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Undue Emphasis.

At the recent football coaches convention at New York much time was devoted to the discussion of revising the rules to eliminate accidents and deaths. Nothing was done, in fact, it is doubtful whether much can be accomplished in this respect unless the nature of the game is seriously altered, and this will not be done by football coaches. In the attempt to prolong the life of college football a great deal of time was spent trying to establish the idea in the public's mind that football is not over-emphasized and that it was just the right kind of training for the young men of today.

A certain Mr. Little went to the trouble of compiling a lengthy report which was intended to show that football is not overemphasized in colleges. But how can the public believe such a thing when newspapers, column after column of sports writer's rubbish is devoted to that one item, when radios spend much of their broadcasting time on the game, and when colleges have but one theme in the fall and that is football. In the face of this, it is difficult for an intelligent public to believe that football is not overemphasized. No other phase of university activity gets near the publicity that this game gets.

An Associated Press dispatch mentions a part of the Little report. It says, "Analysis of the questionnaires the committee reported, brot out the following facts: That the time required for preparation for academic courses such as history, English, modern languages and chemistry 'much exceeds' that devoted to football or any other extracurricular activity."

What can this mean? Do the football enthusiasts actually think that universities were made so that football could exist? University men are supposed to spend more time on their academic work than on these extra-curricular activities which are meant for diversion and not for educational purposes.

It is doubtful whether the compilers of the Little report actually believe the statements contained in their own report. It is quite evident that they had in mind only the attempt to halt the decline of the public's interest in football.

Colleges are giving entirely too much attention to the subject of football. To be sure, this game is not the only item that is stressed with undue importance, but the gridiron sport is certainly one of the best means of keeping the student from finding out what he is in the university for.

That university heads have been allowing more stress to be placed on some unimportant things than they do on subjects of a more serious nature, is seen in the fact that no department of this university pays any of its professors with the high salary that goes to the head football coach. Undoubtedly the same condition exists in every large university in this country. There are other departments in the university which are of greater consequence than the athletic department and in particular, football, yet in none of these departments do the heads of the university deem it necessary to pay a professor a salary equal to that of the football coach.

That an adjustment in salaries should be made is not being advocated, but these facts show that university administrators thruout the country have a great respect for football or they would not permit it to get such a hold on the university. How, then, can anyone come forth with a report saying that football is not overemphasized?

Now that Gus Winkler has kept his promise to return the bonds we can certainly believe that old saying that there is honor among thieves.

Who Shall Believe This?

One of the most barbaric of human activities and to which people cling with almost religious zeal is the custom of catering to the stomach and the palate without regard to the laws of health. Things that give little or no nourishment to the body are eaten in great abundance; things that are not only devoid of nourishment, but are actual poisons also enter into a large part of the human diet; and all this merely because the palate must be satisfied. The sense of reason, which states that there are fourteen elements needed by the human body in certain proportions and that all else is poison, is not consulted. Common sense tells us that the body must spend a great deal of energy in throwing off that which is foreign to its needs, and that life is shortened thereby. But common sense is overlooked in the daily struggle to fill the stomach with the products of modern cookery. We must all subject ourselves to this barbarism because it is the popular thing to do.

Not only do the people eat what is not good for them, but they eat too much of it. Even the healthful articles of food are usually taken in excess by those who can afford to do so, and

this, also, is the popular thing to do. At nearly all celebrations there must be a banquet accompanied by a great abundance of indigestible cookery. At most social gatherings there must be eating or the affair is a failure. One must eat at any hour of the day or night. Whether or not the human system requires or desired anything makes little difference, it must be fed regardless of consequences. It is even considered impolite not to eat everything that one's host offers.

The keeper of a fine horse knows exactly what food is needed by the animal, and nothing else is fed to it. The keeper knows the dire consequences of feeding the horse things which are not required, and great care is taken to see that the horse is not overfed. But even if the horse were invited to partake of the rich rubbish of modern cooking he would refuse, because he has horse sense. The same philosophy that man applies to the feeding of his valuable animals, he does not apply to himself. His own diet includes everything and anything that appears to suit the taste, without regard to the needs of the body. Yet, in spite of this, he likes to boast of his intelligence.

