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Better Than Christmas Parties.

One of the customs that a good many fraternities and sororities on this campus have maintained for a number of years is giving Christmas parties for the benefit of the "poor" children in the city. This expression of the Christmas spirit is commendable, and it indicates that university students at least realize that the charity problem is one of importance and that they are desirous of contributing a little toward charity work.

Because of the greater demand for charity this year due to unemployment, a greater display of generosity and a more efficient method of administration of this charity is needed. These fraternity and sorority Christmas parties do not usually result in as much actual benefit as is intended by their sponsors, and therefore should either be modified or supplanted by something else. The children are gathered up from the poorer sections of the city and from an orphans home, and after being fed, one of the stouter members of the club poses as Santa Claus distributing candy and toys. In the shuffle some particularly cute little youngster will absorb all the attention while others will be left somewhat on the outside. The toys that they get seldom fit the age of the child and even then are most likely not what the child wants.

There are a great many disadvantages to this haphazard method of administering charity. There are duplications, waste, a lack of any substantial benefit, and the establishing of false ideas in the minds of the children about will be of real service. Children love parties. the purpose of charity. Any welfare worker will point out a good number of reasons why are far more beneficial to them in the long run these Christmas charity parties are not a satis- than a brief evening of superficial fun. factory means of handling the charity problem.

The spirit in which these parties are given is not being criticized, but the same energy that is expended on them could be turned into much more useful channels. If each fraternity and sorority would get in touch with one or two families that need help, and by investigasupply the necessary elements, such as food, elothing, etc., that will make living conditions away the high score in only two games. Howelothing, etc., that will make living conditions away the night score in only two games. How more comfortable, that will bring Christmas ever, it is interesting to note that Nebraska dents go into activities, that they make their high grades in spite of cheer to the family in a substantial way, then a real constructive movement will have been started.

Perhaps clothing is needed, or small children need milk. When Christmas day draws near, a basket of food could be brought to the family to emphasize the spirit of the holiday. If the desire is to bring joy to the children, they can better be reached thru the parents than di-

Thru the community chest and the Council of Social Agencies, these needy families can be located. In fact, to work otherwise than thru the Council of Social Agencies would probably result in luplication, and consequent waste. The community chest is willing to assist Greek organizations in putting across such a move as this, or it will assist in any other charity plan that a fraternity or sorority may have in mind.

The plan here presented of having each Greek organization take care of a certain family for a certain period of time, is merely a suggestion; there are many other plans. It is a fact, however, that the usual run of fraternity or sorority Christmas parties for children does not produce the results that are desired. The spirit with which they are undertaken should not be destroyed, but something a little better should be substituted. By working with the community chest. Greek organizations can do a real service to the community without spending any more effort and money than would otherwise be spent.

Limited

Appropriations.

Frequently we hear that the university does not get enough money with which to operate; that such lack of appropriations is disastrous to the welfare of the school and the education of the students. This is true, but the trouble that we have here is also common to many state universities that exist on taxes alone. Just recently courses in semetic languages at the University of Wisconsin were removed from the curricula as an economy measure, and perhaps more such moves will need to be taken.

The University of Wisconsin, like the University of Nebraska, suffers for lack of appropriations at the present time. State budgets must be revised because of a decrease in revenue and a desire to decrease taxes, so as a result the state educational institutions must get along with less money than in previous years. The legislators no doubt realize the importance of education, but they also realize that somewhere along the line cuts must be made if the state finances are to keep out of

On the other hand, those universities with large endowments or those who receive dona- up Nebraska's prestige! tions from wealthy people are very often roll-

ing in money, so that new buildings can be built, high salaried profs obtained and any kind of course offered. The University of Pennsylvania, for instance, received during the past twelve months donations amounting to \$2,191,-337. Since 1925 contributions have amounted to \$17,600,000. With this income wonderful improvements can be made, the school enlarged and every opportunity that modern education affords can be offered to the students.

