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PROHIBITION POLLS.

AT A RECENT Student council meeting a suggestion was made by one of the members that the council conduct a prohibition poll in connection with the regular spring election which has been set for May 13. The council wisely deferred taking definite action on the matter until the members shall have had sufficient time to think it over.

The suggestion is not original; it is scarcely timely because the epidemic of prohibition polls in other colleges and universities throughout the country has subsided. Results of these polls have received a great deal of publicity in the nation's press.

Several weeks ago The Daily Nebraskan was considering conducting such a poll as these and went so far as to get permission from the university administration. The Nebraskan has since then abandoned the plan because it feels that a prohibition poll would certainly accomplish no good and it might work some harm.

Discussion at the council meeting regarding the proposal seemed to center around the question: Will the poll go "wet" or will Nebraskan students react differently than their collegiate brothers at other institutions and vote for strict enforcement? If the students should vote for enforcement members of the council were of the opinion that a prohibition poll would be a great piece of advertising for the university.

Meantime members of the council are sounding out student opinion. They want some assurance that the poll will bring about the end they seek—favorable publicity for the university. That is not an unworthy cause for the council to promote.

IT IS EXTREMELY doubtful, however, that any such good results could come out of a prohibition poll. In the first place The Nebraskan believes that Nebraska students would not vote very differently from the way students in other universities have voted. Perhaps the majority for repeal and modification would not be so large but it is unlikely that the "drys" would make a strong enough showing to make any impression out in the state.

Furthermore, regardless of how such a poll comes out, it would have an excellent chance of being "garbled" by some newspapers which are ever trying to get sensational news from college campuses. Results would very likely be misinterpreted by a great many people. Enemies of the university would construe the results in the manner that suits them best. The wrong results would lose friends as well as appropriations for the school.

The Nebraskan could overlook these difficulties if it could discern any beneficial end to be obtained by a prohibition poll. The information gained is valuable because of the fact that there are many more reliable statistics on the subject.

Students do not seem greatly concerned over the matter. There is no demand for this poll from the student body. In fact, it is difficult to say just where there is a demand for a prohibition poll.

Because it can see no possible benefits to be gained from a prohibition poll and because it can foresee many probable bad effects The Nebraskan is opposed to bringing up the question at the spring election. The council should defeat the proposal.

THE RECEDING GRIDIRON.

LAST fall John R. Tunis, formerly a metropolitan sports writer and at present a prolific contributor of magazine articles, has started considerable discussion concerning a shift in the trend in intercollegiate football. After a careful analysis of the situation the country over he came to the conclusion that college men and women are rapidly coming out of the football hysteria.

Some observers on the University of Nebraska campus may be inclined to disagree with Mr. Tunis after having seen the way Cornhusker football has continued to engender enthusiasm among Nebraska students. The lack of interest in rallies was attributed to the fact that the team was not up to its usual powerhouse form and that the rallies were none too well managed. Nevertheless football was and is one of the principal subjects of conversation among students and it can hardly be said that Nebraskans are losing interest in the gridiron team.

There are few wild jamborees in connection with football games, however. And the enthusiasm that envelops the student body is not of the virulent type that formerly prevailed. Gate receipts may continue to increase with growing crowds, but the relationship of football to the university is hardly the same as in years past.

IN PERUSING the old files of The Daily Nebraskan, however, one finds some evidence to support Mr. Tunis' conclusions. Nebraska has always been a football school. Judging by the way news stories were displayed in The Nebraskan, football was, from the time the paper was started, more vital to student interest than any other activity or any other part of college life.

The big news item every day was the progress of the various athletic teams. A picture of the football coach and his predictions for the season invariably adorned the front page of the first issue while the chancellor was fortunate if he rated a picture on the inside pages. His message to the students was on the editorial page and he ordinarily spiced it up a bit by urging them to support the team.

Professors joined the students in developing "that old school spirit." They spoke at rallies and pleaded for everyone to "get behind the team." In one issue of The Nebraskan, Roscoe Pound contributed a lengthy article on the development of football. One of the principal duties of the editor was to comment on the progress of the team.

