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One of the most peculiar things about the University of Nebraska, and we suppose it holds true with other universities as well, is the way in which the student body isolates itself from the outside world. We are so prone to think only of ourselves and our problems that we forget much of what is going on in the outside world.

We are living in a little world of our own, so to speak, which is in many ways similar to the real, the bigger world. But although this similarity does exist, our problems and troubles are so small by comparison that when we get out and face the real problems we are likely to be blinded by their size.

It is all very well for us to take ourselves seriously but the trouble is that too many of us forget that there is anything but the University of Nebraska in existence. What we need to see is the relationship of the University with the rest of the world rather than just the University surrounded, figuratively speaking, by a high wall which we should never go through and over which we should seldom try to peek.

About the best way to determine what a group of persons is thinking about and what it is interested in is to examine the newspaper representing that group. For that purpose let us examine the pages of The Daily Nebraskan as compared with those of the metropolitan press for a moment.

For no special reason at all, let us take the issues of Friday, January 14 for our comparison. For the two most important positions on the front page, the New York Times selected: (1) The troubles in Mexico and Nicaragua and our Latin-American policy; (2) The attempted merger of two of the nation's great railroad systems.

A representative Omaha paper carried the following two headlines in the two most important positions on the paper: "Dry Head Probes Attack by U. S. Agents"; "Criminal Plot for War Upon Mexico Seen." A representative Lincoln paper carried the following headlines: "Stop Force Deal Among Neighbors," referring to our relations with Latin America; "Inquisition into Meeker's Fitness—Governor's Secretary to Submit Case to Neighbors at Imperial."

On the same day The Daily Nebraskan carried the following headlines in the two choice positions: "Close Games Feature Play in Tournament"; "Journalistic Sorority Head is Guest Here."

In order to be impartial let us consider also the editorials. The lead editorial in the New York Times was captioned "Excellent Intentions" and dealt with our relations with Nicaragua. The first editorial in the Omaha paper was entitled "Strange Place for Auto Accidents" and dealt with the enforcement of speed laws. In Lincoln we find an editorial captioned "The Bogy Man" and dealing with our relations with Nicaragua in the lead position. In The Daily Nebraskan that day we lead off with "The Same Old Thing" wherein we bewail the fact that fraternities and sororities wouldn't quit having parties on the nights of Varsity dances.

The Daily Nebraskan is not to be blamed for this, unless it be contended that we should carry national and international news as well as University news. Maybe we should, but that is up to the Publication Board. The deplorable thing is that there are hundreds and hundreds of students who never look at any paper but the Nebraskan and still other hundreds who don't even look at the Nebraskan.

We would be willing to wager that a representative group of University students would know much less about world affairs than a representative group of persons outside of the University who are the same age as the students. Perhaps we are wrong; we would like to be convinced of the fact.

It is pleasing to note the success with which the first issue of the

Prairie Schooner has met. The management reports that all but 50 copies are sold now and that it looks like a complete "sell-out" for Nebraska's new literary magazine.

We wonder what the University of Nebraska would do if she owned an interest in a couple of producing oil wells in the University of Texas does. Perhaps future state legislatures would not have to argue so loud and so long over future appropriations to the University and perhaps new buildings would be added to the campus with a hitherto unthought-of regularity. Even Twelfth street might be paved to the end of the campus.

But the fact that the University of Texas has a good interest in two big oil wells and has built up a permanent building fund of \$5,169,203.46 since the wells were "brought in" does not seem to cause much comment from the southern school. In fact university officials are kicking because in December the revenue to the school from its oil properties fell to ONLY \$182,066.62.

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.

Freedom of the Press

To the Editor: This freedom of the press, where is it? I wrote an article the other day on what's wrong with the university and you didn't print it yet after two weeks. Now the Daily Nebraskan is supposed to be a student newspaper and even if I am not a student myself I know that what I said in my article is what lots of students think. Now I think that you owe it to the students to print my article on what's wrong with the university even if you leave out the part about the Daily Nebraskan and the faculty; but if you do print it and leave those parts out I will know that it is because the Daily Nebraskan does not have the freedom of the press and that it is being dictated to by other interests and if you don't print it at all I will know the same only more so. Now, editor, I'm not saying that it is all your fault but if you are being dictated to by outside interests why don't you be a man and print it and then resign the editor down in Texas who insisted as a matter of principle on the freedom of the press. I dare you to print my article on what's wrong with the university and if you do I will write another one and expose lots of things that are still worse. This second article which I will write if you take my dare I can have finished and proofread by the first week after spring vacation. So don't keep on being a spineless creature.

