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## The Battle Rages.

DIVERSE opinions seem to be spreading among students concerning the Nebraskan's attitude toward snobs. Tuesday "Not a Gladhander," in our Echoes column, conceived the idea that exclusiveness is one of the most desirable aspects of university life. Today two students denounce this fellow's perspective and, like The Nebraskan, say that cultivation of friends should be encouraged.

There is, undoubtedly, room for comment on both sides. The Nebraskan realizes this and for that reason has given and is giving space to student comment of this nature. Choosing your friends is an advantage, all right, in some ways, especially with those people entertaining political aspirations, just as S. M. E. points out.

Already foremost politicians on the campus are taking freshmen under their wings to lead and guide them on the saintly path. The "desirable" acquaintances are rapidly being pointed out to the yearlings, with the instructions that they, the frosh, begin right now and keep off their toes. So it is evident that it is a good thing to be exclusive in your selection of acquaintances.

But then there is the democratic aspect. The student who really is democratic is always the best liked. And not only that, he is getting more out of university life than the snob; he is making invaluable associations and contacts that will stay with him for life.

Which path to tread—that's the question. The foolish, spineless student will adhere to the "big brothers" admonitions, while the wise student will endeavor to widen his acquaintanceships at school as much as is humanly possible. The one will probably get what he thinks are immediate results; the other will get more lasting results.

### Responsibility of Education.

Crime infested Berger, Tex., witnessed Sunday one of the most remarkable church turnouts in its brief history. Armed with the news that state militia were approaching to wash the town's politics clean of its alliance with unbridled crime, the villagers suddenly became honest, upright citizens and poured into the long neglected pews. Those who were not already members of churches at least in name, hastened to confess their faith in order to be admitted to church rosters.

Despite the tragedy of such flagrant hypocrisy, it is indeed amusing to contemplate the folly of these persons who imagine that they can conceal their shame behind the clean name of a church. Neither the arm of honestly administered justice nor universal opinion can thus easily be beguiled into thinking that a citizenry that permits over a dozen murderers to go unpunished is untainted.

The lawless combination of crime and public service may have been directly responsible for this state of affairs, but there is no excuse for the length of time that this regime was permitted to dominate. The chances are that many of those who piously attended church Sunday were recipients of some share in the ill gotten gains of this tyranny.

The incident should interest Nebraska students as the future citizens of this nation. They are at this time being given a most liberal education chiefly at the expense of taxpayers. But education is something more than mere facts and figures. It is an enlightening process that

should leave the mind open for correct and rational thinking. It succeeds only if it accomplishes this goal.

This means, above all things, that a graduate of an institution of this nature should be a foe of all intolerance and hypocrisy. Therefore, when students enter these walls, they are undertaking a serious responsibility to exert an enlightened influence upon society. We cannot stress too much how great this obligation is.

The thought, however, is not one for consideration solely after graduation. It is equally pertinent before and during matriculation for it is not something applicable only to the college man; it is universal in its truth. The present, then, is the time to consider the motives that prompt us to join campus activities, fraternities, and other organizations. Now is the time to decide whether we can live up to what is expected of us in the ethical way. If we cannot measure up to the mark, we ought to have the decency to get out and conceal our shame in a more appropriate place.

## Echoes of the Campus.

Letters from readers are cordially welcomed in this department, and will be printed in all cases subject to the common newspaper practice of keeping out of all libelous matter and attacks against individuals and religions. For the benefit of readers a limit of 250 words has been set. The name of the author must accompany each letter, but the full name will not be published unless so desired by the contributor.

### Snobbishness vs. Exclusiveness.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

In what appears to be an argument answering The Nebraskan editorial on snobs, "Not a Gladhander," defends successfully what he calls exclusiveness. From the tone of his opinion, it is evident that the writer considers snobbishness and exclusiveness as synonymous terms, but as he uses his term, and as the term was used in The Nebraskan, the two are different—almost opposite.

It is granted that students waste time "con-sorting with this person or that, for reasons of policy." It is granted that those students are the losers, and are missing the really valuable contacts they might have made. But those same students, lacking in exclusiveness, are at the same time snobs—paradoxical, at first glance, but true nevertheless.

