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AFRAID? WHO CARES?

"Students no longer are content to accept what is taught them without protest," Dr. Karl Wettstone, president of Omaha university, stated in an address at Omaha Monday in which he expressed the fear that student bodies may gain control of colleges and universities. "When they fail in their examinations they are loud with their alibis, and to make matters worse, parents often side in with them."

Dr. Wettstone decried modern "5-and-10-cent store" education where students are allowed to take what they want, which usually, he remarked, is just enough subjects to entitle them to their degrees.

All of which goes back to the old question of whether students are mature enough to be allowed control and freedom during their collegiate career. If not, it is necessary that they should be held to rigid rules and strict requirements-and the conditions that Dr. Wettstone laments would be worthy of serious consideration.

But if the average student taking work in a university, is capable of individual thought and self-control, such a situation would be a good indication that students are becoming more interested in their studies.

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Is it necessary that students should be content to accept what is taught them without protest? Is it even advisable? If so, dangerous propaganda is being spread by members of our own faculty who impress students with the fact that they should not placidly accept or agree with everything merely because the text or instructor says so. Individual investigation and research is urged. In fact, one of the chief faults with the average student is that he is content to take what is presented in the classroom and let it go at that.

The complaint against the tendency to allow students to take what they want is rather unique. For the usual cry is that universities still adhere to too many requirements-that they are mills wherein individual tendencies are twisted and shaped to a standardized pattern established in the registrar's office. The general trend among the leading universities is to allow the student greater freedom in the choice of the subjects he is interested in.

As a university president, Dr. Wettstone should know whereof he speaks. But if anyone else had made such a statement we would be liable to assume that he had been reading modern fiction depicting college life.

At any rate the faculty at the University of Ne-

ment to his practice. He is firmly convinced that it is the result of vaccination. It has been my privilege to come in contact with

a number of psychopathic cases in the past six years. One which impressed me most was a young man who had been honorably discharged from the service during the war by reason of "shell shock". The fact of the matter is that the fellow had never left the training camp, and had seen no active service whatsoever. His

mental condition is attributed to the after effects of vaccination. A member of my family suffered more from vac-

cination than I did during both my attacks of smallpox. She not only had temporary suffering but ever since her acquisition of that filthy virus she has suffered from heart trouble of no slight degree.

Three years ago a group of physicians, one of whom I know personally, bought three samples of the best virus on the market and analyzed them. All three of the samples showed strong traces of syphilis and tuberculosis germs. A child might be inoculated with such "purt" virus and if in perfect or near-perfect health might be able to throw off these germs injected into his system; on the other hand, if the child's resistance were low, the chances for the germs to work would be much greater and several years later physicians would be at a loss to know where the child contracted syphilis or tuberculosis. Of course tkey would not think of blaming the cause on vaccination.

This is my last contribution on this subject. I only want other students to know that there are two sides to the vaccination question and to realize the serious conditions which may result from thoughtless acceptance of the vaccination plea. Of course, I may be asked Rabbi Talks at to prove that the cases set forth here were caused by vaccination. In that respect I wish to say that a study of the histories of these cases offers much stronger proof for the fact that they were caused by vaccination

E. BURKE SMITH. than that they were not.

To the Editor:

In your issue of February 16th you published a letter from Mr. E. Burke Smith opposing vaccination attacked those men who are secretly against smallpox. This is a pertinent question at this time as there are cases appearing in the University and in the public schools. In the article mentioned he quotes a number of persons who oppose vaccinations but unfortunately does not give the date when his quo-

tations were written. He quotes from Jenner, the originator of the vaccination, who introduced it about 130 years ago. If we accept his statements we must acknowledge that medical science has made no advancement in its application of the prevention of disease. Medical science has advanced so that the production of smallpox virus is perfectly safe-guarded against any impurities in the virus. The knowledge of sterilization and anguish. Recently the reprein its application prevents any complications arising. sentatives of the field of our international conference at Brus- knife or this key," was the way he

protective measures against disease. Any one who in the following resolutions: first, curacy of the method used. has lived through the period of the Spanish-American War recalls the great loss of life because of typhoid vide themselves with gas-proof shelfever in the concentration camps. Then compare that with the situation in our camps during the World War precaution against attacks; third, statement that the larger distances and he can readily see the advantage of typhoid innoc-