College Press

"THE BIG NEWS OF 1926" (The Minnesota Daily) With the growth of the daily newspaper in this country in the last fifty years there has developed with it two definite extremes in the manner of handling news. The first and most distasteful of all is the lurid, yellow type which plays with glaring headlines upon one large story each day. True, every large daily "high spots" one big story each day, but there are different tastes in this regard and it is the "yellow sheet" which represents the extremes to which a paper goes to get readers. On the other hand there is a small coterie of newspapers which cultivate, to the extreme of eccentricity, the idea of giving every story, no matter what its comparative value, the same consideration. Here the streamer headline is dropped and the front page has no high spots save those inherent in the make-up of any newspaper. As mannerisms in newspaper make-up vary, so do editorial opinions as to what constitutes a good story—one that will be worthy of a



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Notices

Wednesday, January 19

Lutherans
The Lutheran Bible League will meet for Bible study at 7 p. m. Wednesday in Faculty Hall.

Blind Students
All members of the Men's Commercial club and the Girl's Commercial club are urged to attend the dinner at the Grand Hotel, Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock.

Student Council
Meeting in Temple 204 Wednesday at 5 o'clock.

Alpha Zeta
The picture for the Cornhusker will be taken at the Campus Studio at 12:30 o'clock, Jan. 19.

Men's Commercial Club
Men's Commercial Club dinner at the Grand Hotel 6:15 Wednesday, January 19. All members be there.

Thursday, January 20

Physical Education Club
Luncheon Thursday noon, January 20, at Grand Hotel. Sign on Bulletin board for reservations.

Delta Sigma Pi-Alpha Kappa Psi
dinner at the Grand 6:00, Thursday, January 20.

Friday, January 21

Komensky Klub
A program of entertainment will be given Friday January 21, in Temple 204, at 8:15. All Czech students cordially invited.

Saturday, January 22

Palladian Literary Society
Open meeting, Saturday, January 22, at 8:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Miscellaneous

Nebraska Engineering Society
The date for the Cornhusker picture is postponed until Thursday, Feb. 1 at 12 o'clock.

"N Girls"

Cornhusker pictures wearing N's must be taken within two weeks. Townsend studio.

W. A. A. Board
Make appointment immediately for Cornhusker picture if necessary!

seven-column head a day and a million words of discussion a week. In an article in the New Republic for January 12, Mr. Charles Merz has made a survey of the opinions of six editors from different parts of the country as to what they considered the biggest story they handled in 1926. Of course none of the six agree on any one story but the six listed represent very well what things interest the great newspaper reading public. Generally speaking these interests run to death, war, fist fights, sex, strikes, trans-continental and polar air-flights.

A survey of this kind has quite justifiably lead Mr. Merz to conclude that the interest of the people is grounded in conflict and novelty. Conflict between man and man, between different groups in society, between nations, between ideas, and between man and the elements. This generalization has struck at the root interest of men. In stage drama it is conflict intensely bitter, or intensely humorous that grips the greatest number—from the orchestra box to the gallery, men will respond as one to a play that successfully dramatizes conflict. So it is with that greater stage play—everyday life. We read with interest the stories of another man's struggle whether he be the loser or the victor, be his battleground what it may.

Writing for the newspaper public and deciding what it wants has come to be a science. The past has worked out a definite range of general interest and time and test have proven that rather limited range almost infallible. But, in adhering to this fixed idea of news interest, the editor lays himself open to the most violent criticism from those who are interested in his position only from literary, moral or "moulding" point of view. Many there are who believe that the editor should be some manner of preacher who carefully selects that which he shall present to his public—thinking not of what they want but rather of what they should want. True, the best journalist has a well defined standard of values; he must think beyond the mere interests of his public. The editor is, in a way, the servant of his public, but he is by no means its serf. The determining factor is that the successful newspaper is the one which gives the public what it most wants to read.

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It is not to be denied that there are editors on leading daily newspapers who are willing to corrupt their position and betray their public. These are the "yellow" journalists, but they are in the minority. For it has been proven that it is possible to conduct a daily newspaper successfully without pandering to the base, or coloring the news to a lurid sensational hue.

What would seem to be the best position for an editor? What would be the right one in the face of these sweeping currents? It seems that the ideal editor is the one who reserves his opinion, his moralizing instincts for his editorial page, and divorces that element entirely from the news side. Taking the news as it breaks, featuring it as he thinks it best from a news and a commercial point of view, keeping before him his duty as a news editor to give his public the story.

(Daily Californian)

Which is the most dangerous sport? Is it football, boxing, polo, hockey, bull-fighting, auto-racing—or any one of the other thrillers in which serious accident occur? Without going into vital statistics of the case, or for that matter even attempting to answer the question, let us look over a few of the aforementioned sports and see where-in the danger lies.

