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SCHOLARSHIP OR ACTIVITIES

Scholarship or activities, which? That's a question often confronting college students. It is a question especially troublesome for those of a reflective nature, who try to evaluate the different components of their college life and to decide which is most worthy to concentrate on. Others who do not reflect on the situation slide into their particular grooves without any mental struggle, and come out either book worms or rah rah, bonfire boosters, as the case may be.

That activities, athletics and all the other extracurricular pastimes are of some value goes without saying. If they were altogether useless, no self-respecting college would permit them to continue year after year.

But activities, athletics, and all the other sparetime hobbies of college students are not the characteristic features of college life. The proof for this is quite simple. College could get along fairly well without these features, and still be a college in the full sense of the word. At the same time all the essential features of activities and athletics could be (and are) carried out quite efficiently in other walks of life—back home in church, Y. M. C. A., national guard, dinner club, hunting club, country club, on the job and other secular activities.

Scholarship, however, except for elementary stages in high school and academy, is a thing peculiar to college, and seldom found elsewhere. In other words it is practically impossible to concentrate on scholarship, or even to come in contact with scholars, except at some institution of higher learning.

Since scholarship is the real characteristic and important feature of college life, as contrasted with activities, athletics, and other side shows, there can be but one decision for the thinking student if he is here to get the real meat of college life, and that is, to concentrate first and last on scholarship, and to consider activities and the other sparetime hobbies purely secondary.

That such a decision in the end is worthwhile is indicated by the life records of Phi Beta Kappa graduates who as a group concentrated most on scholarship in their college days.

Quoting from a pamphlet recently published by Phi Beta Kappa we have the following impressive showing:

Of the secretaries of state since Washington formed his first cabinet, fifteen have been Phi Beta Kappa men; of the great Americans included in the Hall of Fame, nearly one half belonged to the society; of all those in the long roll of Who's Who, Phi Beta Kappa has supplied one in five; it has in fact provided leaders, thinkers, poets, orators, statesmen, and scientists not only out of all proportion to its members, but so astoundingly beyond expectations as to impress one with a sense of wonder. With a total membership of not more than one in three thousand—three one-hundredths of one percent—of the population, Phi Beta Kappa has furnished nearly one half of the nation's famous men and over one hundred times its quota to the leaders of the state, the bench, the bar, art, letters, and affairs.

That's quite a record. It may help some students solve the question: scholarship or activities?

The Engineers and Farmers have their weeks but this week-end will be enough for the journalists. You ought to see the copy roll out of U Hall while the tournament is on.

COLORADO PARTIES

Students who think that the social life of the University is not a matter of concern to the taxpayers of the state should take a hint from the present situation in Colorado.

The whole educational appropriation program in Colorado is in an uproar at present, but the basis of the trouble is antagonism to the University of Colorado due in part to the excessive social expenses which have been permitted at that institution.

Representatives from all over Colorado have been active in their opposition to the state university. They have not forgotten the publicity attached to the Junior Prom held there a few months ago, for which the students were estimated to have spent \$7,000. Opposition has also developed to the other state supported schools of higher education in Colorado. But the feeling of the state's representatives is not running nearly as high against the Agricultural and Teacher colleges of Colorado, largely because of the more reasonable social life conducted by those schools.

Most of the citizens of the state are willing to recognize that a certain amount of time and money may reasonably be devoted to social activities. But it is hard to convince the hard-working taxpayer that expensive party after expensive party is an absolute necessity to the proper development of the University student.

If the students of the university fail to realize the other fellow's viewpoint, fail to see how the wage-earner looks on excessive social expenditures, the University of Nebraska will be in danger of incurring the same animosity that has been aroused in Colorado and possibly in other states.

The situation is not at all crucial as yet. Although Nebraska's social system is suffering from acute pangs by several spots, they have not as yet endangered outside forces to any great extent. The greatest danger lies in the failure of the student body to realize how outsiders look on the University's social system.

