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Congratulations To Greek Lodges.

When a band of mischievous fraternity pledges chop down somebody's pet evergreen tree and drag it away for Christmas use, that's news. Lucky indeed are the state papers when they find such a juicy bit of collegiate scandal. "Frat Boys Raise Hell" the headlines may shout; and outsiders shudder at the thought of these vile fraternity boys. We do not mean to attempt an excuse for such plundering, but the illustration calls for a contrast.

This year nearly every fraternity and sorority on the University of Nebraska campus is giving a Christmas party for poor children. The Nebraskan has been interested in the project, but we claim no credit for its popularity among Greek letter groups. The social organizations themselves began the commendable practice some years ago and the charity festivals have spread throughout the fraternity system.

Perhaps citizens of the state are too willing to think of fraternity men as hoodlums who bash in front doors with stolen fire axes and live in constant dissipation. College movies and the dirt thirsty newspapers have drawn a distorted caricature of universities, fraternity men and sorority women. The visions thus aroused in the minds of outsiders do not tally or harmonize with this idea of Christmas parties for poor children.

We congratulate Nebraska fraternities and sororities on their generosity and willingness to assist in the provision of Christmas celebrations for children of poverty stricken parents.

Universities are doing their best to solve the unemployment problem. We have the graduate college, you know.

Loyola University's Farewell to Football.

Quite a stir was raised in certain athletic circles not long ago when Loyola university of Chicago abolished intercollegiate football competition for its team. Feeling that the over emphasis and commercialization of modern collegiate football was detrimental to the ideals of an educational institution, the university of some 6,000 students has forsaken the sport.

Loyola's student newspaper is proud of the action.

"Loyola university of Chicago has grown great," explains the editor. "Overnight it has become the most talked of major university in this country. Its student body of more than 6,000 are either seething or complacent, depending upon their rationalizing of a drastic move in the university's athletic policy. King football is no longer on his sick bed. He is gone."

Possibly the editor strains the issue a trifle when he asserts that Loyola has become the most talked of major university in the country. We have, however, heard several comments on the abolition move. Strangely enough, little publicity was given the matter in most newspapers despite its pertinence at the close of a football season. Are sports editors a trifle wary of putting non-football suggestions into the collegiate mind?

"In a time when journalists, writers, critics, coaches, and sports followers are decrying the commercialism that has invaded the amateur field of intercollegiate athletics, Loyola university is the first to show the way...Loyola has abolished the system of putting on a weekly entertainment for the benefit of the public... It has dared to ask that its students cease to be exploited for the benefit of an amusement mad public," continues the student editor.

"It has closed the door upon a Fool's Paradise," he concludes, taking a final crack at the present era of athletic insanity.

The pigskin pendulum is bound to swing. In some colleges it may take longer than others; in some it may go farther than in others. But a change will come. The stupendous gate receipts and intense spirit cannot last forever; we hope that the universities of this country look beyond the next game or the next season and proceed warily with their expenditures and their subsidization. Perhaps the ticket sales will not be suffiicent to pay backfield salaries, who knows?

Football advertises colleges magnificently, we admit. Notre Dame has become familiar to everyone through her victorious grid teams, but will this athletic advertising actually benefit the school? An article in the Saturday Evening Post several weeks ago explained that winning football teams have not brought larger enrollment or better facilities or more generous alumni gifts to colleges. What, then, is the actual value of this publicity stunt which masquerades as sport when most of the sporting qualities have disappeared? Is the mere publicity worth the price we pay for it?

Loyola university has given up football. We doubt if she boasted a particularly strong football team, for successful seasons stimulate student and alumni interest. Once they are bitten by the gridiron bug, they cling to the game at any expense. Can you imagine Notre Dame forsaking football because it was felt to be "detrimental to the ideasl of education?"

It is considered quite all right to cast your bread upon the waters; but never break crackers in your soup.

