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THE WEAKNESS OF COERCION

Yesterday, The Daily Nebraskan printed an editorial from The Omaha World-Herald in the hope that it would stimulate thought.

The World-Herald addressed its remarks to Chancellor Avery, the Regents, and Department Commander Kinder of the American Legion. It asked: "Why not set going a youth movement of their own—one appealing to the universities and colleges and students of this and other lands to join with the University of Nebraska in a noble effort to train and prepare to preserve peace and good will and orderly settlement of differences in this blood-bespattered old world of ours?"

This is a splendid idea, filled with food for thought, and containing great possibilities. But the question is directed at the wrong persons. The chancellor with all his influence is powerless to start a real youth movement. The regents with all their authority cannot create student interest by passing a rule. The commander of the American Legion with his army of veterans cannot force young people to prepare for peace.

It is possible to compel them to prepare for war. The way to do that is to drill, to march, to shoot, and to go through physical maneuvers. People can be forced to do such things as that. In fact they are compelled to, whether they like it or not.

But preparing for peace is not so simple. It involves thought, study, mental vision, understanding, and tolerance. Coercion is not so effective. Mental maneuvers cannot be dictated by a man in a uniform. The chancellor, the regents, and the Legion cannot force students to think if the students do not really want to think. To attempt it would be as silly as to try to destroy the spirit of militarism by making R. O. T. C. courses optional. But fortunately, it is equally impossible for anyone to prevent these students who want to think from doing so to their hearts' content.

There are opportunities for the study of world problems, the acquisition of trained intellects, and the development of tolerance, upon the University campus now. If the regents can improve those opportunities, it is their duty to effect such changes with all possible alacrity. They argue that to abolish compulsory military training would be to violate a moral obligation to the federal government. To overlook any means of making better men and women out of the students who come here, is to violate an obligation to humanity.

But whether or not the situation can be improved, is for them to decide. Whether a course in international politics could be instituted which would give students a general understanding of such matters, is for the political scientists and the educational directors to decide. In the meantime, the students have an even more pertinent question staring them in the face.

Do the students of the University of Nebraska really want peace? Do we want it bad enough to work for it, to use our heads in an effort to obtain it, to give up prejudices for it? Are students willing to take time from movies to study political philosophy? Are we willing to give up silly school activities and social affairs in order to discuss racial problems, economic controversies, and political systems?

The Daily Nebraskan hopes that the regents, the chancellor, and the American Legion will do all within their power to promote "the highest ideals" of which The World-Herald speaks. Being conscientious, intelligent citizens, fully aware of the responsibilities of their positions, they undoubtedly will.

But The World-Herald's questions should have been directed not so much at them, as at the students. This campus is sick and tired of "youth movements", the action of which is controlled and directed by clerical ministers and propagandists. There is always room for a real youth movement, no matter how big it may be.

SORORITY RUSHING. University of Denver sororities, after an experiment with second semester rushing, will return to the first semester plan, as a result of new rules passed by the Denver Panhellenic upon the recommendation of the national congress. The Denver Clarion published the following digest of campus opinion upon the success or failure of the experiment:

Commenting on the situation from the general campus standpoint, Dean Anne McKeen Shuler emphasized this point that no rushing was ever, or could ever be flawless. In general, however, she stated that from the college viewpoint, as compared with other years, the system of second semester rushing was an improvement. In part she said, "The freshmen had a better opportunity to know each other as freshmen and from the scholastic standpoint there was also an improvement. The demarcation between those rushed and those not rushed was not so conspicuous as formerly and there are fewer dissatisfied and unhappy people on the campus. The girls taken into a sorority were taken in on a basis of real friendship and knowledge."

When questioned as to whether or not this system put a greater burden on the sorority actives, Dean Shuler said, "It was no harder from the standpoint of the sororities rushing."

Mabel Rilling, head of the women's athletic department and associate dean of women also commented favorably on the system used this year. Richard Brown, president of the Student association believes that the system is ideal for the rusher and for the sorority if carried out. In further discussing the matter, however, he said, "The second semester system of rushing was a rank failure as carried out on this campus last semester." He stated that he believed fifty per cent of the rushers to have been spiked.

As president of the Philotes groups Miriam Hyndman was very enthusiastic about the system. She says that it helps tremendously in that part of campus life. Althea Gunkle, Y. W. C. A. president also favors this system. She believes that the freshmen have had class friendships because of the system used. She did say, however, that she thought only a few of the freshmen girls had changed their opinions as to which group they would join, and that most of them went the same way they would have at the first of the year.

Ether Brown, student secretary of the Y. W. C. A., believes that the plan is all right in theory but failed in practice because of feminine nature. "Second semester pledging as conducted last semester on our campus was only an added evil, but there are great hopes in this method," she said. "The sorority women themselves were the ones who did not give it a fair chance to succeed. They not only refused to change their methods in rushing but refused to change their attitudes of mind."