The Daily Nebraskan has opposed certain tendencies in the present social life of the University, not to oppose social life in general, but to assist those students who have awakened to the possibilities of excessive and unwarranted tendencies in the present social

system, in their efforts to correct the troubles before the situation has gotten entirely out of hand. It is entirely a matter for student thought and action. If the students fail to take care of the situation in a reasonable way, then there will inevitably be a reaction from some other source which will be likely to be injurious not only to the social system but to the University as a whole.

We're highly in favor of the earlier and better movement inaugurated in serenades this spring.

STUDENT OPINION

In recent years the college press of the country has reflected a continuous and ever increasing demand for liberty of expression on the part of college students. Unfortunately, this demand has been made without any consideration of what the results of such freedom of opinion and expression might be. The whole campaign for student independence in their oral and written expression has been based on two factors, that they have the right to think and that they should have the right to express the results of their thoughts.

Few would deny the students the right to think. Fundamentally, that is what they come to university for. Unfortunately, the tendency of the advocates of free and unlimited student expression has been apparently, not to think, but to re-echo the sentiments of representatives of other groups with whom they have been in contact. Examples of this tendency have been innumerable.

One recent example is the case of the Milwaukee student conference held last Christmas. Nebraska was well represented at the conference. The bulk of the delegation came back proclaiming the students' right to think for themselves. But curiously enough, the major portion of these same students were giving as their sentiments, almost verbatim remarks of various speakers heard at Milwaukee. In some cases the students had really thought things out for themselves. But in many cases, they had merely accepted without question the affirmations of the speakers who had addressed them.

All of this leads to the principal difficulty in allowing students unlimited freedom of expression. In the first place, the university student is immature. He is not only immature mentally but he has spent the bulk of his life within the walls of the classroom and is hardly qualified to deal with world affairs from experience.

In the second place, the university student is going through a training process. His ideas are constantly being confronted by new facts. The student is faced with the problem of adjusting his ideas to the new facts uncovered or of entirely changing his ideas. As a result the average student, if he lives in a world of ideas, lives in a constantly changing world. What he thought a month ago may be at entire variance with what he thinks today. And the thought of today may be entirely altered by a new viewpoint of things which he may gain tomorrow.

It is well for the student to think. But in a life in which his thoughts are steadily being brought under the fire of new ideas, it is often just as well to restrain himself in his desire to express his opinion. At least if he does express himself, he should realize that it is just a temporary expression, indicating his present state of development. He should realize that it is not all-important but merely the expression of one student.

Student opinion is valuable, but only so long as we remember that it is student opinion. For the sake of one's own opinion, it seems that students should be interested in restraining their expression, that they may not make fools of themselves, as in demanding the right to fully express themselves.

In Other Columns

That Certain Professor

* There is an instructor in the University whose office is seldom empty. Students are cordially—in every sense of the word—invited and urged to come to him for consultation, one which lacks by far the morbid formality of ordinary "consultations," whenever they find it convenient and he expects to be there; and students come and have come again.

Every day in class, that professor announces at what time he expects to be in his office that day. He has found it pays, for student and professor alike.

That professor is doing the University a great good.

The Working Student

It gives many of us a thrill to read about the great men in the news-feature stories of the day who started life as a newsboy. Many are the times that we peruse an article which tells of how the outstanding individual "got his start" by selling newspapers on the streets of "_____". Many of us, perhaps, will get no further on the track of advancement than the newsboy, figuratively, but at least it is consoling to know that some have started in the "pit" which produced many successful men. But then there are those who got their "starts" in other ways.

But all, you will notice, who started in the lower pit have roared forth with that mighty motor of determination; raced around the circular track of life with bellowing, flaming assertions; opened exhausts of self-belief, pressed on the accelerators of initiative, and sped across the line of true leadership and successfulness with the purr of a motor of determination that has put forth its best.

