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The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. will soon be preparing the "N" book for next year. The editors of the "N" book last year were both un-fair and biased. It is appropriate, therefore, that The Nebraskan offer timely and fatherly advice—appreciating the fact, of course, that like much fatherly advice, this is unrequested and possibly un-welcome.

Last time, the "N" book contained a "Nebraska Girl's Creed" which advertised the virtues of Cornhusker womanhood, but nothing was done for Cornhusker mankind. Could anything be more unfair? The women's creed was such a sublime expression of noble sentiments, that the men are, or ought to be, very, very jealous.

Fear that they have forgotten to be jealous, however, prompts us to print part of the creed again. In addition to other splendid assertions of determination to live a better and finer life, the creed contains these:

"I believe that rouge and powder should never be applied in public.

"I believe that a University girl's conversation should be intelligent and clean, and should not consist largely of a discussion of men and clothes.

"I believe that satin pumps, lace stockings, feather hats, silk or velvet dresses, high heels, net or georgette blouses are not appropriate for school.

"I believe that Health is of primary importance in one's life, and that one should therefore seriously consider and care for it, by taking eight hours of sleep each night, with no eating between meals..... Etc., etc., etc., etc.

Now, isn't that fine? But finer still, is the way the girls live up to it. There are never more coeds eating between meals than the Silver Moon and two or three other such joints can serve. And who ever heard of a Nebraska girl talking about men or clothes, unless they were shies or new styles? Why, the very idea is preposterous!

The men sure ought to be jealous.

So, we suggest that the "N" book publish something like this as a Nebraska man's creed:

"I believe that exercise is the most vital part of life, and therefore promise to sit in the cheering-section at every football game. Whacha say, gang?"

"Knowing that women are incapable of deciding for themselves as to when it is time to go home, I shall always take my date home before 12 o'clock—nor shall I sing. 'We won't be home until morning!' even though the dean's dead-line is 12:30.

"I do not believe in smoking, but have heard that chewing tobacco is good for the teeth.

"I believe that all men should wear sock-sporters. If they bind the leg, wear them around the neck." Etc., etc., etc., etc.

If this is done, the new students will gain an accurate picture of University life as it is in the land of the free. They will know what to expect when they attend their first class.

He (or she) will know that all of the girls will have on cotton stockings, will spend their spare time whispering about the disarmament conference, will have shiny noses and eyes which indicate too much sleep, and will "talk Nebraska, think Nebraska, and live Nebraska."

He (or she) will know that all of the men will say "Gee, I hope the gang wins tomorrow!" will remove their hats and bend low every time they see a co-ed whom they met at a party two years ago; and will sing collegiate ditties (like "The Prisoner's Song").

Thus, the University will grow bigger and better. Think it over fellow Cornhuskers, and if you have contributions which should be included in this creed—the big idea being to embody in it the best of student thought and tradition—submit them to the editors of the "N" book. Please don't send them to us; we've simply got to get some sleep.

The announcement that the Interfraternity banquet will be over in three days is to attend the University

The Liberal Arts College

XI. "STUDENT LIFE"

We have set up an aim for the arts college and made a few suggestions for putting an "ideal" college in operation. We have also made an appeal for "balance" in undergraduate life, a balance of the sort what would enable a student to realize the most from his college course, first of all, through application to his work and self-development, and also through activities and athletics taken in moderation for legitimate recreation and physical exercise. At present, however, certain features of student life, evidenced in activities and athletics, are such that they interfere with the proper work of the college and represent a most immoderate unbalance in undergraduate life. The fault may lie with the activities themselves or with the students who participate in them. We point to them only to provoke some thinking in the hope that someone may find a solution for the difficulties presented. Our solution is merely an appeal for moderation and sanity.

Fraternities and sororities are valuable as housing facilities. They are not valuable as contributors to the intellectual life of the institution because of the diversity of their members' interest and backgrounds. Since social life and life in athletics and activities are about the only thing their members have in common, fraternities only intensify such interests and contribute to their over-balanced position. Members of fraternities more often than not fail to find brotherhood, fail to make lasting friendships, fail to perpetuate their ideals and standards. It cannot be said that the fraternity promotes an acceptable social life; too often the fraternity becomes the place for concentrated laxity of standards, false moral and social ideas, and unthinking conformity to convention; of dress, interest in the superficialities, and admiration for the material things of life. Whatever the influences are, the fraternity tends to turn out members who look alike, dress alike, do not think for themselves, have the "get by" attitude in school and the "get-rich-quick" attitude in life, have tastes and interests in material things far beyond their means—and, in sums, are not college graduates educated men and women, in any traditional sense of the word.

Of activities, one may remark that some of them are valuable as aids to the work of the institution, some as media for self-expression, and some as agencies for diversion. On the other hand, many activities are so useless in proportion to the time and expense they involve that they do not deserve attention. Many are devoted to the promotion of superficial friendships (rather, acquaintanceships), petty undergraduate policies, and "handshaking." Others, claiming to be honoraries, are "friendship" societies or handmaidens for the athletic department; and as such are objectionable mainly because they sail under false colors.

