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CARRY THE MESSAGE

Today the exodus from campus to home communities begins. It is the only time of the year that students, as a whole, are in their home communities, as representatives of the institution.

The University of Nebraska has a great purpose. It is attempting to fill a great need of the commonwealth of Nebraska. Its successful endeavors to serve the state are being handicapped by a host of pressing needs.

A FRESH START

Leaders in big business have learned that it is to their ultimate advantage to allow their employees a certain amount of time each day for a rest and recreation period.

University authorities know that a short period of rest and recreation is also good for students. And likewise it is near the end of the semester. Students have been working on lessons for three months, with only minor interruptions.

Beginning tomorrow, students and instructors start a two-week holiday. For two weeks the cares of school may be forgotten. It is an opportunity for recreation and rest.

Upon returning to school January 7, students should feel much like the employees in a great factory after a rest period. They should feel more like entering into the remainder of the semester with an added zeal.

Three weeks of the semester will remain when the Christmas holidays are over. And upon that three weeks rests not only the grade that the student will receive for the semester, but much more important the good that is to be derived from the course.

THE RAGGER: Freshmen take several books home over a vacation. Sophomores take a few. Juniors may take one. Seniors don't even think of taking any.

It will take students about a month to get used to putting 1929 on papers after the Christmas holidays.

Remember that old saying about looking a gift horse in the mouth, and don't look for the price tag on Christmas gifts.

Leap year is about over. Some girls will be left out if they don't hurry.

It is just about time for a lot of prophecies for calamities to befall the nation in 1929.

One thing more irritating than a "no parking" sign on R street is seeing a car already parked there.

Many a man with a poor memory has a monument erected to it.

NEBRASKA WINTER

By Robert L. Laing

Unwarm, the cheerless sun glared down
On buildings and halls deserted,
Where hundreds of beings had trickled round
Now shadow and echo flitted.

The campus was quilled in new-fallen snow,
In a blanket unmarred by the crowd,
And the stadium gazed on the gridiron below
While a bleak wind whined half aloud.

"These halls are dull, these rooms are hushed
With strange cold emptiness.
'Tis a dismal wait for students' return—
Our warmth and happiness."

Snowbirds fill in winter hold
Where we formulate and reason,
Now left forgotten, stilled and cold
Throughout the Yuletide season.

OTHER STUDENTS SAY—

THE SAME OLD STORY
Sigma Tau, engineering honorary fraternity, recently held an election of members. According to the rules the members of the third of the junior and senior classes having the highest scholastic averages are eligible.

This rule of unanimity, while tending to preclude any dissension within the ranks, points the way for an actively working defect which is sapping the life of the fraternity. This unanimity rule makes it very easy for politics and personal prejudice to be deciding factors in the elections.

The recent election of Sigma Tau admitted to membership about half of those eligible. These refused have as much character and ability as those admitted. They could organize a society of their own that would, in years to come, be able to claim as members as worthy men as Sigma Tau.

This election furnishes another bit of evidence against the honoraries which are on trial for their lives. It helps prove them more or less of a sham. It helps point them out in their true light as social groups far from the goals which they expected to attain when launched.

THE COUNCIL AGAIN!
That grand old quibbler's society, the city council, or perhaps it's Lincoln's husky police chief this time, have contrived to ruin Lincoln's safest street—12th street from R to T.

For the past years this university street has been more or less free from the cumbersome city rules and traffic has taken care of itself in the best manner possible. With the surprising result that fewer accidents happen on 12th street in the university campus than any other street in town in spite of the heavy and concentrated traffic.

Now city rules are being enforced with resultant fines of \$5.70 for offenses, without signs being placed giving information as to parking spaces or other rules. Not only are the arrests unjust under these circumstances but 12th street traffic will be considerably more hampered by the influx of city rules.

OTHER EDITORS SAY—

THE CORE OF THE THING
The core of the thing, that is what we want to see when we take a cross section of college life. To find the innate principles college students cherish we must cut through the foppery of caste which invariably grows up wherever a large group of people congregate and form customs.

Then when you have impartially cut through the fungi and hold the real college student before you for study, you can find what actuates him to devility, such as may be; his studious verbosity should he give way to youthful oratory; or his steadfast worth, should he toll stoically away.

But do people always wish to give the other fellow, college student or not, the fair observation? Are they not a little prone to jump at conclusions which give them room for a bit of censure, just or unjust? Editorials were written by the waste basketful about bobbed hair some years ago and now they defend it. Short skirts received the derision of a nation and now they are pointed to as sensible and sanitary in contrast with the old street-sweeping skirts of yesterday.

It's all but a bit of talk for the day. Sensible people do not censure unjustly. When they do, their opinions cut to the quick.

Boiled down, it is just a matter of cutting through to the core of the situation before forming your opinion. The rot that seems to be on top may have rubbed off another apple in the lot. Be sure.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT
The spirit of Christmas seems to carry with it some mysterious power, a component of good-will, charity, and service to others. It is a beautiful thing this holiday jovialness which wreaths this old world with smiles and happiness.

Petty problems and grievances are thrown to the winds, and everyone's heart is filled to capacity with friendliness and good cheer. Even those busy people who, all through the year, are so completely wrapped up in their own work and well being that they never notice the rest of the world, at this one time forget their weighty problems and become very much aware of the world's good fellowship, and in doing so become part of it.

