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'Ain't It the Truth?'

An annual epidemic has fallen upon Nebraska soil. But do not be dismayed for 'tis not a physical disease that is rampant; neither is the epidemic a general one but is confined to a very restricted number of individuals.

The ailment, moreover, is purely mental. It is what psychologists would call fear. And who is it that might be so distressed? To be sure, it is none other than the sophisticated, hard working, energetic, honor loving juniors—third year men and women students at this University of Nebraska—who are afraid they won't make the grade.

Sunday The Nebraskan pointed out the shortsightedness of students placing honors before them as the only objectives in life. Instead of preparing themselves for life after college too many undergraduates are prone to limit their outlook.

We are not digressing far from the truth when we state that at the present time fully fifty members of this year's junior class are unconsciously doing that very thing. They are looking forward to Ivy day with its tapping and masquing ceremonies as the "biggest events in their lives."

As a result these particular students are connecting themselves with as many activities as possible, constantly on guard lest they make a misstep and land right on the foot of one of the "leaders." And having done that just once—ouch! Their chances of being included among the lucky ones are gone—forever.

It is provoking that juniors, who have just emerged from their underclass days, should be confronted with such limitations and be afflicted with such inferior characteristics. When a student enters his third year in college he should be able to display some degree of leadership and independence of thought. He should be able himself to cope with the situations that arise without having to rely on others.

But the honor grabbing, glory getting, praise seeking junior of the University of Nebraska fits any definition but that just cited. He is shallow in his thoughts, group minded, afraid to declare his independence. He is considering himself a mere puppet for the "great" seniors whom he has come to regard as the most righteous being on this earth. He forces himself to do things which really are not a part of his nature—all for the sake of glory.

Is all this "getting a drag" with the "uppermoats" absolutely necessary? Do the juniors have to humble themselves before they can be declared superior to anyone else on the campus?

The answer to these questions is divided—yes and no. To the woman student, having as her objective membership in Mortar Board, all this foolishness is not justified—providing she has good scholarship, displays qualities of leadership, and has shown to be of service to the university. For it is truly on these grounds that members are chosen to that national group.

But to the male student—ah, it is he who must do everything in his power to gain the favor and approval of the present thirteen innocents. It is he who must go out of his way for one never knows what will happen in that "secret" society. Former years have proven that the qualifications outlined above for Mortar Boards have meant nothing in the men's society.

What, then, does the worthy order of Innocents use as prerequisites for affiliation thereto? Nothing, poor juniors, nothing but the political and moral support of at least one full fledged member, who, incidentally, is capable of swaying the minds of twelve of his equals.

Thus we can see why the junior men are worrying and fretting but at the same time they are unable to see why the women should do such things. If the latter are qualified, they are certain to be chosen, while the fate of the men is more uncertain. But still that doesn't satisfactorily warrant all this worrying by the men. If they were wise, they would follow the advice of a former member of that group, who once said: "It isn't worth it."

On the Lookout.

In order that students might be aware of the many services offered by the university health service, letters have been sent to all students enumerating the various ways in which they may take advantage of an opportunity to receive expert medical attention at low cost, or in most cases at no cost beyond the one dollar medical fee paid at the time of registration.

Aware of the fact that good health is essential to the best scholastic work, the university has provided fully adequate facilities for the treatment of major as well as minor ailments. A three-fold plan provides for the treatment

of the student at the health office in Pharmacy hall, the university infirmary, and at the student's room.

Health officials are anxious that students come to their office at the first sign of sickness. In this way the illness may be treated in its earliest stages, preventing serious complications, and should the disease prove contagious, the student body may be protected by quarantine measures.

Prevalence of colds, and the dangers of stuffy classrooms should warn students to give prompt care to matters of health, especially where expert attention is so easily obtained.

Echoes of the Campus.

Too Much for Nothing.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:
Last week about two hundred dashing coeds and young men trotted to a costume ball at a downtown hotel. It was an elaborate affair with an animal act, a pageant and a grand march. Everyone had a great time. At least they said so. They ought to have enjoyed themselves. Rent on each borrowed costume ranged from \$2.50 to \$6. A few ingenious girls made their own, a few more had them made—but all at a price equal to or in excess of the above figures.

The point of it all is that with decorations strewn around in regal splendor, costumes, orchestra, ballroom rent and incidentals, to say nothing of the animals, the affair represented an outlay on the part of students of something like \$1,500—all expended for two hours of jamming and shoving around the dance floor.

To members of the organization which sponsored the affair, the cost was stupendous. To every young gallant who went with his fair lady, the party meant parting with at least \$5, maybe \$10.

