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### AT ITS BEST.

Honors convocation at which students and organizations whose grade percentages have been conmeritorious school work.

The motive behind the Honors convocation is worthwhile, even though the so-called honors are hard to understand. based on grades-which The Nebraskan has insisted do not truly indicate scholarship.

Honors convocation, however, is a sincere attempt to promote high scholarship. It is an effort in the right direction. Until last year there was no special event at which scholarship was for rallies, football banquets, amateur theatrical makes the world an interesting place to live. performances and the like, but scholarship as a part of school life received no recognition. Stuactivities which outwardly are more intriguing.

Parents of students received only the negative slant on student life-not the positive aspect. They were mailed notices of the scholastic delinquencies of their sons and daughters, but never were informed when their children made especially commendable records.

#### EDUCATION OR ACTIVITIES?

College activity men have come in for their share of satirical censure in recent newspaper editorials half of their last issue to a denunciation of prosand magazine articles. Prominent authors have pective members. suggested that the men elected as 'most likely to succeed," because of their prominence in collegiate tion. This semester The Nebraskan has not deemed affairs, are usually weighted down by their lack of that organization such an integral unit in student It takes all kinds to make up education. Philanthropic services performed by life to criticize it more than certain other campus them in college have taken all of their time, leaving educational pursuit in the dim background.

In the mad rush for publicity, honor and glory, a certain type of college man loses sight of the fact that his four years in an educational institution should be preparing him for life. Feeling that he Nebraskan's poition may give the Gadflies an exis working for the good of his alma mater, he aulted conception of their importance. Their tour, telling us how terrible our spends his days in committee sessions and organ- publication has come to be considered an interestization meetings. He awakens on a bright June ing campus joke. It is fitting, therefore, that know anyway. He says that the morning to find himself in the cruel world with this editorial should be dedicated to the "Bramins American university is like the nothing to show for his four years but a degree and and Boobs" who make up the fire eaters and American drugstore, where pills and prescriptions take a back a mass of inconsequential activities.

Extra-curricular endeavors are a valuable supplement to the collegiate education. When they cease to become the supplement and, are placed the result is usually disastrous.

Luncheon clubs the world over are filled with former B.M.O.C.'s who are struggling to make ends Ivy day with its slugging of Innocents and game WHAT would be have us do? meet. Had they taken their education seriously and their politics and activities in proper doses, their equipment might be adequate for some accomplishment other than after dinner speaking.

## SHAME ON COLLEGE.

FDUCATORS, colleges and college educated men "bite the dust." took a rap on the nose recently in an article written by Weldon Melick, Nebraska graduate, in the Open Coast. Mr. Melick, to quote the explanation appearing before his article: "got an A.B. degree from the University of Nebraska, threw it in the garbage can, and took a job as an office boy in a moving picture studio over a year ago. He is now the youngest contract title and dialogue writer in Hollywood."

This prodigy from the corn state gives his traffic jam. answers to the very unusual question: "S'Matter what is wrong in particular, from Mr. Melick's HEREWITH is presented the shortest poem on verbal concert, but everything in general seems to "Wet yet." be somewhat haywire.

College graduates face the world with a severe handicap, Melick thinks. They must spend their first few years in an underhanded attempt to disguise the fact that they received college degrees, after which they must live down the evil educational influences imposed upon them.

Particularly bothered is Mr. Melick over the "smatterings of this and that" that come with a college education-rather than some definite thing that will stick. College never has and never will pretend to give anyone all the preparation necessary for a life work. What college should do, what To the editor: it endeavors to do, is to open the door of knowledge to the student and to inspire him to learn to think.

Of course college doesn't do this to everyone, and some-like Melick-emerge without catching the gist of what it's all about. But there are others, versity students in an effort to help solve the park- Laws, 'orgetting their rich heriand many of them, who have glimpsed the vision ing problem. You suggested that the space was tage, a we the cement mixer to of a true education through their college careers. These are the people who can appreciate the value that it could just as well be opened to the students, from the ranks of future barrisof four years at a university.

