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SEMI-CONSCIOUSNESS.

"SEMI-CONSCIOUSNESS" is the term Ed Morrow, former editor of The Daily Nebraskan, uses to describe the mental state of University of Nebraska students in a letter to The Nebraskan recently.

Nebraska students don't seem to be capable of getting excited over anything except football games and rallies, and they treated the latter apathetically last fall.

This extremely conservative attitude is not typical of college students elsewhere. Undergraduates at Harvard, Princeton and Rutgers have engaged in riots recently, over quite insignificant things to be sure.

Students in European and Chinese universities take a keen and active interest in the political affairs of their countries and stage enthusiastic and sometimes reckless pep demonstrations to show their ardor for a particular political and economic movement.

IT IS DIFFICULT to understand the indifferent Nebraska attitude, though it is typical of the great mass of people outside the university gates. Throughout the nation, an apathy and a spirit of complacency exist.

At Nebraska only one-fourth of the student body votes. Less than that number would cast ballots were it not for fraternity coercion.

In the classroom they continue this "I don't care attitude." They are devoid of ambition, stick-in-the-muds who are attending a university without catching a glimpse of the responsibility that every citizen should assume—the responsibility to be interested in all matters of public welfare.

Upon a few students rests the burden of getting things done. Were it not for them the atmosphere around the university would resemble an old soldiers' home.

ANYTHING of a constructive nature that could arouse the universal interest of the student body should be welcomed at this university. If students evince enough interest, active organizations on this campus and associated with this university are willing to launch a campaign for a Student Union building, one of Nebraska's crying needs.

But this spirit must be built up, must arise spontaneously from within the student body, if such a project is to be successful. Today this campaign would suffer tremendously because of the disinterested attitude most students would show.

Their attention is never united on any constructive measure. Something that tends to tear down—like a rally-riot—may inspire them to action. But when accosted with the idea of a Student Union, which seeks to build a better university within and without, they turn their heads.

University spirit—that feeling of pride and interest in this institution—should be developed through the erection of a Student Union. Once built, such a structure would serve as a continual stimulus to all-university consciousness. It would wake up some sleepy Nebraskans who right now might just as well be going to Idaho as far as their present feelings and university attitude is concerned.

HOME FROM COLLEGE.

SCENE: Main street of Smallburg, Nebraska.

Characters: Sam, the baker's son. Lucy, the farmer's daughter. Mary and Joe College, just home from the University of Nebraska for vacation.

Lucy: Well! can you beat that. I don't see how Joe College can elevate his nostrils so high just because he has been to the university.

Sam: Didn't he speak to you?

Lucy: Yes, but that condescending high-tone way of his. I suppose he thinks he is too good for us now. He just tries to advertise the fact that he's been to college—with those corduroys and those knickers and that sophisticated way of his as if he were doing the town a favor by coming back and living here a few days. And Mary College—

Sam: Isn't she a big pain though? She used to be a pretty good girl but now she thinks she was born for better things than Smallburg and people like us.

Lucy: And she smokes cigars just continually.

Sam: It's too bad they couldn't have stayed in Lincoln.

THAT IS a typical conversation that is very likely to take place in any number of small towns in about a week hence. People in small communities fail to realize that college life does have a tendency to change students, but it should not be in such a way as to make them snobbish.

It is very likely to change their mode of dress, their manners. It may wipe away some of their earlier moral taboos and eccentric mannerisms. If a year of college life does not change them at all it can be checked up as a derelict loss.

Students should, however, make a special effort to avoid being snobbish or undemocratic when they return to their own communities. They are likely to be misunderstood anyway and they can make matters worse by assuming an air of aloofness.

The change should be internal, in point of view, but it need not make a difference in the attitude a college man or woman has towards his home town and his old friends.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.

SHOWING a breadth in outlook and an earnest interest in their teaching, several instructors have announced their intention of following a suggestion made in The Nebraskan recently by asking for comments on their respective courses from their students.

