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Thanksgiving—More Than a Meal

One day each year we pause to participate in the recognition of Thanksgiving day. For some it means simply an opportunity to break away from school and eat turkey. Without regard for the moral considerations of over-eating, we wish you a happy vacation and hope that you have many things to be thankful for.

In the rush and bustle of collegiate existence we seldom have the time or the inclination to stop and survey our fortunes. Fussing and fuming over lessons, dates, activities, athletics and overdue bills we are apt to feel a wave of self pity washing across our consciousness. We sneer at the suggestions of our elders who believe that we are extremely lucky in having an opportunity to attend an educational institution.

This is natural. At times we curse the day we registered and wish that some tidal wave would sweep the university forever off the map. But we are young; we have not the perspective which makes education appear an invaluable boon. Though we live in comfort and ease we sometimes feel terribly abused, wondering what earthly reason we may have for giving thanks.

The doors of the university have been closed. Lessons may be forgotten as we celebrate Thanksgiving day. And everyone has something to be thankful for; does the day mean something to you?

Reading and Leading Are Closely Related.

A professor the other day was discussing with his class some of the significant changes that have come over American life and American institutions in the last ten years. He pointed out that these changes were predicted, examined and to some extent caused by leaders in thought long before they came to the attention of the majority of people or of the popular press. These leaders in thought constitute a very small proportion of the whole population.

"After all," said he, "readers of such magazines as Harpers, Forum, The American Mercury, The Atlantic Monthly, The Nation, The New Republic and Scribners are generally the leaders and they are few in number."

Circulation figures reveal the truth of his statement. Fortunate is one of those publications to attain a circulation of 50,000 while several popular magazines boast subscription lists in excess of 1,000,000.

It is strange and at the same time a distressing fact that a very large proportion of college students are not included in the select list of readers of better magazines. Too many of them do not read anything, not even current event news in the daily papers.

Most students hope to be leaders in some field. Is it not logical and natural that they should want to know what present day leaders and scholars are thinking, what are the trends of modern life and what dangers are facing American civilization? Too many collegians drift through four years of blissful indifference, arriving at the significant things of life with a shock.

A college education should elevate reading tastes. A student who has spent four years, presumably seeking culture, and is still content to read nothing but that which appeals to mediocre intelligence, has lost valuable time and opportunities.

We do not advise an attitude of snobbishness toward popular literature. A college education should enable one to read it more critically and at the same time create a desire to read better things.

Giving Football

The Run of the Paper.

From the University of Utah Chronicle comes this short editorial:

"It has come to the editor that the student publication is making too big a fuss over football and that publicity is being given the gridiron sport in preference over other campus activities."

"Our only excuse is that the football season only comes once a year and that while it's here, we're going to make the most of it."

"In our opinion, the student body is vitally interested in football activity and the purpose of the Chronicle is to supply the institution with the most agreeable news."

Football spirit is in the air. Homecoming, songsters, giant snake dances, rallies, all-conference selections, and most of all, a championship team, have turned the minds of the Utah collegians to the pigskin sport. Football news is the news of the moment."

After reading the Utah paper one might readily understand why the editor had been accused of devoting too much space to football. Like many other university dailies, its pages

are plastered with photos of helmeted warriors; its news columns shout forth the glory of the team and the need for hilarious spirit.

Why do college papers insist upon giving athletics the run of the paper? This sport needs no promotion. It is already assuming such gigantic proportions that it threatens to overshadow the better purposes of the institutions which gave it birth. We believe that college editors would be wise to appeal to the intelligence, rather than the emotions, of their readers.

Football has a value. Those who condemn it entirely are not quite clear in their assertion; but those who shout its praises to the blue skies, giving everyone the impression that colleges are even more football mad than they are, lend their journalistic forces to a cause which does not need it.

They slight cultural activities which are starving for support.

Back in The Fold Again.

Omaha schools will be represented again this spring at the annual Nebraska high school basketball tournament, according to unofficial announcements by Walter Black, secretary of the association, and J. G. Masters, speaking for the Omaha principals. The Omaha school officials are to be congratulated upon their move. No state tournament can be a complete success if several of the larger teams withdraw from competition.

While the Omaha authorities made no comment at the time upon conditions that caused their withdrawal from the tourney, it is understood that, with 100 or more teams represented, the students presented a difficult problem to handle, insofar as their conduct while attending the competition was concerned. Now the number of competing teams has been limited to sixteen, and the conduct problem accordingly simplified.