But nevertheless we in state institutions supported by taxes must be content with our limted means. We must realize that we cannot have everything, so therefore must be careful to pick out that which is fundamental and important. The administration of the university should make sure that the elements of a higher education are included in the courses, and then the specalization and elaborate details can be worked in afterward. We cannot have everything that other schools have, nor can very small colleges have exerything that we have here. With this in mind, let us not complain that other schools are getting ahead of us because the legislature will not make sufficient appropriations, but let us make the best of what we have.

MORNING MAIL

Christmas Parties.

TO THE EDITOR :

In past years it has been a custom among fraternities and sororities on the Nebraska campus to give Christmas parties for poor children. The youngsters from the poorer sections of town are brought together for an evening of festivity and jollity such as they rarely know. There are games to play and candy and ice cream to eat, and present for them to open. Sometimes even old Santa Claus himself makes an appearance to add to the kiddies' delight.

It is the method of finding children to attend these parties and not the parties themselves which is objectionable. University students, unintentionally, of course, do not give due attention to the selection of their guests. And so it happens that in innumerable instances one group of children may be feted several times. Or attention may be given to only the most convenient place, which in this case is a school across from the city campus.

The students have no time for a real study of the cases, and they consequently buy a number of foolish gifts which probably prove uscless to the children. If that money were put various organizations, served as into the hands of someone or some organizations, and it can be truthinto the hands of someone or some organization prepared to discover the real facts of the eases, and really know the needs and wants of the people, it would do a lot more good.

These welfare agencies and workers are not in the work for graft; they usually have a true desire to help alleviate poverty and want. They are prepared to furnish names of really needy families and will gladly do so.

Instead of wasting their money, even the i be not much, on valueless gifts, students would do well to place it in capable hands where it it is true; but warm elothing and good food

Is Baseball Leaving School?

TO THE EDITOR

Are we going to tie a rope around Old Man Baseball and pull him out of the list of major sports at the University of Nebraska? Last year baseball was not quite self-supporting, and was defeated by Oklahoma last season only their activities, and that they after extra innings had been played. Incidentally, Oklahoma was the Big Six champion in baseball in 1931. Last season over 100 men went out for baseball, and not a few fellows attend Nebraska for this privilege alone.

At best football is only a seasonal sport.

There is a growing tendency for students to take more interest in such sports as baseball, tennis, swimming, wrestling and boxing, as says, "To attempt a complete out-At best football is only a seasonal sport. tennis, swimming, wrestling and boxing, as well as golfing. With a student body as large as Nebraska's school spirit should be kept alive during the entire school year. The Cornhuskers have seven sports at the present time: football, basketball, track, tennis, swimming, vrestling and boxing and baseball. Each of hese sports has contributed to the prestige that Nebraska has in the field of athletics, and even in its prominence as a school. Every school of Nebraska's caliber and class features at least eight major sports each year. In many of the smaller universities surprises await us: Cornell self government. has twelve major sports; Alabama, with a student body of 3,500, has nine major sports; Notre Dame has nine major sports. Every school in the Big Six conference, up to the present time, has given baseball a place in its major sports.

In 1929, after four or five years of inactivity, baseball was taken up at Nebraska, and the Cornhuskers won the Big Six title that year in baseball. Last season Coach Brown took over the baseball squad for the first time, and within that brief period, it would be unfair to judge the popularity or possibilities for baseball at Nebraska in the future. If the student body will get behind baseball and push it for just one season, the future will take care of itself. Every effort of the pep organizations tundents in that the has been concentrated on football in this students unfitted, rather than fitted to take up the duties of the school. Why not get behind baseball and give this support at least a fair chance to make a permanent place for itself in Cornhusker

sports.

Even from the financial aspects baseball is not a hopeless undertaking. This university has the facilities to handle baseball, and we ment: "The material here in prehas the facilities to handle baseball, and we ment: "The material here in pre-have competent coaches waiting to be given a sented does not furnish a suffichance to put out a winning team in 1932. By making a separate ticket for football, and then combining a ticket for baseball and basketball, the financial problem could be suc-

cessfully dealt with, It would be well for Nebraska to continue to climb the ladder rather than slip back. This school is continually growing, why curtail ac-tivities in sports? All universities of any prominent standing in sports have a baseball team. If the Cornhuskers continue to advocate baseball, it is a good bet that the other Big Six universities will continue to have baseball. Give baseball a fair chance! Get the student body behind this sport, and do your bit to keep

PARTY OUTSTANDING

Alumna Says All-Girl Event Ranks With Important Fetes of Year.