To a college student, \$5 or \$10 should mean more than two hours of hectic fun. There are few parents cheering their sons through school with support money from home that can afford to let go of such an amount so the dear lad can make whoopee for one evening. There are fewer students who can afford it.

Such parties, 'tis true, do not come often. For that we may be thankful. But why should they ever be staged? Is it essential to shell out the price of board for a week to attend one staggering social event? University expenses are high enough as it is.

In a state institution which proudly talks of democracy and equality of its students, such functions have an unwholesome effect. Just as glorious times could be had if wild fancy and youthful enthusiasm were tempered with judgment, common sense and an audit of the pocketbook. GRIPO.

Why Be a Gentleman?

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:
An "echo" appeared in last Wednesday's Nebraskan which inferred that chivalry is "dead." One man presented us with "No Cause for Raving" in the same column on Thursday. The inference was made that since women's rights were increasing in number, it was entirely justifiable to slam doors in their faces. One wonders whether "women's rights" have any direct bearing on "being a gentleman."

A gentlemen's qualities are known to include such virtues as politeness and consideration. One does not differentiate between persons in maintaining the role of a gentleman, but one who is polite, cautious, and considerate of all.

When the "gentleman" rudely slammed the door in the face of a lady in the Temple, he was probably unaware of the fact, and would have been sorry had he known his offense. This is irrelevant, however, but the individual who composed "No Cause for Raving" neglected to take into consideration that women's increased rights and advanced position in the world are not even limping excuses for slamming doors in one's face.

Had the offended one been a man, the case would have remained the same, the slammer did an ungentlemanly deed. Why sex must enter into the issue is not possible to understand.

If the writer of "No Cause for Raving" thinks ungentlemanly actions are proper recourse for a legitimate raise in the position of women, he had better keep his philosophy to himself, for the feeble minded institutes are full of individuals whose minds work like his. K. F. V.

Contemporary Sentiments

Sports Writer on Rallies.

John Bentley in the Lincoln Journal: D. S., a Nebraska student writing in the vox pop column of The Daily Nebraskan believes it is time for Nebraska to assume the attitude of eastern schools where "night before" rallies have been discontinued years ago. He argues that the eastern undergraduate stands up on his feet the afternoon of the game and shouts just as loudly and pulls just as hard for his team as the Cornhusker student.

"With the present attitude here, why continue the rally farce? Why have columns of publicity and all the effort expended literally to drag out a few hundred people?"

There is little question but what times are changing with respect to this angle of intercollegiate football. The rallies held this year have not been well attended.

Many argue in the days that have passed that it was the united spirit of the Nebraska student body that aided the Cornhuskers to win from Notre Dame in seasons when the Huskers weren't given much change for victory.

They held rallies in those days that were rallies. This whoop-to-do may have helped. But you can't make a tackle with three long rals and a tiger. And everybody getting in on "aid No. 1" won't recover fumbles. D. S., it seems to me, is right.

Class elections, though consuming the energies of a few heblers, by and large have little effect upon the general run of students. Minority rule in this case has not resulted in an aristocracy, but in a futile gesture of power controlling a will-o-the-wisp.—Michigan Daily.

A Student Looks at Public Affairs.

By DAVID FELLMAN.

THE stock market situation is far from being satisfactory or healthy one even at this comparatively late date. The first and most serious break, with the subsequent partial recovery of the market, was had enough. But ever since then, the bulls and the bears have been active, and the confidence of the people has not yet been restored. The result has been chaos. Like life, the stock market is certainly having its ups and downs.

The governmental and industrial leaders of the country are expressing themselves profusely upon the substantial condition of American business generally. They are seeking to quiet the excited feelings and panicky fears of the vast number of American stockholders.

Through the radio, the talks, the newspapers and periodicals, they are trying to impress upon the people the fundamental fact that stock market speculation, and stock market fluctuations, have no real connection with the general state of the commercial enterprise of the country.

The periodicals of the country are printing numerous articles, written by alleged experts, dealing with the stock market holocaust. They all deplore the situation which exists, in most emphatic terms, and have little difficulty in picking out the causes for it.

But when it comes to suggesting what can be done to prevent a recurrence of market breaks, the experts are at a loss. And perhaps it is not without sufficient reason that they feel so helpless to suggest a remedy.

Reduced to its simplest terms, and to its original ingredients, the causes for stock market gambling lie in the nature of man. Aristotle once said that man is by nature a political animal. So, too, it seems that he is also a gambling creature.

Until it becomes a matter of common recognition that certain types of stock speculation are gambling, pure and simple, and that people must adjust their moral and ethical codes to combat this product of modern business methods, we see little chance of coping with the present pernicious problem.