JUDGING from the columns of The Nebraskan, there is less emphasis on athletics today than formerly. Chancellor Burnett never feels called upon in this era to ask students to go on the field and yell for Nebraska. It is doubtful if the dean of

the law college or any other college would care to prepare an article on the progress of football. The editors of The Nebraskan in late years have not considered themselves technically expert enough to comment on football prospects. They have left that up to the sports editor.

Furthermore, students have a variety of other interests other than football. Probably a great many of them are even less valuable than football but at least they cause a division of interests. Athletics in The Daily Nebraskan, as in most college papers, are relegated to their proper sphere, the sports page.

Perhaps Mr. Tunis is right in declaring that university students are beginning to grow up. Athletics, it is hoped, will some day be a corollary of college education rather than a symbol of college education.

The Student Pulse

Signed contributions pertinent in matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department. Opinions submitted should be brief and concrete.

POWERS OF THE DARK

To the editor:

In my opinion, the psychology underlying the clandestine issuance of "With Fire and Sword" is basically sound. Undoubtedly the journal's power lies largely in the mystery which surrounds the identity of the editors. For weal or woe, the uncompromising purging continues. The beams of the floodlight of publicity search out obscure corners and, ostensibly, enlighten the students and the public by permitting them to look into our university instead of merely at it, as we have hitherto been compelled to do by the fortitude of the laissez-faire attitude.

Dean Lyman has come forth with a statement indicative of a broad-minded man and a genuine sportsman. A saluam is in order. The man who can cast aside petty personal interests, face a fact though it slay him, and clear his vision of prejudice in judgment is worthy of respect. I venture to say that his behavior under harsh criticism will commend him even to those unsparing critics, the Gadflies.

Now for a word on Colonel Byroade's dissertation on the gentle art of manslaughter delivered at convocation yesterday. It was gratifying to note that the audience was guilty of no special applauding or demonstrating when the colonel tried to ensnare them by rattling the scabbard, alluding to our institution as an athletic institution and neglecting to observe that he was addressing an intelligent group. I was amused by the polyanthous manner which the speaker assumed in relating Colonel Whittlesey's reply upon being summoned to surrender.

I think I am justified in believing that a university audience, "even the army," resents being subjected to an hour of whooping it up for militarism when there are worthwhile subjects to be pursued. I'd like to think that militarism is the last resort of scoundrels. Any militaristic system is titanicly parasitic. It is unfortunate that this university must be instrumental in perpetuating this sanguinary juggernaut. STANLEY J. MENGLER.

CURRENT COMMENT

SCHOLASTIC HONORS.

Phi Beta Kappa, national society for recognition of scholastic honors in colleges of arts and sciences in American universities has come under the hammer of the student newspaper at the University of Nebraska. It is not the first time in recent years that the organization has received criticism on the ground that the grades used as a basis for electing its membership are not a true indication of ability.

The long line of distinguished contributors to American life that have come out of American universities merits some recognition of the fact that there is a correlation between scholastic marks and those intelligences capable of acting significantly to the world's thought. It is obvious, however, even to the casual observer that the professor with hundreds of students cannot hope to classify the ability of his students through grades with nearly the accuracy possible when institutions of higher education were smaller.

The surprising thing is not that the student editor has recognized this fact but that numerous members of the university faculty, members of the society, have resented that recognition and objected to the editor's criticism of the scholastic honorary. They might better have critised his assumption that students with high grades secure their grades by choosing easy courses and kowtowing to their instructors. Even a casual acquaintance with university life would reveal that those actions come in general from a much less serious minded group of students than those who win Phi Beta Kappa.

Phi Beta Kappa has made a serious mistake in recent years which the student editor has recognized, in its attempt to show that members of the organization have been more financially successful than other college graduates. It is a faulty emphasis, and it is doubtful if statistics would bear out the contention. Some of the most successful business and industrial leaders do not hold college degrees. The function of Phi Beta Kappa is to select those whose thought contributions may add to the life of a growing nation.

In law, in every branch of the social sciences, even to a considerable degree in the natural sciences, honor students have played a leading role in those thought backgrounds which will ultimately develop a better life for this nation. Insofar as Phi Beta Kappa is able to select such individuals it will warrant consideration for its achievements. Insofar as the grade system permits mere mechanical acquirers of factual information to gain election to scholastic honoraries, they can expect attack even from those elected. By and large, society is not going to be greatly concerned with the bases of election nor the members chosen, or not chosen. It is going to be concerned with the contributions of educated youth as they approach maturity, to the constructive life of the nation. —THE LINCOLN STAR.

