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STILL SNOOZING

Grizzly bears in mountain-fast dens, rolled up in great heaps of fur waiting for the approach of spring, are still sleeping the winter slumps of hibernation. Warm sunshine, longer days, laughing brooks, aroma of pine trees—no, the long nap continues, and Bruin dreams of honey trees.

And—
 Like the drowsy grizzly, the Interfraternity council slumbers, staying within the darkness of the rock-bound den, and fully aware that the 1929 rushing season is being planned by the various fraternities on the campus. Cards have been printed in a great number of cases. Like the cinnamon bear who awaits for spring to set in for certain, fearing the storms that rake the mountains about the timber line, so the council waits for plans to be completed for rush week before stepping in with eager hands to regulate the rushing tactics of the Cornhusker campus.

Unregulated, unsupervised, progressing with the ruthlessness of a barbarian conquest, unethical—this is the chaotic condition of the rushing practices on the campus. Fraternities set up a lone and loud wall after the rushing days in the fall. They feel the trodding feet of rival fraternities upon their premises. They have seen men pledged from under their very noses. The clamor for a sane rushing system sets in. By the time spring has arrived, the inspiration for readjustment has faded. Year after year, it is the same story.

Action of the council last year to place restrictions upon rushing was a start to improvement, but there was little observance of the recommendations. Why not formulate a few iron-clad rules governing the rushing on the campus, put some teeth in those laws, and demand observance?

If rushing is war, certainly there are a few ethical principles involved then. War does not progress under a helter-skelter campaign. Ban "hiding out" and kindred tactics, force fraternities to respect the dates that a second organization has with a man. Do what the University of Oklahoma has done to the rushing on the Sooner campus—placed it under the thumb of the council pure and simple. Insert enough teeth into the rushing rules to make violating fraternities play the role of Red Kidnapping Hood.

"Oh, what big teeth you have, Grandma!"
 Claw off a few of the leaves, Bruin, scratch, sharpen up the eyesight, and decide to come out of that cave.

If books are the windows of knowledge lots of students are trying to suffocate by keeping the windows shut.

ON ONE HAND

"Lights, foots, house, borders, CLEAR, curtain," and the asbestos ascended upon another University Players production. The drama progressed displaying splendid acting, marvelous impersonation and a well-threaded plot. The critics observed, smiled, applauded and lauded the vehicle to the skies. The press approved, the public voiced favorable opinion, the stars accepted congratulations and the director beamed with satisfaction. To the casual observer the show was a striking success.

but on the other hand

An observation on one of the less conspicuous members of the company reveals a different tale. The man who does the worrying, the man behind the pen on pay-day, the man of a thousand cares, otherwise known as the business manager, sweats over his task of "checking up" after a weeks run of the play.

Little does he care if the stars are showered with congratulations and roses, still less cares he for what the public and press think if their opinions do not bring in the gate receipts. What he wants to see is a crowded theater, a box office with a line of people bombarding it for tickets, and a good fat pocketbook representing the weeks earnings of the show. He is not mercenary about it either. The type of plays that his organization produces are expensive. They are costly in more ways than one. Royalties come high, likewise, scenery and costumes cost money. In other words the type of productions sponsored by the University Players are not cheap.

— and if there were a third hand
 It is a safe wager that an investigation of the ledger of the Players would reveal some interesting information. Of the several plays produced by the group this year, doubtlessly, none of them have made big profit. Few have cleared the margin while it is frequent that others have lost money to the organization. There must be a reason for this.

Surely the people of Lincoln have supported the Players. The audiences, in fact, have disclosed that, in the majority of cases, Lincoln people have been the chief supporters. Student support, then is lacking.

Why don't the students attend? Is it because they do not care for the type of drama being produced? Is it because of the hour that the show opens? Is it lack of personal interest in the Players themselves? It could be the fault of anyone or all of the above mentioned, but to designate the chief cause of this lack of student support is extremely difficult, if not entirely impossible.

EXPOSITION PALACE

When the Coliseum was built, the department of athletic officials announced that it would be used for winter and indoor sports. The building was financed through receipts obtained from football games, and contains facilities for basketball, tennis, and various gymnasium sports. In fact, the building was known for awhile as the Field House.

All this week, an exposition of Lincoln industrial products is being held at the Coliseum. In the midst of the basketball season, a hardware dealer's convention was held in the building. A fireman's hall graced the interior of the Coliseum earlier in the year. And as soon as the present exposition is completed, carpenters will begin work on preparing the Coliseum for Faust's presentation.

During the entire week, all athletic activities have been necessarily suspended. The basketball team, which later proved to be a powerful foe in the Big Six conference and third place winner in relative standings at the close of the season, was forced to practice on the small stage court. Classes F and G played there during the recent state basketball tourney. Another week of enforced idleness is fast approaching.