And thousands, yes, hundreds of thousands of those individuals of the great populace of America—college students—now are in the depths of the pit from which they must roar forth. It is true that many will stay there with dirty sparkplugs, bad casings, shattered engines, but many of them will spurt from the pit to the circular track and speed on until they reach the tape.

To that group of American college students who are working their way thru the various institutions of these United States, a tribute as high, if not greater than the one to the man who started as a newsboy, will be due someday. You now read of the great leaders who waited on tables, fired furnaces, cleaned houses and swept floors so that they might gain a more comprehensive education.

And in years to come you will read of these men and women. They are those who now have the foundation of the world at their command. And they are those who will apply the upper stones to the foundation and progress!

Why it is that some of these students should be apprehended in carrying out their intentions of ambitious resolve is more than we can comprehend. Of course, no person would do it thoughtlessly, yet many are those who have gone before and be self-styled "self-made men," but yet they should not make it difficult for those who now are striving as they did in days of yore.

Even these persons remember the days of hardship thru which they existed. Might not it have been in a prairie schooner when the strip was opened in Oklahoma? Might not it have been in earlier days than those, or in days later when privation and hardships still were prevalent?

A majority of those persons who are acquainted with conditions then, now are in sympathy with the youth of today who must strive for existence. That is as it should be.

Notices

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Corn-cobs
 Corn-cobs report to Jimmy Lewis in the Athletic Offices and check out programs to be sold at the tournament. All Fresh-man Cobs must sell at these games.
Dellans Literary Society
 The Dellans Literary Society will hold an open meeting in Temple 202 Friday evening, 8:30.
Palladian Literary Society
 There will be an open meeting, Friday at 8:30 p. m. Members of the Junior class are in charge of the program.
Lutherans
 The Lutheran Bible League will have its next social on Friday the 11, the parish hall of Trinity church in 13 and H. You are welcome.
Junior-Senior Prom
 Junior-Senior Prom committee picture at 12:30 o'clock Friday noon at the Campus Studio.
Union Literary Society
 There will be an open meeting of the Union Literary Society in Union Hall, Friday March 11. The Annual Boy's program will be put on by the boys of the society. All games will also be managed by the boys. Everyone is invited to attend.
 C. E. Burdz "Z" has been elected departmental chairman for Engineer's Week.
Komenski Klub
 An entertainment will be given Friday evening March 11 in 204 Temple Bldg. After the program a lunch will be served and there will be fun for all.
School of Journalism
Basketball Correspondence Bureau
 Students are directed to watch the bulletin board in U105A early Friday morning for assignment to second-round games; and for the semi-finals, early Friday afternoon. Assignments for the final round of play will be posted Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

French Club
 French Club meets 7:30 Saturday in Temple 202.

MISCELLANEOUS

Notice to Engineers
 All departments are requested to select their departmental chairman for engineers week.

"A complete report for every home newspaper" is the slogan of the School of Journalism this week.

With the exception of the last few classes, all tournament games are being held in the Coliseum.

Speaking of Good Eats

how does this sound—Virginia Ham baked in cider, mashed or baked potatoes, creamed corn, peas or fresh carrots, toasted pecan mayonnaise sandwich and caramel pudding and coffee. Meals 25c to \$1.00

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Dinner—When Do You Eat It?

Perhaps no two words in the English language are more variously interpreted than "dinner" and "supper". To a great many, dinner means the meal eaten near midday. To many others the noon meal is merely "lunch" or "luncheon", the longer word implying a longer price paid for the meal.

One rule of interpretation says that time does not enter into the definitions of dinner and supper, but the character of the meal eaten at noon determines whether it is lunch or dinner. And so, too, as to the evening meal, its nature will tell you whether to call it dinner or supper.

That is to say, a meal consisting of Soup, Entree, Roast, Relishes, Salads and Desserts, is dinner, whether you eat it at noon, at five o'clock or seven-thirty in the evening.

