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A CLASSIC SPORT

Nebraska is host today and tomorrow to the pick of track and field athletes of the Missouri Valley. For two days, in the preliminaries this afternoon and in the finals tomorrow, these men will vie for honors in the annual track and field championship meet of the conference.

As a sport which has the most ancient and at the same time the most illustrious history and background of any form of athletics, track, in both the running and field events, is particularly fitting for intercollegiate competition. The ancient Greeks who gave the sport its greatest ancient glory enjoyed the competitive elements of the sport, and above all prized the attainment of beauty and grace in form, in the manner of the doing as well as in the accomplishment. Modern track and field athletics under the direction of an ever-improving coaching system while stressing a great deal the actual steel-tape and stop-watch accomplishments, at the same time is ever improving the form and manner of doing as well. So we find today hurdlers leaping over the barriers in more graceful style than a generation or so ago. Or we find pole vaulters and high jumpers with much improved form over that existing a few years ago.

Track has still another attraction, and that is the fact that the accomplishments, all recorded as they are in terms of immutable steel-tape and stop-watch, can be compared with those of the past or later on with those of the future, unlike those of the gridiron and basketball court which are purely relative and dependent on the quality of the opposing team. This feature of the sport, this competition with the past and with the future often lends to the meets an interest far exceeding that of the immediate competition.

Track is just entering on the era of its greatest collegiate popularity. It is the one great sport most free from professionalism. It is a college sport par excellence. The University of Nebraska is happy to be host to its finest exemplars in this part of the country.

At Wabash the faculty has decided to excuse all graduating seniors having an average of 80 or above in their courses from final examinations. Kansas is having a similar agitation. Even Nebraska according to rumors is having somewhat of a senior grumble over final examinations. If only had a few reports from New York and the west coast, we could say it's a nationwide movement.

IN COLLEGE TOWNS

One of the economic phenomena suffered by students in every college seat except the very largest where the university or college and its students and faculty are a mere drop in the bucket, is the disproportionate spread between the prices students pay for things they buy and the wages they receive for work they do.

Practically everybody is out to get all the student trade possible, and good standard prices sometimes bled up a bit in those items particularly appealing to students are the rule.

Or, the other hand when the poor student wants a job, he is paid such miserable hourly wages (often-times as low as 25 cents an hour) that the business men so employing them would probably be ashamed to offer their own sons jobs at such piteous. And no matter how small the wages, the quality and quantity of work expected in return is in nearly all cases quite as much as from other employees better paid.

The situation is of course perfectly explainable on quite a human basis. Many of the students are here with a lot of money. They are out to have good times, to buy good clothes, and above all they are inexperienced in the use of money. The merchants, business men and all others catering to student trade, are just as much out after money as anybody else, and it is only human that they should take all the advantage they can. "If I don't, somebody else will," is a convenient saving rule.

And when it comes to student employment, the simple truth is that the labor market in that particular class is gutted. There are so many students willing to labor away at mere starvation wages, that the business men would consider themselves quite foolish to pay more when they can get just as hard working help for less. And in addition they can't escape a feeling, it seems, that they are doing a charitable deed in employing a student, and for that reason they think quite naturally that the student should be willing to work for little, and be thankful in the bargain.

The situation will undoubtedly persist as long as college students remain as they are, and they will remain that way a long, long time. They are proud, stubborn, and individualistic to too high a degree to band together or submit to paternalistic supervision to give up their great privilege of "being done."

If Midland college of Fremont acts on the advice of its president and moves to Des Moines to be combined with Des Moines University and Carthage college of Illinois, it may well lay claim to being the no-mad college of this part of the country. The proposed merger of plants and endowments, it is said would raise the resources of the new college to 2 million dollars—and Fremont would be out one college, and the chamber of commerce and the rotary club would have to hunt up new schemes to help business in the fall.

PERHAPS BRICKS ARE CHEAPER NOW

Another fraternity announces that it is building a new house to cost only 20 thousand dollars. All last year the announcements of new houses were quoted at at least 45 thousand and some as high as 65 thousand. Either the labor ones are telling the truth, or they have discovered it is better policy to underestimate contemplated cost rather than scare away prospective pledges who might look with dubious eyes on loads and loads of future installment payments.