SKITS FORMERLY GIVEN

"The girls' Cornhusker party about was looked forward to as one of tivity the outstanding events of the on the campus within the next two year." said Miss Polly Gellatly in speaking of the affair as it was held several years ago. "There was always a large crowd there—I believe almost every girl in speed camps."

Having the name of "bug girl"

Costumes were much more humcostumes were much more hum-orous than they are now, altho-they were not so original. Girls planned them weeks ahead of time, and on the night of the party, sticks of candy, old fashioned girls, animals, and all sorts of grotesque things were to be seen
—and to be heard too, for the an-—and to be heard too, for the animals stayed in character all evening. Many of the girls dressed as boys; "and they made good looking ones, too," added Miss Gellatly. She told of one party to which several boys did come; they were not discovered until the party was almost over.

"Some boys tried to get in the

"Some boys tried to get in the year after that," she said, "but their disguises weren't quite good

Honoraries Entertained.

A grand march, dancing, skits and games composed the entertainment then as they do now. Class honoraries, such as the Mystic Fish, and other organizations pre-sented the skits—and the sillier the skits, the more they were liked. Miss Gellatly described one of the stunts, which was called "Rhythm." It represented people climbing up into a lighthouse. They went around and around the lighthouse climbing the circular steps to the tower, from which they gazed anxiously as if hoping to see some approaching ship. What made the skit particularly interesting and funny was that there was no lighthouse and no staircase and the girls were merely walking around in circles on the

fully said that "a good time was had by all."

OLDFATHER SPEAKS AT MIDLAND TODAY

Prof. C. H. Oldfather will speak before the faculty of Midland college Thursday afternoon on the subject "Research and Teaching."

ACTIVITIES MEN CREDITED WITH

HIGHER GRADES (Continued from Page 1.)

were 1.202 men students who were engaged in extracurricular activities during the period the survey was taken. The average of 2,888 students not participating in any activities was 1.19. Of a total of 928 men engaged in intercollegiate athletics, the average was also

The author of the report points out that it is important to guard against drawing unwarranted conclusions from the figures compiled, which covered a period of would have made higher grades if says that there does not seem to be sufficient evidence to justify such generalizations.

Numerous Benefits.

line of the benefits received by the student from participation in the various activities is beyond the limit of this study. The few examples cited suffice to show that the benefits are substantial and should be seriously considered."

The report discusses the bene-

fits received from participation in intercollegiate and intramural athletics, work on the various publi-cations, participation in debating and oratorical contests, and from interest in the system of student

The summary of results for the survey included the statements that men students engaged in extra-curricular activities made slightly higher grades, on the average than men not engaged in ac-tivities. It also revealed that the ninety-eight men engaged in the greatest number of activities made highest average of any group studied and made a substantially superior record in relation to pro-bation and dismissal for deficient scholarship.

Have Practical Value.

Again discussing the value of participation in activities, the author of the report says, "One of the criticisms most commonly directe against universities is that the fitted to take up the duties of the working world successfully. If there is any such tendency, the practical training received by stu-

ciently broad basis for many con-clusions. They indicate that the students and at the same time derive substantial benefits from their extra-curricular work They curtailing student activities should be adopted. It seems probable that some participation in extra cur-ricular activities on the part of most students is desirable."

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By GEORGE ROUND

Right now college of agriculture students are beginning to think about the annual coll-agri-fun fes-tivity which will probably be held on the campus within the part two on the campus within the next two

Having the name of "bug girl" probably doesn't appeal to many University of Nebraska co-eds but University of Nebraska co-eds but college of agriculture students know one girl by that name because of her proficiency in entomology courses. She is none other than Dorothy Cook, grand-daughter of Professor Barbour.