So that if you eat a full meal at noon, you have dined. And your evening meal, perhaps of cold meats, sandwiches, and other somewhat informal dishes, is supper.

But, after all, names do not count for so much. The big question is, do you enjoy the meal?

At the Central Cafe the mimeographed menus are seldom marked; but the character of the food offered is such that you may eat "dinner" any time after eleven o'clock in the forenoon to about three o'clock in the afternoon. Or you may have dinner any time from five to eight o'clock in the evening. Or you may call the latter "supper" if you prefer—the menu gives you a wide choice of foods.

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LISTEN LADIES

Doesn't it seem good to see the old home town again? All of MY home town is here, and of course we are out showing them the best of times. If you want to know where to take the girls shopping for the best of values, just read on kind reader, read on.

Spring Vacation Time Is Coming

Take something home at spring vacation time that will make mother and dad look twice and then say, "My, but doesn't OUR daughter look nice?" Of course the first thing that they look at is your face, and the logical conclusion is that YOU must have a new hat. Right you are, you certainly must, and you will be even more right if you go down to Hovland Swanson to select it. For instance there is green and tan lattice work straw, as soft as it can be, to pull down close over your eyes. Then there is a new silk beanie hat that no matter how small a space you pack it in it WON'T wrinkle. Yet it has style and comes up smiling every time. No matter what you want you'll find it at Hovland Swanson's.

Last Night It Rained--

and this morning when Elice happened into the Vogue Beauty Shoppe—that new place at 1216 M street—she saw something that completely convinced her that a permanent was not a luxury but a necessity. Mr. Cooney was just cutting a new permanent for a swirl bob. The result was just darling. In the first place, the permanent, which she had gotten there, looked like a perfectly trained water wave. The waves were as even or more so than if she had been born with her "permanent", but instead of running straight around her head in the orthodox fashion they ran up one side and down the other in a manner which baffled explanation. Mr. Cooney and Loy Losey are cutting swirls, and Elice has made her appointment for Monday.

Eventually! Why Not Now?

Eventually in your search for campus togs you'll go to Sternberg's, for Mr. Levy's system for \$25.00 suits worked so well that he had to send for some new ones at the same price. Elice got her's there and wouldn't part with it for the world. There is nothing that can compare with a suit for wear day after day, and class after class. At Sternberg's you'll find tweeds and mixtures as well as navy blue which is now coming in stronger than ever. Tailored models with three pockets on either side and lots of buttons, double-breasted ones and jackets which barely meet in front. And I must not forget to mention the smart touch which bindings of braid or satin or leather give to this year's suits.

Does Your Bank Account Object?

to seemingly necessary expenditure? Are you wondering how you can look different by wearing clothes that are different, and OH so good looking, without overstepping the line dictated by a shrinking bank account? You can do it if you only know how. First, you buy that material you saw in a window last week, but didn't know what to do with. Then you phone F2408 for a real French modist to plan and make your dress for you. Yes, she is out at Evans Service Station No. 2, 2788 South Street. You have been using Evans Cleaning service all along; this new service—dressmaking—is installed for your special benefit and is just as efficient as their cleaning service. Have clothes that are different by calling F2408 NOW.

Did You Have Those Slippers Rejuvenated?

Remember, not so long ago, I told you about the best place to have your shoes fixed no matter what their ailments may be. You know that slippers are said to never be the same after their first trip to the repair shop, but that is true if you take them to the right place. The City Shoe Rebuilding Company, 321 No. 12, have a special thin leather that they use for repairing the daintiest of shoes. It is easy to leave them there on the way to class, and you had best stop long enough for a shine. They have a boy that's a genius. A pair of shoes that my roommate objected to one day, she made no remarks about the next—the only difference was I had them shined THERE.

Carrier pigeon to carrier current —and then some!

IN the field of communication great strides have been taken—and greater will be taken. And just as the carrier current in telephony is an infinitely better vehicle for communication than the carrier pigeon, so new and greater developments lie ahead.

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