The grand secretary of Sigma Phi Epsilon, in a letter published on the first page this morning, declares: "I maintain that if a man is pledged to a group of a particular class and gets closely acquainted with the men in that group he can live as happily there as in any other group of the same class." If our correspondent were speaking of girls instead of men, we would give him a special invitation to see "The Red Cockatoo" and reserve box seats for him.

While recommending places to spend pleasant evenings, we must not omit the lecture by General William Mitchell on military aviation development to be given at the city auditorium next Saturday evening.

The American Legion is bringing Mr. Mitchell to Lincoln, and such activities of the Legion as this—which gives the public an opportunity to learn and think—deserve the support of all members of a University community.

Like Will Rogers, all we know about General Mitchell is what we read in the papers, but that's enough to make one want to hear him.

Still others are detrimental because they promote dishonesty in politics and handling of money. Student politics are never to be taken seriously, but when they are taken seriously and wholesale crookedness results, the least that one can say is they give rather questionable training.

Everyone knows that athletics have a disproportionate place in school life. Football, especially, has its abuses in the way of mob spirit, over-zealous alumni, highly salaried professional coaches, to solicitous care of athletes, and so on. Many "ways out" are being suggested including: student or alumni coaches, limitation of crowds to students and alumni, permitting players to play only one year, no inter-sectional games, only four or five games each season, no spring practice, two-hour-a-day practice during a limited seasonal period, no scouting, no cheer leaders, and so on. Some of these things will save football from becoming commercialized. As for athletics in general, all students, not stars only, should have time and facilities to participate. They should play for the pleasure and physical benefit of the game, rather than for the grind of winning for newspaper glory, alumni satisfaction, or university advertising.

Repression of student criticism has been felt here, and it is to be regretted. The fact of these articles may be argument to the contrary, yet the student press and the various forums and clubs have at times felt that free discussion and criticism has prejudiced their standing. It is not to be expected that undergraduates will always be sound and sane in their thinking, but self-expression is precious. Criticism should be met on an intellectual plane. Over-expressive critic and unsound thinkers should not be disciplined by arguments in the student press or from the platform, not by threats of disfavor. The university should be a battleground of ideas in conflict, ideas even on "controversial," current subjects, Radicalism, "young intellectualism" and the philosophizing of nineteen-year-olds, is to be disciplined, not by suspicion and repression, but in open refutation by logic and facts. Such an atmosphere of ideas should characterize the university.

We should like to conclude, as we started, by pointing out that while many of the schemes and plans contained in these articles have been drawn from educational authorities of note, all responsibility for the application of them to the situation at Nebraska and the attempted analysis of some features of the situation here will have to be claimed by the present writer. He writes, therefore, as one student, entitled to print his views only because for some time he has been interested in the salvation of the arts college and because he has been foolish enough to want to put his opinions on paper. Need he apologize further?

assumption that traditions must be upheld. "It would never do for a sorority freshman, or a fraternity freshman, either, for that matter, to have symptoms of discontent and wonder if, possibly, they, too, might be red cockatoos. In that event certain bars encrusted with banal gilt might be broken, or at least slightly bent." Play May Promote Thought.

William S. Trumbull, president of the senior class and general chairman of the Interfraternity banquet committee, stated that he had not read the play and knew nothing about it, but that plans were being made to have the banquet program completed early enough to permit fraternity men to attend both the banquet and the play.

David Webster, a member of the World Forum committee, pointed out that they play may do much to stimulate thought on undergraduate problems. Regardless of the charges which it may contain, he said, its presentation will be decidedly worth while.

Edward Morrow, editor of the A-gwan and a former Nebraskan editor, expressed regret that the authors had not included more clever lines, but said that the theme of it should both arouse and interest all persons who have come in contact with the Greek fraternity system.

Rehearsals are being held every day this week. Arrangements will be made to seat as many people in the Temple theater as possible. All tickets are fifty cents.

less of pin or Greek letters appended to his name. We accept what we are told without question. It was told us by an instructor, and instructors are always right. We forget that they are human beings, and subject to human weaknesses. They too may be generalizing even as we are. As long as we continue to use such words as "radical," "pacifist," "Greek" and "Barb," with no thought as to the individuals in the class, so long will we fall short of the highest progress in education and in life. We must learn that the man may be a man for a' that.

reviewer suggests for next year ".....a revival of Uncle Tom's Cabin with bloodhounds to pursue Eliza across the ice, and three Topays, and plantation melodies, and crying towels for the audience at the death of Little Eva. There are rich possibilities in the old time plays."

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According to the student reviewer the play went over big. The pur-

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In all our social system there is no more mistaken idea than our tendency to classify and generalize into definite classes with a set personality. To us all people who do not think as we do are "radicals" and undesirable. All governments except our own are either "aristocracies" or products of the hated doctrine "socialism," which not more than one in ten understands. We recognize no variations; if one is wrong the entire class is of course wrong.

The same idea abounds in this University. Those of us who may have known some undesirable Negroes at some time cannot distinguish the Negroes in the University from them. We are prejudiced because their skin is dark, and of course their souls must be too. We are all too likely to judge a man by his organization instead of realizing that after all it is the man that counts regard-

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