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the purpose of a University, and advocated more instruction for peace as preferable to less instruction for war. Surely these, and sundry other shouts, did not rock any vital foundations.

But, at times, we are rather proud of the accusation of destructiveness; for we have never prodded an institution or custom unless it was obstructing progress.

The student government system has been denounced because it is undemocratic, the Nebraska Girl's Creed has been ridiculed because it promotes hypocrisy, the question of fraternity pledging methods has been kept open because unnecessary hatreds and misunderstandings grow out of the present system, and opponents of free speech and free thought have been condemned because they are either cowards or ignoramuses.

If a willingness to kick everything which threatens to lead to illegitimate tyranny is radicalism, the world, and the University in particular, is in bad shape.

But the University is not in such a sad period of quiescence yet—there is too much of the pioneer spirit left. The Nebraskan's little jaunts up and down the avenue have amused and pleased (we are trying to kid ourselves into believing this) those who have brains enough to enjoy a sham battle in words.

It's fun to think, and fun to express sincere praise, and fun to make fools squirm, and fun to laugh at clowns. And editing The Daily Nebraskan for a semester has been thrilling, exciting, and very, very jolly.

We gave no praise which it was not a pleasure to write. And even when we turned to the symbols of evil, personal liking for the human qualities of the guilty compelled us to ridicule and lampoon rather than scorn and abhor.

That's why the work was so merry, even when others cursed our care-free romping, condemned our methods, and sought to wipe all trace of us from the face of the campus.

Publishing a newspaper is a good bit like staging a show; and a good editor prefers the virtues of a showman to the virtues of a business man or a politician. The acts presented by great editors are heavy and deep and significant, but our's has been admittedly superficial and trivial—a college newspaper may well prize its amateur standing.

No act will please the entire audience, and if there are ten people (freshmen, scholars, "big men," or freaks) who have thought these editorials worthy of their attention, we are satisfied.

There should be a "wow" just as the curtain starts down at the end of everything except a tragedy, but The Nebraskan hasn't the heart to inject a poor one, nor sufficient cyn-

cism, hatred, or bitterness to concoct a first-class "last line." So, let he who gets slapped take the center of the stage and stand smiling sheepishly. Boy, drop that curtain!

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 in any cases seem undesirable. In all cases the editor must know the identity of the contributor.

Discussion

To the Editor: An irrepresible freshman and one of the "listlessly artificial" upperclassmen wish to join forces in defending the upperclassmen against the onslaughts of he who derides the lack of intellectual alertness among the students other than freshmen.

One of the writers feels that she has done more genuine and deep thinking in her junior year in college than at any other period of her life, consequently, she is no longer sure of anything, least of all that she can reform the world, or even that she cares to see it reformed.

The upperclassman, perforce, has become somewhat of a cynic. He realizes the utter futility and impossibility of remaining an idealist. It isn't because his "mental upholstery is notoriously lacking" (as one member of the faculty would put it) that he isn't as vociferous as he was as a freshman. It is because he knows that talking will not get him anywhere.

The average freshman is pretty "cocky." He knows nearly everything and wants to advertise the fact. It takes him a year to find out that he doesn't know anything. Then he usually has the good sense to stop "blowing" and begin thinking.

There has been a good deal of timely and wholesome discussion on the campus this year. It has been

led, for the most part, by the despised upperclassmen, not by the argumentative freshmen.

That there are some "listlessly artificial" upperclassmen the writers will admit, but they were just as "listlessly artificial" as freshmen, and they will always be that way. D. B. and H. A.

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