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Another Noble Experiment, Perhaps.

Not so long ago the ranking activity men of the senior class, composing the Innocents society, became aware that Nebraska activities were in a deplorably lethargic state because of a lack of general student interest.

Next the Student council took up the problem. A committee of members from the Student council and Innocents society along with two faculty members was appointed to make a more detailed study and to report back to the council with recommendations.

Now, under the committee plan, the barb clubs have been formed. Representatives from these barb clubs will meet for the second time with the Student council committee next Wednesday.

As for giving the barb group represented by the students elected to head the clubs a political weight, one thing will be absolutely necessary. They must be given some of the spoils. Present plans are to make Yellow Jackets out of the organized barbs on election day.

All this has been said in these columns before. It is repeated here because the time nears when the test must come. It will come when political plans are laid for the spring election not many weeks hence.

But there is a bigger problem than the lack of interest in student activities. It is the lack of interest on the part of the modern collegian in everything, great and small, except what affects him directly.

You can attack their fraternity system, that thing most dear to their juvenile hearts. They do nothing. They don't even fight back.

This disinterestedness among American students has been frequently contrasted with the great participation of students of other countries in such things. How to shake American collegians out of it, how to wake them up, is as much a mystery to us as it appears to be to others who have observed it.

Nevertheless, any attempt to deal with the matter, even tho on a small scale applying to student activities only, is commendable. With our fingers crossed, we wish the Student council success!

Debate and Three Pats on the Back.

Now may the Nebraskan do a little bragging, altho we know it isn't at all a nice thing to do. But we have our intramural debate program finally established and underway.

The question is abolition of compulsory military training.

Early in the semester the Nebraskan began the campaign for the institution of debate as a part of the regular intramural program. Rudy Vogeler, intramural director, told us that a demonstration of student interest in the matter was the sole requirement for its adoption.

Rudy Vogeler and Delta Sigma Rho are to be commended on their cooperation and active direction in securing intramural debate for Nebraska. And the Nebraskan takes for itself a little pat-on-the-back. For editorial campaigns are often fruitless and at least one of our metropolitan newspapers opines that college newspapers are a minority voice just blowing off steam.

There need be no elaboration of the value of debate as developing certain very valuable abilities in those taking part. This has been done already and, we hope, will be demonstrated by a fuller participation of Nebraska fraternities in the program next year—still about half the houses are not taking part.

Headline—"German Students 'Like Kansas Best' After Journey Through Southland." Oh, well, it takes all kinds of people to make a world.

From College Boy To University Man.

Another Awgwan comes out. Following so shortly upon the attack of George Grimes, World-Herald critic, its merit will be carefully scrutinized. In fact, Editor Robinson comes back at Critic Grimes in his magazine with a statement in defense of Nebraska's humor magazine.

Said Mr. Grimes of the statement, which appeared in the Daily Nebraskan before coming out in the Awgwan: "It's too bad the Awgwan isn't as full of fire and as funny as the attack upon me." Well, anyway there is something in the current number that measures up to Mr. Grimes' standard of humor.

Going a little deeper into Editor Robinson's defense, he claims the purpose of the Awgwan is to give an accurate picture of student life, that student life is not all hilarity and fun (professional college comes to the contrary notwithstanding), that the Awgwan, therefore, has another raison d'etre than being funny. This, it seems to us, is a fair statement of the case. The College Boy of Mr. Grimes' school days has become the University Man of today.

Marvin Robinson has made the Nebraska Awgwan a magazine among college magazines. Let him continue his present policy.

Humdingers in The Lecture Halls.

There is, we confess, a peculiar type of pedant which has us quite baffled. We are not just sure whether he is all he should be or not. He is the sort of instructor who is constantly pulling a "humdinger" on some member of his class. These "humdingers," we blithely confess, are always amusing to the class as a whole and usually the victim seems to think it is all right but then again we just don't know.

You have all had classes under an instructor of this type. At least if you haven't it will be indeed unusual should you graduate from the institution without having spent at least a semester under the guidance of some such sort of fellow. You know his method. Perhaps there are two or three members of the class who have a habit of skipping rather too often or coming in late to class. Maybe the class has one or two students who, being good fellows withal, are rather aimless. As it so happens the type of instructor of which we are speaking takes a vicious delight in "riding" these particular students.

