end of two years, meets this criticism. Under such arrangement the student who elects to study English literature, for example, must study not only English literature but also philosophy, English history, and other related subjects. Not only must he study them but he must also coordinate and integrate them with the rest of his work because he knows that such integration and coordination will be demanded by the general examination which he must pass. His sphere of study is not segmented into courses and departments. It is expected that his knowledge of this field will be both thorough and organized.

The advantages of such a system over the present one, which results in an education which has neither depth nor organization, are obvious.

BACK TO THE VOTERS

Those who have lost patience with the State Senate because it refused to pass the ten-year mill levy bill should remember that it was able to take such action only because it believed that it would be supported by the majority of the citizens in the state. If it is true that the citizens will support such a policy the University cannot expect generous treatment until their attitude has been changed.

Many persons do not understand what the University is trying to do, what it is actually doing, and how hampered it is in its attempts by the inadequacy of the present physical equipment. This fact explains their indifference on the appropriations question. It devolves upon the University to make sure that these people cease to be ignorant of existing conditions.

It rests, in turn, upon the students to do much of this work of educating the voters. When they return home for the spring recess of they will make plain to their parents, and such other voters as they come in contact with, that the University needs money and must have it to effectively handle the students now enrolled, their efforts, in the long run, will have effect. Their personal work will have an effectiveness which is not possessed by ordinary propaganda methods.

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:

The author of a letter in yesterday's Daily Nebraskan attacking legislation made by the Women's Self-Governing Association to prevent smoking in women's houses, was slightly misinformed. Because smoking among women has never been a serious problem at Nebraska, the subject has never been discussed by the organization and no thought of legislation against it has ever been given consideration. The author, reading the rule, "There shall be no smoking on the premises," which was printed with the list of W. S. G. A. rules, misconstrued the attitude of the Association.

This rule was made some twenty years ago by the Pan-Hellenic council to prevent men from smoking in rooming and sorority houses at house parties. It was included, by request, with the regular W. S. G. A. rules, long before the idea of a woman smoking ever occurred to anyone. The rule does not express a dominating attitude, with the idea of depriving free individuals of the right to decide for themselves.

That does not have to be done. Tradition and a sense of fitness of time and place are far more efficient. Nebraska women do not stand for smoking. The prominent women's organizations all discountenance it; so strong is the feeling against it that girls should know before they enter Nebraska that it is no place for them if they expect to smoke. Smoking among women is not a serious question at Nebraska. Public sentiment plays too strong a role. —BARBARA WIGGENHORN

The College Press

SUGAR-COATED MATERIAL

Prominent educationalists have in recent years loudly raised their voices at the increasing tendency in the universities of serving everything to the students in a prepared form, giving all, as it were, a sugar coating, that the pill might be the more easily swallowed. Such has been Dr. Stephen Leacock's attack against the "serving" of lectures to students in fixed doses, such as has been Dean Ira Mackay's constant objection. Both men, so well known and admired, are, together with many others, striking dominant notes which are indeed worthy of consideration. Dr. Leacock points to Oxford and its system of tutors; Dean Mackay pleads for fewer lectures, more research and more individual study on the part of every student. And after all, this tendency in the university is merely the reflection of what is going on in the outer world. For there, indeed, all has reached the "tabloid" stage. Newspapers are so written as to be easily absorbed; music—the finest product of the masters—is perverted for the sake of the crowd, served with that sugar coating which may be sweet, but is exceedingly deadly; lecturers come before luncheon clubs—clubs to which practical business men rush during noon hour—and try to speak to their audiences about various subjects, covering sacred ground in fifteen short minutes. It is a world of superficiality—a grinding, rushing world.

And against such a world the university must erect huge barriers and keep the influence out. The students should rather throw themselves into that atmosphere of study and research which differentiates the university from the world in which it is placed. To measure all in "tabloid" by the capacities of the "man on the street" is most certainly not applicable to the college. Yet even with these barriers, which

should be put up, the students must keep their eyes on the world and realize its problems and its difficulties. While the world must be watched, carefully observed and studied, its influences must be kept outside the walls of the university.—McGill Daily.

Twenty Years Ago

The girl's basketball team went to Columbia to play the University of Missouri. This was to be the only trip for the girls with the possible exception of a trip to Omaha to play the Y. W. C. A. The difference in the size of courts was expected to be a handicap to the team, as the Missouri court was only about half the size of the Nebraska floor. Six players were to be used on each side instead of the regular five.

