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A BIT OF LEISURE.

APPROACH of the close of the school year crowds into these last few days a rapidly passing serles of activities. Each club, department, and activity plans an extra meeting or affair of some sort, until the student who is ordinarily fairly busy finds himself swamped with duties and opportunities for worth while recreation.

And then to top it off, most professors speed up the work of the courses, and end them with a term paper or two. Courses that have been of noraml requirements suddenly demand all night sessions to complete term papers and reports.

In all due recognition of the fact that class work is of prime importance, and that any attempt to place it in second rank is a violation of the university's purpose, some consideration should be given to those things somewhat outside the realm of class

Without undue effort, and without any sacrifice, professors could crowd a greater share of the work of the course into the first three quarters, when weather, activities, and general disposition are more favorable to concentrated study. During the months of February, March and April most things are rathe" at a lull, but when the closing weeks of school come around everything combines to make study nearly impossible. Even the professors yield to the balmy days (ask the Bizad professor who last year missed his class three days in succession to listen to the world series.).

There is a great deal to be gained by a little well directed effort in this seemingly minor detail. A course that ends with but a normal amount of work is apt to leave a much more favorable impression upon the student than one which ends in a nightmare of term papers, outside assignments, reports, reviews, and a detailed examination.

Much of the beauty and tradition of the university, those fine memories that are retained so long after the formula for sulphur dioxide is forgotten, reach a climax in the festivities of the last few days of the school. If the bulk of the scholastic work is over, the student can combine with the nominal class routine, attendance and appreciation of many of these fine occasions. They will form a fitting the student to return in the fall. Under the present system the student emerges after a hectic two weeks of hurried, unsatisfactory work, convinced that never again will he go through a similar trial.

Co-operation on the part of the faculty in adjustpreciated, and would add a very definite measure to the completion of a school year.

WITHOUT FIRE OR NOISE

THIS morning Louis Gilman comments on the action of the Lincoln police and fire departments in extinguishing the political fire of Monday night. Their action, says he, is quite right indeed, for "These here college boys don't need to try no rough stuff. Such goin's on hain't right in our fair city."

In commenting on the puritanical anti-serenade rule of the city council, one student suggests that fraternity and sorority houses be classed as natural hazards, and those who have the pluck to move next door to them should not expect to sleep from dusk to dawn. What obliging boiler factory shuts down when the sun descends in order that the neighbors may have their undisturbed slumbers?

Mild riots along the Greek arena should be viewed with tolerance by local sleuths, as long as they are held within reasonable limits. True, loud outbreaks at isolated outlying houses may bring an undue burden upon the neighbors, but the nearcampus district might be designated, without harm to the dignity and moral uprightness of the school, as a field for riots and other minor demonstrations.

GREEDY CHILDREN

ATHLETES are carefully groomed and trained for their various encounters. College students struggle along on boarding house meals, insufficient sleep, too many cigarets and take part in various other activities which detract from their mental alertness. If exceedingly bright, they may pick up a few stray facts along the line.

Lecture room naps are common. Some professors, it is true, have an uncanny ability to lull their student audiences into peaceful drowsiness; if students received a reasonable amount of sleep during the nights, however, they might be able to combat the demons of sleep. It is quite possible, too, that some educational pointers might be absorbed from the "bone dry" lectures.

Fraternity, sorority and boarding house cooks use little discretion in preparing meals. Truck drivers and ditch diggers may demand heavy food and lots of it; college students, dependent upon their wits, should be satisfied with more moderate repasts. They continue to gorge, however, dulling their intellects and getting out of trim and training

for the game of education. moral issue, too many cigarets are smoked by college men-perhaps women, too. Fraternity houses are forever filled with heavy clouds of smoke and free with their "What have they dones," find so Greek backyards are littered with countless charet butts, dumped from overflowing cigaret stands.

Freedom from restrictions in regard to sleep. food and smoking habits is desirable. Those upon whom this freedom is bestowed, however, should To the editor come to realize the importance of moderation. Too many youths, liberated for the first time from the autocratic, though well intended, rule of parents, go | wishes to correct the assumption that she is a memmildly insane in their attempts to do the things that ber of the A. W. S. board as any affiliation of such have so long been prohibited. They stay up half the nature has been limited to a brief term on the Stunight, eat what they wish, smoke an endless string dent council. Her ire was rightfully aroused by a of cigarets and stage a systematic campaign to vio- former editorial which questioned the intelligence late the rules which have always been held over and capability of women students in self govern-

If students are to be treated as sensible, reason-

able adults, let them attempt a fair impersonation of such individuals. If they intend to act like greedy children, they are inviting stricter and more unpleasant regulation.