At the time of withdrawal, the metropolitan schools did not drop membership in the association, merely declining to enter teams in the all-state eliminations. Now the only obstacle in the way of their return to competition is formal approval of their entry by the Omaha school officials.

Another factor influencing Omaha's move to return, it is said, is found in dwindling gate receipts and lack of popular interest in basketball contests there. The principals evidently are guided partly by a desire to rouse interest in the sport and consequently swell the athletics income of the schools.

Omaha has indicated that she has no desire to act as host of the tournament this spring, but it is not known whether or not the games will again be staged in the University of Nebraska coliseum.

With Omaha again in the running, and all-state support of the tourney, it is a point deserving attention and effort on the part of the university officials. Every high school player is potential university material, scholastically as well as for his athletic prowess. Should not the university go a bit out of its way to attract these students? At the very least, the tournament would be good advertising for the institution.

Books Are So Useless, Don't You Know.

When college men wore peg-topped trousers, rented tatty-ho's, grew moustaches, courted ladies, put on winter underwear after the football season closed—in those days reading was common. Some rational collegians actually visited the Main library in their spare time to read. What a laugh!

They missed the real entertainment. While sitting in a well-lighted, properly heated room and gazing enraptured at a book they were wasting time. Their sons and daughters prefer to slouch in a coffee shop, sipping weak cokes, inhaling cigaret fumes, making foolish conversation. Evolution is a marvelous thing.

We seldom see a college student spend his vacant afternoons in the library unless he is compelled to do so. This is a fine thing, for college students should not pass up opportunities to cake and attend downtown movies. When they do invade the library it is as the sentenced man trudges into his penitentiary, forced to do so much time before they may be free. Modern youths recognize values.

Let us compare the collegiate attendance at afternoon movies any day in the week with the meagre crowd found in the libraries. We repeat: college students have finally come to their senses. What fun could one possibly find in reading a book at the library?

We're asking you, but we know the answer.

Greek Goddesses With Uplifted Noses

Parading their unfounded social superiority before those whom they consider less fortunate, sorority girls are apt to make their presence obnoxious. L. G. G. is disgusted with the unsocial behavior of the affiliated coeds and we see her point.

Sororities attempt to develop poise in their members. This valuable quality of personality should not be confused with unwarranted sophistication. One who is truly well educated and properly trained in the niceties of social conduct is able to acclimate herself to her surroundings. Psychologists will tell us that intelligence may be measured by one's ability to adapt himself to new surroundings. Uncouth are sorority girls who cannot mingle with barb coeds without making their alleged superiority embarrassingly evident.

Colleges and their offspring organizations have been criticized severely for their undemocratic tendencies. This matter of coed behavior, however, does not hinge upon democracy but upon the simplest principles of politeness. Social organizations, we call them; is L. G. G. right in her accusations?

MORNING MAIL

A Sorority Sore.

TO THE EDITOR:
 If a girl joins a sorority for social training and contacts, then what is this society, if it makes her unsoilable with the nonsorority girl who is, in intelligence as well as social qualifications, equal to the sorority girl?
 It seems to me that if these Greek goddesses are forced to come in contact with nonsorority

girls occasionally, that this social training they are acquiring should aid them to be friendly without their tactless way of exposing their conscious superiority, if it must be called superiority to satisfy their ego. Instead, they tell about what this sorority sister of theirs said and tee-hee about that awhile, and then what some other sorority sister said or whom she dated and tee-hee about that, until they have become unbearably obnoxious.

Little do these cliquey snobs know what life has in store for them when their college days are over.
 L. G. G.

Feminine Shackles.

TO THE EDITOR:
 The limp body of student government is beginning to stir and gesture weakly in the direction of personal freedom and self-assertion through the Student Council. Immediately, however, as if it were some Gulliver giant, a host of Lilliputians, in the form of A. W. S. board members, have dashed forth from their snug headquarters in Ellen Smith hall, dragging with them the golden strands of feminine sanctity in order to shackle the council in its moves.

In the eyes of the esteemed members of the coeds guiding angels organization the Student Council is a ruthless colossus, dominated by men who would be only too glad of a chance to deprive the fair sex and their representatives of their rights, privileges, and pursuit of happiness.

WOMEN'S COLLEGES DONATE TO CHARITY

Schools Observe Golden Rule Sunday; Send Society Checks.