When Omaha high school authorities decided not to send teams to the Nebraska State High School Basketball tournament, they were acting strictly within their rights. It was a question for them to decide in the interest of the schools concerned.

But when the inference is permitted to creep out that conditions in connection with the last tournament were not what they should be, then the officials started a debate which has plenty of dynamite in it. After all of the evidence has been simmered down, it appears a group of young people from an Omaha high school had brought liquor with them and were ordered to leave a hotel in this city when they held a drinking party in a room which they engaged.

Certainly that incident was no fault of the tournament management. About the only question it raises is control of the student body by the responsible heads of the high school. By their own confession, it would appear those in charge of the institution are willing to admit they cannot control the actions of their students on an excursion of this type.

It would appear to a great many people the Omaha school authorities blundered gravely in their effort to handle a most regrettable incident. What a fearful blight to place against all of the splendid young men and young women who attend the institutions of that city! The most serious charge which has been brought forward is that seven young people partook of some liquor. They should have been dealt with summarily. If the school authorities thought the action justified expulsion then all of the members of the party should have been dismissed from school. But what shall be said of the hundreds of other young men and young women in Omaha schools who came to the tournament and conducted themselves properly? Why should they be made to suffer because of the actions of a few? Why shall the rumor be set adrift in the state that social conditions were not what they should be? Why shall the tournament management and the hundreds who attended it, be placed under a cloud because seven very foolish and unruly youngsters, who very richly deserved a sound spanking, did not behave themselves?

As a matter of fact the conditions under which the tournament was held evoked the praise and recommendation of most of the heads of the Nebraska schools. The Lincoln Y. M. C. A. was most active in looking after the welfare of the young people. The tournament management had men at the hotels at all hours of the night to see that the young people were properly cared for. Every possible precaution was taken to prevent just such incidents as inspired the action of the Omaha school authorities.

By dealing with the guilty offenders and by making a real effort to determine where these young people got their liquor, which they brought to Lincoln from Omaha, the school heads of that city might have made a real contribution towards the tournament. The most which can be said is that they have succeeded in messing up things so as to reflect upon their own institutions.

Other Opinions

The Daily Nebraskan assumes no responsibility for the sentiments expressed by correspondents and reserves the right to exclude any communications whose publication may for any reason seem undesirable. In all cases the editor must know the identity of the contributor. No communications will be published anonymously, but by special arrangement initials only may be signed.

A Contrast

To the Editor: What a contrast between the suggestion made by the World-Herald that the University require training for peace and the recent criticism made by a graduate that the University does not adequately fit a student to make money.

Education at state expense is not warranted if it merely has as an end the training of individuals to make more money. It may be true that most students come to school with this idea foremost but the taxpayers certainly do not conceive of that as the primary function of the University. And yet education seems to be tending in the direction of specialized training. Should not a little more consideration be given to the aims of the state in the forming of our curriculum and less consideration placed upon individual ambitions and desires.

Harvey Newbranch's suggestion of "a corn-fed burgoise youth movement for peace, as well as training for war, at the University of Nebraska" could well be acted upon. Why not consider the needs of the state and require students to take work which will lead to a better understanding of world problems? Such training would not be mere pacifist propaganda. An understanding of world problems might conceivably lead to more compulsory drill but at least the entire problem of international relations could be studied in an intelligent manner.

It is true that there are classes offered in the present curriculum which should train and prepare for the orderly settlement of differences. But these classes are disguised under various titles, are elective and it is only by chance that the average student gets into such a course. Perhaps the University authorities and the committees at work on the revision of the curriculum would do well to pay some attention to the suggestion of Mr. Newbranch that the University attempt to make its contribution towards averting war as well as its contribution in time of war. H. D.K.

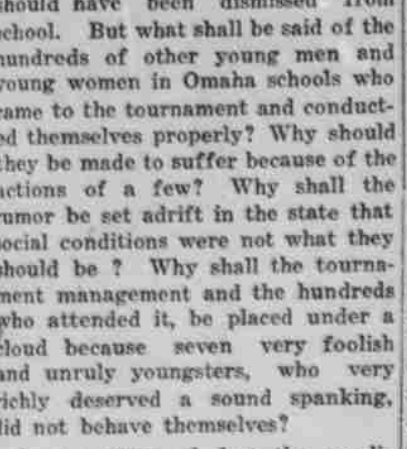
Twenty Years Ago

Dr. McDougal gave an illustrated lecture at convocation on the vegetation of American deserts. A brief survey of the aim of the research is being conducted by the Carnegie Institute in the deserts of North America. At a meeting of the members of the University Y. M. C. A. held in Union Hall, Arthur Jorgenson was elected president. He had been the student secretary previously. A meeting of the representatives of the different fraternities was held at Phi Gamma Delta house to make out the fraternity baseball schedule. Eleven fraternities were represented and McLaughlin of Delta Tau Delta was chosen president and Brown of Phi Delta Theta was secretary. Dr. Clapp announced a meeting of all candidates for track work. Each man had the same opportunity according to his ability, and every one had a chance to make a place on the team.

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