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THE HARVARD READING PERIOD

The introduction in Harvard University of the reading period to supplement its educational system has been watched with decided interest by those involved in education, mainly because it brings forward a new trial for the undergraduate. This reading period comes twice a year, just after the Christmas holidays and just before the close of school, and lasts for about two and a half weeks each time. During this period two and a half weeks each time. During this period lectures, but not laboratories, are discontinued and each student spends the time in research for himself, following the assignments made in each course. At the end of the period he takes an examination covering both the lecture and the reading period. No check of his attendance at the library is made and the student is left entirely to his own hours and is free to act on his own initiative.

The system introduces several things to consider. First and foremost, it is not a way out of work. It merely changes the form of action and places the burden more than ever upon the shoulders of the individual in his own special time of interest. Instead of depending upon the instructor to bring knowledge to the student in his own peculiar manner and interpretation, the reading period is a combination of this system and the ability of each student to do the work for himself. Instead of one's ability to memorize the facts as delivered in concise and personal form as seen by the instructor, the test of the individual to pick out the situation from the general material available is partially substituted. From the point of view of the amount of work involved the reading period offers no relief from the working side of the securing of an education. A sufficient list of references is always given to keep each student busily engaged during the short time utilized in this form of study.

The question also arises as to the undergraduate and his attitude toward this new type of study and whether he will accept the burden of the personal responsibility upon his own shoulders instead of leaving it remain with the instructors of the educational institutions. The success of this system depends upon the attitude of the students entirely and if extra-curricular activities and the common practice of putting off which is so usual in things over which no strict discipline is exercised, is allowed to interfere with the period it would certainly result in failure.

The period is not optional but is put in place of lectures and must be carried out for the course to be completed. In other words, the student substitutes, for a relatively short time during the entire semester, his own individual ability to secure the facts under the guidance of the assignments offered him, for the cut and dried presentation of his instructors. It offers a real test of the individual's capacity to exercise the power that he will be called upon to use in his after school work where he has no one to outline and present to him all the facts.

The value is not to be questioned as the factor it develops is one necessary to every success, the ability to do things for oneself and the development of the ability to decipher a problem from the available material rather than the utter dependence upon others. Personal thought is added to mere receptivity.

At Nebraska, perhaps the closest resemblance to the reading period is the review period and student study, research, and discussion arbitrarily used by the members of the law college. This, however, is in no way a duplicate of the reading period, although in some ways it does parallel it.

The system should be advantageous to Nebraska as well as to Harvard for the features offered by it are in no way limited to any one school or environment. The only question to be asked is that regarding the attitude of the student body toward this innovation.

Nebraska is an educational institution and anything of advantage to the individual in the manner of preparation for success in later life, from the lesson learned here in school, should be welcome. But unfortunately, should Nebraska officials see fit to adopt such a reading period, our present library facilities would be woefully inadequate for the proper conduction of such a plan.

The Cynic Says:

Jealous women are older than thirty, a speaker announced the other day. Of course he had never known any women younger than that.



Daily Nebraskan readers are cordially invited to contribute articles to this column. This paper, however, assumes no responsibility for the sentiments expressed herein, and reserves the right to exclude any libelous or undesirable matter. A limit of six hundred words has been placed on all contributions.

To The Editor:

When the experiment in parallel parking on R and Sixteenth streets was inaugurated a few months ago, it was with the avowed purpose of minimizing the danger from traffic accidents on those streets. The idea was that the new ruling would give a wider street and

clearer vision for motorists, with the consequent result of reducing the probability of accidents.

Unforeseen complications have arisen with the advent of parallel parking, however, which have served to defeat the purpose for which it was made and give it a directly opposite effect. Parallel parking on R street has made it the channel for heavy trucking. Truck drivers have taken advantage of the situation with the result that the ordinary traffic has been supplanted by commercial traffic. This change in the nature of the traffic on R street has served to augment the danger to pedestrians rather than to reduce it.

The ordinance has transformed Sixteenth street from a quiet residential avenue to a speedway for Lincoln residents and an arterial for through traffic. It is now a prolific hunting ground for speed cops who are stationed at strategic points along the street. This situation, also, serves to increase rather than to minimize the danger of traffic accidents.

The effect of parallel parking has been retaliatory rather than constructive. It has served to augment rather than minimize the evils which its champions proposed that it should reduce. It has the further effect of making even more acute the parking problem in the vicinity of the University and the student residential section. It must be admitted then that it is an obnoxious ruling, with little or no merit and one which is accompanied by a host of evils strikingly apparent to anyone who is in touch with the condition prevailing at the present time.

P. N.

In Other Columns

"CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN"

Many, many years ago some bright person made a very careful observation when he said that "Clothes make the man." Nor was the truth of that statement marred when some modern "wisecracker" came along with the more or less erroneous statement and added to the maxim, "The absence of them, the woman." But it is not our object to concern ourselves with the dress habits of Iowa State women. That is neither safe nor necessary. Our chief concern at the present is the men.