Dorothy has a collection of over 1000 burst already and before per

1,000 bugs already and before next summer will probably have in-creased the number to 1,500. She loves bugs and they seem to like

If no more exceptions are made the animal husbandry department at the college may move into their newly repaired judging pavilion soon after the Christmas holidays. It is getting to be more and more like the swimming pool situation. however, and no one knows for sure when the building will be completed and ready for occu-

Perhaps Prof. Wm. J. Loeffel of the animal husbandry department should take the "cake" this time. At least he has accomplished something unusual. With but about a week's notice, he whipped a meats jjudging team into shape, took them to Chicago and won fourth place in a field of nine teams in a national contest,

It won't be long now until Coach Charley Black's basketball five will be opening their 1931-32 sea-son. It is also significant to note that several Aggie men may be on the squad this year. Art Mauch, a letterman, is back bidding for a forward position while Walker, Snipes, Copple and Wischmeier are others expected to make strong candidates for other restrictors. candidates for other positions.

Though Cornhusker judging teams falled to win top honors in the collegiate judging contests held in Chicago this week in connection with the international livestock show, a Nebraska 4-H club girl won national honors. Gertrude Heikes of Dakota City was pro-claimed the healthiest 4-H club girl in the United States. She scored 99.9 points out of a possible 100 to win the title. Not so bad!

If present plans work out suc-cessfull, the Ag college basketball team may be designated the Uni-versity of Nebraska "B" team this year and will schedule games with state college quintets. It is ex-pected that the farm boys will receive minor letters for their com petition in basketball.

Coach Wilbur Knight has turned out some winning teams in all sports during the past few years

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Pioneer Fruit Store

Evidently the Lincoln police force can go about their business of making beer raids. At least they will have little business tagging cars for parking in prohibi-tive areas on the Ag campus, Since Dean Burr issued the no parking proclamation several weeks ago, the students have cooperated until now no cars are being parked on the quadrangle. Just how long the situation will exist is hard to say.

In line with the Daily Nebras-In line with the Daily Nebras-kan's economy plan, agricultural journalism students are about ready to demand things of Prof. R. P. Crawford. They claim that they have to pay bus fare or gaso-line bills just to sit in on a class at the ag college when it could just as well be held on the uptown cam-pus since most of the students be-long there.

long there.
It may be that the course was originally scheduled for the college to get the right environment. But those were the days when the boys were hats so visitors could recognize them. Today things are different and for economy's sake perhaps Professor Crawford should let his class meet uptown.

After all, it's a Townsend's photograph that you want .- Adv.

SOB SISTER REPENTS WHEN REVEALING TALES BRING HORDE OF ANGRY READERS STORM-ING INTO UNDER-TABLE HIDE-OUT.

(Continued from Page 1.) leaf the other day, and resolved not to get personal, to reveal family secrets, to renew clan feuds, nor to betray the sacred confidences of my dear public in any size, shape form, or manner. Just a while ago a raging male, a ruming creature breathing fire, an ogre in 1931 cords and leather jacket stomped in. The Thing overturned three chairs and two large tables in its fury. It terrorized the entire staff, and turned my blood into water with its language, its perfectly foul language. Hours and eons passed, finally from under a desk somewhere, one brave reporter ventured in sonor

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(Continued from Page 1.) indicated their desire to have the show presented this year. Last year the Klub presented "High and Dry" in Hastings during spring vacation preceding the two day presentation in Lincoln. In past years the Klub has made sayara years the Klub has made several appearances in various parts of

the state. The last three shows which the Klub has chosen were all written

and is well liked by the students. His baseball team defeated the varsity last spring but that is nothing to shout about.

| Mocleery who was graduated last spring. In 1929 | Maclery wrote "Don't Be Silly," in 1930, "Sob Sister," and last spring won the contest with "High AUX SETS
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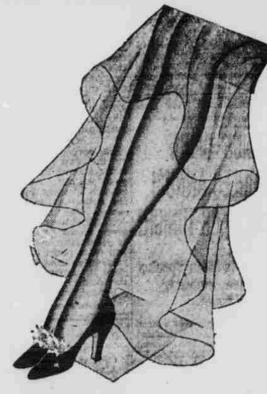
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