

UNIVERSITIES TOLD TO RAISE STANDARDS

Ohio State Speaker Declares State-Owned Schools Same as Others.

COLUMBUS, O.—A plea for high standards of scholarship in state supported universities equal to those set by the best privately endowed universities was voiced at the winter convocation here by Prof. George H. Sabine of the department of philosophy of Ohio State university.

"Are State Universities Different?" was Dr. Sabine's theme. His own answer to his question was "Emphatically, no!"

"In its underlying purpose," he asserted, "a state university is exactly like a privately endowed university. Both exist to preserve and extend those higher reaches of science and art and technology without which a civilized community can neither hold its own nor progress."

Impart Specialized Training. "Both impart a specialized training to students who must always be a small proportion of the total population and who possess interests and capacities somewhat unusual compared with the total range of human interests and capacities. In both, the success of the training depends upon finding as soon as possible the group of somewhat unusual students who are qualified to take it."

"In both the success of the training will be limited if effort is distracted in the direction of teaching a considerable proportion of unsuitable students. In both the excellence of the work done is the condition of its being really useful."

"In the end the state universities must follow the policy already adopted by the best private universities of selecting their students from among those applicants for admission who have the interest and the capacity for a relatively high type of intellectual effort. For in this way only can they conform to the ideal of a university education and justify the confidence which a really enlightened public opinion reposes in them."

Quotes Figures on Graduates.

Professor Sabine quoted figures to show that out of a thousand students who enter the university "only about one in four or five receives a degree." By the beginning of the sophomore year, he said the original 1,000 has shrunk by 250, and by the end of another school year 250 more have dropped out. "Make no mistake about it," he told the graduating class, "education in the state universities is already highly selective if judged by those who succeed in taking a degree."

"It would certainly be false," he went on, "to say that this failure of entering students to take degrees represents nothing but wasted effort. Many who finish only a year or two doubtless profit by their studies. But as one watches the process one cannot seriously doubt that there is a great amount of waste in it. One cannot avoid the conclusion that entirely too many of these students get no return that is commensurate with the time and money they have spent, or with the effort and the money that the state has expended upon them."

"There is certainly some loss of money, tho that is the least important factor in the situation. The serious losses fall upon the human values concerned."

UNION REPRESENTS MATERIAL REALIZATION OF STUDENTS' DREAMS

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a large number of our students and some of the members of the faculties have been carefully considering the problem of finding a method of facilitating the intercourse of our young men with each other.

"Their effort has finally resulted in the purchase of the residence of the late Judge Cooley as the home of the union. . . . The associations of the house, so long the abode of one of the most distinguished and beloved of our professors, lend great interest to it."

Frame Addition Built.

This house served as the home of the union until 1916. In the meantime, however, a frame addition had been made at the rear of the building. This served as a dance hall; scarcely as adequate as the ballroom of today which will seat 800 persons for a banquet or 1,700 for an assembly.

In 1916, ground was broken for the erection of the present union building, the Cooley house having been torn down. The frame addition was moved to the rear of the grounds and served as temporary headquarters for the organization. Later the supports at one end of the dance floor were shortened by five or six feet; the floor was made to slope; a stage was equipped—the result, the Mimes theater, until lately known as the home of the Union operas.

Although the new building was only partially completed, troops in training for the World war were housed in the structure in 1917 and 1918.

Completed in 1920.

In 1920, the union was completed in its essential details; only the swimming pool and the library re-

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Social Calendar

Tuesday.
Industrial staff 6 o'clock dinner in Ellen Smith hall.
Phi Upsilon Omicron tea for all home economics women in home economics parlor from 4 to 5:30 o'clock.
Thursday, March 25.
Phi Upsilon Omicron meeting at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.
Friday.
Beta Theta Pi spring party at the Lincoln hotel.
Sigma Phi Sigma spring party at the Lincoln hotel.
Delta Gamma house party.
Methodist students party at Grace M. E. church.
Delta Sigma Lambda Spring party, Cornhusker hotel.
Saturday.
Phi Kappa Psi spring party at the Cornhusker hotel.
Kappa Sigma house party.
Chi Omega house party.
Sigma Nu Gold Rush party.

maining unfinished. Later, however, thru additional contributions, the pool was put into shape. A bronze tablet in the natorium bears the names of the following fraternities as outstanding in securing funds: Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Phi, and Chi Psi.

The library, named in honor of Edward Waldo Pendleton, '72, was the gift of Mrs. Pendleton in memory of her husband. This room has been used beyond the expectations of the men who planned the building, several hundred students daily taking advantage of the opportunities offered for recreational reading.

Among the other facilities offered as service departments in the union are the pool and billiard room with 24 tables, four ping-pong tables; six bowling alleys; a nine-chair barber shop; two general lounges; full restaurant service in the main dining room with places for 250 persons; the ball room; eight private dining rooms.

