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WHAT ACTIVITY?

About this time of year the upperclassmen of the fraternities are starting freshmen in activities. To "start" a freshman means this: he is brought to the head of some activity by the upperclassman with the request that he be "put to work." That sometimes ends the matter; though occasionally the upperclassman drops around to see how his protegee is coming on.

Usually little thought is used in the starting process. Freshmen are sometimes started in activities in which they have no interest whatever. Their only guide is the "You do this!" of the upperclassman. Perhaps the freshman is well placed; perhaps he likes his activity. On the contrary, he may not, and he gets the ideas that all activities are tiresome and of little value.

Now, the Nebraskan holds no particularly robust brief for activities—as such. If the student is interested in the activity in which he is engaged, and if he will profit by it, that is excellent. But if he is engaged in amassing a list of achievements to run after his name in the Cornhusker, he is really deluded. To be a prominent man on the Campus is not an end in life, as some people think. If one becomes a Big Man incidentally in the pursuit of those things in which he is interested, he will profit thereby.

Let the upperclassmen who are "starting" freshmen remember this. The likes and dislikes of the freshmen, and their objects when they leave school, should be consulted. There are men who would do excellently on the Cornhusker business staff who would be sadly misplaced at the Y. M. C. A. And there are others who might make excellent members of the Nebraskan editorial staff who are succeeding only indifferently in soliciting ads.

There are, in addition, some men who should never be in activities. Their interests may be entirely in their classes, and they may regard with petulance any invasion of their time for study. Also, there are men who have difficulty with their studies and who must devote so much time to merely keep above the passing mark that they have no time for extra-curricular work.

In most activities the non-fraternity man has as good a chance as the member of a Greek letter group. That there are more fraternity men in activities is due to two things: first that fraternity freshmen are

pushed into them and kept there; and second, because a non-fraternity man who shows signs of rising is usually snapped up by some fraternity.

Usually the men who reach the top in any activity are interested in it. To work in an activity for the glory only is seldom successful and the men who do so usually drop out after a year or two. Upperclassmen will profit if they remember this.

WANTED—MORE MANAGERS

The disappointing turnout of men for athletic managerships this year has been a surprise to those connected with the department. Instead of an over-supply of candidates as with other activities, there is a distinct shortage.

This condition is probably due to the fact that the man who fails to reach the top gets small honor, if any at all. To be a junior manager counts for little and two years of genuine work seems to be about wasted unless one gets the position of senior manager.

A change in the system, to make the managers serve for all sports, seems to be a failure. The system was devised to give a more favorable outlook for the sophomore candidate, but the candidates seem to have missed that point.

Working as a manager is not particularly enjoyable. There is little that can be considered interesting. To attract candidates, therefore, some system must be devised by which the reward can be distributed over a larger number, or, in other words, so the percentage against the candidate is not so great.

To be constructive we should suggest something. But we are at a loss as to a remedy. Some one with a greater bump for constructive thinking must do that.

The College Press

THE EVERLASTING YEA

Every man who thinks at all arrives some time sooner or later at a place where he is assailed by overwhelming spiritual and moral doubts and misgivings, and his conceptions of right and wrong and his ideas of God are shaken. He wonders if there be a God, and if so, what manner of a Being he is. He wonders if after all there is any such thing as right, or wrong. His conceptions of God he finds inadequate, his standards of values, unsatisfactory. He founders in a quagmire of uncertainty, his condition the more pitiable because it is incomprehensible to him. All he believes has been routed, and all he hoped apparently denied. No longer able to say either "This is wrong," or "This is right," or "There is a God," or "There is no God," the man in despair is ready to cry out, "There is neither right

nor wrong; no matter if there be a God or not."

This state of mind descends on men while they are in college more than at any other time, and very naturally so, too. Men enter college with fairly definite ideas of behavior, and fairly well formed conceptions of religion, definite and well formed because they have never been questioned. Their standards men partake in their homes; accept their ideas unquestioning, and preserve them incurious confident that the ideas and standards are there, but never pressed to the point of examining them. In college for the first time men encounter totally alien ideas, totally foreign standards; they meet other men whose intellects and personalities they admire, but whose ideas and standards they have been taught to reject. These new friends are better intellectually equipped to defend their theories and to attack the younger man's, and soon the younger man is constrained to concede strength and plausibility to beliefs that he is sure are wrong.

In college for the first time the man finds great forces and movements counter to beliefs he thought universal. He finds that his standards, which he regarded as indisputable, are on the contrary strongly disputed, and rejected altogether by great numbers of persons his intellectual superiors. He finds his standards condemned by many, and defended but indifferently by a few. These differences he never imagined existed. He is astonished to discover and ill equipped to dispute. The differences are not of dogma, nor creed nor doctrine, but deep lying, fundamental principles of life; whether there is a right and wrong in anything, and whether or no there is a God. Many men, if not most, enter college with inadequate bases for the beliefs they hold on these principles. If these men are to grow spiritually, they must improve these beliefs, and lay them on a firm foundation. They enter college, where for the first time they must choose between standards, between religious beliefs. These new standards and beliefs are strange and oft times terrible to them, and likely they will find nothing in college life quite like their own private conceptions. The conceptions that seem to them desirable in the light of their new learning, are so new that they hesitate even to embrace them. The only thing left to them is an instinctive belief that they know what is right, and that there is a God. But to be intellectually honest they must satisfy themselves that their beliefs are good beliefs.

