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## ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

"All work and no play...." The average collegian is in full accord with this favorite dictum, especially as it has to do with his own interests. Thinking students realize that the same proverb can apply to the professor as well as to the student.

In a world that is all new, students readily find relief from monotony. Curricular interests alone furnish no inconsiderable array of variety. And extra-curricular activities, social life, athletics, and the fellowship of youth with youth supply media for development of the flowing soul of collegians.

On the professor, however, falls the burden of repetition, the task of interpretation, the toil of discipline, the mangled hours of struggle striving to make the students' hours worthwhile. The inspirational teacher makes something of a joy of the task. But even so, without play of some sort, the work loses its charm. The instructor, likewise, loses the sparkle that distinguishes the teacher from the disciplinarian, the stimulator from the routineist.

The University of Nebraska, as an institution, has failed to make adequate provision for the play of its instructional force. There is no systematic opportunity for the school's teaching force to get away from its regular routine, to get away to explore new fields, to broaden their vision, to reawaken their interests and their sympathies.

A system of sabbatical leaves (leaves of absence every seven years on full or partial pay) such as is customary in many universities, would fill a valuable place in the life of the University. It would be valuable not alone to the professor, who profits by the opportunity for travel and further study, or the chance to develop in writing, material which he has gathered in the classroom or in the laboratory. It would also be profitable to his colleagues, who share in the new points of view obtained, and in the cumulative interest in the work of other institutions.

More important yet, it would be of significant value to the institution's student body. The professor, given an opportunity to get away every seven years to make contacts anew, could bring so much more of vitality, so much more of enthusiasm, so much more of significant information to the classroom, as to be beyond the realization of those who have not seen such effects. Systematic adoption of sabbatical leaves would open the way to a perennial freshening of the streams of education for the state's youth.

## THE MORNING AFTER

"Your efficiency, your competency, your health, and your future can be wrecked without the proper amount of sleep." So said the president of Cornell University at that institution's first convocation program this fall. The deviation from the customary theme of convocation addresses, and the sagacity of that brief remark warrant something more than a passing glance.

Actual university life tends to the spasmodic. Or probably more correctly the responses of the student to university work tend to be spasmodic. Assignments, class recitations, quiz sections, examinations, are encountered as per schedule. The student almost knows what to expect from day to day, and uncertainty and vagueness about an assignment is generally inexcusable as far as administration goes.

It is not in the actual university educational system then, that the fault lies. Outside influences, attention to duties which are absolutely beyond the realm of university life, social obligations, employment of spare time—these are the things which the Cornell president had in mind as the disrupting forces in smooth-running college life. He was indirectly looking behind the scenes for the causes of lost sleep.

That which is treasured most highly often times is that which can be lost most easily. Good health is one thing that is not blatantly enjoyed. Its presence is unnoticed and unappreciated in the daily routine of life. It has fostered upon it strains and tasks which could easily have been averted. It receives the brunt of human misdirection and misdeed. It is easily cheated, and is slow to whimper when mistreated.

"An hour before midnight is better than two hours sleep after midnight," philosophizes a bearded grandfather—and his theory has not been disputed. Nor has it been adhered to by the modern college student. The outside influences and duties which disrupt carefully planned study routine, which produce drowsy and nodding students in classes, and which in the end produce descending grades are ever at work. Health is taken for a stack of poker chips, and the student is the holder of the cards. He plays to win, but as, in the game, he more often loses.

## UNIVERSITY PLAYERS AND PLAYS

Popular musical numbers for the most part originate in the eastern part of the country. By the time they arrive in the Middle West, they are well-known where they started. What is true of music is also true of plays.

When the University Players announced their plays for the current year, many students expressed themselves as not caring to take in the performances, since they did not know about the plays offered.

known in this part of the country. But they are also good, as has been proven by the manner in which they were accepted on Broadway.

In the past few years the University Players have built up a reputation for securing and presenting excellent plays. During each season there have been but two or three commonly known shows, but the audiences have always been enthused about the presentation of all, including the unknown plays.

Last year "Cappone's" was practically unknown here. But after the performance, everyone agreed that it was the best play of the season. "The Spider" the first play to be produced this year, came to Lincoln unknown to most people. But those who attended the first performance advised their friends to see the show.

The plays on the schedule for the remainder of the year are practically unknown here. But they have proved their worth in the East, and just have not circulated this far west.

The University Players deserve commendation for securing and producing such caliber plays. It is only by special permission and on the payment of high royalties that the Players are able to secure plays that have not before been produced in this part of the country.

**THE RAGGER:** "Tramp, tramp, tramp." No, it's not the old Civil War song. It's just the students beating out the newly planted grass because the sidewalks are too narrow.