It seems as tho the local orchestra rule that was forgotten for so long has been given new life. No doubt it will have been forgotten by the time the next military ball comes around.

MORNING MAIL

College Courtesy.

TO THE EDITOR:
 Every day at almost every hour a crowd of students stands at the west entrance of Social Science hall to talk and smoke. Those wishing to get through the doors must push their way in and out of the building. It is such situations as these that cause some observers to term the college students a rude, careless, unmannerly crowd.

The hat-tipping age is over. Few men any more show their respect to women in that manner. But because such a custom has been discarded is no reason that all others should be. A woman not long ago was heard to say she was even surprised if a college man held a door open for her as she entered a building.

It is not men alone who are careless. A woman who will deliberately stop in a doorway to powder her nose is at least inconsiderate.

But are we college students not a bit careless, even disrespectful? So many of us are respectful to our professors only so far as it helps us get a grade. We are often selfish in our attitude toward older people, even toward our parents. We forget that we are just apprentices in this world and have a lot to learn. After all we owe all to our older folk.

A professor once remarked that a college man with a pipe in his mouth, hat tilted on his head, stomping through college halls was not the way of things years ago. Truly we have neglected the reverence that educational institutions perhaps deserve.

There are times when we behave well. Our social functions take a different attitude. To guests we are polite. Young men are almost gallant. Young women are courteous. Can it be that we are just acting superficially then? Maybe during the routine of every day things we just forget.

G. B.

NEWSPAPER TALK

Fish Conscious.

Not to be outdone by Eastern centers of learning, where horse-shoeing has been reduced to a science, Stanford university announces a course in fishing. One would expect that the student would gain a thorough grounding in the art of tying flies, in the maintenance of tackle, and in fly casting from the faculty of arts and sciences. Such an apparently logical deduction is wrong, for the prospective anglers are to be taught by the department of physical education. The delicate art of Isaac Walton becomes productive material in the hands of Lionel Strongfort and Earl Liederman. Perhaps next month's issue of "Breezy Stories" will carry in the bold type of a full page advertisement, "Become a man in 7 days with my new fishing course."

But if Stanford is to be given the benefit of the doubt, some ulterior motive must be found. Perhaps it is a subtle method of advertising the Golden State. "California" and "fish" are to become synonymous. Again it may be hoped that men trained in this course will sometime prove that even the color-blind fish is not oblivious to the magnificent coloring of the California scenery.—Harvard Crimson.

Think for Yourself John.

At this season, despite the cold weather and discouraging conditions, a type of homo sapiens always sprouts. Biologically he is an off-shot of the same tree of life whence his fellow classmen have sprung. Mentally he is parasite.

He wildly waves his arms in the air before the instructor has scarce begun his lecture. He wags his tongue, and wags it again, and yet again. He anticipates a minor phase of the discussion and forthwith prods the air frantically with his lengthiest arm, eager to ask a question which sooner or later would have been answered in the normal course of the discussion.

He is a parasite. He lives off the thought from other people's brain. He robs the coffers of time. He interrupts the gradual development of a subject. He tries to impress the instructor with his sincere and hypocritical enthusiasm for his subject by continually popping useless and insignificant why's and how's, while the answers stare up at him from his moth-eaten text.

He wakes from his classroom nap and feels moved to inform his fellow classmates and his professor of his wakefulness with a feeble question.

Species have become extinct before—there may be hope for this one. It is said that once there were even professor who were so guillable as to believe handshakers. May the professional question-asker take his place with the guillable professors and the "good old days"—on the top shelf!—Industrial Collegian.

HALF-AND-HALF DATE PROPOSAL DISCUSSED

Sharing of Expenses Gets Attention in Many Universities.

