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A Coveted Prize.

Today's "contemporary sentiment" speaks lightly—very lightly—of Phi Beta Kappa. The author of that editorial was evidently pressed for copy, and so ground out his satire for want of anything better.

It matters little that Phi Beta Kappa was originally a drinking fraternity—if it was. Right now, membership in that organization is generally considered an outstanding achievement in the college career of any student fortunate enough to attain it.

There might be something to the statement that any person of average mentality can make Phi Beta Kappa, providing he studies hard enough and foregoes all other activity. But the truth is that that type of student is scarcely found any place, much less in Phi Beta Kappa.

A Phi Beta Kappa key is sniffed at openly and admired secretly. It is safe to assume that there isn't a person in the university who would not be proud to possess one.

A Sport That's Neglected.

The University of Nebraska athletic department sponsors intercollegiate football, basketball, track, baseball, swimming, wrestling and tennis but has left out of its list golf.

Golf is one of the most popular sports followed by the public of today. Golf is played by both the old and the young, the business man and the student. In the large tournaments held in the country each year youth is predominating.

Eastern and western universities have realized that this sport is gradually taking hold of the students and have added golf to their list of athletics. They are providing for competition in this sport for those who desire it as well as in any other athletic contest.

The students at Nebraska are showing the same interest as students of the other schools are but are not allowed the privilege of inter-school competition. Golf is listed at the University of Nebraska as an intramural sport and has as many participants as any of the other sports.

The interest in this sport among students is high and the recognition of it as one of the most popular sports in the country has been acknowledged so why shouldn't the university place golf on the list of its intercollegiate sports and open again that field of sport in which a great number of students are extremely interested?

We Need a Personnel Man.

Recently a test was given Nebraska students in a beginning journalism class over current events which have taken place since the university closed last June. Questions were asked on important happenings of the day as well as on the identification of individuals prominent in state and national affairs.

The results were astonishing. The highest grade received was 58 percent while the lowest was 2 percent. Last year when a similar test was given the averages were practically the same.

Such a situation is deplorable. The test concerned things which are a part of our every day life and as such should be of vital interest to us. University students are the citizens and leaders of tomorrow. Neither a state nor a nation can expect much intelligent help or support from citizens who know nothing about contemporary affairs.

Looking at the matter from another point of view we find the result even more regrettable. The class membership was for the most part comprised of "would be" journalists. These persons, planning to make the recording of the day's happenings, the activities of important personages, and all sundry things of current interest, their life work, by actual experiment are shown to take no interest in these matters.

What is the trouble? Is it possible that these people have been mistaken in their choice of a career? In most cases the students would excuse themselves by saying they did not have time to read the papers and so acquaint themselves with these things.

Northwestern university at Chicago has at least made an effort to prevent such a situation. On their faculty is a personnel psychologist whose duty is to assist the students in adjusting themselves to their environment. He devises tests which will show the students the

profession he is best fitted for, and the amount of work he can carry successfully. These tests have been the work of scientific research and have proved of great benefit to Chicago students.

If Nebraska could boast of a personnel psychologist such a situation as was uncovered in the news writing class would probably never arise. Students whose interests or capacities did not permit them to be journalists would not be struggling with the course, and all would be allowed to take only the number of hours which they could handle and still have time to read the papers and familiarize themselves with the happenings of the world about them.

Nebraska needs a personnel psychologist.

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.

'Higher Education.'

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: Last Friday morning a rally was held in front of Social Sciences. Rallies are fine things when kept in their proper places. They are an evidence of school spirit and loyalty. But as some sage once remarked, too much is enough.

Not content with the demonstration held between 10 and 11 o'clock classes, some of the more ardent ralliers (the word is our own, thank you) had a little rally of their own, and hurried up and down Twelfth street between R and U in their tin chariots, a la Ben Hur.

They not only hurried, but also cheered, jeered (students in classrooms), sounded their fifty-seven varieties of fiendish noisemakers without which no auto is considered collegiate—whatever that is—and raised Cain in general; all to the general disgust and discomfiture, we might add, of people unfortunate enough to be in classrooms close enough to the street to hear the racket. After the whoopee boys had tired of making ki-yi for a half hour they quit, but not soon enough to save the shattered morale of many of the classes they had disturbed.

This may be higher education, but we doubt it. Maybe someone in the next fifty years will discover a higher standard of culture for colli-tude campus cut-ups. Let's hope so. If last Friday's performance is repeated, it may be necessary to turn the yip-yip makers loose in the stadium.

Perhaps special class hours for research into whoopee may be found necessary for the peace of mind of those who like to hear what the instructor is saying while the whoopiers are holding forth. And if this be treason, make the most of it. M. X.

Lecture Room Artists.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: A well known classification of college goers has been given to consist of those who borrow and those who lend. May I venture another classification?

A university galaxy is made up of three systems, i. e., the social, the intellectual, and the unclassified. Traveling in the firmament of knowledge, this galaxy of which we are supposedly a part, is moving in some direction or other. Now the "social system," we know well enough what that is; in fact it comes in for a lot of comment.

