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THE CLASS GIFT

Sunday that energetic member of the Daily Nebraskan staff known as the "Inquiring Reporter" published answers to the question "Would you be in favor of reviving the custom of class gifts at graduation?"

How can you buy a class gift when there is no class, that is in the literal sense? There is no real class in the University. There is a group of students who expect to graduate in 1927, another group who expect to get their sheepskins in 1928, and so on.

It is quite true that a handful of the members of these groups cast a few ballots in the fall and somebody is elected who receives the title of "president of the senior class" or "president of the junior class."

Sometimes if this president is ambitious he may put a notice in The Daily Nebraskan that his class will meet and a still smaller handful of students will get together and pretend to elect officers.

But that is all, merely an old form which is gone through and which means nothing. So why talk about class gifts until you have some classes and some organizations and some money to buy the gifts with?

THE WEST ENTRANCE

In a letter which was published in the "Other Opinions" column Sunday, "E. J. L." criticized the students for blocking the west entrance of the Social Science building so that it is practically impossible for anyone to get through between classes.

The writer was absolutely right in his criticism; the students should clear the way so that others could get through. But he failed to get to the bottom of the thing. The real trouble is that the entrance isn't large enough. Just look at the size of the Social Science building and then look at the west entrance. No wonder it's blocked every hour during the morning.

It is true that there are other entrances to the building, but those too are usually blocked, especially at noon. There is not much choice between the three entrances; it usually takes about five minutes to get out of any of them.

The University is planning a building program. We have seen pictures and models of our future campus and it looks beautiful. Although we do not claim to be architects we beg to offer one suggestion. That is that the entrances be made large enough so that it won't be necessary to wait in line to get out of the buildings.

THE MESSIAH

Wednesday morning an opportunity will be given University students to hear the thirty-first annual presentation of the "Messiah" by the University Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Carrie B. Raymond.

For thirty-one years the presentation of the "Messiah" has been a traditional part of the last week of school preceding the Christmas holidays. It is one of the few institutions in the University which really deserves the title "tradition."

Connected as it is with the biblical story which surrounds the holidays, the "Messiah" always has an unusual appeal at this time of the year. There is no need to appeal to students to attend this event. It is only necessary to call their attention to the time and place, for they know from past experience that this production is well worth their time.

College Press

THE THIRD SEX
(The Daily Kansan.)
The human race is growing more pronouncedly tri-sexual; men, women, and school teachers. And, in the words of the eminent American, C. W. Post, "There's a reason."

a person with mental and moral courage enters the profession, he is soon hounded into submission, or driven out to a position where there is less hostility toward ideas.

The teacher in the elementary and high schools has almost no intellectual freedom. He must let his mind be moulded by the appalling mediocrity of the masses. The Average Man—so much vaunted by democracies—has a chronic phobia for ideas which conflict with the status quo.

If a teacher dares to disagree with the socially dominant class, he is stigmatized a heretic, bolshevik, or nut; and if his non-conformity goes so far that he doesn't believe that Mr. Coolidge is a great statesman, that the constitution of the United States is peerless political document, and that jazz and rolled hose are immoral—if, to repeat, his non-conformity is carried to such an extreme, he is forthwith canned.

The system of reducing teachers to spineless lumps of protoplasm is not confined to elementary schools; it operates in colleges and universities, only, in most cases, is less stultifyingly extreme.

A few months ago, a professor in an eastern university was asked to resign, his offense being that he contributed a poem to the New Masses, a magazine which is non-plutocratic, pro-labor, and "radical," so to speak.

As long as originality and intellectual honesty are the cardinal sins of the teaching profession, it is folly to expect education to be the splendid thing it could be. Not until teachers are emancipated can we expect the schools to be a powerful factor in freeing humanity from bigotry and intolerance, and in making the world safe for an honest man.

Experiment Station Is An Aid To State

(Continued from page one) wheat fully 50 percent on the average.

The station popularized the growing and feeding of alfalfa. When the experiment station workers began feeding alfalfa to horses at the North Platte sub-station, farmers of the region scornfully laughed at them. Tests were conducted on prairie colts using three feeds: alfalfa, cane, and prairie hay. The alfalfa-fed colts developed into heavier and stronger horses.