The students are requested to turn in anonymous contributions suggesting ways of improving the courses and listing mannerisms and habits of the instructors which are annoying. Thus the teachers are enabled to get a true statement of what their classes think of them and their ways of conducting their courses.

The value of such a plan is two-fold. It gives the instructors an opportunity to improve and to know wherein they fall short. It gives the students the feeling that their ideas and opinions are worth something, that they are individuals even though individualism often must be sacrificed in such large classes, in such a large institution.

Most students, it will be found, pen sincere statements as to their opinions concerning the courses. One instructor brought a pack of them to The Nebraskan office and pointed out numerous corrective comments which, he said, would aid him personally and improve his course.

The real interest instructors have in their teaching will be shown by the number who avail themselves of this opportunity of securing a true evaluation of the work they have accomplished. And by their efforts in this direction, student interest will be heightened considerably.

STUDENTS have been silent auditors of the Pharmacy kennels' singing schools for weeks and weeks. That farce about a dog show with an admission charge of ten cents Wednesday was carrying things a little too far when such free entertainment is constantly available.

TWO THOUSAND R. O. T. C. laddies Wednesday would have forgone picnics for a couple of days if that rain had only lasted a few hours longer.

LIKE THE prowler of last year, authors of "With Fire and Sword" are losing their following.

INCIDENTALLY the anti-roller towel campaign of The Nebraskan has been effective. Looks like the fire burned out.

ALL work and no play makes jack—and lots of it.

The Student Pulse

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

FRATERNITY "PUSHING"

To the editor: It is said there's fraternity politics on the Nebraska campus—at least we should suspect there is, since three factions have been given the official n. k.

But there's more politics than what is recognized or what appears on the surface. There's politics right inside of every fraternity house. And the ones who use their heads the best are the ones who get ahead.

At this time of the year, just before the close of school, the big boys in the lodges are getting their heads together and doping things out for the next few years. The "logical lads" are being picked out of the sophomore and freshman classes to be "pushed" along so that when they reach their senior years they can be blessed with the insignia: "Campus Kings."

Now, don't misunderstand the writer; he has no objections to all this. In fact, he rather likes it and is inclined to encourage it, although he himself never was fortunate to receive any of the plums.

The object of this little missive, however, is to give an outgoing senior's reflections on the manner in which this "pushing" business is conducted.

It is a well established fact that some fraternities get ahead of others. How do they do it? The process is simple. You only have to know how. The fraternities who soar above the others are those who always push the right men. They test out their undergraduates in the various fields of extracurricular activities and those who produce the best results are given the grapes. They then centralize all of their attention on the one or two who show the best prospects and all others are shunned.

Popularity on the campus is one of the strongest factors taken into consideration by the leading Greek letter houses and never do they try to shove anyone ahead who is but little known around the campus confines. This is one of the most potent reasons why they are so successful in keeping their hold on activities.

The lesser fraternities, on the other hand, do not play the game right. They can never expect to achieve any great distinction unless they start right now and push the right men and give them everything they can. They cannot do, as most of them have been doing, sprinkle their activities around to more than one man, but pick out the one who has the best start and let him carry the work on through. Then they will find that everything around this campus doesn't have to be run by just a few fraternities, as is so often alleged.

AN OUTGOING SENIOR.

A HAND FOR GILMAN.

To the editor: La Selle Gilman's column has taken its last bow before an appreciative audience; he deserves a great deal of commendation for his work during the past two semesters.

"Between the Lines" was clever and refreshing. Gilman turned out a feature column that could carry off laurels in competition with many big time articles. Talent such as his improves a college publication more than many students realize. They turn immediately to Gilman's column, to read his droll mockery, without realizing its value.

Few people have the ability to turn out page after page of fresh, entertaining material. Most persons who are endowed with this talent, however, have the accompanying characteristic of laziness. Perhaps that is why the Awgwan failed—who knows?

Gilman, your stuff was clever. Sorry to see you go, but perhaps someone will appear to fill the gap you leave in The Nebraskan. I hope so.

LUMBAGO III.