We Can't All Be Algers

College publications, daily newspapers and many magazines give great emphasis to one type of human interest story concerning college life. It is the story of the young man or young woman who has overcome tremendous odds to earn a college degree.

Am Bition, we will call him, entered the university with practically no money or means of financial support. By dint of hard work and an overweaning desire to acquire an education, to use hackneyed terms, he not only earns his way through school but graduates with high honors.

We agree that too much praise cannot be bestowed on a student who has made that kind of a record. But the playing up by newspapers and magazines of this kind of feature story has a harmful effect on the attitude of the general public toward education.

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The public dotes on that kind of story. Many fathers and mothers come to believe that it is better that their children should earn as much of their way through college as possible. They put more emphasis on the outside work than they do upon the quest for knowledge. School work becomes only incidental to working one's way through school.

At the same time many students of meager financial resources enter college solely to work their way through the college. They feel that there is something essentially admirable in that. College authorities say that too much outside work is one of the most common causes of scholastic delinquencies.

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Every young man or young woman is not of the mental or physical caliber of the Horatio Alger hero. All of us are not capable of earning our way through college and graduating with honors.

Even those who are able to do it could better devote all of their time to school work. There is no limit to the opportunities of the seeker of knowledge even though students can "get by" on very little work.

Feature stories should be written on the students who have been given good educational opportunities and have made the most of them. They have overcome just as great obstacles as the others because they have had only their own determination and intelligence to spur them on to great efforts.

The unheralded hero in college life is often the one who has made an excellent record even though he had the opportunity to loaf his way through.

Some philospohers maintain that it is easier to make people cry than to make them laugh. That's probably why The Nebraskan gets along better than the Awgwan.

MORNING MAIL

Honor Impossible.

TO THE EDITOR:

Wednesday's edition of The Nebraskan contained an editorial signed by R. B. in which that person deplored the fact that the honor system is not being used at the University of Nebraska.

The writer of that article has a very good idea, but also one that is utterly impossible.

It has always been the desire of all professors to be able to trust their students absolutely, and it is not their general makeup to walk around the classes in order to catch some individual cribbing. They have found, however, through many years of experience, that as a general rule a class of students cannot be trusted.

In each class are always found three or four students, who, knowing nothing whatsoever about the course, will take every opportunity to cheat. As a result, the professors are unable to try the honor system. The fault lies in the students themselves, and not with the professors.

It is granted that many students feel the trust placed upon them, and for that reason will play square with their instructors. Each student has innumerable opportunities to cheat, for it is impossible for a professor to watch every student. There is an opportunity for each person to use the honor system himself, regardless of whether or not it is the common thing.

R. B. spoke of schools in which this system is working. It would indeed be a revelation to learn of a school of that type. It would also be a revelation to find a professor in this school who walks out of the classroom during an examination as R. B. pointed out. It would be nice, but it just isn't done.

At the present time the honor system is impractical for this school due to reasons which the students alone can remedy. M. S.

How About Scouts at Home?

TO THE EDITOR:

The intramural sports program of the University of Nebraska is indeed a fine one, giving great numbers of students physical training and athletic opportunities which they could not otherwise obtain. However, it seems that the sports should mean more than just satisfying the recreation needs of the student body.

I believe that the coaching staff of the Nebraska basketball team should be at the games now being played in the coliseum watching for talent. There are some sixty teams competing this year and from those teams a great many good men can be found. Nebraska has a good basketball team but there is no reason why we should not have a better one.

A famous Nebraska track man was once discovered when a coach saw him run across the campus. These intramural games should present the basketball team with some golden opportunities to find new material. Why don't we see some coaches at those games?

A. W.

Athletic Minded Coed Has Replaced 'Bloomer Girl' of Gay '90's Declares Head of Women's Physical Training

Sees Need for Building of New Design; Figures Show Increase of 1,649 in Intramural Enrollment In Six Years; 21 Sports Offered.