Certainly there are many men who put little stock in the old adage concerning dress. It seems that there are quite a few students who think that the more slovenly they can dress, the more like a backwoodsman they can make themselves appear, the longer they can go without getting their trousers pressed—the more collegiate they are. Or perhaps they think that they are living up to the democratic policy of Iowa State when they appear in the classroom in Daniel Boone costumes.

The point is, that it is a pretty busy man who cannot take a little time to look after his personal appearance. It is a lazy individual who cannot get up a couple of minutes earlier in the morning in order to take a little time to wipe the dust from his shoes and at least give his hair a slight introduction to a brush and comb. In fact, isn't it generally true that the men who are really the busiest, who are out for the most activities, are usually the neatest dressed and most carefully groomed men on the campus, while the individual who is the most slovenly dressed is the man who just doesn't give a whoop whether school keeps or not, and who never is mentioned in the list of men out for activities?

We are not attempting to have every man look like he just stepped out of an Arrow collar ad, attired in a hundred dollar suit and wardrobe to match. The well dressed man is known not by the price which he paid for his clothes but rather by the way in which he wears them and the neatness of his personal appearance.—The Iowa State Student.

"Eighty per cent of the people of the United States waste from three to four years of their life after attaining the age of eighteen.—A Life Insurance Report. But of course not all of these go to college.—Cornell Daily Sun.

WHITE COLLARS

General Edward Orton, in speaking to the winter graduating class of Ohio State University, made a statement to the effect that the colleges are turning out too many people into the "white-collar" class, that there is danger of over-saturation in these lines of work, and that some have already been noted, particularly law and medicine.

The poor white collar folk come in for a lot of talk every now and then, and the palaver is usually adverse. Too many people overlook the fact that there is an increasing demand for inside workers. As modern science and invention have decreased the number of people required in the fields and factories for manual labor, just to that extent have sprung up needs for those hands to work out figures and tabulations, write reports, and a million and one other such duties. If we're going to continually argue that the voting population should be educated, that the people of the country (any country) are way below par, etc., etc., it seems rather foolish to say that there are too many college graduates.

True, there are numerous universities that turn out, in mass production, a great many youths who can lay claim only to four years of "getting by." But General Orton's remedy, that of reducing the number of graduates, will not fill the bill. If the present institutions reduce their enrollments, which seems unlikely, there will be a new crop of universities, for someone will always want to provide places for those who can't find help themselves.

Anyway, this argument that such-and-such profession or business is over-saturated is all wrong. The only way to state such a proposition is to say that there are not enough good men in the field, and too many poor ones. This is true, but it is also true of practically every profession or occupation of any kind. So where does the debate end? Efficient, capable men are always in demand, and a certain number of culls must be expected in each lot. The only way to find which trees will grow sound apples and which will grow bad ones is to give them the same soil and nourishment, then gather the crop—the inspectors will do the rest.—The Stanford Daily.

1st Coed: "Did you know the darlinest boy just asked me to marry him?"
2nd Coed: "I thought so."
First One: "How come?"
Other One: "He told me he'd do something terrible after I turned him down."—Wisconsin Daily Cardinal.

The other day we heard a fellow calling his small change "chicken feed." We are willing to wager he never took a co-ed out to dinner.—Wisconsin Daily Cardinal.

Notices

Thursday, April 19
Chemical Engineers' banquet, Thursday, April 19, Grand Hotel at 6:15 o'clock.
Mathematics Club
Mathematics club meeting, Thursday, April 19, 7:30 o'clock, main lecture room, Physics building. Professor Swezey will talk. Public is invited.
Friday, April 20
Lutheran Students
Lutheran students are invited to a party given under joint auspices of the Lutheran Bible League and the Lutheran club in the Armory Friday, April 20, at 8 o'clock.

**Klub Presents
Midnight Revue**

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pared by Kosmet Klub with the co-operation of students.
The pony chorus which made such a "hit" in "The Love Hater" will put on some dance acts. The "Midnight Revue" will be similar to the variety show presented by Kosmet Klub last Thanksgiving morning. Support of the entire University of Nebraska student body seems to be pledged to Kosmet Klub's "fire benefit."

Council Votes Support
The "Midnight Revue" will be the only show of its kind this year. Midnight shows were barred from Universities last year by the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations but in view of Kosmet Klub's trouble the Committee has issued them a special permit for the show Friday night.

**High Schools
Will Compete**

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limit is placed on the number of field events in which a contestant may compete.

Winners Will Get Trophies
The team making the greatest number of points in each group will be awarded the group championship trophy which will be a beautiful gold-bronze statue of a track athlete. Banners will be awarded teams winning second and third places in each group. The Gold Event Championship Medal will be awarded to the men, one in each event unless a tie results, who make the best time or performance in each event regardless of the group in which they compete. The other winners of first, second or third places in each event of each group will receive the group event medals.

