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TEN CENTS EACH

Two years ago the state legislature appropriated money for a new hospital building for the medical college at Omaha. University authorities had planned to equip this building with modern hospital fixtures, beds, and other items out of current maintenance funds. The governor slashed this part of the budget so low that it will be impossible to equip the nearly completed building out of these funds.

Faced with the prospect of allowing a brand-new building to lie idle for two years for lack of money to equip it, the University is backing a bill which would appropriate \$125,000 for the needed equipment.

The proposition comes down to a question of good business judgment.

The state of Nebraska has several hundred thousand dollars invested in a splendid medical college. It has probably more than that invested in a high class student body and a superior faculty. The new hospital addition was intended to provide these students and faculty members with badly needed hospital facilities in order to make possible still better and more varied medical training. \$250,000 has been invested in the new building. Some more money is now needed to make that building usable.

The health of the state is in great measure in the hands of competent medical men trained at the state medical college. Any investment by the people in that plant yields a never-ending return, not only in good doctors and physicians but in the mere presence of an organized scientific plant where unsolved diseases may be studied and cures perhaps discovered. Probably no other college of the University has a faculty and student body so dead in earnest and so devoted to the ideals of the profession it represents.

So much for the intangible returns from the medical college and the hospital which is run in connection with it.

While the hospital is primarily for use as a laboratory under the ever-present direction of the best men in the profession, the fact must not be disregarded that it is also in large measure a state institution serving in a field for which there are no facilities in many parts of the state.

As Dean J. Jay Keegan has described it, the hospital "is in reality a State Hospital of the highest type, rendering a service to the entire state worth over three quarters of a million dollars annually. It is operated day and night, Sundays, holidays and through the summer months when the college is not in session."

Patients treated in the hospital come from practically all parts of the state. Many have to be refused at present because there is not enough room. The present facilities are overloaded to such an extent that often there is not room enough for emergency cases.

The people served are in great part those who could not afford to pay the regular private fees, and who would become public charges. Dean Keegan is particularly insistent, however, that the hospital is not a charity institution. Every patient is asked to pay a reasonable sum, as his means permit—both for the sake of the state which should not be forced to donate everything, and for the sake of the self-respect of the patients themselves. The fees charged are for maintenance of the hospital alone, for food and laundry. The medical service is given free by the physicians and surgeons who make up the faculty of the college.

In a total proposed appropriation of nearly 12 million for all departments of the state, the sum of \$125,000 for this invaluable service is almost a negligible proportion of the whole. It amounts in fact to less than 10 cents each for every man and woman in the state.

It will be thrifty judgment on the part of the legislature if this bill is passed.

Professor Schramm of the geology department has had a lot of experience with fossils. Perhaps he can put some life into the Interfraternity Council.

TOO BUSY AND TOO HAPPY

Nine college students within recent weeks have committed suicide.

That this is an unusually large number of college suicides cramped into a short time is indicated by the wide-spread publicity in the press, and in the large number of editorial comments.

The wave of self-destruction has prompted quite a number of sage editorials. Some of these editorials have been quite alarming in nature. Others have passed out philosophic advice plentifully mixed with heroic poetic feeling. A few have soberly reflected that the suicide rate among students in spite of this apparent increase may be about the same as in the population in general.

None of the editors (as is often the wont of the editorial page) have bothered, it seems, to look up any actual statistics as basis for their judgment.

The latest available figures given in the world almanac are for 1923. At that time there were approximately 725,000 students. The suicide rate per 100,000 population was 11.6. This would mean that among the 725,000 students there might be expected about 84 suicides. There are no figures to show actually how many there were.

The figures for 1926 probably show a larger student enrollment than in 1923. If the suicide rate at large remained about the same, it might be safe to hazard an expectation of 100 student suicides, or about 8 a month.

The record of 9 in four or five weeks, is evidently several times the normal number or so much attention would not be given the matter. It is safe to assume, then, that the average student suicide rate is well under the average rate of the general population.

This assumption is probably all the more true when it is recalled that college life is in the great majority of cases the happiest, most thrilling, most wonderful, curiously-satisfying period of a person's life.