# NOSES FOR NEWS.

CALLING all that one reads in the average daily number of faculty members of lesser rank who Paul H. Grummann vehemently denounced news- that the space might be opened up to those of the who can conduct a freedom experipaper folk in a recent class discussion. He called faculty who weren't at that time entitled to it and ment with any weight to it under attention to "the worthlessness of the average re- said if this were done it would relieve the situation porter," and said that "nine out of ten were re- by making more space where those instructors now are simply left out of the running porters because they were unable to become any- park their cars. thing else."

in reviewing one of Ibsen's plays for a class in ises. Nebraska lads and lassies are famed for their Continental drama. The village printer, Aslaken, robustness and good health. But is that any reason is sketched as dishonest, worthless, and a hopeless why they should walk blocks and blocks to school victim of self-pity. While calling the present situa- simply because they can not find a parking space tion in the newspaper world quite hopeless, how- for their cars? The disagreeable weather of the ever, Professor Grummann did hold a faint ray of last few days has not added materially to the sunshine for the future. He believes the school of comfort of students who are compelled to do this. journalism may in time remedy the ills of the

process before it finally appears in print-that months of careful deliberation. And anyway, one is ignorant of the "office education" given each cub institution like Nebraska.

reporter to "get the facts," and of the severe penalties of reportorial carelessness.

Perhaps, if the professor would himself emulate the poor reporter, and try his best to get all the facts of the case, he might not be so harsh in his judgments. It is questionable how long any man with such an attitude could hold a job on a newspaper. It is extremely doubtful if he could last very long. This thought is tremendously cheering. Perhaps the situation is not so bad after all!

### BUZZ AND BALONEY.

TODAY, no doubt, sponsors of this university's unlicensed but worthy successor to the Awgwan. All time and tide we cast aside "With Fire and Sword," are gloating over their latest product and the student interest manifested in the scandal sheet.

Now that these unscrupulous individual originally termed themselves, the Gadflies, given vent to their misguided passions in three saues of excoriating and virulent libel, a brief review of what they have written is interesting.

Two alleged grafts, clothed in Webster's best adjectives, were described in detail. Investigation proved that previous irregularities had been corrected and that the insidious insinuations were untrue. Aside from that, the Gadflies have devoted ty-six thousand, one hundred and TONIGHT the university is making an effort to their efforts to gross and unsubstantial charges. emphasize high scholarship in its second annual hurled collectively and individually at faculty members and students.

Any student with an inch of character would prison outcreaks. siderably above the average will be recognized for never write such scurvy rot. How the Cadflies can criticize others in such scathing language for their OH YES, we went out to "work shortcomings and have a consistent conscience is

An example of further inconsistensy in their distribe is shown in the criticism of The Nebraskan. When founded on fact or when expressing a difference in opinion, criticism is welcomed. It is resented, however, when its implications are quite hemian community. We had to untrue. Controversy is commendable when truth read proof on the local items. The raised to an exalted position. Students got together is recognized, for after all it is controversy that

Just why the attack on the campus doghouse is resented is a prize example of this inconsistency. go at that. dents who were toiling over their books and who If Nebraska and the Gadflies want a beautiful were trying to get some learning out of four years campus, the first thing that should be done is to at college were forgotten in the mad swirl of other remove the canine experimental station to some remote corner and to tear down the shanty appended to Pharmacy hall.

The principle pain suffered by the Gadflies pertains to the Innocents society, which by a coinci- the Moody Bible institute. dence, was scored by The Nebraskan the morning tak, brother. How would you like that the Gadflies reiterated their plea for a courageous editor. The Gadflies in their envy have come to regard the Innocents society in an ultraimportant light. They ask that The Nebraskan go after "something big" like the Innocents and devote

The Innocents do not merit so much consideragroups and customs. It does not join "With Fire and Sword" and the one track policy of last semester's Nebraskan in continuing a tirade on the the senior men's honorary society.

But ho hum! Such a defense of The sword swallowers. Amen.