(Ka Leo o Hawaii.)
 To pay or not to pay, that is the question that a group of University of Utah eds has raised. The cry raised by the coeds has been heard from the realm of Zeus to the domain of Pluto.

It seems that the fair lassies are wont to let the gentlemen friends count out the shillings to the cashier, while it is the woman who always pays.

At Utah a group of students banded themselves together to form a fifty-fifty club. Purpose of such club being to enforce any coed taking a date with any member of the club to pay half of the expenses of the morning, afternoon or evening as the social event might be.

Male students at different mainland colleges differ widely in their opinions regarding the feasibility of the movement. Some believe

that it is a good proposition, not for the girls mind you, but that it could never be attained.

Without a shadow of doubt, as a law student would say, such splendid movement will never be successful. Why? Let some of our own eds answer that.

Hebden Porteus, university social authority, says that it is just an idea. Just a pipe dream. He contends that the idea would probably work for a few times until the novelty wore off, then the ambitious youth would slip back into the old rut again.

George Perry, Ka Leo feature writer and campus punster, admits that it is a good idea, but that it would never work on this campus with such fussy women. George probably knows more about the women than the rest of us struggling males.

George Kishi, varsity tackle, says that he is not in favor of the measure. "It is a good idea," George stated, "but it is unfair. What I am in favor of is the girl paying all of the bill."

Mark Westgate, president of the student body, says that when he takes a girl places he intends to pay for the privilege. "The boy always has paid the bill, and it sort of goes against the grain not to," says Mark.

Girls need have no fear of the movement, if they are attractive. Show me the young Don Juan who

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday.
 Theta Chi house party.
 Alpha Theta Chi formal dinner dance and dance following, Cornhusker.
 Farm House, House party.
 Theta Chi, House party.
 Social Dancing classes at the gym, 7:00 until 8:30, Friday night.
Saturday.
 Pi Beta Phi formal dinner dance at the chapter house.
 Engineers Ball, Cornhusker.

would not throw in the extra attraction of paying all of the checks to take the campus sweetheart to the sponsors ball.

The French have the right idea. Or is it the English. It really doesn't matter, so we will compromise on the Spanish. But the point is this, whenever a lassie and laddie choose to do any plain and fancy courting, the old folks get together and each pays half the initial cost and upkeep.

This is a fact if the axiom ever becomes a rule then there will be less malted milks and more cakes, less lodges and more balconies, less Cosmopolitans and more Colliers, less auto rides and more moonlight strolls and less five course dinners and more ham-burger sandwiches.

COED TANK CLUB TRYOUTS CALLED OFF FOR PRESENT

The practice tryouts for the swimming club have been delayed indefinitely due to lack of equipment. The date when the pool will be available will be announced later, according to a bulletin issued by Miss Vail, faculty sponsor of the club.