The special Relay Trophy will be awarded the team making the fastest time in the relay, regardless of group, while the winning relay teams of the other two groups will receive relay banners.

Gets Athletes for Nebraska
Five men who now hold Nebraska high school track and field records are attending the University and all the working under Coach Schulte in track. Easter, varsity sprint man, from Cambridge, holds the 220-yard dash record with a mark of 22 seconds flat besides holding the century dash record in 10.1 seconds jointly with seven other men.

Trumble, also from Cambridge, holds the 120-yard high hurdle record of 15.5 seconds and the 220-yard low hurdle record of 25.6 seconds. Baily, freshman from Scottsbluff, holds the record of 51.4 seconds in the 440-yard dash and Morris, freshman from Grand Island, holds the

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pole vault title with a leap of 12 feet, 1 inch. Tomson, who competed for Lincoln high last year, holds the broad jump record having leaped 22 feet, 3-8 inches in last year's meet.

**Editor of Awgwan
Asks for Copy**

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prepared copy for the Farewell number, the editor said.

Asks for Art Work
Members of the art staff are urged to prepare their cartoons as soon as possible and give them to James Pickering, art editor, Alan McIntosh, or bring them to the office. Since cartoons must be prepared by the engravers before they can be used, it is necessary that cartoons and sketches be handed in immediately. The release date for the Farewell number is May 10. All copy and cartoons must be in by April 24, the deadline, according to Mr. McIntosh.

**Bizad Frolic Will
Be Staged May 11**

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Hook is the secretary and treasurer. **Faculty Plays Seniors**
The annual baseball game between members of the faculty of the College of Business Administration and seniors of the college is one of the big features of the day's program. Horsehoe contests between Alpha Kappa Psi, Delta Sigma Pi, and the University Commercial Club teams are arranged and the Bizad women will pit on a special stunt.
Plans for real barbecued meats and the best lunch yet provided at a Bizad Day celebration are already being worked out by the refreshment committee. The big dance in the evening with an excellent orchestra playing will probably draw the largest crowd of the day.
"In other words, we guarantee a good time all the time," was the statement of the chairman. "Every event will be different and more interesting, and the biggest Bizad Day yet is our goal."

**Fedde Goes to
National Convention**

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ifornia; State College at Pullman, and State University at Seattle, Washington; Corvallis, Oregon; State College at Fort Collins, Colorado; and Burlington, Vermont.
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The conclave meets every two weeks. It met at the University of Nebraska four years ago.

Organized at Michigan
Omicron Nu, national home economics honorary society, was organized at Michigan State college in 1912. The national convention in 1924 was held at this university.

Members of the junior class in this department who were recently elected to membership to Zeta chapter are Ruth Davis, Syracuse; Evelyn Mansfield, Omaha; and Mildred Hawley, Lincoln.

**Niebuhr Talks at
Forum Luncheon**

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the olden days, hide the truth under the jests that they make.

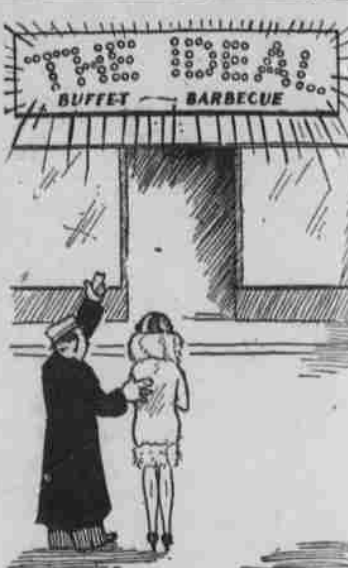
"Business is business and politics are politics. Economic life is an end within itself. It is an area that cannot be restrained except by the laws which in itself it evaluates," stated the speaker in characterizing the ethical principles in business and politics today.

Says Politics Can Be Ethical
The general assumption, continued the speaker, "that politics and economics cannot be ethical is a modern idea, for in medieval times everything was done to make business ethical. The Catholic church had a theory of just practices and worked out a set of rules by which a man

could judge whether he was charging a fair price. It was the same in national affairs. The Catholic world was a League of Nations, not a democratic league of course because the Pope was at the head. But the Pope did try in a number of instances to restrain the greed of nations by holding up Catholic idealism.

"We Kill Enmasse," He Says
"Can groups be ethical," asked the speaker. "The business of delegating your devise to a group does not solve the problem. We don't kill our next door neighbor but we kill enmasse. It is necessary that a consciousness that ethical relations must exist between business, social and national groups. This can only be accomplished by making people socially intelligent and spiritually powerful."

"These are somethings thrown over in the Protestant Reformation that we are going to have to fish out of the sea," stated the speaker in closing.



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