ANDREW Mellon, "the greatest secretary of the treasury since Alexander Hamilton," is proposing another tax cut. He is suggesting another reduction in income tax rates, by reducing the basis rate from 1-2 percent to 1 percent. The cut would amount to about \$160,000,000. The proposal is meeting with the approval of both democratic and republican leaders.

THE annual football game between Drake and Iowa State, traditional rivals, is rapidly assuming the form of a general contest between the bulk of the student bodies of the two institutions. What with rotten eggs, and effigies, and bright paint, most of the battle is being fought out before the game ever starts. Well, we suppose that youth must be served.

PRESIDENT Hoover is calling together a small group of industrial, agricultural and labor leaders to meet in a conference with high federal officials. The purpose of this meeting is to plan ways and means of stimulating the business activity of the country, particularly in the field of construction. Secretaries Mellon, Hyde, Lamont and Davis and Chairman Legee of the farm board will represent the government.

The statement of the president, issued in announcing the forthcoming conference, pointed out that the business condition of the country is inherently sound. He also pointed out that, as a result of the crash in Wall street, there is plenty of capital available for general industrial and agricultural needs, money that has been withdrawn from the call money market. The rediscount rate of the federal reserve bank system has been lowered, so that the stage is all set for business progress.

This conference which President Hoover is calling is a continuation of a policy which was instituted some years ago when he was secretary of commerce. Mr. Hoover has great faith in the value of personal contacts among industrial and agricultural leaders with officials of the government. He believes that much can be accomplished around the round table of discussion.

This may constitute, in the future, a most significant step in the evolution of our government. It is personalizing institutions which have always been looked upon as mechanical contrivances. It is making human beings out of officials who have always been considered automata.

Schramm's Classes Will Witness Movie

"The Story of Riveted Steel," a three reel motion picture explaining the uses and manufacture of riveted steel will be shown to the students of Prof. E. F. Schramm's laboratory classes in room 20 of Morrill hall Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. Those in charge state that students not enrolled in the geology department are at liberty to attend the screening of the film.

Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY VISITS UNIVERSITY

Harold W. Colbin, executive secretary of the student council for the Y. M. C. A. for the Rocky Mountain field, from Topeka, Kan., was in Lincoln last week in conference with the committee working out the speaking program for the coming Estes conference.

COLLINS DESCRIBES SCIENCE OF GEOLOGY

Physical Phenomena Used To Be Ascribed to Acts of God.

The weekly radio talk broadcast over the university studio by P. G. Collins, assistant curator at the museum in Morrill hall last Thursday, Nov. 14, might be said to have been dedicated to Sir Charles Lyell, as that day was his birthday.

Sir Lyell lived from 1797 to 1875. He was noted for his work in the science of geology. He devoted his life to the establishment of the idea that "the present is the key to the past." The curator pointed out that not so long ago naturalists thought it necessary to explain every valley, mountain, and gorge as the result of some great upheaval of nature. Present day scientists explain such phenomena as the Rocky Mountains of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado as the result of little things occurring every day for ages and ages. Mr. Collins pointed out that the river is slowly washing the Grand Canyon deeper, and that the Rockies are gradually being higher.

The lives of Darwin and Lyell ran parallel in many respects. Both lived to be fairly old men, and their lives were spent in pursuit of ideas evolved as young men. Both traveled considerably and both men left a name in his field which will be long remembered. Sir Lyell paid two visits to this country during his life. As a result of his observations he wrote many very interesting accounts. Some of the best descriptions which have ever been written about the Mississippi valley or about Niagara may be found in the pages of this noted geologist.

DEAN LEROSSIGNOL WINS RECOGNITION ON SHORT STORIES

Dean James E. LeRossignol of the college of business administration has recently had two books of short stories published. The first volume entitled "Beaumont Road" is made up of tales of old Quebec. This book, which came out the latter part of last winter, is highly praised by E. J. O'Brien, international short story critic. Mr. O'Brien includes "Beaumont Road" in his list of the eighteen best books of short stories of 1929. There has been quite a demand for it in the east and west and it has sold well in Canada.

Among the stories printed in this book are two, "Cousin Lo Thar," and "Vaurien," which were first printed in the Prairie Schooner, Nebraska literary magazine. Dean LeRossignol's second book of short stories, which is called "The Flying Canoe," will be out some time next week.

WRECK INJURES FOUR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SUNDAY

Four University of Nebraska students were injured in an automobile accident eight miles west of Omaha Saturday night. Those injured were Alvin Potarf, Denver; Ralph Pitcher, Denver; Camille Horacek, Omaha, and Allen Roberts of Omaha.