H. R. 169, which, because of the vital interest to the University had been closely followed by the students, passed the Senate after its third reading. The heading of the bill, "A bill for act to enable the regents of the University of Nebraska to condemn lands needed for said University and to provide the mode of and procedure of such condemnation" gives an idea of the contents of the bill and what the passage of such a measure meant to the University. The bill was introduced, primarily, in order that lands directly adjoining the campus on the north might be made available and the campus thereby extended.

Ten Years Ago

With the first call for spring football, Coach Steinh and Captain Rutherford began active work in building up the 1915 eleven which was to uphold Nebraska's record of two seasons without defeat and which was to be for five years the Missouri Valley champions. Prospects were good for a successful preliminary spring work out and for the next year's eleven. Practically all the old letter men were out together with many first year men who were given their opportunity to become full-fledged huskers.

Every available seat for the fourth annual University Night was sold after the tickets were on sale for two hours. The only chance which remained for those who were not able to secure seats was in the gallery rush on the night of the play.

The tenth annual gymnastic exhibition was to be held Saturday. The purpose of this exhibition was to give the University public an opportunity of seeing the results accomplished by the department and to secure funds to defray the expenses of the meeting of the Western Inter-collegiate Association which met here.

FOURTEEN MATCHES HELD BY WRESTLERS

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135-pound. Buck, Alpha Gamma Rho, won from Randolph, Lambda Chi Alpha, by time advantage of three minutes, fifty seconds.

Johnson, Delta Chi, won from Stephenson, Acacia, by forfeit.

145-pound. Moulton, Alpha Theta, won from Kendall, Alpha Gamma Rho, by fall.

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in four minutes, 45 seconds, by using a body chancery hold.

Maun, Kappa Sigma, won from Hirschman, Delta Chi, by fall in three minutes, 31 seconds, using a double arm lock.

175-pound. Wilson, Sigma Nu, won from Whitesell, Delta Chi, by fall in four minutes, 47 seconds, using a body scissors and arm lock.

Lee, Pi Kappa Alpha, won from Hinton, Alpha Delta, by fall in one minute, eight seconds, using a half-nelson and body chancery.

Waldo, Alpha Gamma Rho, won from Ross, Kappa Sigma, by fall in five minutes, 40 seconds, using a half-nelson and body chancery.

Negus, Pi Kappa Alpha, won from Toft, Acacia, in the extra period by fall, using an arm lock.

Heavyweight. Randells, Pi Kappa Alpha, won from Durisch, Delta Chi, by fall in one minute, two seconds, using a half-nelson and body chancery. Thomsen, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, won from Fisher, Sigma Nu, by flip of coin after wrestling two extra periods.

Calendar

Friday, March 27. Lambda Chi Alpha—Spring party—Lincoln Hotel. Kappa Kappa Gamma—House dance. Kosmet Klub—Dinner dance—University Club. Alpha Gamma Rho—Spring party—K. C. Hall. University Players. Theta Sigma Phi—Tea, from 4:00 to 6:00—Ella Smith Hall. Chi Omega—house dance. Saturday, March 28. All-University Spring Party—Armory. Kappa Delta—Spring Party—Scottish Rite Temple. Phi Omega Pi—House dance. Acacia—House dance. Alpha Xi Delta—House dance. Alpha Theta Chi—House dance. Alpha Sigma Phi—House dance. Delta Upsilon—Spring party—Lincoln Hotel. Delta Zeta—Dinner dance—house. Kappa Alpha Theta—dinner dance. University Players. Gamma Phi Beta—Formal dinner dance.

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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.

Sophomore Baseball Managers

All sophomores who wish to go out for baseball manager report at the Armory, daily at 8 o'clock. See Ward Kelly, senior manager.

Lutheran Club

Lutheran Club party Saturday at 8:30 in Faculty Hall.

Delian.

Delian open meeting Friday in room 202 of the Temple. Everyone welcome.

Palladian

Open meeting of the Palladian Friday at 8:30.

Union

There will be an open meeting of the Union Friday at 8:30. The girls will have charge of the program.

Eclesia Club

Eclesia Club will hold a luncheon at the Grand Hotel Friday noon.



Golfers

Are Learning to Play All Over Again

The winter weather has finally thawed out and golfers are coming out of their hibernation, ready to learn all over again. Recent reports say that the turf is solid enough for good traveling and it is expected that all courses will be full to capacity Sunday and days to follow. Better come here to GOLF HEAD-QUARTERS on 12th Street and look over our new stock of good Golf equipment. No doubt your own equipment needs new additions.

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