IF third quarterly examination marks are the low- fer that kind of a drugstore and est yet, there are plenty of excuses: A three- that kind of a university. There's before the actual business of education, however, day spring vacation which allows a fellow to get and the fountain is full of untold rested up from his trip home just in time to start wonders. back to school. Engineers week, Farmers fair, and of peek-aboo among Mortar Boards.

> had better wear mud-guards for Ivy day festivities and expectant Innocents catcher's masks tor of The Nebraskan and the ediso they won't get a mouthful of mud when they tor of Fire and Sword out in front of Soc Sci slashing at one another

SPEAKING of the weather for Ivy day, we would rather get a little hot-headed during the ceremonies on June 1 than sit in water puddles on the bleachers the first of May.

THE professor who says the average college stu- competing for the various queendent has a vocabulary of 700 words has never ships could have at one another heard a driver of a collegiate whoopee cuss in a

record which characterizes a national situation: WE sallied forth the other night

STUDENTS will be strong for a postponed byy day. It would mean another day without classes.

# The Student Pulse

Signed contributions pertinent to matters of stu-dent life and the university are welcomed by this department. Opinions submitted should be brief and concrete.

served for faculty members be opened up for uniing space along the south end of the drill field renot being entirely used by faculty members and stand as s. What is the world coming to . Is the old fight gone or at least to instructors.

L. F. Seaton's reply was that the space was being used by professors and that there were a WHAT has become of our Noble newspaper "nothing but a pack of lies." Prof. were entitled to it before students. He intimated tion may be the spice of life, but

But that was where the matter ended. Evi-His attention was directed to the news cult dently it was nothing but a lot of talk-rosy prom-

Perhaps in five or six more weeks some sort of action toward opening the unused space will be The professor evidently does not know that commenced. It would probably be wiser to wait, each story goes through a long and careful editing anyway, because such a matter should take several all facts are carefully checked at each stop. He can't expect to have everything right, even at an -FLAT FOOT.

### BETWEEN THE LINES By LASELLE GILMAN.

ONE of the little ironies of life: Last week was called "spring vacation." It rained all the time

and students missed three days of

Alas, alack, to get her back To bed by twelve-fifteen, We have to gobble down our grub Although we split our spleen.

To pacify the dean, And though the girl is twenty-eight We treat her as sixteen.

Yes, though the crowd does cry it can be easily seen,

Twelve-thirty is the right time-We shake at twelve-fifteen

THIRTY-NINE more days till Thirty parole. Six weeks. One month. school days. hundred and thirty-six hours. Fifsixty seconds. One-third of this time spent in sleep-maybe.' One can hardly blame the convicts for making this the year of the big

on a paper." We got a lot of practice and experience—in dodging the measles. The town was full of 'em and we moved three times in two weeks, and later learned we'd already had 'em.

It was a Danish, Polish, and Boeditor told us, after we'd practically gone batty, to see that the name had a "sen," or a "wiccz" or a "aki" on the end of it and let it

WE'D like to meet this card who writes student opinions about smoking on the campus. We'll wager he's from Kansas, his mother is a W. C. T. U. member, wager his father belongs to the Anti-Saloon league, and he'll wind up in to fry yourself a handful of ice!

Big shots, red hots, greasy-grinds and handshakers N men, lend men, coffee cakes and

ear-achers, Freshmen, stale men, politicos and music makers. Good guys, bad guys, actors and ticket takers.

Some are nil and some are mighty. are good-but deliver me

lame-brained skates who say "All righty!"

SOME one from Europe is ranting around the U.S. on a lecture universities are. Lecturers generally tell us something we already and the soda fountain and magazine rack shine out. We pre-

forms, drink great steins of beer, On second thought, with sabers? that wouldn't be so bad, either. We'd like to see who won.

We could get up duels between heads of departments and have a field day. The deans could have it out, once and for all. Those girls with orange sticks. I hereby chal-lenge the author of The Big Six Shooter to a duel at twenty paces with hot cross buns.

to see "Sob Sister" and to discover in what manner our managing editor beat us in the gentle art of play writing. Herewith we doff our eyeshade to him. "You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din. We have definitely decided we shan't try to grab off Eugene Field's place in American litera-. . .