Smith college, Mount Holyoke, Miss Porter's school for girls, Dana Hall, Sweet Briar college in Virginia, are but a few of the women's colleges and schools that observed Golden Rule Sunday last year, sending generous checks to the Golden Rule Foundation of New York to help feed and care for the neglected and underprivileged children of the world.

At Mount Holyoke and most of the other colleges and schools, the students, acting of their own volition, agreed to go without certain Sunday table luxuries and delicacies, partaking of a frugal meal, in order that they might be able to give more generously to those in need in Porto Rico, China, India and our own country.

Sympathy Exerts Influence.
 More important than the money given and the lives saved was the reflex influence upon the lives of the students who were thus brought into fellowship and sympathy with the great mass of mankind.

Many women's colleges will again observe the day this year. It is hoped that their good example will be followed by the men in universities, colleges and prep schools.

Dr. Cadman Comments.
 Says Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, president of the Foundation:

"This practice is a test of our religion. Whether Catholics, Protestants or Jews, Modernists or Fundamentalists, we all believe in the Golden Rule. Do we live it? Golden Rule week summons us to plain living and high thinking. It asks us to measure ourselves by universal standards to see how nearly we have attained to our ideals. It is an educational, character building observance as well as practical philanthropy."

"This year the period has been extended from Golden Rule Sunday to Golden Rule week in order to include public schools as well as Sunday schools; Jews as well as Christians; service clubs and business agencies as well as churches; theaters and the secular press as well as religious organizations."

Ask Aid of Strong.
 "It is a season, when, thro'out the world, the strong are asked to help the weak, the rich to share with the poor, the employed with the unemployed and those who are prosperous with those who are in adversity."

"Money contributed during Golden Rule week may be designated for any organization, institution, charity or type of work in which the donor may be especially interested. One hundred cents of every dollar so contributed will go as directed, none for expenses. There is little or no excuse for not giving. The minimum gift—the difference in the cost of a frugal Golden Rule meal and the usual bountiful dinner—takes not one penny from the cash reserves of the donors. If passed thru the Foundation treasury for any object approved by the foundation's committee on research, information and survey, the probabilities are that a supplementary sum will be added to it from general funds."

"Let us be thankful that at this Thanksgiving-Golden Rule-Christmas season we may be on the 'giving' rather than on the 'receiving' end of the Golden Rule."

WRITER CHALLENGES METHODS OF R. M. T. C.

(Continued from Page 1.)
 argument for military training, the article states that it has been established psychologically that men do not spontaneously transfer a habit of neatness or obedience learned in a specific situation under constraint during military drill, into the vastly different and more free atmosphere of civil life. The author declares that the only ground on which military training can stand is that it trains students for war.

In concluding he says: "The subconscious effect of the whole thing is dangerous. Most people overlook the fact that wars arise out of old habits of thought and feeling which lead the mass of men into war against their wishes. Military training keeps these habits alive."—Syracuse Daily Orange.

An efficient Student Council must be a dominant body. If our council is to be a joint governing group along with the A. W. S. board, the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Society, and a host of other campus groups it would do better to put up the white flag, raffle off its data books, and go the way of all useless university bodies—to oblivion.

In all previous action the Council has shown its ability. It has faithfully and carefully attended to elections, rallies and other like duties. It has represented student problems as it has seen them but too often it has been deterred in its action by an almost brutal lack of authority. As to the scope of its power the administration has been exquisitely and beautifully vague. What is the next move?

Must a group of women students step in and attempt to curtail and limit the powers of a body which is working for more government by students as a whole without discrimination as to sex? Need this same group of women fear tyrannical action by a more representative body simply because it happens to contain a majority of men students?

Student governmental progress hangs in the balance. It is a very delicate balance, one which is swaying between administrative dominance and student freedom. A small part of the members of a sex which represents a minority of the university enrollment might do well to forget personal ends in the interests of the student body as a whole.

MORPHEUS.

Nebraska's 'Augwan,' Which May Soon Be Revived, Has Had Varied And Colorful Career Since 1913

BY ART WOLF.
 Just one year ago yesterday the ill-fated Augwan was ousted by the student publication board after its second issue of the year. Just eighteen years ago on Feb. 17, next, that publication began its stormy life at the University of Nebraska. And now Sigma Delta Chi, honorary journalistic fraternity and sponsor of the publication, is agitating for the return of the humor sheet to its place among Nebraska publications.