PREMIER OF 'SOB SISTER' IS GIVEN THURSDAY NIGHT

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 on a mysterious record and has been there for two months. Bennie has been in for six months. When the play begins, the men have only two weeks of their terms left to serve.

Doris Powell, heroine who is Mary in the play, comes to the prison on a tour with a number of "sob sisters." Bob meets her in the reception room of the prison and almost immediately falls in love with her. When he and Bennie get out just two weeks later, the first thing he does is to go to Mary's house where a formal party is being held. Many exciting events happen from then on and to tell them would spoil the show for those who have not yet seen it.

Audience is Appreciative.
 Thursday night's audience was very appreciative and several encores were given by different ones in the cast. Especially well received was the coed chorus of ten. The chorus presented several numbers, the chief favorites seeming to be lock step, sob sister and the guard dance. Complete change of costume was provided for each dance. Convict garb was used in lock step, vart-colored dresses and hats for sob sister, and military uniforms for the guard dance.

The chorus has been under the personal supervision of Doris and Wally Marrow, of the New York school of dancing. Miss Powell's rendition of "Uncertainty" at the start of the second act was very favorably received. She played her own accompaniment on a grand piano which had been placed on the stage.

Male Quartet is Hit.
 Another hit of the show is the male quartet which sings "High Hat." Warren Chiles sings the principal part and is accompanied by Stanley Kiger, Bill Stiversson, and Raymond Castford.

Members of the coed chorus are Lucille Carrothers, Betty Harrison, Irene Dawson, Faye Williams, Lucille Wright, Catherine Bickford, Francis Holyoke, Harriet Neuladek, Mary Jane Sweet, and Nyle Spicer. The men's chorus, which furnishes a singing accompaniment for several of the scenes is made up of George Mickel, Nathan Levy, Albert Wahl, Robert Manley, Jack Meldrum, Stanley Kiger, Norman Hoff, William Stiversson, and Raymond Castford.

Quick Directs Orchestra.
 The thirteen piece orchestra which played for the show was led by William T. "Billie" Quick. It is composed of piano, Joe McLees; drums, George Cook; violins, Paul Hummel, Alex Schneider; saxophones, Joe Tyree, Howard Hubbard, Bill McGaffin; trumpets, Lester Schick, Donald McMaisters; trombone, Carrol Pauley; banjo, Arnot Grissinger; bass, Charles Justice.

77 STUDENTS GIVEN TEACHING POSITIONS

(Continued from Page 1.)
 Merna, junior high school and athletics; Corinne Shewell, Nebraska City, English; Lorella Ahern, Nebraska City, junior high school mathematics; Bethany Devore, Norfolk, history; Durtee Larson, Norfolk, junior high school geography; Beulah Neprud, Oakland, English; Margaret Kirk, Oakland, primary; Jean Ross, Osceola, English and biology.

Marie Moss, Palisade, sixth grade; Audrey Musick, Palisade, principal and English; Wesley Antess, Palisade, S. H. agriculture; Julia Rider, Palisade, mathematics and French; Irene Liljedahl, Papillion, English; Margaret Frahm, Pawnee City, commercial; Nellie Seefeld, Pilger, principal, commer-

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TWINS' TEETH SAME

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cial and Latin; Elinor Cooper, Pilger, normal training and English; Grayce Pechous, Potter, music; Inez Fossler, Pavenna, music; Theodore Alexander, Red Cloud, S. H. Agriculture; Gretchen Steger, Rising City, primary; Iva Smith, Kosalia, mathematics and science; Esther Landgraf, rural, Gresham.

Supplementary List.
 Helen Hopt, Ruskin, principal, English; Gregory Cripps, Surprise, seventh and eighth grades; Harland Pattison, Table Rock, superintendent; Beth Holston, Trenton, third grade; Paul Pettygrove, Trumbull, English and Latin; Eileen Easton, Waverly, kindergarten; Dollie Burwell, Weston, mathematics and history; Elmer J. Hartman, Winnebago, superintendent; Anna Ewing, Wynot, first and second grades; Helen Griggs, Union, English, history and home eco-

nomics; Harguerite Chrysler, Oakland, home economics.
 Paul Howe, Lewiston, S. H. agriculture; Meredith Darlington, Fairbury, junior high school practical arts.