Although the Coliseum was built to provide a place for community affairs, made necessary through the loss of the old City Auditorium, it was not planned to make it available for every convention and exposition planned by the city of Lincoln. So long as the event does not seriously interfere with athletic activity of the University and does not continue to avail itself of Coliseum facilities for weeks at a time, there is no reason why the building should not be utilized.

After all, the primary purpose of the Coliseum, built with University funds, is to provide a place for athletic activity and recreation for students. A worthy but nevertheless secondary purpose, is its use as an exposition palace and show room.

Between the drives for Grace Coppock funds and the campus prowl reward fund, students complain that they are being driven wild.

TO ILLINOI

Announcement of Coach Schulte's intention of entering his track squad in the Illinois Relays came as a matter of satisfaction to many Nebraska fans. The Illinois carnival, recognized as the leading indoor meet of the winter season, has attracted the Cornhuskers in previous years and has done much to display the quality of the Nebraska squad.

Although track is considered one of the major college sports, it does not seem to draw the interest and attention that some of the other forms of athletics—football, for example, which is, of course, the King of all college sports. It is not because of inferiority that this particular sport lacks the intensiveness—rather it is because of the passive interest of the student body.

Many interesting events are always included in the track schedules. Old records are shattered, new records are made, old ideas are buried into the background, new ideas are instituted. And the success of the various attempts depends on ability and training. The former must be inherent, but the latter must be drilled into the participant by some individual possessed with a well-founded background.

Completing his tenth year of service at the University of Nebraska this season, Coach Schulte has done remarkably well in developing formidable squads. Many of the nationally recognized figures in sport have received the rudimentary instruction under this teacher. Surely for this reason alone students would do well to pay more attention to this particular sport and especially at this time when the Cornhusker squad will be pitted against some of the foremost trackmen in the country.

Now if they would fill up the University's duplication of Panama canal with water it would be lovely for boating in the summer, skating in the winter and fishing in the springtime.

Now that it is warm enough for the "Candy Kids" to be out on the campus selling bars to the students, maybe steps ought to be taken to remove the sales rights to some worthy organization.

Another nice thing about having spring football practice is that the men will at least have some excuse for being tired.

Books aren't what they're cracked to be.

Just so the student life section of the Cornhusker makes mention of the fact that there was a campus prowler.

The only plausible reason why coeds always sit down in a classroom before taking off their coats is so the good-looking guy behind can lend a helping hand.

University professors in Social Sciences now are in direct competition with the ditch-digger. The digger, however, happens to be a machine.

Nebraskians' idea of competing with California: Photographing those little Alps on the east side of the campus, calling them mountains and then pointing to Andrews hall and Teachers college looming up beside them as typical of the size of buildings at this University.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

THESE NEW INITIATES

This week marked the inaugural of the president of the United States. It also marked the initiation of the pledge groups on the campus. It was their inaugural into the larger responsibilities and privileges of fraternity life.

Greater privileges necessitate discrimination in use of spare time. Students who for the past six months have been held down by the more or less strict regulations forced on pledges by fraternities, will be given a freedom that was not theirs before.

Whereas study hall, church attendance, and activities were required of him before the initiate finds it his own problem to choose his hours for study, his place in organized activity, even his social connections. Of course his fraternity affiliation may influence him but the choice is his own.

Some of the men or women students who have been doing things because they have had to will suddenly drop out, while others will have developed the habit or become interested and will continue. Those who stick will be more worth while in their particular field with the result that organizations should be able to accomplish a great deal more than before.

In all fields, this sudden freedom should increase the sincerity and versatility with which students engage themselves. There will be a more wholesome spirit in all student contacts with the greatest part of coercion removed.

—Oklahoma Daily

A STUDENT LOOKS AT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By David Fellman

President Hoover has begun his administration with an auspicious stroke at the very outset. He has laid down the edict: No more oil leases. President Hoover intends to make the conservation policy of the government complete by preventing any further leasing of government oil lands whatever. Secretary of the Interior Wilbur has thus directed all public land officers, in accordance with this dictum, not to grant any more oil leases, and to reject all pending applications. The department will then make a comprehensive survey of the 22,000 leases that are at present outstanding, with the view of cancelling those under which no work or money has been expended.

This vigorous policy of the executive department of the federal government will not go by unchallenged. Under the general leasing act of 1920, Congress provided for the letting of oil lands to prospectors, and stipulated under what conditions the department of interior is to lease them. It is contended that it is not within the province of the president to make such a sweeping change in policy, that such a reform must be approved by Congress. As this contention is a strong one, there is no doubt that the validity of the new Hoover policy will soon be tested in the courts.