There can be no better evidence of the value of combat the presence of gas. The estimated to be nine hundred light vaccination against smallpox than that shown by the directions for the operations of mo- years from the earth, he pointed out, figures of our Army in the World War. There were tors for the dispelling of this gas, and may be 950 light years away, but 4.128,479 men in our Army with a record of 13,703,191 the regulations regarding the hand- within certain limits the measureadmissions to the hospital of men sick, 794 of whom ling of these chemicals be written on had smallpox and six deaths from it. There is no record paper upon which gas cannot act, of any deaths from vaccinations. Unquestionably if the | The fourth resolution was that fire facts were available the cases of smallpox and deaths brigades should be organized and therefrom were in unsuccessful cases of immunization. nurses trained and organized; fifth

A very illuminating article on the menace of the all new buildings must be built with

Notices

duke."

itually.'

A. I. E. E. There will be an A. I. E. E. meeting E. E. 204, at 7:30 p. m. Thursday.

Social Calendar

Thursday, February 23 Y. W. C. A. Staffs dinner. Friday, February 24 Sigma Alpha Epsilon formal Lincoln hotel.

Sigma Nu house dance. Alpha Delta Theta, house dance

Saturday, February 25 Kappa Alpha Theta formal, Lincoln hotel. Alpha Theta Chi formal, Scot-

tish Rite Temple. Theta Chi, house dance. Phi Kappa Psi, house dance. Cosmopolitan club social, Tem-

Kappa Psi, house dance. Alpha Phi, leap year party. Big Sister party, 3-5 Ellen Smith Hall.

World Forum placed.

(Continued from Page 1) that I ever heard of."

proval of the League of Nations and August 20. trying to plunge the nation into another war. He began his talk by declaring that we are living in a period when Americans must consider their national problems.

Urges Common Sense

unvaccinated is published in The Journal of the Amer- gas-proof passages and stairways;

assasination of an Austrian arch- ment is accurate.

nomiously little. The type of peace curate measurements, according to mitted last night, "You have to be that we have is like that forced by a Professor Swezey. Two different something besides a little hoarse to at big brute, down the throats of the students have determined true north be a pony!"

beaten foe. I am proud to say that and south on the campus with a pos- Fourteen men were chosen from the League of Nations is an Amer- sible error of less than a millimeter the applicants, and competition will ican ideal. Its name is immaterial in one block. The sidewalk and be carried on in all workouts to see but it represents the only practical street are out of line about four feet what eight men are chosen. The exsense of guarantee against war in in the same distance. They have ercises closed last night with fourthe future. When we turn our faces also determined the latitude and teen tired ponies and room 202 of to the first gleam of light of the longitude of the observatory with a the Temple filled with that vague. morning, we will hope at dawn, for possible error of not more than one undefinable something usually cona warless world. America should be hundred feet in either direction. "Science has methods of determinfirst, not only materially but spiring its own possible error," he de-

tion of mathematics in astronomy. **Poor Weather Halts**

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ting in the brick walls on the first floor. At present about fifty-five men are at work on the structure.

Besides completing the brick work stone trimmings have been extended. These fluted columns, or pilasters,

will extend to the cornice work. Something can be seen of the beauty eight University men running at top of the building already. The south speed on the second floor of the entrance stone work has already been Temple a catastrophe seemed inevitable. However, even Bill Mentzer's

Contracts for plumbing and heat- frantic attempts to push the floor in ing have not yet been let. Earnest on someone below were of no avail. Rokahr & Sons, contractors, hope to After an especially strenuous spurt Before more than seventy-five stu- complete the building by the middle Mentzer fell to the floor exhausted dents Rabbi Starrels voiced his ap- of July. Their contract date calls for where he was trampled on by the oncoming ponies (we went to the

all was well.