Tap Room Popular.

One of the most popular features of the building is the tap room where men may eat, safe in the knowledge that no woman will come in and smoke an ill-smelling Turkish cigarette at the next table. The walls bear table tops carved with the initials of former students, and historic football season schedules and scores. Many of these were brought to the union tap room from the original Orient. Late in the second semester of each year, the union extends an invitation to graduating seniors to add their mark to the union's collection of names in public places. A recent addition to the tap room now brings its seating capacity to 220.

Student Representation.

The governing body of the union organization, the board of directors, is representatives of students, faculty, administration, and alumni. Of the 17 members on the board, eight are students, the remaining nine being faculty or alumni members. The present membership is composed of the following persons: Albert F. Donohue, '31, president; Harold O. Warren, Jr., '31, recording-secretary; six vice-presidents representing the various schools and colleges in the university: Frank E. Cooper, '31, literary; Lyman A. Bullard, '31E; John D. MacPherson, '31M; Theodore C. Baer, '31L; Thomas W. Chamberlain, '31D; and Edward H. Goodman, '31A, representing the combined schools. Regent James O. Murfin, Detroit, named to the post by the board of regents, represents that body. Prof. Evans Holbrook, of the law school, is financial secretary, being elected to this position by the university senate. The three faculty representatives chosen by the senate are Dean G. Carl Huber of the graduate school, Prof. H. C. Anderson of the engineering college, and Prof. Joseph R. Hayden of the political science department. Two alumni members are chosen by the board of directors of the Alumni association, the present members being Sidney R. Small, Detroit, and Daniel L. Zimmerman, of Ann Arbor.

The two ex-officio members of the board are J. A. Hursley, dean of students and T. Hawley Tapping, general secretary of the Alumni association.

Merit System Used.

The president and recording-secretary, formerly elected in the all-campus elections each spring, are now chosen by an electoral committee elected from the membership of the board of directors. In

accordance with an amendment to the constitution passed in January, 1930, the electoral committee receives written applications for appointments to the two senior positions about the time of spring vacation. Announcement of appointments is made on the Saturday preceding the all-campus elections. The six vice-presidents are chosen in the campus election, applications for nomination being received by the union nominating committee.

Student activities in the union are administered by the executive council, composed of the ten chairmen and assistant chairmen of the five committees and the president and recording-secretary. The committee chairmen are: House, Hugh R. Conkila, '32 E, and Edward Kuhn, '32, assistant; publicity, Robert Culver, '32; dance, George Nichols, '32, and Charles Cory, '31, assistant; reception, Duane Baldwin, '32, and Louis Butenschon, '31, assistant; and underclass, Alfred J. Palmer, '32, and Leonard Kamins, '32, and John W. Lederle, '33, assistants.

No Man's Land

THEY say that all it takes to popularize a publication is its appearance on a blacklist or an announcement that it has been censored. Hoping to stimulate reader interest, we wish to let the public know that an edition of No Man's Land got suppressed last Thursday. According to The Journal, it was one of the sections that felt the heavy hand of censorship. At the time we came out with expressions of depression over the suppression, but our present impression is that it was a good thing after all. We have never had that much notice taken of us before.

INCIDENTALLY a Nebraskan ad earlier in the week stated that the women's column appeared every day. Not that we think you might have noticed that—but any way we have never afflicted the public with our prattle more than three times a week and have been even more lenient in this respect during the past seven days, due, in part, to the afore-mentioned censorship.

WE THINK the Big Sister board deserves a slap on its sisterly back for making its election campuswide. That at least puts politics out in the open. Offers opportunities to watchers and such. (Pronounce "sich.")

DO YOU know any Scotch stories? So do we, but we don't want to get censored again, and anyway that isn't what we meant. Here's one. The Scotchman who deals out money in The Nebraskan office (infrequently, to be sure) up and promised a reward of 25 bucks to the apprehender of the anonymous panner. Somebody asked him if he would pay 25 bucks for a confession. Guess what he did and you'll have one.

ROLAND MILLER accuses us—two of us—of getting spring fever and carving our initials on a lamp post. You're all wrong, Roland. It was a tree. And anyhow, anything that's done out in the open like that is better than hiding behind the door.

RAY RAMSEY doesn't like the idea of using the present Temple building for a student union until we get a new one. Neither does anybody else who doesn't have to fight their way through Rag office cobwebs every day. By the way, what can be the trouble with Ramsay's olfactory nerves. He says the Temple doesn't have atmosphere.

News note: Trev Gillespie is suffering from an attack of tonsillitis.

Another note: People should respond to invitations marked E. S. V. P. This goes for everybody.

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