The average suicide is probably the result of ex-

cessive worry over one thing or other, with plenty of time in which to do that worrying.

The college student is ordinarily so busy with his school work, his activities, his athletics, his dating, and his general love of life that he doesn't have much time for morbid thoughts of self-destruction.

All in all, college is probably the safest place in the world for the one with any tendencies at all toward self-murder.

The flood of Farmers' Fair committees has at last subsided. They must have worn out the directory.

NO GRAVEYARD HERE

These are the days when the columns of The Daily Nebraskan contain frequent mention of elections to honorary fraternities and societies of all manner and degree.

The justification for existence of groups which set themselves up as superior to all who have not been elected to smell of the secret candelabrum, is probably debatable. Yet, a group, once organized, has a will to live which beats in tenacity that of any nine-lived cat that ever prowled this earth.

Especially does an honorary tenaciously cling to life if there is an inherited deficit in the treasury of the bond. Most of them have a deficit.

Since they have a harder time dying than a turtle, and are harder to kill than a two-horned rhinoceros, they will probably be with us forever.

So we have the honoraries. More are born every year. None ever die.

"Fewer and simpler" is a wiser party slogan than "more and better."

In Other Columns

Honor System

One reads frequently now that the honor system has failed at another college or university. It seems that, as fine as the plan is in theory, it is not practical. Ohio State tried it several years ago and finally scrapped it. There seems to be something in the human make up that makes students want to get a good grade on examinations whether they do it honestly or not.

This may or may not be a sad commentary on human nature, but is coming to be recognized as truth. —Ohio State Lantern

The Way of All Flesh

Somebody said that women would be better occupied if they would cease constructing traps and build a few cages. While this is undoubtedly a very pretty axiom, an empty cage was never worth much.

Every woman is justified in setting traps. Her success in life usually hinges upon her catch. The funny part about it is that men usually like to get caught. A few see how many traps they can snap without getting hurt, but most, when they feel the bite of the steel about their heart, sink down in blissful stolidity.

No one objects to a woman abbreviating her dress, both in length and in thickness, providing she does it to catch a husband. No one objects to marcel and make-up when it makes the woman easier to look at. The big kick comes in when co-eds commercialize their art in order to get better grades.

Perhaps, to be fair to all, the university should employ only farsighted professors so that those in the back seats would stand an equal chance with those in the front row! —The Daily Iowan

4 a. m. Dances

For those who like to do things differently and delight in finding loopholes in rules and laws, we have a new suggestion.

It had its origin in Iowa at Drake University, did this plan. Rules there stipulate just how dances may be held and when they must end. All went well and the rules were obeyed strictly though perhaps some of the students did not like them. All went well until some student found a loop hole—the rules for social functions prescribed very clearly just when these functions should end, but not one word was said about when they should begin.

Accordingly one fraternity upset all traditions and gave a 4 a. m. breakfast dance. More than two hundred students and a few faculty members turned out for this event. And now Drake University is wondering just when the next morning dance will be held.

It is possible that the same thing might be done on this campus, but the rules of the Council on Student Affairs, while prescribing no definite time at which social functions shall start, state that they must be held on Friday or Saturday night and the word "night" probably would stop any dance such as was put on at Drake University.

Nevertheless, the scheme has its advantages. A morning dance would get students up early when nothing else would. They would be much fresher and peppier at a 4 a. m. dance than at one at 8 or 9 p. m. It would enable the dance orchestras to work two shifts and double their income, too. And, since part of the dance would be by daylight, it would save on electric bills.

Notwithstanding all these advantages, we hardly expect to have a 4 a. m. dance announced in this territory for some time. —Ohio State Lantern

The Eternal Feminine

Girls seem bent on demonstrating that they can make good at robbing banks. Possibly it is true, as the protagonists of feminism insist, that a girl can do anything that a boy can do. Still the experience of that South Dakota girl tends to confirm the impression that there is something in the feminine temperament which is a serious handicap to success in a bank robbing career.