Some of the school's leading politicians are gladhanders. They are not exclusive. They could not possibly be exclusive, and at the same time be successful politicians. Yet it is these politicians, these seekers after popularity, who are snobs down under the skin. Their friendliness, quite obviously exhibited for political reasons only is but a thin veneer, frequently transparent.

Perhaps it was for people of that type that The Nebraskan editorial was intended. More power to "Not a Gladhander's" exclusive student!

### The Select Circle.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

One who styles himself "Not a Gladhander" apparently misunderstood a previous contribution to your Campus Echoes department.

In your Tuesday paper he decries what he sees as a tendency on the part of some students at the university to "con-sort with this person or that for reasons of policy." He goes further. He condemns having more than a few friends. He thinks those few should be in one's own little group—identically interested in the same things in life—in short, he can see no reason for anyone knowing more than a few persons. He can see no possibility that perhaps there are worthwhile things which his "own little group" is missing.

He unmercifully criticized a contribution to this department advising students to learn how to make friends, and to learn how to meet other persons. Perhaps he feels such knowledge is not necessary. So does the average person whom we refer to as a "snob."

To me, it seems that the very greatness of the American nation is due to the fact that such men as "Not a Gladhander" have always been in the minority in this country. The greatest share of Americans always have been, and I hope always will be, persons who make friends readily, for democracy, in the last analysis, amounts to nothing but friendship and kindred feeling for one's fellow citizens.

He finds a great many persons uninteresting, to use his own word. Whose fault is that? Their interests probably do not coincide with his, therefore he enjoys them not.

Perhaps "Not a Gladhander" is right, but the writer's hunch is that he should have lived in Elizabethan days in old England among the royalty of her tawdry court, who had no acquaintance outside their own "select" circle.

## YESTERDAY

"Get-a-Data"  
Leo the Lion  
Snobbishness

By MARTHA DISBRANE.

Tuesday's Nebraskan carried a story of a proposed dating bureau on the campus, to be conducted only for Barbs Bertillon measurements, or others equally comprehensive, are to be taken of all applicants for dates, and requests are to be filled accordingly. The idea is usable, perhaps, but it looks like risky business. After all, the date would be a blind one, regardless of how well informed the conductor of the bureau happened to be.

It is going a little too far to expect people to pay for a blind date. There would always be requests for refunds, if payment were demanded in advance, and if the refunds were given, the business would go broke. If the refunds were not given, the patrons would become antagonized, then refuse to take another chance. There you are. The practice of contracting blind dates, even when arranged by friends, causes all kinds of dissension. A business firm couldn't exist, dealing in such an unstable commodity as that kind of dates.

If the law students must have their weekly exercises, consisting of the manipulation of newspapers, they may have difficulty in finding a suitable place for those exercises this week. Movie reviews indicate that the shows are fairly satisfactory.

It is too late now, but the college should have found extreme pleasure in visiting the cage of Leo the lion, and taking their constitutional there. Leo may be a fairly famous lion, but he is scarcely entitled to the notoriety he is receiving. His publicity agent has been grossly overplaying him.

The editor of this august publication seems to have entangled himself in an argument, and I want to get in on it. He says there are too many snobs on the campus. He is answered by a student who claims there are not enough, and it seems that they are both right.

There are many persons who are seeking popularity. They swallow their pride, and are very cordial to everyone in order to attain their popularity. But at the same time, they are being snobs when they refuse to be tolerant of people who can not help them in their climb to glory. They drop their snobbishness, as "Not a Gladhander" says only for reasons of policy.

## HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT HAS MANY VISITORS

Visitors for the past week in the home economics department, college of agriculture, include Buelah Coon, formerly assistant professor of home economics in the University of Nebraska and at the present time assistant professor in the University of Chicago and Edna Benson, assistant professor of design in the Nebraska home economics department.

Other visitors of this week were Jane Hickley who has recently resigned her position as assistant professor of home economics education to take a position with the

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### Pharmaceutical Graduate Pays Visit to Campus

Edwin Smith, a former student of the college of pharmacy, visited the campus Monday. Mr. Smith completed the three year course the college offers and is now teaching at Sprague, Neb.

