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Half And Half

Innocents are half in the student union project—if there is one—and half out of it. It is agreed that the actual work of the drive can best be handled by a student-faculty union committee, rather than by any undergraduate organization. The senior honorary, however, has done nothing thus far to create or secure the creation of such a committee. Neither has it done anything to secure, or try to secure the services of an architect, faculty or alumnus, to draw up plans for such a building and to estimate its cost per unit. Neither has it even attempted a decision as to what organizations should have space in the building—what the structure might actually contain.

Most of this is as it should be. One thing cries for action, however. The Innocents should first of all secure the appointment of a student union building committee, composed of perhaps three senior students, three alumnus, and two or three faculty members. With this done, the responsibility of the drive will be centered upon one group, with no other activities to interfere. Until it is done, the Innocents, still technically in charge of the drive, or at least primarily in command of plans, will be failing in their obligation.

The committee, once appointed, can proceed to secure services of an architect, and arrange the details of what and how much the structure will include. Next in order would be arrangement of the details of the drive for funds, to begin preferably next fall, with the opening of the football season when school spirit, always anaemic, reaches its peak.

"Educational campaigns" are all very well, and should be conducted. A student union committee, however, could reasonably be expected to flood both campus and state with attractive pictures, bulletins, and pamphlets, explaining the purpose and uses, as well as the plan of construction of a student union building.

What the Innocents should do, and all that they need feel called upon to do, is secure the appointment of a union committee, and launch the organization for a drive.

The first requirement in any drive for cash is a definite organization. The second is a plan of action, detailed and specific. Let the one be instituted, and it will take care of the other.

Progress in Other Affairs.

Ten thousand dollars is about to be spent. Nothing remarkable in that. It is about to be spent by the University of Nebraska. Unusual, it is true, but still not remarkable. It is to be spent, however, in a campus improvement project. That is really something.

Three days after the appearance of the Campus Beautiful issue of the Awgwan, which pointedly demonstrated the beauties of a few of the more subtly esthetic portions of the university physical layout, the announcement comes that the two favorite landmarks of the campus, the outdoor bath-houses before the stadium gates, will be removed.

Dirt will be brought in from unnecessarily hilly parts of the campus and used to terrace quite attractively the landscape around the east stand. Sidewalk, long taboo hereabouts, will also be laid. Well, well! It will help more than a little in improving the appearance of the university, and certainly help is needed from somewhere.

Student council constitution still unheard from. After all, it really does not matter. Nothing at all left in the document since the council members readily assented to the unofficially whispered wishes of the faculty committee and removed the eligibility clause.

Parking problem grows more and more acute daily. Last semester we could usually find a space behind the Grand Hotel, which, while it always incurred danger of a police ticket for overtime parking, would serve the purpose. This semester all we can find anywhere within eight blocks of the university is red lines, yellow lines, white lines, and fire hydrants. It's bad. It grows worse, in fact.

We suppose it is almost time for the dean to issue his seventh annual letter, urging all students who live near the campus to leave their cars at home. We suppose, too, that they will continue to drive to school, taking all available parking places before the out-in-the-city students arrive upon the scene.

After all, it's unemployment relief, in a way. The situation requires the services of nine police officials, working ten hour days, to tag all the cars whose owners violate parking regulations.

From the student council military science committee—no news. Aha! Didn't think we'd

remember there was such a committee, did you? There really is, however, and it is invariably going to function within "the next week or so."

We almost hate to mention it here, but next December 25 we are going to buy a Christmas present. It will go to the Student council. It will be a large, shiny alarm clock. The alarm bell on the trinket will be an enormous thing.

Postscript: There is a very great possibility—in fact, it's almost certain—that a varsity swimming pool will be built before next fall. The ever-prevalent danger, however, is that some student or organization will "take over" the project. If he, she, or it does, we will utter great huge cuss words. And so goodby. (In the best of humor, too!)