The South Dakota girl went at the job in a methodical, business-like, bank-robbing manner. She first made an estimate of the situation and then adopted a plan of action, based on that estimate. She found that tools would be necessary and decided to get them in a way that would not only produce the tools but give her a little preliminary experience. So she robbed a garage first. Arriving at the bank, she cut the telephone wires as all good burglars do.

Everything seemed to work out according to plan until she approached the final objective, that is the money. The enemy in the form of the vault put up a stubborn resistance. And she hadn't the ingenuity to cope with this unexpected emergency. Never having robbed a bank we don't know precisely what a man would have done under the same circumstances. In general we think he would have called up reserves or beat an orderly retreat. Not so this girl. She just went over and sat down on the stairs and cried. And there the night watchman found her.

It wasn't the impregnability of the vault which proved her undoing. And it wasn't the vigilance of the night watchman. It was the eternal feminine.

To this girl and to all others of a like mind we would suggest gold digging as much safer and much more suited to the feminine style. Tears are an asset in a divorce or breach of promise suit. In bank robbing they are a total loss. —The World-Herald, Omaha

Notices

MISCELLANEOUS

Frats Picture
 All Frats wanting group photos should make reservations at Campus Studio by next week to get rates of \$4.00. After March 1 rates will be \$5.00 per group.
 P. E. O.

All P. E. O. students are requested to meet Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 4 p. m. in Social Science Hall.

Scandinavian Club
 Banquet Grand Hotel, Monday, Feb. 21, 1927, 4:30 p. m.
 Junior and Senior Managers
 Junior and senior managers of all sports meet at campus studio Monday at 12:15 for picture for Cornhusker.

Weekly Radio Talks Will Be Given

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An average, eight or nine different kinds of work before he finally settles down to his life occupation or profession. That young people may profit by the experience of men and women who have risen to prominence in their especial lines of activity and avoid as far as possible the necessity of trying so many different kinds of work is the purpose of the series of talks, according to the committee's announcement.

"This series is frankly an innovation in educational work," the announcement continues. "In no other states, so far as can be determined, has any agency undertaken to furnish for high school girls and boys such obviously necessary information."

"This adoption of radio for a slightly different phase of educational work is distinctly a forward step. It becomes possible for big business men, successful farmers, eminent professional men, and leaders in all other lines of business and professional activity to speak directly and personally to this energetic, unseen audience of young people who will be the leaders of Nebraska in future years."

"This series of talks was arranged with the definite hope that the speakers may bring facts and suggestions of the greatest possible value to the young people of the state, so that each one may choose a life work with the highest prospects for success and happiness."

"It is the hope that this method of education by example will enable our young people to think straight and to choose wisely the lines of work upon which they may enter happily and effectively. Then the great state of Nebraska can boast of a new citizenship well prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities and to enjoy the privileges that accrue to successful citizenship in a great commonwealth. It is with this larger dream that this project is most confidently dedicated."

Gayle C. Walker, acting director of the school of journalism of the University, is chairman of the group which arranged the series of talks, the committee on education of the junior division of the Lincoln chamber of commerce.

Steamship University

The steamship university, whose campus is the entire globe, is proving successful. The university has formed an unrestricted honor system and complete student government which has proven quite successful. Study is graphically illustrated in travel. At all the tropical stops there are rich opportunities for plant study. The study of navigation goes on at all times, while the classes in astronomy are to be found at night peering into the tropical heavens. When the Ryndam, the name given to this steamship university, visits a port near which a university is located athletic contests are held between the land and the sea scholars.

SENIOR LEADER TO BE ELECTED NEXT TUESDAY

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ures of this kind must be taken," declared Glenn Buck, chairman of the Student Council when interviewed by the Nebraskan reporter late Saturday evening. "but we feel, as a body, that in justice to students and to the student candidates in the race, every possible measure must be taken to do away with dishonesty. A great deal of time will be spent on the formulation of rules for the spring election," he continued. "We hope to get in touch with other universities of the size of this institution and perhaps can obtain useful election methods from them. We sincerely hope that it will never be necessary for us to have to take such action as this again."

Robert Stephens of University Place and Richard Brown of Holdrege are the two candidates filing for the position of senior class president.