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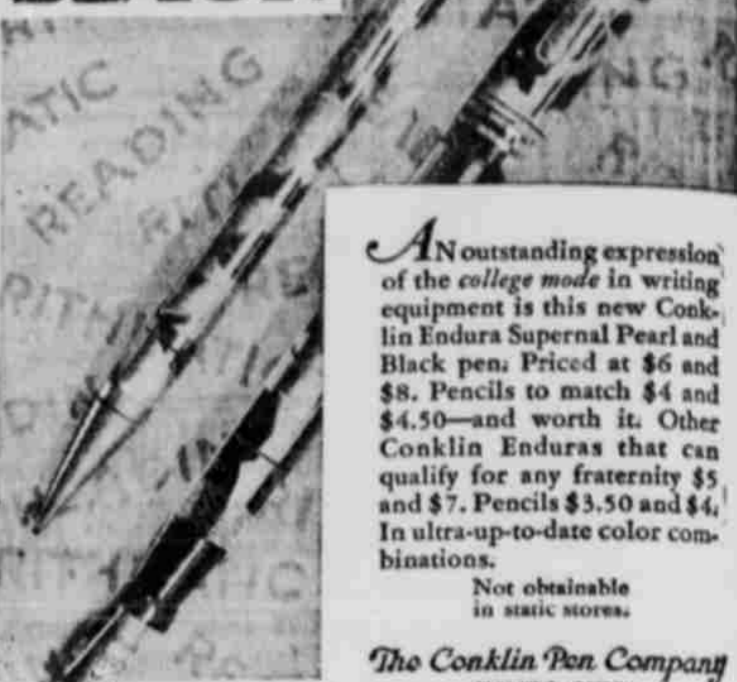
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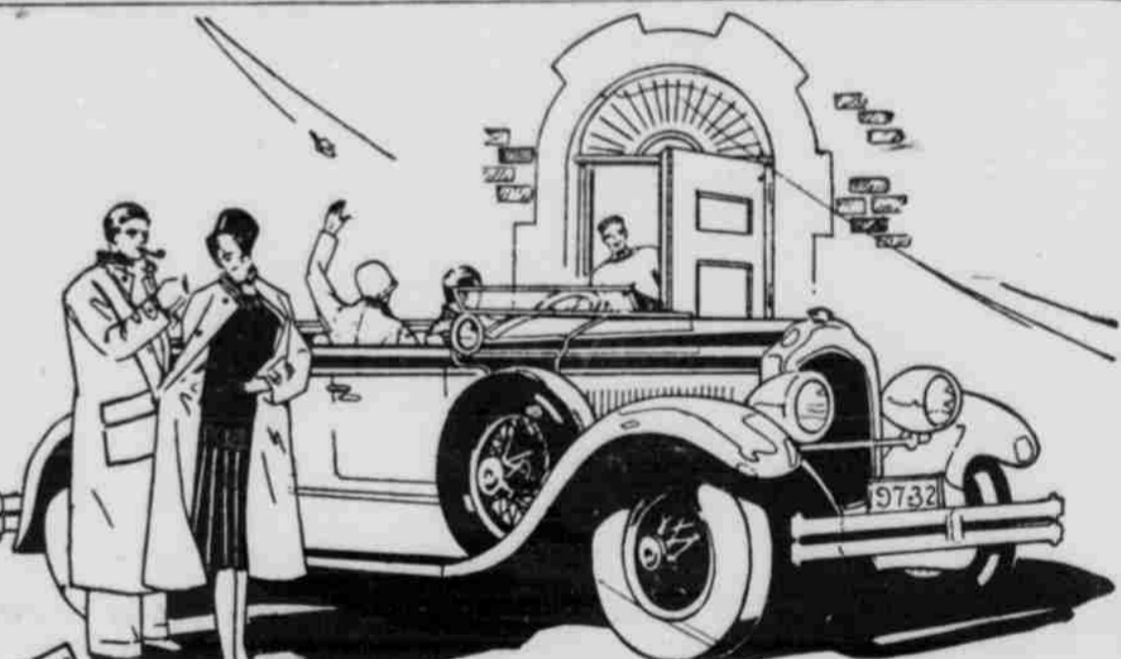
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