"Cornhuskers in Demand" said a headline in a Lincoln paper Friday. Another proof that Nebraska students chose their school wisely.

Excite and exodus seemed to come from the same root Friday morning at the opening of 10 o'clock classes.

Freshmen were noticeable by their absence, Corn Cobs by their presence, in the gathering of boxes for the bonfire before the Missouri game.

Now that R. O. T. C. officers have their new sabers, they're wondering which ones got the sabers that always stick at the Military Ball.

## "IN MY OPINION— The Gifts Are Here"

"Sad is the day for any man when he becomes absolutely satisfied with the life that he is living, the thoughts that he is thinking and the deeds that he is doing, when there ceases to be forever beating at the doors of his soul a desire to do something larger which he feels and knows he was meant and intended to do."

These inspiring and perhaps rebuking words of Phillips Brooks call to my mind a pitiful and too frequent case ever present on the college campus. It is not the earnestly striving freshman, usually the target for stinging darts of reform and criticism at this season of the collegiate year, but instead his tormentor, the lordly upperclassman. Is it not appalling that many fall into exactly the narrow-minded conceitedness so much deplored by Phillips Brooks?

After a year of treatment as the "under-dog," "acum," "worm," "squab," or any of the favorite campus epithets (the treatment for one is usually about as crushing and ruthless as that for another) the upperclassman is abruptly exalted to that delightful position of example for the poor unenlightened freshman. The royal attention devoted to this demigod, the upperclassman, is most gratifying to his self respect. The freshman even adopts his style of dress, mannerisms, and tendencies of conversation.

This wholesale mimicking is natural in the copyist since he continually is compelled to listen to the song of the initiated that the freshmen are pretty terrible. In spite of the fact that his actions have been forced upon "the scum" without chance for demure, the upperclassman begins to decide that he is pretty good after all. A little diplomatic "hand-shaking" or "soft-soaping" on the part of certain clever freshmen rather increases his self-esteem. The freshmen may even resort to the use of a little flattery and that efficient form of subtle flattery, asking the upperclassman for advice.

Finally we have a divine gift to the campus parading about before his supposedly worshipful audience. Is it not sad that his growth has been stopped between those walls of self satisfaction and conceit, with utter contempt for most mere humans? Is it not a pity that he cannot see what a goose he has made of himself unconsciously entertaining the campus as a caricature of what he imagines himself and a sad burlesque of what he might have been? V. P.

## SERVICE

Street car service on the south 17th street lines is in a sad state of affairs. After waiting for about fifteen minutes for a street car one is overwhelmed to see two cars round the corner at 17th and A, one following the other the rest of the way to town. This is not merely a coincidence for if one observes closely he will find the practice going on not only every day but every hour throughout the day.

Many students, and a great many more townspeople using these cars have been commenting on this duplicity for a number of years. If the Lincoln Traction Co. were able to run only one car every fifteen minutes there would be no protest but when two cars, one following at the most two minutes behind, come in this way, comment on the folly is to be expected.

Without taking into consideration the time at which these cars arrive down town and that seems unnecessary, the situation appears to be an easy one to remedy. The 25th and South street cars and the College View cars could be run about seven and one-half minutes ahead of their present schedule, leaving the Normal and Sumner cars to their present schedules. Cars would then be run every seven or eight minutes between 17th and A streets and their frequency farther south would not be altered. This would require the addition of no further cars and would double the service.

An improvement in service will draw more patrons. The change would be beneficial to the people living on this line as well as to the Traction company. P. B.

## OTHER EDITORS SAY—

It was noticed in The Daily Nebraskan that the editor "took a shot" at the Pershing Rifles and mentioned that the organization was based on politics. Wonder why the editor didn't kill two birds with one stone and mention the Innocents. —College Roomer

If the state university cannot teach a youth to fly perhaps the department of aeronautics can teach him to want to. —Omaha World-Herald

## A STUDENT LOOKS AT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By David Fellman

The greatest registration in the history of the United States was attained last week, with the significant announcement that 43,000,000 men and women have registered to participate in the election of the next president. This exceeds by 14,000,000 the vote cast in 1924. Figures about a 15 percent stay-at-home vote, there will, in all probability be about 37,000,000 votes cast in 1928.

The thought that such a tremendous mass of voters will go to the polls is very stimulating, both to the intellect and the imagination. It shows that the issues about which the campaign have just a moment ago struck the rock bottom of the public feeling, it shows that the people are shaking off the political lethargy which has enveloped them for years.