"We Have Facts to **Back Our Statements**"

(Continued from Page 1) showed that there were about a hun-

"There should be quite a large dred lines in the spectrum of the mixture of common sense in political sun which represented iron. Tests thinking," stated Mr. Starrels. "Our in the laboratory have proven that nation is facing a growing menace, these lines always represent iron namely that of war, which is the and it is one of the several tests for cause of no end of heart-breaking iron. "I would hesitate less to make sentatives of the Red Cross met in sun than to say that it exists in this sels. They handed out their advice expressed his confidence in the ac-

Measurements Are Accurate In speaking of astronomical disters; second, they must take every tances, Professor Swezey made the various kinds of chemicals which as the smaller ones. A star which is

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the ambitious Cornhusker chorus. In smaller distances, however, the men. The chorus work will be quite War was great and peace was ig- astronomer is able to make very ac- difficult, and, as Paul Burgert ad-

nected with the Y. M. C. A.

Burrill Gets Summer Appointment

Miss Helen Burrill, formerly an assistant in geography and who received her Master's degree in 1927. has been appointed to teach during the twelve weeks summer session at the State Teachers College at Kirks. ville, Missouri. Miss Burrill is now teaching Geography in the Junior high school at Fremont, Nebraska,



SMOKER FOR UNIVERSITY MEN

GARDEN ROOM HOTEL LINCOLN

Friday, February 24, 4 P. M.

Entertainment will be furnished by

JACK WALDRON

Winter Garden Star Now

"Measurements are made, mathematics is applied and conclusions are Andrews Hall Work formed with facts as a basis." en brick layers employed alone, put- 'Irish' Ireland Tries

Ponies in Practice (Continued from Page 1)

clared, in speaking of the applica-

on the ground floor, the Bedford gers without bending either knee. Catastrophe Averted

Sun last week). Five minutes later

everything had ceased vibrating and

"I think we have some exception-

ally good material for the chorus,"

replied "Irish" Ireland when ques-

tioned concerning the possibilities of

The big feature of the evening was the running in place race. With

braska is not losing any sleep over the fear that students are plotting to gain control of administrative affairs.

Speaking of Scotchmen, we are reminded of the college student who killed his fraternity brother so it could be charged to him .- Intercollegiate Press.

VACCINATION

Just when comment on vaccination for smallpox was considered a past issue, several letters on the subject appeared. Some were merely opinion. Others were filled with facts showing, for the most part, the benefits derived from vaccination. Nearly all were too long for our limited amount of space. In order to show no partiality one letter has been picked from each side of the discussion. The others contained practically the same arguments.

Mr. E. B. Smith's statements are not necessarily to be doubted. But the general impression is that he has singled out an exceptional case or two rather than considering comparative percentages and the field as a whole. In spite of every precaution, unfortunate incidents are linked with the progress of every medical venture. But vaccination is no longer a venture. Statistics show that the dangers from vaccination have been so minimized that they can hardly be compared with those from the disease itself.

Proof of the advantages of vaccination seem to so overwhelm the dissenting opinions that, unless a new point of view is to be stated, further comment will be considered unnecessary.



To the Editor:

In the Thursday issue of "The Daily Nebraskan" I find an answer to my letter, regarding "Vaccination", which appeared in the same issue. In defense, I wish to state that it is true that many of the facts presented are nineteenth century facts, but, nevertheless, I main- is 2.46 or nearly fifty times as great." (End of quo- United States, who was elected in tain that I am living in the twentieth century as much tation) as anyone. The 20th century is still in its infancy and 20th century facts, on the whole, are unavailable. How can anyone stand up and say that "Practically ated and the disease dies out. Then the people become Rabbi Starrels exclaimed that too all the evidence presented is erroneous or misles. Sing, either is part or whole" when my evidence is simply a group of quotations from men who are reputed to be men of knowledge and authority on the subject?

But, if it is 20th century facts that are wanted, I shull relate a few cases with which I am personally acquainted. The first case is a man from the western part of the state who was vaccinated at the age of ten and within a year he developed a case of Paoriasis. where your Van and thousands of dellars h ve been

spent trying to find relief but without avail. A well known professional man of Lincoln suffers

is which is most unpiense) and an imperio

ican Medical Association, September 29, 1923, Vol. 81, sixth, all gas and water pipes must Pages 1070-1072. This is an address by Dr. Victor G. be laid at a greater depth in the Heiser, M. D., of New York before the American Med- earth; seventh, stores of oxygen must ical Association. I desire to quote some of his state- be kept for the removing of gas dur-