The intellectuals also have their criticism. It is only necessary to add that these individuals who go in heavily for art, mathematics and such, are really feeding on the barren heights of learning and living rocky and barren lives. Nevertheless, they seem to have developed a remarkable agility and tenacity enabling them to hold their own.

Now the last class. I claim that not enough is said about them. They are too easily neglected under the title of semimoron. It is these individuals who come from all types of families and from all corners of the state.

They may generally be discovered in the rear of the classroom, through choice or a sort of "inferiority complex" and there they contrive reasons for attending class by industriously drawing and annotating in their textbooks, notebooks, or on blotters, with various hieroglyphs and shady characters or cartoons.

It is this class in which I am interested. I wish you would cut down some on the copy devoted to the social elite and the intelligentia, to criticize (if but to criticize) this oft neglected species of the common genus. A SCRIBBLER.

Contemporary Sentiments

Restoring Dear Old Phi Beta.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Dean Clark of the University of Illinois, known to Illini of the last quarter century as "Thommy Arkle," has renewed his war on secret fraternities. This time he is out gunning for the hide or hair or both of Kappa Beta Phi, whose emblem, he says, caricatures the sacred key of Phi Beta Kappa, honorary great-grandpa of all Greek letter societies.

The size and design are said to be the same except for the object to which the uplifted hand points. For (whisper it) in place of the inspiring trio of stars is a stein of beer. This is offensive to him as a university dean, and no doubt, as a loyal member of dear old Phi Beta, so he is out for blood.

We are surprised—the dean should know better. Evidently he skipped over the early history of the PBK when he should have studied it in his neophyte days. What he missed would set him aright now. Phi Beta Kappa was organized in 1776 by a jolly group of William and Mary college students who gathered in the tavern at night to forget the cares of the day.

The sub rosa membership ought not be kicked out, it should be given a banquet and its name cut on a bronze tablet. Plainly their society is a movement to restore the old ideals. There is a faith of their fathers, a faith Phi Beta Kappa has long since strayed away from.

METHODIST STUDENTS PLAN UNIQUE PICNIC

Phi Tau Theta and Kappa Phi Will Go to Auto Park Friday.

Kappa Phi and Phi Tau Theta, organizations of young men and women, respectively, of the Methodist denomination on the university campus, will trek to Auto park for a joint picnic Friday evening.

The group will meet at the Wesley Foundation parsonage between 3 and 4 P. M., where transportation will be arranged for the 200 or more students who are expected to attend.

Entertainment will consist of weird gypsy jaunts led by the Rev. and Mrs. Fawell. Groups will be subdivided into the clans called Sun Worshipers, Moonlighters, Star Gazers and Diamond Hunters. Each of the clans will be led on a mystery hike, to a common camp fire and song fest, by clan leaders carrying lanterns on which the emblem of the clan is engraved.

Chief sponsor of the picnic will be Miss Luvicy Hill of the commercial art department in teachers college. She will be assisted by patronesses Miss Gertrude Beers, and Mrs. W. C. Fawell.

The program committee consists of J. Howard Brown, chairman; Floy Kenebarger, Irene Downing; Paul Fasse, Glen Feathers and Orvil Schevel. The committee for lunch is Dorrine Bailey, Myrtle Green and John Riemer. A charge of twenty-five cents will be made to defray expenses of the lunch.

University News of 28 Years Ago Deal With Sports, Spirits

"Practice in kicking given special attention by coach!" Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

Just twenty-eight years ago The Daily Nebraskan for Oct. 24, 1901, was describing the practice workout for the Iowa State game. Little difficulty was expected in downing Ames but the squad was pointing for the Wisconsin game to be played a week from the following Saturday. Even then Nebraska was bowling over her midwestern opponents and was scheduling games with larger schools.

The Daily Nebraskan was then in its first year of existence, having formerly been called the Nebraskan-Hispanian. It was about the size of the ordinary magazine of today, was composed of four pages and had two small lead articles on the front page.

It is interesting to note that while one front page article was about football practice, the other concerned the organization of a "Rooters Club." Dr. Roscoe Pound, now dean of the Harvard law school, but at that time an instructor at Nebraska, was given the position of "Head Rooter."

One of the three official yells on the roster of the "Rooters Club" was U-U-U-N-I, which still holds an important place on the cheerleaders' program.

MOTION PICTURE ILLUSTRATES NEW SUBWAY METHODS

A motion picture entitled "Building New York's Newest Subway" was shown at a meeting of the class in engineering construction, to illustrate tunneling in construction. This film was obtained through the courtesy of E. I. du Pont de Nemours and company of Wilmington, Del.

It emphasized one of the greatest of engineering problems—to build a subway along Eighth avenue of New York City without disturbing the life of the metropolis. Much of the tunnel work was through rock formations, so careful use of explosives was necessary to bore the right-of-way. Pictures of the mammoth telfers, steam hoists, trucks and other tools were shown. The subway will be completed in 1931.

Scottish Rite Masons Honor Dean W. W. Burr

W. W. Burr, dean of the college of agriculture, and Robert Devoe, graduates of the university, have been honored by the supreme council of the Scottish Rite Masons in session at Washington, D. C. Both were made knights commander of the court of honor. Mr. Devoe is a Lincoln attorney.

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