Potarf sustained a three inch gash in his head. Pitcher suffered a broken cartilage in his knee. Roberts had two ribs injured and sustained possible back injuries. A passing motorist picked up the injured students and took them to the University of Nebraska hospital in Omaha where they received treatment. Pitcher and Roberts are still in the hospital. The injured were all affiliated with Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.

FACULTY MEMBERS ATTEND CONVENTION

Faculty members who attended the meetings of the association of land grant colleges in Chicago this week are Chancellor E. A. Burnett, Dean W. W. Burr, Dean O. J. Ferguson, W. H. Brokaw, Miss Margaret Fedde and Miss Mary Ellen Brown.

Prof. T. A. Kieselbach, F. D. Keim, and J. C. Russell, of the department of agronomy, are attending the meeting of the American Society of Agronomy, which is being held in Chicago. Professor Russell will read a paper before the soil survey workers section of the meeting, entitled "Studies in Soil Consistency." Professor Kieselbach will attend the corn improvement conference, while Professor Keim will attend the student placement conference.

BLACKMAN GIVES ILLUSTRATED TALK

E. E. Blackman, curator of the state historical society, spoke before the Symposium club of University Place, Thursday evening, delivering a lantern slide lecture on "Recent Discoveries in Pre-Historic Indian Life in Nebraska."

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BEAUX ART GROUP SHOW PARIS PRIZE WINNING PICTURES

Many people inspected the Beaux Arts society exhibit according to Prof. P. K. Slaymaker, of the department of machine design. The exhibit consisted of the twenty-second Paris prize competition drawings and was on display on the third floor of the former museum building Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

The exhibit went to the University of Minnesota from Nebraska. It will be displayed at the various educational institutions in the United States, which hold memberships in the Beaux Arts society. This was the first time that the Paris prize winners were exhibited at the University of Nebraska.

ENGINEERS WILL HEAR LECTURE ON LAND IRRIGATION

"Wells for Pump Irrigation" will be discussed at the agricultural engineers meeting Wednesday by E. W. Bension of the Kelly Well company. The meeting will begin with a supper at 6 o'clock in the agricultural engineering building, according to Francis Yung, president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. Twenty-five cents will be charged for the supper.

SCHOOL BOYS WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

The fifteenth annual Older Boys conference of Nebraska will be held at Columbus and at Fairbury Nov. 29, 30, and Dec. 1, and at McCook Dec. 6, 7, and 8. Delegates from the teachers college high school will attend as well as boys from the city schools.

Many Lincoln men have prominent places on the program. The list of speakers includes L. C. Oberlies, head of the personnel department of the Lincoln Telephone Co.; Hervey Smith, executive boys work secretary of the Lincoln Y. M. C. A.; Dr. Paul C. Johnston, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church; Fred Groth, Lincoln business man and chairman of the state Y. M. boys work committee; and C. D. Hayes, secretary of the university Y.

Playground Specialist Visits Campus Monday

The staff of the women's physical education department heard Jas. E. Rogers, a representative of the national playground and re-

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creation association of America Monday, when he visited the Nebraska campus. Mr. Rogers is also head of the national physical education service and head of the physical education division of the Y. T. A. He will also speak to the students majoring in physical education for women.

Cross Country Team Loses Battle for Year

Russell Beatie will probably be lost to the cross country team for the rest of the year, as he was selected to perform on the Ag. college stock judging team. Coach Schulte thought that it would be better for him to compete on the judging team than to remain out for the harrier team, even though it weakened the running team considerably.

Schulte thinks that with enough work, his hill and dalers will be an aggregation to be contended with in the Big Six meet to be staged here on Thanksgiving. He thinks that the K-Aggies have the best cross country team in the conference, but he also is of the opinion that the team that wins will have to beat Nebraska.

TOURNAMENT FOR COED RIFLE TEAM GETS UNDER WAY

Elimination contest of rifling marksmanship begins this week, starting Monday, Nov. 18. Members of the women's varsity rifle team will be picked from the winners of this elimination.

All girls who have been regularly enrolled in the rifling classes will be expected to fire this week for the tourney, making 184 contestants. Each one will keep her own score, which will be turned in to Sergeant McGimsey, and the 92 women having the best scores will be allowed to fire the following week. In this manner, half of the remaining number will be eliminated the remainder of the contest the week following. By this process of elimination the twelve members of the women's varsity rifle team will be selected for the team of '30.

Failure is more frequently from want of energy than want of capital.—Daniel Webster.

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