Freshmen who have been wondering what the benches around the campus are for have discovered that after all they are here for a purpose. The campus politician must take his hibernation during the vacation months.

MILESTONES AT NEBRASKA

May 23, 1920.

Phi Alpha Tau, honorary public speaking fraternity, initiated twelve new members.

Want Ad: "Will person who picked up rose colored sweater near library steps Monday night please return to Student Activities office."

Sliver cups were presented to the winners in the different divisions of spring football.

1915.

Chi Omega offered a prize of twenty-five dollars for the purpose of encouraging women students to prepare themselves for usefulness in social betterment activities.

The members of the German dramatic club held their picnic indoors because of rain.

Members of the Nebraska Pharmaceutical society elected new officers.

1910.

The senior invitations arrived and were distributed. A student opinion suggested a plan to secure honesty among the coeds.

Plans were completed for the annual cadet encampment at Ashland.

1905.

Theta Kappa Nu, honorary senior law scholastic organization, announced the names of three new members.

Miss Alice Howell announced the names of the cast for the senior class play.

The executive office announced that an alumni register would be published.

CAMPUS AGOG!!

DOG SHOW FAILS TO MATERIALIZE

(Continued from Page 1.) the campus and some of the classroom blackboards as well.

"Just A Good Joke."

"It's just a good joke," was the pharmacy dean's comment. "If there was any maliciousness or viciousness intended in the thing, the authors will have to be awfully disappointed because I enjoy it."

"The possible objection that might be raised against it—more by others than by myself—is that I am getting too much publicity," he said.

Dr. Lyman then referred to the space he received in one of the issues of "With Fire and Sword," an outland sheet which has appeared on the Nebraska campus this semester. It was after the appearance of that issue that the doctor declared he appreciated what was said about him—although it was intended to be derogatory.

"I looks as though the dog house or 'Lyman's kennel' has been a decided asset to the University of Nebraska. It has helped to put the university in the limelight with all of its additional publicity," the dean asserted.

He believes, the dodger to be nothing more than an experiment of certain students or others on this campus to arouse his ire. But the said Dr. Lyman will not be moved by this any more than he was by the previous "publicity."

Gadflies "Extend Hand."

Pinned on the last issue of the copy of "With Fire and Sword" which was mailed to Dr. Lyman was the following note, he said:

"To you, Dr. Lyman, we extend our hand. You are truly and genuinely a sport—Signed, in Absentia, The Gadflies."

Although much interest seemed to be manifested by the student body in the pending dog show, only one person accosted Dean Lyman Wednesday morning, curiously seeking information about the affair.

"He was such an innocent lad, too," said Dr. Lyman. "He was so anxious to know where the show was being held and he wanted to see the kind of dogs that were to be on exhibition. I thought at first he was just fooling but discovered later that he showed a good deal of disappointment when I told him it was nothing but a practical joke."

Rumors were spreading fast and furious over the campus concerning the identity of those who were behind the "fluke."

It was said that one of the nightwatchmen had discovered someone posting a bill on one of the campus bulletin boards and that he had reported his findings to the dean of student affairs office.

Thompson Sheds No Light.

This story, however, was disputed by Dr. T. J. Thompson, dean of student affairs, when asked about it Wednesday. He said he knew little about it, and had not seen a copy of the handbill until presented one by The Daily Nebraskan reporter.

"I have only heard that there had been some posted on the bulletin boards," attested the dean of student affairs. "No nightwatchman has reported anything to me about Tuesday night. From all appearances it is just a scheme to get the university community stirred up."

The executive declared no official action would be taken on the matter, since everyone viewed it as nothing short of a joke.

Schultemen End Brilliant Season; Every Dual and Two Indoor Meets Are Won; Conference Title Lost

By GUY CRAIG.

With spiked shoes and cinders a matter of history for 1936, Coach Schulte and his track squad have put their outfits away in moth-balls until another spring calls. The season has been one of the most brilliant in Cornhusker history, the only black spot on the record being the loss to Kansas in the Big Six outdoor meet.