A series of interesting animal husbandry feed tests in regard to the relation of the age of cattle to their "food efficiency" have been carried on recently. The results indicate possibilities of a complete change in tactics for meat production. The public has been demanding lighter steak.

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Notices

Meeting of Piano and Saxophone Players. Prof. Henry Cox wants all piano students and saxophone players to meet in Library 210, Dec. 15, Wed., 12:45. Meeting will last only a few minutes.

Freshman Basketball. Coach Ernest E. Boerg has issued a call for freshman basketball candidates. Practices will be held every afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Coliseum.

Wrestling. A meeting of all students interested in wrestling—both freshman and varsity—will be held Wednesday at 5 o'clock in the Coliseum in the room under the stage.

Junior-Senior Prom. Meeting of Junior-Senior prom committee Tuesday at 5 p. m. Temple 121.

Mystic Fish. All Freshman girls are invited to attend a tea given by the Mystic Fish in Ellen Smith Hall, from 4 to 6 o'clock Wednesday, December 15. This is one of the first first mixers for Freshman girls as well as being the first social function of the year given by the Mystic Fish.

Green Goblin meeting Tuesday night, December 14, P. J. Kappa Psi house at 7:00. Important meeting. Everybody out!

Math Club. Meeting of the Math Club in Room 212 Social Science, on Thursday, December 16, at 7 o'clock. Talks will be given by Mr. Beyer and Mrs. Reichart.

University Chorus. Final rehearsal for the Messiah will be held Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock in the Armory. Both the men's section and the women's section will practice together.

Student Council. There will be a Student Council Meeting Wednesday at five o'clock in Temple 204.

Lutherans. The Lutheran Bible League will meet for Bible study Wednesday at 7 o'clock. Iota Sigma Pi meeting Wednesday, December 15, at 8:20 p. m. at the Temple Cafeteria.

And comparisons of the feed costs of calves, yearlings, two-year olds, and three-year olds, from the same blood lines have shown that the feed cost increases with age. That is, the calf makes a greater gain from the same ration than the more mature animals. And the calf can be held if the market is bad while the mature animal must be marketed at once.

Feed Tests Are Made. In the 1923-24 experiments on fattening steers of different ages, it was discovered that the feed cost per steer was \$36.05 for calves; \$47.67 for yearlings; \$55.12 for two-year olds, and \$67.62 for three-year olds. The feed cost for one hundred pounds gain in weight varied from \$8.01 for

calves to \$13.08 for three-year olds. Thirty years ago, almost all hogs were fed on water and corn. The result was weak-boned animals. The experiment station made some of the first and most fundamental contributions on the use of protein supplement for the growth and fattening of hogs. As a result of their experiments, improved feeding has produced better fat hogs as well as stronger boned hogs.

The experiment station has been largely responsible for the development of the principles of dry farming and the stabilization of agriculture in the drier sections of the state. In this connection an important feature was the working out, not only the possibilities, but also the limitations of soil tillage, especially in regard to the conservation of moisture.

The University maintains Holstein dairy herds at several points and dairy experiments have produced some very valuable work. The outstanding feature has been breeding for greater milk production. That the experiment station has been successful is shown by the fact that the University herds are giving between five and six times as much on the average as the average Nebraska cow.

Milk Tests Are Made. The average production for twenty-four Holstein cows at the Lincoln farm of the experiment station last year was 17,942 pounds of milk and 810 pounds of butter. The average of the state for all dairy cattle was 3,600 pounds of milk and 150 pounds of butter. The majority of the milk-producing cows of the state are not purebred stock but these figures show the possibilities opened up through experimental breeding. Development in this phase can be

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already completed. They are the results of the best efforts of a staff, most of whose members function as teachers in the College of Agriculture as well as experimenters in the interests of agricultural development. The field of agricultural experimentation is broad. The work must be done carefully, in both a comprehensive and in a detailed manner. But, yearly, it is contributing essential facts and knowledge, which if applied, will advance the general well-

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