If the athletic department, or whoever, would only whisper gently to the spring breezes: "Listen, you! Swimming, two credit hours for five dollars, and they never even take roll call, and they always give grades of 85 to 90," registration for their doggone classes would overflow the whole doggone coliseum, doggone it!

The Passing Of the Wrecks.

Dignity is fast taking the helm in the direction of college activities and undertakings. One of the most pertinent observations on modern trends was made recently in a current magazine: "Where has the college flivver gone?"

In the good old days, dignity was a thing to be acquired when one acquired long gray whiskers, and not before. Youth and carelessness were synonyms. No college student ever stood upon his dignity. It simply wasn't done.

Nowadays straight-eights are all the rage. Smoothly-lined roadsters are in vogue. The college wreck is a thing of the past. And it is, in many ways, too bad. Fine clothes are essential for the representative college man. And expense accounts, sad to relate, are following rapidly the trend of the times. Father is worried, and father should be. Son must keep up, at all costs, his newly acquired but very active dignity.

We are in favor of a return to the good old days, however brief the holiday might be.

Hence we contemplate a new annual tradition: The Old Car Derby. Races will be run off at the state fair grounds, and prizes given the winning drivers. No car will be allowed to enter the competition which is later than a '23 or a '25 model. Wrecks will be at a premium, since only college wrecks will be allowed in the running. No dignified person will be allowed upon the grounds, upon penalty of strict ostracism. A free and easy afternoon is our aim. It may work.

Before definite plans are arranged for such an Old Car Derby, we would like to know one thing. Are students interested?

In 1890, the world decided to stop having spring fever. In 1980, the world will still be deciding the same thing. But here we are, writing this because it's easy to do, and it's spring, and everything!

"The ideal marriage is when a man finds a beautiful girl and a good housewife," says a current writer. It sounds to us a good deal like bigamy.

Anyone Interested?

Contributor Oswald writes another letter to us today, regarding the beauties and esthetic comforts of light opera. Glee club work, university choruses, and all that, should be begun immediately.

Before any action is taken, or before any request for action is made, it will be necessary to settle one very important question. Is anybody interested in such a project?

Jazz is the modern diet. Granted. But do students like it better than real music? Do they like jazz to the exclusion of even a little classical music? If they do, there would be no possible advantage in starting a light opera production.

Any views one way or the other? Write and let us know. Thank you.

Our gripe today: To hot to think about anything but swimming, too cold to go outdoors anywhere to swim.

MORNING MAIL

Wanted: Light Opera!

TO THE EDITOR:

When trying to get a bit of information as to how it is possible to get anything resembling light opera going on the campus of a university, chiefly Nebraska, because nearly all of the rest of the state institutions of learning have light opera, one of the faculty members who is a good fellow, and who is in the "know," outlined the following reasons why it is so hard to get anything new under way.

It seems that everything that has been undertaken by students has had to be finished by the faculty or some kind, individual member who serves on such a body. Time and again a project has been undertaken by students, and inevitably it has had to be completed by a faculty member. (Cases quoted for those curious.)

Why can't light opera classes be offered or something to that effect? In Lincoln high school, the Orpheons club sponsors a show each spring of a very high standing, but the actual work is done by the glee clubs. Why can't the university take a page from this institution and have credit offered for glee club, and then have the glee club director select a cast, and work up the choruses?

Anybody who knows can tell you that credit is certainly a fine persuader to get people to attend classes. In such a manner it would be possible to work up a glee club that would be a credit to the school, and provide an excellent outlet for student enthusiasm. There are a number of instructors in the fine arts department who could possibly do the work. At any rate, there are a number of people in this village who would be glad to see such a thing come to pass, and possibly they would contribute a bit of their time for assuring success of such a move. OSWALD.

LOOSE THREADS

By Gene McKim

ONE cannot help but think of the incongruity of an Easter Sunday in Jerusalem—the "Holy City"—which was spent under the watchful eyes of British military units stationed there prepared for any sort of an outbreak which might occur. Machine guns and armored cars were held in readiness by authorities.