"Those who are indifferent and who fail to have

their children vaccinated are also contributors to the continuance of smallpox-that disgrace to civilization, the reading of this document, shout-The catastrophe that recently occurred in the Philip- ed, "if this isn't crazy, I wish somepine Islands, when more than 50,000 persons lost their one would give me a definition of lives from smallpox, should be a warning to the people insanity! What is our country comof the United States. The conflagration in the Phil- ing to? Often times we hear some ippines was made possible by a huge group of unvac- people and soldiers say that we have cinated children, and the heat of it was intense enough always had war at some time or to affect those who were semi-fireproofed because their other, and it is here to stay. Huvaccination was of too long standing.

widely employed, the disease prevails continuously, slave question was brought up in the From 1890 to 1914 an average of more than 100,000 minds of the people, Benjamin F. cases occurred yearly. Reports by the League of Nations Palmer, noted politician and statesindicate that in recent years, with lessened vaccina- man of Louisiana, declared that tion, the rate has been even higher. For the thirteen 'some are masters and some are year period from 1902 to 1914, 1,397,338 persons were slaves. It is a blessing to mankind. attacked by smallpox, of whom 542,138, or 38.8 per This same Mr. Palmer warned the cent., died.

"Before the American occupation, Porto Rico was God's chosen institution. constantly afflicted with serious outbreaks of smallpox. Thorough vaccination was carried out, and since then the disease has occurred but seldom. In the recent small ited and relegated to the dark ages outbreaks, the disease was mild in character.

"In the history of physicians, nurses and attendants who throughout the years have served the unfortunate victims of smallpox, there is no record of any attendants dying of the disease if properly vaccinated, and there are numerous instances in which the disease would have been contracted if vaccination had not been performed. I well recall the case of a nurse in Manila who was on duty at the smallpox hospital. She did not believe in vaccination, but before permitting her to serve in the hospital, I insisted on vaccination, and was led to believe that it had been properly done. Several weeks later she contracted smallpox. She confessed that after being vaccinated she had immedistely rubbed off the virus with alcohol, and conse-

quently had had no protection against the disease. In my experience in dealing with thousands of cases of smallpox, no one connected with their management diplomats saw themselves glorified who was effectively vaccinated ever contracted the in them. The only one who saw hu disease.

"Force and Leake (Pub. Health Rep. 36; 1975

in the United States is directly related to the public world. Communication and teleattitude toward vaccination. In New York, where the graph have brought the world closer sentiment against it is not very strong, the rate is together, much more, in fact, than 0.05 per thousand, whereas in Minnesota, where senti- it was when the law was made proment against vaccination is more pronounced, the rate viding that the President of the

The history of smallpox is that when an epidemic fourth to make the trip to Washingappears a large portion of the population is vaccin- ton." correless and are not vaccinated. The disease then ap- many people point to that well. pears and the same cycle is gone through. Those op- known saying of Washington's, posed to vaccination receive their protection from the "avoid entangling alliances." Today fact that the disease cannot become an epidemic when the nation has outgrown such a con-

One merely has to visit those countries where vac- vanced with industrialism, and we cination against smallpox is not used to see the terrible must not turn back to that ancient results of the disease left on those who survive, to say document for such advice, Mr. Starnothing of the appalling number of deathe, to be con- rels stated. "What we need today vinced of the value of vaccination.

> Very truly your, F. F. JEWETT. Lisut. Col, InL, (DOL)

ing an attack. Says Document Is Crazy

Rabbi Starrels, upon completing Quality is

manity has marched forward pro-"In Russia, where vaccination never has been gressively. At the time when the people that the Confederacy was

"Sooner than we expect, the whole

system of war will be utterly discredwhere it belongs. The reason why

we had the late World War was to end war. When brave men gave their lives on the battlefield, they fought with the idea that they were going to remove the scourge of war from civilization. Woodrow Wilson was an accredited idealist who lived and worked for humanity. When he sailed across the ocean to sit in the peace conference at Versailles he was wont to face men who sat around with scissors and a map to divide the loot.

He Lauds Wilson

"The trouble with the treaty of is that that magnificent room is a manity in those mirrors was Wood.

row Wilson. To him the League of (Aug. 19, 1921)) show that the incidence of smallpox Nations meant the heart of the November have until March the

most of the population is vaccinated and protected. wition as this since we have adis an inter-national organization that will keep pace with the probler s of

today, and a world war can never start from such an occurrence as the