Lacking the intellectual maturity to recognize the fallacies and sophistries of the irreligious and the immortal, torn from their old beliefs and neither able nor willing to tie fast to a new, the doubters are swept and buffeted by tempests and storms of indecision, then feet leave the ground, and they feel themselves over-

come by the impossibility of knowledge.

Where is one of these to turn for help? Few men understand his predicament, and fewer could help him. Indeed, often he scarce knows himself the cause of his trouble.

There is only one place he can turn for help, only one place where he can banish his uncertainty, only one place where the confusion of mind and heart can be ordered. The church is the repository of the ideals and the standards he would cherish. The church is the protector of his faith. The church is the rock to which to cling. The church is the force which fashions with the new forces in his life—concepts and ideals strong against doubt and attack. The church is the solid ground beneath his feet. The church can change his eternal no to an everlasting yea.

Not in text, nor in lecture, not in formality nor bleacher, not from room mate nor advisor, but from the church can he derive the strength to carry him through the slough of doubt, the morass or indecision, the quicksand of bewilderment.

Every man who thinks at all arrives some time at the place where he is assailed by overwhelming spiritual and moral doubts and misgivings, and his conceptions of right and wrong and his ideas of God are also shaken. As surely as this state of mind descends on him will he look in a panic for help. The church is his help.—The Daily Illini.

Notices

English 9 (Augmentative Composition). Examination papers are in boxes (U. H. 106). M. M. FOGG.

Tassels. There will be a Tassel meeting on Thursday at 12 o'clock in Temple.

Union Literary. Open meeting of the Union Literary Society Friday evening at 8:30.

Angwan Contributors. Contributors are requested to begin to turn in copy at once for the November Angwan, which will be called the "Weather Number." Copy will not be accepted later than October 23.

Spanish Club. The Spanish Club will meet in the Teachers College 221 on Saturday at 8 o'clock.

Green Goblines. Meeting of Green Goblines at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house Thursday at 7 o'clock.

Corncocks. Corn Cob meeting tonight at the Temple at 7:15 o'clock. Active and pledges be on time. Important.

Juniors. Have your Cornhusker pictures taken immediately at the Hauck or Townsend studios.

Komensky Club. Meeting of Komensky Club Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Faculty Hall.

Twenty Years Ago

An annual carnival was planned by the professors of the University. The main attractions were athletic stunts, high grade novelties, obstacle races, exhibitions of trained horses, and fearless rough riders in the cavalry calvacade. Manager Dirks of the Glee Club began the work upon the Souvenir which the club was to spread over the west on their next trip. The souvenir was a very handsome sixty-page book containing a number of histories and stories, besides the program of the club.

On The Air

Thursday, October 15
 9:30 to 9:55 a. m. Weather report, road report and announcements.

Calendar

Thursday, October 15
 Mortar Board tea for All-University Women.
 Saturday, October 17
 University of Washington-Nebraska game.
 Alpha Chi Sigma fall party.
 Alpha Xi Delta house dance.
 Kappa Alpha Theta house dance.
 Alpha Theta Chi fall party.
 Sigma Phi Epsilon house dance.
 Kappa Epsilon all-University mixer.
 Gamma Phi Beta house dance.
 Phi Gamma Delta house dance.
 Alpha Chi Omega house dance.

Theta Sigma Phi. Theta Sigma Phi meeting Thursday at 4 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall.

Chess-Nats. Meeting of all students interested in chess in Y. M. C. A. room, Temple Saturday at 7:30.

Vestals of the Lamp. Meeting of the Vestals of the Lamp, Thursday at 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall.

Seniors. Have your Cornhusker pictures taken immediately at the Hauck or Townsend studios.

Delta Omicron. Delta Omicron meeting Thursday at 7:15 in Ellen Smith Hall.

Engineer's Barbecue. Engineer's Barbecue Thursday at Agricultural College campus. Trucks leave Mechanic Arts 4:30 to 5:30.

Delian Literary Society. Opening meeting of the Delian Literary Society, Friday evening, Temple, room 202.

R. O. T. C. All members of R. O. T. C. advance or basic courses, wishing to work on Military Carnival, sign up in Military office, Administration Hall.

Conducts Mental Tests. Prof. Charles Fordyce, chairman of the department of educational psychology and measurements, was in Norfolk last week to continue the mental tests being conducted in the Norfolk schools.



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Watch for the Dollar Window at the Lincoln Photo Supply Co.

—Saturday's the Day! See it, and you'll decide that the football game isn't the only reason why October 17th is a red letter day! The window will be brimming over—both with things you yourself need and want, and items that will make attractive gifts. Choose for \$1 from Eversharp pencils, kodak and autograph albums, memorandum books, candles and candlesticks, vases, pictures, framed mottoes, picture frames, Burton Keytainers, pockscopes, pocket magnifying glasses, incense burners, letter openers, and that ain't all!

Fool the Public in a Coat from the Famous!

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