Three great faiths centered their attentions on the one city, each thinking their beliefs were superior to those of the others, Moslems, Jews and Christians all looking to Jerusalem as their "Holy city."

Last Sunday found pilgrims from all parts of the world gathered there; the Christians to visit the scenes connected with the last days of Christ's life; the Jews, to celebrate their passover, were making pilgrimages to the tomb of Moses; and Moslems were holding the festival of Nebi Musa.

BECAUSE of this simultaneous influx of peoples adhering to these different religions and the friction between the pro-mufti and anti-mufti parties the authorities deemed it necessary to take military precautions against trouble.

GUILTY or not, one cannot help help but feel a bit of sympathy for Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior under President Harding, who was implicated in the oil scandals connected with that administration, and accused of taking a bribe.

Sixty-nine years of age, in poor health, once rich now poor, and broken in spirit, the former statesman must continue to fight the decision rendered against him in the courts of the District of Columbia, by carrying the case to the supreme court of the land.

Informed of the appellate courts decision, upholding the fine of \$100,000 plus one year's imprisonment for accepting a bribe in connection with oil leases, Mr. Fall commented that he would rather serve his sentence than continue the fight, but because of his family he must attempt once again to clear his name, and thus clear the records.

KING GEORGE of England, reported to be recovering slowly but satisfactorily from a severe attack of bronchitis, should take a renewed lease on life now that the Thompsonian era has ended in Chicago.

Possibly the British Empire will declare a holiday, sing a te deum, or by some other means, express their satisfaction at the decision manifest by the Chicago electorate.

AS a result of the dethroning of Big Bill Thompson, Anton J. Cermak will pilot that storm center thru it world's fair, which will open in 1933.

The voters gave Cermak the office on the biggest landslide of ballots ever given one man in that city. Thompson held the record when in 1915 he first became mayor, on a record majority vote. At that Big Bill did pretty well to stay in the saddle for three terms.

CITIZENS of the state of Michigan refused to reinstate capital punishment as a means of dealing with criminals by an overwhelming majority in their recent elections.

Capital punishment was abolished in that state eighty-four years ago. At least its citizens have given it a fair trial and have evidently found it satisfactory.

JOHN GALSWORTHY, English novelist issued his list of the greatest American novels last Monday. Here they are: "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain; "The Scarlet Letter," by Nathaniel Hawthorne, and "McTeague" by Frank Norris.

KANSAS LAYS PLANS FOR HONORS MEETING

Convocation April 20 Will Announce Outstanding Senior Student.

LAWRENCE, Kas.—Victor Murock, Wichita publisher, will address the eighth annual Honors Convocation at the University of Kansas Monday, April 20, Chancellor Lindley announced recently.

At that time, the Honor student, the most outstanding man of the graduating class of 1930, will be announced, and particular honors paid the outstanding students of the university. The 10 percent of the seniors ranking highest in scholarship, and the outstanding students of the other classes, in all the schools of the university, will be given places of honor at the convocation and their names will be printed in the honor convocation program.

The Honor Man for 1929, announced last year at the Honors Convocation, was Charles Samuel Haines II of Sabetha.

The Comeback.

A porter at a certain station had a red nose, which caused no little amusement to travelers in passing trains.

The new station master had not been long at the station before his curiosity was aroused.

"Porter, what makes your nose so red?" he asked.

"Oh, pride, sir, pride," replied the porter. "It's simply blushing with pride because it doesn't poke itself into other people's business." —Chicago Daily News.

ALL SOULS UNITARIAN CHURCH
 Subject, April 12—"The Twofold Nature of Beauty."
 12th & H Streets

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Is There a Possibility That You Are Not Well Dressed And That Even Your Best Friends Won't Tell You?

If So, There Will Be No Excuse After Tomorrow, BECAUSE



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