Marie Youm, Ragah, first and second; Beulah Gates, Burwell, seventh grade; Elva Barrett, David City, first and second; Georgia Kindscher, Sutherland, fourth

grade; Vera Itzeiser, Marion, S. D., Latin and mathematics; Vera Cruise, Woodriver, third and fourth grades; Verne Fuhlrott, Fremont, history; Ruth Batchelder, Garrison, English and Latin; Lorine Miller, Hickman, grades first, second and third; Gertrude Carpenter, Sutherland, first grade; Helen McCoy, Gordon, kindergarten and music.

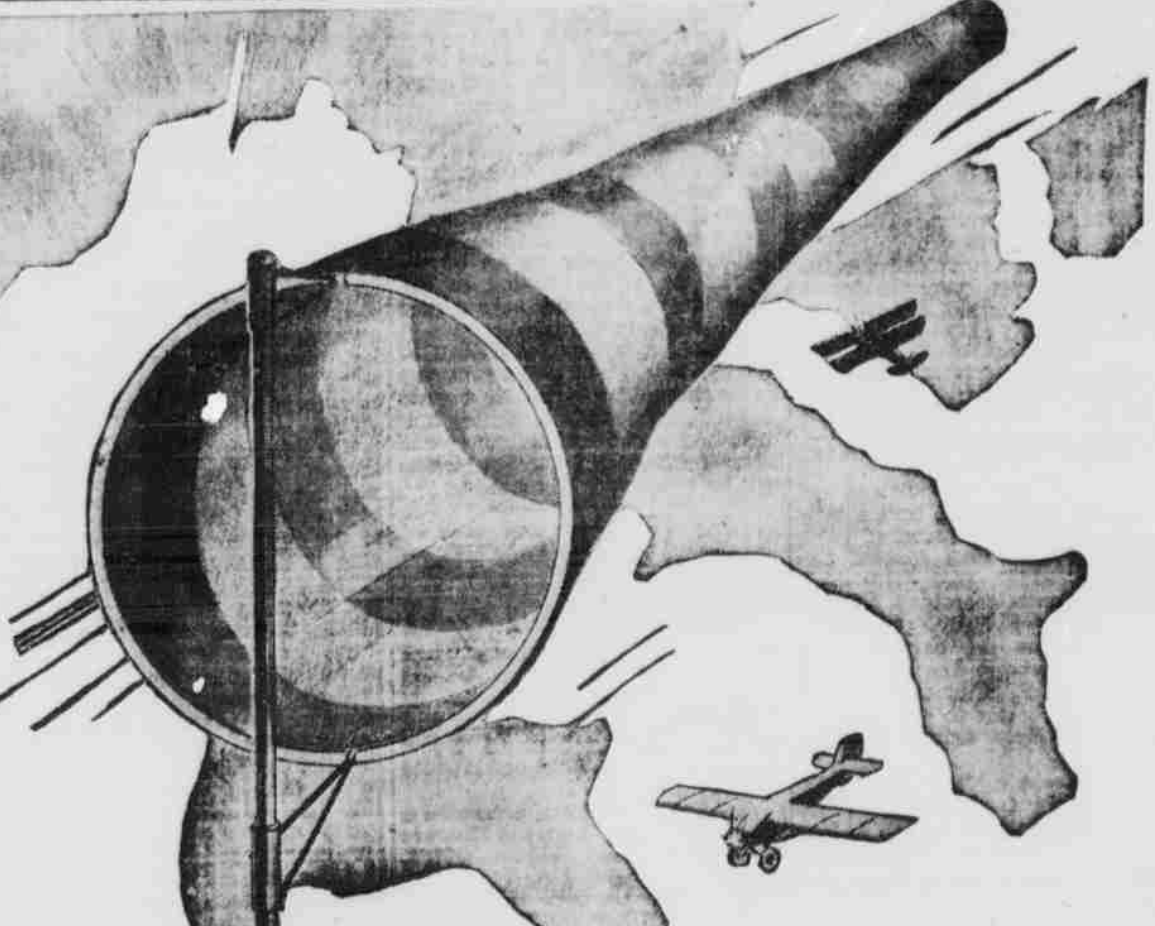
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