At a recent meeting of the publication board that august body hinted that it might give its consent to the re-establishment of the Augwan. Altho nothing definite was done toward taking that step the board said that Sigma Delta Chi might be allowed to bring back the publication if they present a petition to the board for that purpose.

Stepanek Contributed
 The Augwan was inaugurated on Feb. 17, 1913, by "students of the University of Nebraska." Ralph Northrup was the editor of that first humor publication which was issued twice a month. Orin Stepanek, now on the Nebraska faculty and at that time a student here, was one of the chief contributors to the early Augwans. The featured article in Vol. I, No. 1, was a story, "Billy Barebakem," by Mr. Stepanek.

During the first year of its existence the publication seemed to have difficulty with its staff for the names in the masthead changed with almost every issue altho Northrup was editor all during the first year. Nebraska students then and now must have been about the same for the Augwan at one time attempted to plug a new pep song which must not have been received with much favor for that song has been relegated to the shelves of oblivion as have many other Nebraska songs.

Sour Jokes.
 Some of the jokes in the first of those magazines seem to indicate that humor was a great deal different in 1913 than in 1930. A sample of those jokes:

Teacher: Johnny, what's a category?
 Johnny: A cat that's covered with blood.
 Another:
 One: The Vogue says skirts are to be fuller this spring.
 Two: I don't see how they can be much fuller.

In Vol. II, the staff was unchanged as to the editor and business manager although minor positions were all different. Marcus Poteet was assistant business manager that year. With No. 3 of that year the publication changed its policy by coming out fifteen times a year instead of bi-monthly. The price of the magazine was \$1.25 a year. In March, 1914, the sheet put out a suffrage number. In No. 7, on Feb. 2, 1914, the staff announced that the Augwan would be published bi-weekly at ten cents a copy.

LARGE NUMBER OF METHODISTS AT K. U.

73 Percent Register Some Church Preference; 30 Faiths Noted.
 LAWRENCE, Kan.—More than 73 percent of the students of the University of Kansas are members in one of the more than thirty denominations reported to Registrar Geo. O. Foster, and another 17 percent of them expressed a preference for some one of the denominations listed. A trifle more than 10 percent of the students made no report of their church affiliation.

As in past years, the number of Methodist students greatly surpassed the others, 1,167 reporting for this denomination, of whom 931 are members and 236 have that preference. Of the 1,167 Methodists, 718 are men and 449 are women.

Presbyterians are next with 446 men and 312 women, total 758; the Christians are third with 284 men; 159 women; 443 total; Baptist, 162, 90, 253; and Catholic, 166, 79, total 245. Other denominations having more than 100 students as members or adherents are: Congregational, 209; Episcopal, 199; and Lutheran, 109.

Among colored students, Methodists are most numerous, with 54, while there are 47 colored Baptists; 9 colored Episcopalians, and 3 colored Presbyterians.

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COMPOSER SAYS GRAND OPERA IS DEVELOPING

Claims It Will Take Upward Trend in This Country In Interview.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Contrary to the growing opinion in America that grand opera will soon vanish it is the opinion of Charles Sanford Skilton, composer, that grand opera is going to take an upward trend in this country. That he said in an interview with a Syracuse University Daily reporter.

"There is a time coming," he went on to say, "when an American composer will produce an opera which will gain for him the respect of all his countrymen. Such an opera will have to be on an American subject since Europeans best know European subjects and Americans best know American."

Comments on Jazz.
 In commenting upon the jazz tendency in modern music Professor Skilton lauded George Gershwin, for, he said, "he is a master in his having transformed jazz into a more approved type of music." "American jazz is remarkably interesting in itself," he continued, "but there is very little variety. If given a choice between a program of the Paul Whiteman type of music and a classical program you would be tired much sooner of Paul Whiteman."

Praises Ballet.
 Aside from the work of the orchestra, Professor Skilton also praised very highly the performance of the ballet. "The ballet at the entrance of Clytemnestra at the beginning of the second act was very effective and the grouping at the end of the act made a very remarkable stage picture" was his enthusiastic appraisal.

"I have enjoyed my stay in Syracuse very much," said Professor Skilton in a very pleased manner, "and I have been very glad to be here on a visit since I have always admired the work of the music school at this university. At present," he stated, "I am not working on any particular composition. My last composition was a Mass for the chorus of a Roman Catholic church in New York City."