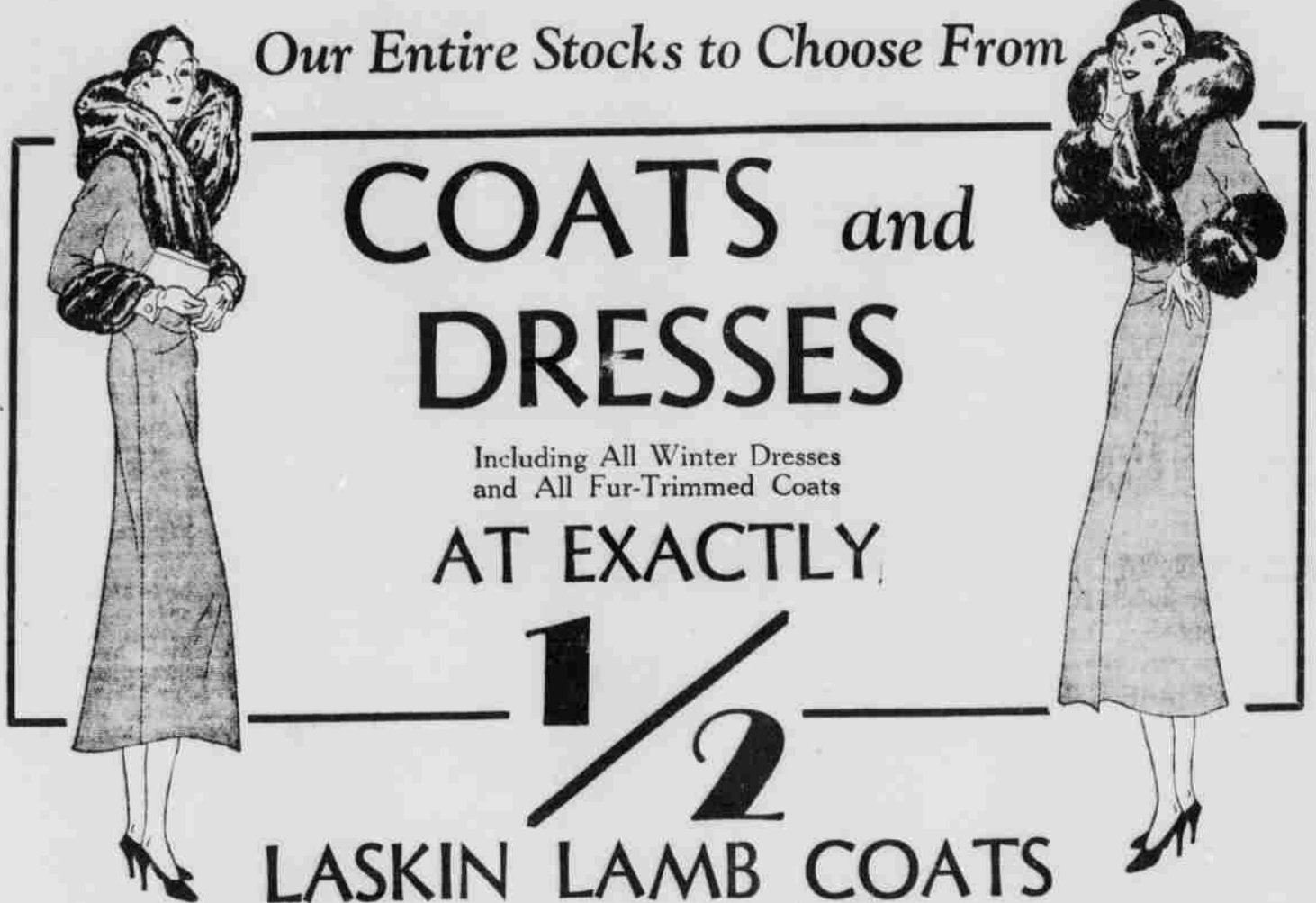
The intramural round robin bowling tournament is again under way. All the old games which were to be bowled before Christmas have been run off. The new schedule for the remainder of the week is posted on the east bulletin board of the girls' gymnasium.

Intramural representatives are asked to have their team entries in for Nebraska ball tournament by Jan. 6. The tourney will begin the 11th under the supervision of Miss Clarice McDonald, intramural director, and Catherine Aten, sport head.

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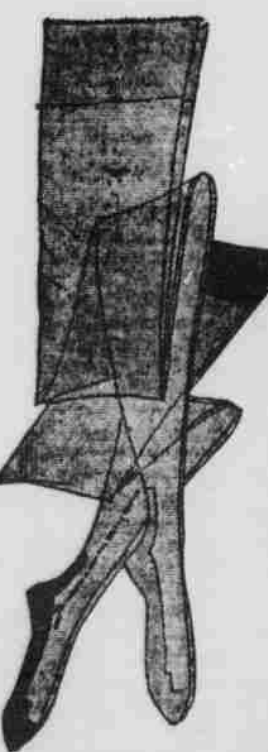
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