SPENDING THE OLD MAN'S DOUGH

The large relative number of young college women in Lincoln according to some shopping philosophers we have talked with, causes Lincoln stores to carry a "younger" line of goods and dresses than may be purchased back in the old home, for instance, or in larger, more normal, big cities. The same seems true to some extent of the men's clothing business, although men as a whole spend less on clothing in a college career than the girls do. (They spend most of their money on dates.) There are other lines of business, theaters, soft-drink parlors, and restaurants, which are noticeably well patronized by students. In the summer time the city is relatively dead.—And yet, the business men and the citizens minimize the business importance of the University student and faculty population.

In Other Columns

"All men are liars"—runs a proverb. The author must have been a dean of men.—Athenaeum (West Virginia).

Too Much Classroom

It is rapidly becoming apparent that the intercollegiate race to raise scholastic standards is reacting upon students in a baneful manner. The emphasis on class assignments leaves little to the individual initiative and places a premium upon pedantry. True scholarship and sane educational methods are suffering as a result of the struggle for Grade AA ranking.

The University Daily Kansan, student publication at the University of Kansas, comments on this situation:

"One of the crying needs of college students is a longer day. If the 24 hours could be expanded to about 30 we would have time to fulfill the curricular requirements along with our necessary activities, such as sleeping, loafing, and reading for pleasure. The first politician who makes the 30-hour day his campaign issue will win the unanimous support of students.

"Standards in education have risen to the point where students who desire to execute their assignments faithfully are in danger of developing the encyclopedic mind constricted with half-digested facts. Those who are interested in the highest type of self-development owe it to themselves to neglect at least two-thirds of their work, and to do the other third only when it is convenient."

It is bad pedagogy to assign more work than a student can reasonably accomplish. He will, perhaps, make a conscientious effort to do everything at first, find it impossible, and let some of the work slip. When he finds he can "get away with it," he probably becomes less earnest in his efforts and does less work than before, until finally he merely tries to get thru on a bluff. Unreasonably high standards thus defeat their own purpose.

—Marquette Tribune.

Quoting the Brain of U. C. L. A.

It would seem as though there were enough false representations of college life afloat without deliberately encouraging the filming of pictures which are a mockery to the dignity and to the educational purpose of a university.

A short time ago we loaned our campus to a motion picture company for certain scenes in the serial entitled, "The Collegians". The return for our little act of generosity is a play which ridicules us unmercifully.

We made sure that the pictures would not place students in an immoral atmosphere, but we neglected a situation which has proven equally disastrous. We are not allowed a single worthwhile occupation; our only textbook seems to be Elinor Glyn; the dean is an old wind-bag who functions at all class scraps and hops, but is never seen performing any executive office; and the athletic coaches make more of a fracas between two individuals, just to see what happens, than of a varsity game.

As an underlying current, all he-men are athletes; university co-eds run about the main quadrangle in bathing suits; and everything else is a student. Hardly more realistic is the notion that anyone who is sincerely engaged in the pursuit of higher education wears horn rims and refers to his "methods of perambulation" and his "powers of locomotion."

The harm in distorting normal college life so that its participants do not recognize themselves, lies in the fact that the movies are the only glimpse some people will ever have of a university. It should be to our interests to make it a true one.

—The Daily Trojan.

"Useless Each Without the Other"

A common topic for discussion at school and in the world at large is the relative importance of brain and brawn.

Though each is useless without the other, the one is often lost in the glare that is attached to the other. Spectacular brawn lets its light shine forth until mind is as obscure as the desert flower or the "pearls of purest ray serene in the dark unfathomed caves" of ocean depths. There are big headlines and many pages for "kings of swat" (ball or "man swatters"). The man who writes a book or patents something gets a brief mention.

It is idle to expect the boy in the grammar grades to give up his spectacular muscular heroes to devote his adulations to the less dazzling achievements of scholars. He is too young and immature. Marco Botzaris who died while bleeding at all of his veins or Babe Ruth who hit three home runs in a single world series game appeal to him more strikingly than other heroes could.

The average citizen with an average school experience of sixth grade attainment cannot be expected to appreciate a scholar's record with the same fervor that he would attend a basketball game.