"The day of the notorious 'bloomer girl' of the gay '90's who conducted herself in most unladylike manner by forsaking her hemstitching for a bicycling is past," Miss Mabel Lee, director of women's physical education declared in an interview yesterday. "Her place," she continued, "has been usurped by the recreation minded university woman of today who expresses her individuality by playing a game of tennis if she prefers it to sewing a fine seam.

"To meet this new situation brought about by a change of attitude towards athletic women," explained Miss Lee, "the woman's physical education department is sadly in need of a new physical recreation building which would revide adequate quarters for the varied athletic program which is being offered by the university."

Aside from the regular work for credit which is carried in in Grant Memorial hall at the present time, the intramural sports program which just beginnig its sixth year of existence on the campus is severely handicapped for lack of floor space and suitable equipment, according to Miss Lee.

Survey Shows Increase.

A brief survey of intramural activities which were first introduced here after Miss Lee came to the department as director six years ago shows a decided increase in the interest manifested by women of the campus, according to Miss Lee. The firts year intramurals were attempted, enrollment was 547 girls with seven sports offered in the program. Last year the total enrollment was 2,196 girls in a program including sixteen different activities.

According to Miss Lee, this year's enrollment will far exceed that of last year, because the number of girls participating in fall sports alone totalled as much as that for the entire first semester of last year. "These statistics," Miss Lee remarked, "together with the number of girls enrolled for credit work should give a conception of the crowded conditions under which we are attempting to work. 'As conditions now stand," she went on to explain, " we are forced to beg the use of church and grade school gymnasiums during the indoor season of intramural activities."

Many Sports Offered.

Miss Lee has been compiling data for a number of years on the number of different sports which are offered in grade schools, high schools, Y. W. C. A., normal training institutions, as well as universities and colleges. She has found a total of twenty-two sports that are offered throughout the United States, and the university here offers all of these except la cross which is played extensively in the east, but has never found much favor in the west.

Commenting on the above statistics, Miss Lee said that this would show that they are making a tremendous effort to make a varied program which will appeal to a variety of tastes possesed by girls in spite of the handicaps under which the department is working.

Says Building Needed.

"In my first statement," observed Miss Lee, "I was careful to make a distinction in my choice of terminology for the building which we as a department are working for. We do not need a woman's gymnasium; we need a physical recreation building. The distinction between the two terms," Miss Lee explained, "lies largely in the construction plans. A woman's gym is an old fashioned structure with one large room built to accomodate a great many girls. The building I should like to see constructed on the campus would contain many smaller rooms where varied activities could be offered and be carried on at the same time."

"For instance," she said as she unrolled a great plan of a model building according to her tastes, "here," and she indicated a square on the plan, "here, we would have an indoor archery range; here, a dancing studio; back here, golf practice rooms, paddle tennis courts, small games rooms, lecture rooms, an inidividual gymnastics room, a restricted gymnastics room, a study room for professional students. In addition to these rooms, there would be one large room for basketball and similar games, offices, and a swimming pool."

Wants Swimming Pool.

Here she paused and remarked that the sports program would interest a great many more girls if there were a swimming pool available for use. According to some statistics, Miss Lee has found that swimming is one of the five most popular sports among college women, all over the United States, and yet the University of Nebraska cannot accommodate acquatic artists.

A new plan is being tried this year in the department, the results of which will begin a new system in determining in just what form of physical education a girl should be enrolled. Miss Miriam Wagner is in charge of this research project. Tests to determine what weaknesses should be corrected by physical training were given to all registrants this fall. Each weakness was categorized and different correctives were prescribed for girls who had the same deficiency. From these control groups, Miss Wagner hopes to establish which corrective measure or sport best overcomes a certain weakness, and next year each girl, upon examination, will be assigned to a certain class which will be most beneficial to her.