These registration figures comprise an emphatic rebuke to the enemies of democratic government. They show that where there are really vital issues at stake, and important decisions to make, the people will make them.

It is of great significance that the greatest source of the increased registration is in the startling jump in female registration. As a matter of fact, the comment of political leaders in the papers seem to indicate that the women seem to indicate the balance of power. Perhaps this election will disprove another settled conviction among students of politics, that the nineteenth amendment has made no decisive change in American politics.

The Graf Zeppelin is now some place over the Atlantic, making its return trip to Germany. It will not be long before great air liners will be making regular trips to and from across the big pond. Flying in the air is destined to be a regular, everyday means of transportation in the future. Of this there is little room for doubt.

There are at present 15,383 persons now drawing pay from the Federal Civil Service retirement and disability fund. During the last year \$11,000,000 were paid out by the Department of Interior, an average of \$734 to each person. 12,173 are drawing pensions because of age, and the rest for disabilities. Under the law the maximum paid to anyone is \$999.96 a year. The oldest annuitant is 108 years old.

The Soviet government of Russia has entered into a contract with the General Electric company for the purchase of \$22,000,000 of goods. Great significance is attached to this transaction. One economic newspaper hails it as a breach in the "Economic Wall," which, it alleges, was maintained since the inception of the soviet state. The official Russian newspaper, The Pravda, thinks that this is the entering wedge in the movement for the official recognition of the Soviet government by the United States. Business men will welcome the possibility of the opening of a vast market.

The juniors and seniors of Purdue university held their annual traditional parade for the DePauw-Purdue game. The tradition of tossing the derbies in the air when their first goal was made prevailed.

## AUTHOR SENDS BACK MONEY FOR ROYALTIES

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 enacted the part of "Cappone's" in its premier run. Hart Jenks former University of Nebraska student and professional actor, played one of the important roles in the New York production. Jenks himself took the star role of "Cappone" in the University Players production.

The University Players' version of the play "Cappone's" will be remembered as one of the outstanding dramatic successes of last spring, with its nine day run in Lincoln at the Temple theater, and its engagement in Omaha. An idea of the quality in the work presented by the Players can be had from the statement from Hart Jenks when he said, that in some respects, the Lincoln production was superior to that enacted in New York City.

## HISTORY GIVES HUSKERS EDGE ON JAYHAWKERS

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 score, the game hung in the balance until the last quarter, when Presnell and Howell scored a touchdown each. Presnell was the star of the game, scoring the first touchdown, and executing numerous dazzling runs. Howell's playing in the final quarter was an exhibition of courage, since he was

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handicapped by injuries. The Jayhawk's only score was made by Wall, who place-kicked a goal from the forty-three yard line.

Last year, the Kansas defense cracked under the onslaught of the Nebraska powerhouse, and allowed the Husker backs to cross the goal line four times in the last quarter, making the final score 47-13. The thrillers of the game were Sloan's ninety yard return for a touchdown run by Cooper, of Kansas, who received a pass from Lawrence and turned it into a touchdown. Presnell and Howell starred for the Sealer.

It is entirely probable that the Jayhawks are beginning to think that they should have a voice in the matter of determining Nebraska's "increasing superiority." They will try to assert themselves Saturday, but if they do, the Cornhuskers will be prepared.

## MIZZOU VICTORY GIVES HUSKERS BOOST UPWARDS

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 return the engagement. After the Kansas game, Nebraska again hits the road and this time down south to Norman for a battle with the Oklahoma Sooners, the third team in the Big Six that is yet undefeated.

## Sooners Show Strength

The Sooner eleven is the big surprise of the valley. In the past three years, the Sooner eleven has sprung a royal surprise each year. Playing on their home field will be a big aid to the Oklahoma team. And climatic conditions at Norman will differ quite a bit from what the Huskers have been used to at Lincoln. With these two conference games on the record, Nebraska comes back home to prepare for the Pitt Panther eleven, conquerors of the Cornhuskers last year.

Oklahoma's 23 to 21 victory at Norman last week over the Kansas Aggie crew shows well that the

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Last night Coach Bearg held his usual after game conference and sent his charges through a light drill as the week of preparation opened for the Kansas game this Saturday. Coach Bearg realized one ambition last week but has not stopped with that and is bent on continuing his winning streak with the 1928 Cornhusker football team. Kansas, Coach Bearg knows, will be hard to beat, as well as Oklahoma, Pitt, Army and Kansas Aggies. Overconfidence is the last thing in the camp of the mighty Cornhuskers at this time. Playing the next two games away from

home will be a handicap for the Scarlet and Cream and Bearg will spend this week in preparation for the Kansas Jayhawker at Lawrence.

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