Football is still a dangerous sport—and no game of violent personal contact between two teams of red-blooded youths can be without occasional injuries—but the present game, even though it is played harder than ever before and by a great many more men and boys, has fewer serious injuries than twenty years ago. The answer lies not only in the absence of mass plays, but in the fact that the training methods of today are so much better, and the players are in vastly superior condition when game time comes around. Eighteen players were killed in 1905 and about 160 were injured, but you heard of very few fatalities or serious hurts during the recent football season.

Auto-racing has its good and its bad years. In one season, 1924, six "Knights of the Roaring Road" were killed. The loss of Jimmy Murphy, Joe Boyer, Dario Resta, Ernie Ansterberg, Earl Wilson, and Ralph Thomas have been unequalled before or since.

Boxing has suffered very few fatalities. Incidents such as the deaths of Frankie Jerome and Clever

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Sencio, indirectly caused by Bud Taylor, are few and far between. The supervision of the various boxing commissions is usually too strict to permit an unconditioned fighter to enter the ring. Jess Willard's case was different. A "man-mountain" of his size and strength was liable to kill anyone he hit with full force.

As far as baseball goes, it's a wonder more pitchers and infielders weren't killed when the "rabbit-ball" was in vogue. Ray Chapman's tragic death, after being hit by one of Carl May's underhand shoots, is the only fatal accident that can be recalled.

Ice-hockey attracts crowds because it is thrilling and dangerous, but the records show very few fatal injuries from this slashing game. Bull-fighting is no game for a weak heart—or a weak stomach, either. Lacrosse and polo take their toll of victims, but according to Pedlar Palmer's son, who was in America recently, the cruelest thing in sports, next to cock-fighting, is the annual Grand National Steeplechase in England. Photos showing the jumps at Aintree remind one of a troop of cavalry under machine-gun fire.

Two Years Ago

The State Journal plant was visited by the Industrial Art Projects class of Teachers College. The purpose of the trip was to illustrate the present studies of the class on printing and book-binding.

The Kearney club of the university held a dinner at the Grand hotel for about thirty-five of its members and guests. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Elliott of Kearney were guests. Mr. Elliott is a member of the state legislature. Lee Wells gave a talk on his recent trip to China and Miss Esther Anderson, club sponsor, spoke briefly.

Dr. H. H. Marvin, chairman of the department of Physics, was a speaker at the meeting of Sigma Xi, in the Physical Laboratory.

Assignment Group Revising Schedules

(Continued from page one) with assignment to classes placed in the hands of a committee is a decided improvement over the old registration method which was similar to the present freshman registration and which was characterized by a great

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deal of confusion and a resultant loss of valuable time both to waiting students and to those in charge.

Under the present system, a number of graduate students and undergraduates do the clerical and card filing work under the supervision of the committee; and representatives of the different colleges, in close touch with the situation, are called in to handle the difficulties which arise in connection with specific cases in their colleges. The introduction of the test schedules now used has reduced the number of conflicts to a minimum.

Fees will be paid next week at the Armory, new students will register Friday, January 28, and the Assignment committee will meet in the Temple February 1, to consider any changes in schedule, reasons for which must be very urgent or they will not be considered.

GREEK PHOTOGRAPHS FOR YEARBOOK SLOW

Manager of Annual Says Pictures Must Be Taken by February 1; Groups Nearly Complete

"Fraternity and sorority pictures for the 1927 Cornhusker are being taken much too slowly," the editor of the year book said yesterday. "Unless the members of these organizations have their portraits made in the very near future, they will necessarily be left out. The dead-line for these pictures is February 15."

Group pictures are being taken at a fairly rapid rate, it was learned in the Cornhusker office. The majority of the organizations have either had their sittings or have made arrangements with the photographer. Those that have not done anything about their appointment will be called

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ed by members of the Cornhusker staff within the next week. "It is imperative," stated Kenneth Cook, associate editor of the annual, "that these appointments be made before February 1, if at all possible. The last possible time for sittings is February 15, but arrangements must be made for the pictures before the first of the month."

Jones is urging all cadet officers to have their pictures taken immediately in order that the section may be finished as soon as possible. In previous years, this section has delayed the printing of the book to a great extent, a thing the present staff is endeavoring to avoid.

Eleven alumni of the University of Wisconsin are now college presidents and five are normal school presidents.

Students in journalism at the University of Wisconsin wrote 15,872 column inches of news for Madison and other Wisconsin newspapers during the college year 1925-26.

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