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A STUDENT LOOKS AT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By David Fellman

When Dr. Hubert Work resigned from the cabinet, where he held the portfolio of the department of interior, President Coolidge made a recess appointment, designating Roy O. West of Chicago for that high position. But recess appointments must be presented to the senate for approval, as soon as the following session begins.

The trouble is that Roy O. West has been, for years, the personal attorney and confidential advisor of Samuel Insull, the greatest power in the field of public utilities in the United States. There are many senators who are hesitating to approve the appointment of Mr. West, because of this affiliation.

The senatorial investigating committee has just approved Mr. West's nomination, by a vote of seven to three. But his opponents are going to fight his confirmation on the floor of the senate. We are inclined to agree with Senator Nye, republican, chairman of the committee that has just completed its investigations with reference to Dr. West's qualifications, that Mr. West is not the man for the job.

Petitions are being circulated in Lincoln to place before the people, for their approval or disapproval, the city manager form of government. The petitions are in the form of an initiative request of a certain percentage of the voters, calling upon the authorities to submit the proposal to a referendum vote of the people.

The sweep of the movement for the adoption of the city manager form of government is the culmination of a growing recognition of the need for centralized and definite responsibility in the public administration of our cities. The tendency has been, unmistakably, toward narrowing down, more and more the centers of responsibility and authority. Efficiency is recognized as the prime consideration in administration.

In the early days of American history, all the voters met in the town hall, and conducted the public business of the locality collectively. The number of legislators was next reduced, the people electing certain

men, from small districts, to the city council. The next step was to cut down the number of city officials again by adopting the commission form of government. This narrowed responsibility down to about six department heads, each with coordinate legislative power. Now, the next step is in the process of adoption throughout the country, the city manager form of government. Under this plan, the council's chief function is to formulate the city's policies and ordinances, by which the city is to be governed. The whole problem of administration is left in the hands of the city manager, an expert in governmental business appointed by the council. He is responsible to the council and to the people for the efficient and impartial management of the business of the city. We hope that Lincoln will take this progressive step in the direction of efficiency and responsibility in the conduct of their local government.

GEOLOGY GRADS SEND HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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been sent to sorrowing friends in all parts of the world:

Christmas Greeting
Now silent snowflakes fill the air,
There's mirth and laughter everywhere,
God's blessing flows throughout the land—
And all should lend a helping hand.

At Yuletide all one's faults forgive,
If you would learn the art to live—
For Jesus Christ was born this day.
To cleanse and wash our sins away.

At Christmas time, come make good cheer—
Forget all grief, forget all fear—
For faith, and Hope, and Charity
Still reign to help humanity.

The Star of Hope still shines for all
So harken to the Christian call—
Be brave, forgive, be kind, be true,
And God's great love will be with you.

Merry Christmas!
ADAM BREEDE.

CONOLAVES ATTRACT SEVERAL NEBRASKANS

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of societies are convening at Columbia university.
Joseph C. Reeves, '29, is the Nebraska delegate from Phi Sigma to the National Convention of the Biological Society at Columbia university. He will file a record of the activities of the Nebraska chapter and will give a report on research work concerning "Polyspermy in Rotifer Eggs." He will also attend meetings of other societies.

The American Pathological society is featuring at their convention moving pictures of each charter member in laboratory. Dr. L. B. Walker is a charter member at Nebraska.

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Official Bulletin

Friday, December 21
Final day of inter-society rifle competition. All scores must be turned in. Quarterly reports will be issued.
Paladian literary society Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Saxton, 1919 Pepper avenue. Closed meeting.

Social Calendar

Friday, December 21
Sigma Alpha Epsilon formal dinner.
Theta Chi house party.
Sigma Phi Epsilon freshman house party.
Phi Kappa house party.
Paladian party at J. M. Saxton's home, 1919 Pepper avenue.
Saturday, December 22
Sigma Chi dinner dance.
Phi Delta Theta house dinner.

Soaps Consumed By Kansans Hits Total of Tons

People of Kansas use more than 11,000 tons of soap annually just for getting water ready for use for cleansing purposes, according to findings of an Engineering Bulletin No. 17, just issued by the University of Kansas.
With few exceptions, the underground water supplies carry considerable amounts of mineral matter in solution and the surface matters have almost as much. The ground waters, on an average, have 342 parts per million of calcium carbonate, and the surface waters 318. This gives a mean

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"hardness" for the state of 364 parts per million.
Scientists have estimated that 1,000 gallons of water with a hardness of 334 require 68.8 pounds of soap for complete softening. Estimating the water completely softened at a very conservative one gallon per day per inhabitant, Miss Gottlieb estimates that more than 11,000 tons a year of soap are required—and this before the soap has a chance to do any cleansing. At 10 cents a pound for soap, the cost is in excess of \$2,200,000 yearly.

For The Xmas Season—
We are showing a selection of gift suggestions that will be priced highly Xmas morning. And don't forget we can advise you as to "his" favorite cigars, and the choicest candy for "her."
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Hosiery of individuality
Gordon V-Line and Gordon Narrow Heel are accessories of distinction—the unfailing choice of the woman who knows.
There are artistic reasons for their style.
For the V-Line was designed by a famous artist to enhance the beauty of the ankle, by stressing the natural shadow. It is graceful and feminine, the perfect choice for the afternoon or evening frock. \$2.50.
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Both designs are available in chiffon for afternoon and evening, and sheer service weight for street and morning wear.
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