Starting the indoor season with dual meets with Missouri and Kansas looming before them, The Tigers failed to furnish any opposition for the Nebraska team and the Schulte men piled up a lopsided score and won the meet with ease. The dual with Kansas was another matter as big Jim Bausch and his mates were doped to give the Nebraska teams one of the toughest battles of the year. Performing before the high school teams here for the state meet, Nebraska finally won out by a score of 75 1-2 to 55 1-2.

The Big Six outdoor meet, which was won by Kansas' 58 and Nebraska close behind with 55 is too recent history to go into the gruesome details. Nebraska men will never forget the grim specter of big Jim Bausch that afternoon. Whenever more points were needed for Kansas, the cry was sent out for Bausch and he came through with the needed points. Tomson furnished the outstanding performance for the Huskers when he leaped 24 feet 2 1-4 inches to establish a new record in the event. Cobe had broken the record at Ames last year but this was with the wind.

So, after all is said and done, the track season as a whole was a brilliant one though the defeat in the Big Six outdoor meet casts its spell of gloom over the record. About the only alibi that can be offered is that given by Schulte—"The other team was just a little bit stronger than we were."

Meet Ends Big Six Season

The conference meet ended the indoor season for Nebraska and the squad bent their attention to outdoor work in preparation for the Texas Relays. Schulte took a squad of twenty-two men to Texas for the Texas relays on Friday and Southern Methodist relays on Saturday. The high spot of this trip was the performance of Coburn Tomson, Big Six champion and record holder in both the indoor and outdoor broad jump. Cobe came through in fine style to win his event in both meets. Other men who placed in the games were Hugh Rhea in the shot put, Faytinger in the javelin, Rhea in the shot and Craig in the broad jump. The four mile relay team ran a fine race to place second to the Butler team and the two mile team picked off a third.

Taking his squad on a trek to the southern part of the conference, Schulte sent his men into the Kansas relays and the following Wednesday, took on the Oklahoma team in the first outdoor dual. The high light of the Husker competition in the Kansas relays was Hugh Rhea's victory over big Jim Bausch in the shot put. Faytinger and Hokus annexed points in the javelin. Tomson placed in the broad jump and the two mile relay team placed 60 finish the Husker scoring in the meet.

Oklahoma Easily Conquered.

The dual meet with Oklahoma was one of the bright spots of the Husker schedule. Entering the meet with the dope pointing to a toss-up, the Nebraska team performed over their heads to win 85-46 in one of the biggest upsets of dope the Big Six has seen for some time. It was in this meet that Rhea got off his best heave of the year, 50 feet and 2 inches.

The Drake relays, where the best athletes of the country are seen in action, had its share of Nebraska men competing and placing. Bill Ossian came through with a place in the pole vault, Tomson placed in the broad jump, Faytinger and Hokus placed in the javelin, Lamson grabbed some points in the hurdles and Tomson and Craig placed in the hop, step and jump. Hugh Rhea, after breaking the record in the preliminaries, lost to big Jim Bausch.

Tigers Tramped On.

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BARBS TO ORGANIZE. SEATTLE—University of Washington, Climaxing six years of persistent work, an organization of the University of Washington's unaffiliated men, will, in all probability, be the result of a meeting to be held in the near future, when a constitution, drawn up by a group of these men, will be voted upon. The aim of the entire organization is to combine on cooperative basis, active groups, with membership ranging from 5 to 35 men, into one large group, but with individual interests and aims retained.

CORRECTION.

According to a feature story in the Wednesday issue of The Daily Nebraskan it was stated that Prof. F. M. Ping, Dean J. E. Leffingwell, and Prof. Taylor attended Heidelberg university at the same time. It was the University of Leipzig, however, that these men attended, according to Dean Leffingwell.

Other Nebraska men attending the institution at the same time were Prof. Henry Baldwin, formerly a member of the Nebraska faculty and now at the University of Illinois; and Prof. H. J. Davenport, formerly principal of Lincoln high school and now professor of economics at Cornell university.

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