THE Nebraskan reporter went about asking the journalism seniors what they thought of the trip. As we were not to be found DELIBERATE DELIBERATION.

To the editor:

A few weeks ago, Mr. Editor, you proposed to the university authorities that the unused park-

ters?

Experiment, we are asked. And we answer frankly: Competia signed head when his rivals can say what they think unsigned? We and our experiment is overshad owed. We needs must return to our trivial drivel.

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# INTERSORORITY SING JUDGES ARE NAMED

#### Mrs. Gutzmer, Miss Robins, Gray to Review Annual Music Compet.

Mrs. Maude F. Gutzmer, Herbert Gray, and Edith L. Robins will be w. S. board. Sixteen sororities have entered the traditional sing to be held on Ivy day. Sally Pick-ard is the chairman in charge and made the announcement of judges Tuesday.

At least a majority of the group are to be represented in the sing. The participation of the women limited to active members and pledges. Judges will favor group singing to quartet and solo, al-though these are allowed, and the sororities are permitted to have directors. The groups may costume as they please.

A cup will be presented to the winner, and honorable mention will be given to the groups placing second and third. Delta Zeta sorority won the cup on the last two occasions, and may keep the cup on the third successive win. according to the rules.

The judging will be conducted on

the basis of ensemble, balance with parts, appearance and selection, phrasing and interpretation, and tone quality. Each presentation will be judged on the basis of the hundred percent standard, twenty points for each of the five qualifications.

## **MILESTONES** AT NEBRASKA

About five bundred students voted at the annual election for Student council and Publication board members.

Miss Harriet Towne discussed ocations for women at vespers. Fraternities and sororities very ably assisted the stadium committee in collecting due pledges.

1920. The debating team left for Iowa City to discuss the League of Nations question.

Coach Schulte and the track team left for Philadelphia. The Pershing Rifles reorganized and elected new officers.

1915. The Nebraskan published an eight page Engineer's edition. 1910.

Nebraska defeated the Highland Park baseball team of Des Moines,

Miss Howell read two selections at a Y. W. C. A. noon meeting. The Komensky club presented musical and dramatic program. 1905.

The baseball team defeated Colo-

rado, 9 to 1.

The glee club returned from a successful tour, which included seven Nebraska towns.

A large number of track candidates attended a meeting in Dr.

#### TRADITIONAL IVY DAY CEREMONIES FULLY ARRANGED

Clapp's office.

(Continued from Page 1.) ties, where the students wear uni- vote of the junior and senior women earlier in the year. The two pages will then escort to the beer idea wouldn't be so bad, but throne the winner of the Ivy day how would it look to have the edipoem contest, and she will read poem contest, and she will read her poem. Following this the ceremony of the planting of the ivy with the senior and junior class presidents participating, will be held.

May Pole Revived Formerly the May Pole was a

traditional feature of the Ivy Day services, and though it has been omitted during the past few years, it will be revived again this year. Sue Hall, a member of Mortar Board, has coached a group of ten physical education majors, and they will complete the morning's ceremony with the May Pole dance. Contrary also to previous custom, at least in recent years, there will be no recessional.

During the procession of the daisy and ivy chains a chorus of

rs. Maude F. Gutsmer, Herbert picked voices will sing the Ivy day chant, and during the rest of the judges of the annual inter-

#### Intersorority Sing.

Afternoon events will start at 1:00 with the intersorbity sing which is being sponsored by the A. W. S. board. At 2:30 the Ivy day oration, with Russell Mattson. senior law student as Ivy Day orator, elected in a previous election At 2:50 Katherine Wills Cole

man will introduce the purpose of Mortar Board, and the present ac-tive chapter will go out one at a time to mask their successors. As they start out, the Mortar Board song will be sung by the University girl's octette. At 3:45 it is expected that the Innocents will be

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