Council members in charge of the election Tuesday will be: Eloise Mac-Ahan, Sylvia Lewis, Ernestine McNeil, Emmerson Mead, Richard Vette Simpson Morton, Jim Jensen and Esther Zinnecker.

Y. M. C. A. WORKERS REPORT ON MEETING

the spring of the year. There were several other speakers of the evening who emphasized the fact that the Y. M. C. A. was a promoter of clean sports and athletics.

Nicholls Main Speaker

Friday morning Mr. Nicholls spoke again on the interrelation of the Boys', Young Men's, and Student Departments of the Y. M. C. A. He pointed out the fact that the work was not to help young men and boys, but so they could help themselves. Friday afternoon was well taken up with business matters and there were special conferences by groups. John Allison presided at these conferences and discussed the possibilities of students doing community work with boys. A thorough plan was presented for doing work in cities in which there are associations and those in which there are not.

At the closing banquet Friday night, Flecher S. Brockman, who is one of the international secretaries

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of the Y. M. C. A., told of the situation as it exists today in China and of the interests of the Y. M. C. A. there. Mr. Brockman has headed the association work in China for eighteen years. His address consisted of relating experiences in the orient, telling of the present ruination in the country and of the work that the Y. M. C. A. had done there. Wade Reeves, of Omaha, was also on Friday's program, giving a report of the World Conference at Helsingfors, Finland, last year.

The convention was well attended by representatives from all over the state in every branch of Y. M. C. A. work. The meeting place for next year has not been decided upon. This matter is left to the decision of state council. J. Dean Rinyer, of Omaha was elected president of this meeting. Mr. Ringer is Postmaster at Omaha and a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

Complete information regarding the summer sessions can be obtained by writing the Director of the Summer Session, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Neihardt Consents To Aid "Schooner" Staff

John G. Neihardt, Nebraska's poet laureate and noted writer, has consented to serve as one of the advisory editors of the Prairie Schooner, newly established quarterly literary magazine at the University. Mr. Neihardt is now literary and dramatic critic for a St. Louis newspaper.

Courses Announced For Summer School Freshmen Laws To Study In Research

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part in Rural Education in the South. His work in Montgomery County, Alabama, has attracted the attention of educators in every state of the country. Mr. Harman will conduct two classes dealing with rural education for a period of two weeks, and, in addition give some general lectures.

Dr. Reginald Charles McGrane, Professor of History and head of the Department of History at the University of Cincinnati, has taught three summers at Nebraska and is well known. He is prominent in history circles as editor of The Middle Papers and author of two other books, "The Panic of 1837" and "The Life of William Allen."

Dr. Louis Martin Sears, Professor of American History at Purdue University, has specialized in diplomatic history, and has in manuscript "A History of American Diplomacy," which will soon be published. He is well known in Indiana as an effective teacher and an able public speaker.

Dr. W. M. Gewehr, Professor of History and head of the Department of History at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, served as exchange professor of history in the Boxer In- demnity University (Taing Hua), at Peking, China, in 1924-25. He also traveled extensively in Japan and Korea.

Contents Of Museum Being Moved Slowly

The museum staff is gradually proceeding with the task of moving the thousands of specimens from the old building to the recently-completed Morrill hall. F. E. Collins, assistant curator, is already established in his new office.

FORMER INSTRUCTORS TO MAKE TRIP ABROAD

Miss Rath McMill, formerly an assistant in the department of geography, and now an instructor in geography in the University of Oklahoma, and Miss Vera Rigdon, instructor in geography in the state teachers college at Cedar Falls, Ia., are planning to make a trip to Europe next summer.

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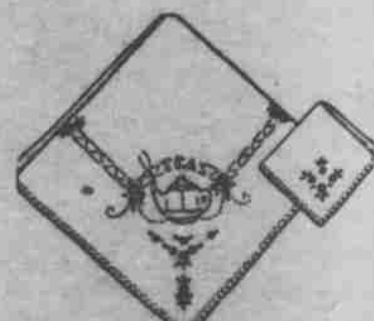


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