When asked as to her opinion regarding the increased interest of women in athletics, Miss Lee said she attributed it largely to the change in women's style of dress. "Even though the men on the campus do protest that the sight of a woman carrying a hockey stick is odious to them, women are becoming athletic-minded, and with new quarters which we hope some time to have, I feel sure we can carry on our motto of 'Every girl in a sport, and a sport for every girl,'" she concluded.

It used to be "Join the Navy, and see the world." Now it's go to Notre Dame and play on the football team. See America first!

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Winter is here. The trees will bare us out in this.

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Many people are all mixed up about the Army-Navy game. Now for the sake of charity let us explain . . .

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When prohibition was in its infancy the Anti-Saloon league sponsored the attitude of "Not one bar." From reading current reports of doings in Chicago and New York one can easily see that the speakeasies have changed it to "Bar not one."

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We suggest that if the chamber of commerce ever wishes to sponsor a "Know Your City" program that they just throw a downtown party. By the time the guests have found a parking place they'll have covered the entire city.

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We don't mind people swinging into us on the dance floor, but oh that follow through.

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Cheer up, little boys and girls—when you grow older you too can have a bigge pigge wigge dinner.

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And if you find sand in your greens, remember—it's just an old spinach custom.

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The cook where we stay just worships us. Indeed she does. Every morning she lays burnt offerings before us.

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Walking down Michigan avenue in Chicago last night we witnessed a very clever bit of salesmanship. A young chap with an arm full of roses was making an effort to sell his flowers, and how? We'll tell you. As a young lady passed by with her escort the rose chap would step up and offer her a rose. Now every woman is susceptible to flowers. As long as we watched every woman took one. They were fine roses and the ladies were pleased. The catch came when the young man after following a lady and her escort for a few paces asked to be paid for the rose. Rather than ask his companion to give up the flower the escort paid.

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He was a "big shot" from Chicago.

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Since the big depression and financial upheaval on Wall street the dry goods stores are featuring a new cloth. It's known as the cloth of a decade, "stock market" crash.

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A shot pierced the stillness of the night—but that wasn't what the gangster was aiming at so he went home disgusted.

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We have a laugh in store for you. The Awgwan is coming back.

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It ought to go over big now that it has made a name for itself. But personally we think the whole matter is a joke.

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And in closing let us give you a little pre-Christian song, sung by the ancient Romans, entitled "What Does It Martyr."

Harrison Takes Grand Champion Showman Award

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showmen of 1930, found Harold Frahm, Husker football fullback this year, winning first on his black dog. Frahm appeared in a tuxedo to carry out the spirit of the show. Frank Sampson took second. Others participating in the premier contest were Charles Kellogg, Greth Dunn, Jesse Bilyeu and Arden Peterson.

The Ak-Sar-Ben informal ball at the student activities building brought the livestock show to an end. It was sponsored by the Block and Bridle club. Guy McReynolds managed the show, assisted by Myrtle White.

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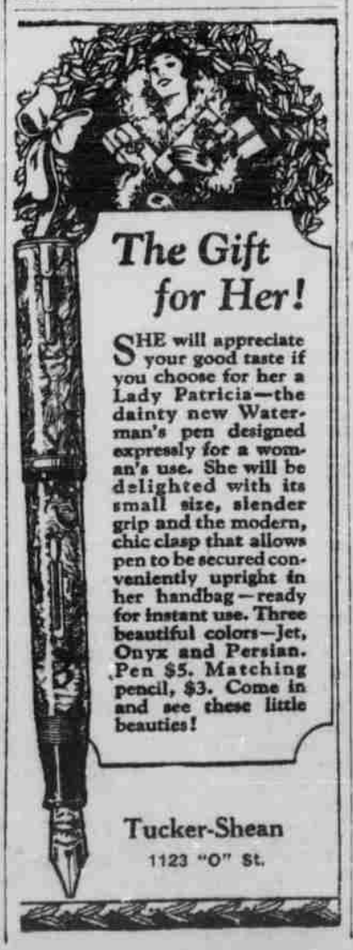
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