STAND IN LINE

WATCH the tennis courts south of Bessy hall and see how often you see a court not in use-or if you have been watching, you know that playing a game on the university courts is much like taking a bath on Saturday night, by the time it is your turn the water is cold!

At present only those courts near the drill field are in playable shape, and five courts are rather scant quarters for the tennis playing university crowds. Other courts near the Collseum are available, but inadequate fencing makes proper care impossible, and makes playing more like a track meet than a tennis match.

With these courts so near to completion it is deed deplorable that the work is not finished.

Tennis is a sport worthy of recognition and consideration. It is offered as a university course both semesters, and in addition provides essential exercise for many others. Unlike the major sports it is not limited to a few men, but is open to all.

Let's have less attention given to the near-professional sports and more to the truly democratic athletics.

NOT ALL WRONG

COMPLAINTS of many hues over the compulsory R. O. T. C. two year drill period which every university man, unless properly excused, must take before graduating, continue their usual circulation. Similar cries have been heard in institutions neigh-

The heart of the complaints at Nebraska, at least, seem to center around two points. First, three hours must be spent each week in marching, execution of arms, and lectures which are deemed extremely uninteresting and a total waste of time. Second, uniforms which must be worn are ancient, out-of-date, do not fit and are claimed to be a disgrace to any one who wears them.

Complaint number two is easily taken care of by the assurance recently given by authorities that attractive new uniforms of a different type will be furnished Nebraska cadets next year.

A number of answers could be given for the first complaint. In the first place, it appears to be only the grumbling of those who are entirely lacking in ambition and who probably deplore the work they have to do in other courses the same as they do the

In the second place, the physical upliftment received from three R. O. T. C. hours devoted mainly to exercise each week are of advantage to everyone in this age which demands a well-equipped body as well as mind to succeed.

Lastly, the benefit derived from association with such inspirational men as Lt. Col. F. F. Jewett and others on his staff who are constantly working for a better unit and consequently better trained, better equipped students, can not be denied.

Those who have decried compulsory R. O. T. C. as unworthy of the time necessarily spent in it, should give a second thought to the matter. A change of heart might result.

A SIMPLE DUTY

WRITE a letter home!

It would be astounding if the exact number of university students who neglect this simple operaclimax to a year of achievement, and will inspire tion were known. And a few words from daughter or son away at school, many for the first time, mean much more to the folks at home than most persons realize.

Any student with an average degree of intelligence, realizes what his parents are doing for him ing the work of the semester would be greatly ap- in the way of providing him a college education. Most students try to show their gratitude in one for some hour worth while? All way or another. Yet many of them neglect the simplest manner they could employ to show their or 3? Don't look so shocked appreciation and love.

It takes only a few minutes to scratch a mes-sage that will bring brightness and life to a mother two or three and still maintainor dad somewhere. More regular observance of ing their reputation. Coeds at this task would be a commendable habit for any student to form.

Once there was an honest professor who told his class that "Those who can, do; those who cannot,

The Student Pulse

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

NOTHING TO DO

To the editor:

Here is what I want to know. If the Innocents town, too. are a bunch of yesmen, and the Student council is a bunch of politicians, and the faculty is a bunch of crooks, and the staff of this paper a bunch of having nothing else to do, rushed jellyfish, why don't we turn Russian and abolish the around to Sixteenth and R the whole darn university?

I heard that all the foregoing was true, so I asked my informant on what basis he made such sweep- stop their parade. That was in ing statements. His answer and the answer of most of Ye Bolshevists was "what have they done?"

"Well," says I to me, "What have they done." I thought about this for a while and it occurred turb their rest. to me that Coolidge and Hoover have been criticized more freely because they have done nothing, and I barge in and douse the torches thought some more and wondered if there was a whole lot for them to do. Washington and Lincoln were great men, they say, but if the revolutionary CONGRATULATIONS to our war had not come along to occupy the attention of the "Father of our Country" and the slaves had not needed freeing there would be plenty of saps to by cracky, or we'll know th pipe up "What have they done?"

suggestion that this institution is not diseased to stuff. the core, that anything short of murder, fire rebellion and insurrection can start it on the way to recovery, but I ask you just what is there that needs to be done?

After considering the matter to that extent I Disregarding the improbable presence of any slapped mysetlf soundly on both cheeks for bother- things anyway, or let the S. P ing my head about the aspersions of the would-be C. A. rule the roost. rebels. I noticed that the individuals, who are so much time for criticism because they themselves T. C. H. aren't doing anything.

NOT ON A. W. S. BOARD

"One of the 'Dazed' " congratulates the editor on his intelligent "Interpretation." However, she

ONE OF THE "DAZED."