One Helen Terwilliger, age thirteen, of Walden, New York, was listening in on the inaugural exercises that were held in Washington on March 4. Her acute and discriminating ear perceived that Chief Justice Taft made a slip in administering the oath to the chief executive. The chief justice said, "preserve, maintain, and defend," instead of "preserve, maintain, and protect," as the constitution stipulates. She wrote to Mr. Taft, and called his attention to the mistake. In this age of the radio, one can't get away with anything.

Justice Taft wrote an interesting letter, in reply, to Helen. "One cannot speak to the whole United States," he said, "without having his words closely examined.... You may attribute the variation to the defect of an old man's memory. It certainly did not prevent the validity of the oath. When I was sworn in by Chief Justice Fuller, he made a similar slip, but in those days there was no radio. It was observed only in the senate chamber where I took the oath. This shows how much more carefully one who is exercising a public duty must now conduct himself."

The latest rumor in Washington is that former Vice-president Dawes is slated to be our next ambassador to England. A. B. Houghton, the present American envoy at the court of St. James, is preparing to retire to private life. It is known that President Hoover has a profound respect for our vigorous and outspoken general, vice-president, and diplomatic expert extraordinary.

Will Rogers, one of America's most profound political observers, has dubbed the Jones act the "five and ten" act. It will be recalled that the Jones act, which was one of the last measures passed by this last congress, raises the penalty for violation of the dry law to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000. Great things are expected as a result of the operation of this stringent "five and ten" law. Mr. Rogers claims that

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the results are already apparent, tho the ink of the president's signature has scarcely had time to dry, and that many a dealer in the illicit traffic is thinking it over carefully before resuming his operations.

This is an age of big business which, in its most refined form, takes the form of trust combinations. The trustifying process is merely going on its way, as a few recent developments indicate. General Motors has recently purchased 72 percent of the stock of the largest motor car manufacturing plant in Germany, and soon Chevrolets will be swarming all over the land strasse of Germany, even as they do in these United States. Then, there was announced, about ten days ago, the formation of a \$200,000,000 airplane trust in New York, to control airplane production in the United States. Another development is the formation of a \$15,000,000 international news trust in London, to be known as the Anglo-Foreign Newspaper company. Still another is the sale of the gigantic British electric power firm, the Greater London and Counties Trust, which controls seven of the leading British power companies, to the Utilities Power and Light corporation of the United States. This problem is worth pondering over.

This last congress of ours was a very expensive item in the national bill of expense. It appropriated a total of \$9,281,599,177. This is a new record for peace time appropriations in a single congress. It seems that congress is increasing its appropriations, lately, at the rate of about a billion dollars a session. Well, what's a billion dollars more or less in as rich a country as ours?

Two men of great fame in this country were in Omaha last week, and were interviewed by the local newspapers. These men were B. C. Forbes, economist, editor of Forbes magazine, and financial writer for the Hearst newspapers, and Scott Nearing, famous American socialist and communist. When asked who, in his opinion, was the most important and significant figure in world affairs today, Mr. Forbes chose Mussolini. "Mussolini," he said, "is undoubtedly the most significant figure in the world. He is suppressing democracy, which is spreading everywhere. He is making a large-scale experiment in a new style of autocracy. So far his work has been extraordinarily effective, and the results have astounded everyone. But I personally think that mankind has passed the stage where it will long submit to a dictator." Mr. Nearing's off-hand choice was Henry Ford.

Mr. Nearing, who is very much interested in social reform, was asked to explain of what national greatness consists. He said that a nation, to be great, must do the following:

- (a) Offer its children food, protection from the weather, fresh air and sunshine, so that each may be assured of a fine body, and
- (b) Offer normal social opportunities to all children, so that they may associate with their equals and share in the administration of their affairs, and
- (c) Provide special opportunities for the development of such

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 (1) Agri-Fun show, student activities building, College of Agriculture, 1:11 p.m.
 (2) Union Literary Society, 7:30 p.m.
 (3) University of Nebraska, 11 p.m.
 (4) University of Nebraska, 11 p.m.
 (5) University of Nebraska, 11 p.m.

LITERARY SOCIETY PREPARES COMEDY
 Union Literary Society will entertain the Delian and Palladian Literary Societies Friday night in the Union rooms on the third floor of the Temple. The feature of the evening, according to Lester Shoe-maker, program chairman, will be a two-act comedy. The program will include both vocal and violin selections, and a four-piece orchestra will play several numbers.

H. C. Filley Addresses Meeting of Lions Club
 Prof. H. C. Filley, of the College of Agriculture, spoke yesterday noon to the Lions club at the Chamber of Commerce, describing the agricultural outlook in Nebraska for 1929. He predicted prospects of higher prices for Nebraska's agricultural products in 1929 and 1930.

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