Because of these attitudes on the part of the boy in the grades, it does not follow that high schools and colleges should reflect the same attitude relative to brain and brawn.

Schools are dedicated to the promotion of human welfare by arming our young citizens against ignorance with essential knowledge. Knowledge without health being of little use. We mix athletics with knowledge getting for the sake of health and recreation. Contests and publicity are provided to stimulate athletics. Scholarship is encouraged in like ways. Along with the fostering of scholarship and athletics there often occurs the attempt of athletics to dominate. Athletics sometimes wins the school. It is a common failing of high schools. Sometimes names and achievements of athletic stars blaze forth on front pages of college publications while scholarship gets brief mention. Athletes swagger to the center of the college stage and encamp. Scholar or no scholar, he is it.

Athletics has its place in every school program. So does scholarship. The flabby scholar who is too busy for athletics or physical exercise is a pathetic person; so is the athlete who cannot do anything worth while in the classroom. Schools should not give athletics greater prominence than scholarship. Scholarship deserves a full measure of emphasis. Each should help to improve the flavor of the other.

—The Montanomal.

Notices

FRIDAY, MAY 20
Parishing Rifles Drill Friday at 5 p. m. in full uniform. White uniforms for the parade Tuesday, May 24.
Cora Cobs
Kappa Psi Senior Farewell party Friday evening at 8 o'clock at Kilen Smith Hall.

Luncheon at Cornhusker at 12. National delegates will be there and all Corncobs should be there without fail.
United Religious Campus Council
An important meeting of the United Religious campus council at 12 o'clock, at the Temple.

SUNDAY, MAY 22
Home Economics
Home Economics club breakfast Sunday, May 22, at 8 o'clock at Ag Campus. Fifty cents. Tickets may be secured at the Home Ec building.

TUESDAY, MAY 24
Scabbard and Blade
There will be a very important meeting of Scabbard and Blade in Nebraska Hall 205, immediately following the review next Tuesday afternoon, May 24. The session will be short and every member is urged to report immediately the ceremonies are finished so that the meeting may get under way promptly.

VALLEY TRACK STARS GATHER FOR MEET

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steadiest performer on the Husker squad this season.

The list of 880 men, however, includes Jack Sides, Oklahoma speedster who fooled the wise-aces at the valley indoor meet and may do it again, Epstein of Missouri, who until a few days ago held the Missouri Valley freshmen record in the half mile, Caulum of Iowa State, Conger's running mate, McGrat's, Axtell, and Moody, the fast Kansas Aggie trier, and Van Laningham of Drake. Most of these same stars will also fight it out in the mile run where the record is again in danger.

Frazier May Win Two Mile
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Talks of eating at the Central CAFE

Pie (continued)
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Quoting from a recent mimeographed menu of the Central Cafe, we find "Individual Peach Pie with Whipped Cream, 15 cents"—very satisfying to the heavy eater who wishes to "top off" with something sweet and rich.

"Swiss Cherry Pie with Whipped Cream, 20 cents."
Or "Prune Pie with Whipped Cream, 25 cents.

And listed as pies without special embellishments, we find Apple, Raisin, Cherry, Blueberry, Peach, Pumpkin, Blackberry, Rhubarb, and other fruit pies at various times—generally about five kinds on any one day—at 10 cents each.

Any of these kinds of pie served "a la mode", 70 cents. Or with cheese, 20 cents.

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year in Keith and Niblack of Oklahoma, who will also be dangerous contenders in the mile, McCartney and Hays of Nebraska, Sarvis, another Jayhawker, and Steele of Missouri.

The hurdles will bring together a battery of stars that will be hard to eliminate. Oklahoma heads the list with four notable performers, Dunson, the fleet Indian who took both hurdles at the indoor meet, Flint, a sophomore who has been pushing Dunson of late, Cornelison, always a dangerous competitor, and "Bud" Taylor, winner of the low hurdles in last year's valley meet.

Doornbos is Kansas Hope

Kansas has Doornbos who has pushed first place winners in previous years, Drake has Penquite who gave Ed Weir a great race a year ago in the Nebraska-Drake dual meet, Kansas Aggies has Fairchild who has run nip and tuck with both Doornbos and Penquite in meets this season, and the Cornhuskers have the two (Continued on Page Three.)



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