MILESTONES AT NEBRASKA

May 16. 1920.

Xi Delta, sophomore girls' hon-orary, announced the names of nineteen new members.

Tickets for the senior class play, "If I Were King," were put on The editor commended the progressive spirit of the organizers of alumni clubs.

Nebraska took second place in

Sixety premedics observed their annual field day at Capitol Beach. The cast was chosen for the senior class play, "The Sunken

1910.

The range department of the cadets held a banquet at the Lindell hotel.

By force of arms two senior girls prevented a freshman girl from wearing a mortar board. Sigma Alpha Epsilon defeated Sigma Chi to win the interfrater-nity baseball championship.

The Hon. W. J. Bryan spoke to a large audience on the "Prince of

Sombrero came out The promptly on time. The Latin club held its last meeting of the year.

The band informal was called off because no good music could procured.

BETWEEN THE LINES By LASELLE GILMAN.

FOUR OF THE reasons why the author is going to leave the middle west after graduation:

Spring. Eternal drizzling rain Across my window pane, And drafty, dreary days That change from black to grays.

Summer. Blaring, blinding heat, That beats down in the street, And swirling dust and sand That chokes dry-throated land. Autumn. (Repeat first verse.)

Winter. Brown and barren plain That wears upon my brain, And icy winds that blow Without redeeming snow.

THE NAUGHTY little coeds dared to go to the polls and actually vote for 12:30 nights two of 'em every single week end. Plainly we can see what they are trying to get at—it isn't the extra fifteen minutes to eat in with comfort, but, as our lady dean has intimated, some-thing much worse. What is go-ing to become of the younger generation! It's as bad as voting wet! And that A. W. S. board has aided and abetted them by upholding the referendum.

AS WE understand it, 473 girls voted for the 12:30 rule, and thirteen voted for the 12:15. Gosh how we'd like to get a single look at those thirteen.

While they were at it, however, why didn't the unfair sex vote Mabel; we've heard of people gocoeds at eastern schools and coeds at Nebraska are much different.

AND COME to think of it, it Awouldn't do much good to stay out any later. Dances in Lincoln are closed up at 11:30. Shows stop at 11. It's a wonder the police haven't closed the Stuart, which stays open until midhight, occasionally. No won-der dance halls outside the city limits do a big business every night in the week, including Sunday. "This town," say the city fathers, "is a godly town, given over to schools and churches. It isn't like that there wicked Om-Well, Omaha is a good

SPEAKING of cops and such, our noble village police force, evening and upon those desperate characters, the electioneers, and made 'em accord with the ruling against late rallies, we suppose. Lincoln home owners want to sleep, and the rowdy college students Even our effi cient fire department had the police had taken from the paraders.

lowers. lowers. Thar's goin' to be law an' order in this here metropolis, All of the insurgents will snort and fume at ties boys don't need to try no rough in our fair city.

> We suggest the the Board of Regents gracefully turn the con-trol of the University of Nebraska over to the Lincoln city council, as it seems to be running

> HOPE the Muni Uni at Omaha is a success. We'd go there

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ENGINEERS
All engineers who are to graduate in June, during summer session, or next February, are asked to attend a meeting to be held Monday, May 19, at 5 p. m. in M. 106.
This is on informal get together, at which time I desire to talk to you briefly about your futures, calling attention to some of the important things which no college course can which no college course can

I hope you will arrange to be there. O. J. FERGUSON, Dean.

the Missouri Valley tennis tourna-ment.

Sixety premedica observed their

WEL, well look what's on the Pub board! Does Nebraska get its Awgwan back next year? Dunt esk. Our fate lies in your hands, thou noble body of literary power. Wonderful how an election can elevate a bunch of undergraduates who probably undergraduates who probably never read The Nebraskan, who don't know who the editor of the Cornhusker is, and who never heard of the Awgwan, into the seats of the mighty. Please open your eyes and pull the cotton out of your ears when you vote on editors and such next year-and have a heart! The Awgwan isn't entirely sunk in iniquity and obscenity.

TWO WEEKS left for us. Time and tide wait for man, of course, but time is go-ing backwards, it would seem. Our scholastic career will never Two weeks are an eternity. Is there "a note of sadness as we gaze on these storied walls and ivied halls" for the last time? We haven't heard any note. But Pan is piping a wild, strange note from over the edge of the world, and we hear those notes very plainly.

POOLE, PUGSLEY WILL GIVE JOINT LECTURE SUNDAY

Robert Poole of the Romance languages department, and Dr. James W. Pugsley of the Classics department will present a joint lecture Sunday afternoon, May 18, at 4:00 p. m. in gallery A of Mor-The subject will be "The Ro-

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