The conduct of these students, even in class, is in a measure their own affair. Of course there are still a few instructors who maintain that the scholastic conscientiousness of the members of their class is a matter not of the students concern alone, but in the main it is conceded that this is a place for more than high school attitudes. Even though such is the case it happens, day after day, that the "humdinger" instructor will have some particularly bitter morsel of invective which he will suddenly hurl at one of his "aimless" students. It is done in a light sarcastic manner—it is almost an art. The class laughs. The instructor beams. And usually the 'victim' laughs a little bit too. But after all the 'morsel of invective' is usually stereotyped and the humor of the whole situation is rather forced. In plain words it is a cheap sort of classroom showmanship.

On thinking it over we don't believe we like the instructor who pulls "humdingers" which deal with classroom personalities. We think he is rather small and unbearably ordinary.

College Editors Say—

The 'People's Choice.'

One of the most obvious defects in campus organization is the lack of co-operation between the various groups interested in student welfare and what we might broadly term betterment of student conditions. Student council has been set up democratically as the student government with the students themselves electing their representatives, and with the purpose of acting as control body over other activities.

HAYSEED and HAYWIRE

By GEORGE ROUND

This is the big day for scholars on the Agricultural College campus for the annual honors convocation to be held at 11 o'clock in the Student Activities building.

With James Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, and Ray Ramsay, alumni secretary, scheduled to speak before the fair rally a week from tonight, the largest crowd of the year should be present. Lawrence is probably one of the best public speakers in Lincoln and his talk will interest every Aggie student present.

We would like to nominate Harold Besack of Beatrice for the hall of fame. At least he is one student who is holding down a full-time job while in school in a successful fashion. Though he is carrying a heavy school schedule, Harold is also managing to find time to take care of his club agent activities in Gage county.

Marion Stamp, Alpha Xi Delta, is another reader of this "hoey." She doesn't seem to mind how she wastes her time... Hello M. B. Gerald Bardo wasn't so pleased with his work on the old home town paper during his two weeks' stay in the country.

Nebraska farm boys who returned to school from spring vacation declare that spring work back on the farm is behind normal years. Unfavorable weather has forced the average farmer to delay his spring planting and work. As it happened, college boys were back home about the time oats and barley had to be planted.

Now we often wonder why the senior dental college class won't be able to make their annual jaunt to Omaha this year as guests of a local distributing house. Rumor has it the faculty of the college isn't so hot over the idea. There must be a reason.

Elvin Frolik, College of Agriculture graduate, now working on his master's degree, says the 1932 fair should be a financial success. The senior fair board has pared down all of the heavy ex-

penses and they promise something worthwhile, he maintains. Frolik should know about this farmer's fair business for he had plenty of experience while in school.

We just received another tickle. Prof. Gayle Walker of the school of journalism informed us that he read the "Hayseed" column in the Rag last week which was written from Wahoo. The Saunders county sheriff has not found the angel food cake baker as yet, they say. There is plenty of grass on the Ag campus for picnics. A year ago about this time the animal husbandry judging pavilion on the campus was badly damaged by fire.

EVEN STUDENTS STILL BELIEVE IN WORN OUT IDEAS

TACOMA, Wash.—Medieval superstitions of obscure origin and devoid of truth still bind even the college student, a survey by the psychology department of the University of Washington reveals. The intellectually minded undergraduates all expressed their belief in at least one of the eighty-five superstitions which were the basis of the study, and one student admitted that he thought fifty-four of them true.

The popular belief that a person with long, slender hands should make a good musician takes rank with the assertion that "only intelligent people go to college" on the Washington blacklist; and there is absolutely no basis for the oft repeated statement that a person is never hurt by a fall while intoxicated. A person who is unable to swim should not dive off the deep end of a pool, for, contrary to superstitious belief, the buoyant power of deep water is no greater than that of shallow. It is simply farther to the bottom, the debunkers assert.

That criminals are less intelligent than others, is a theory which no truly intelligent person can hold. Even the "instinctive" love of a woman for her child is a product of man's fertile romantic imagination. Mathematics, too, does not truly possess the power of making everyone's mind logical; types of mental ability are inborn, not developed.

Students who look forward with longing to the day when they will be decorated with a magnificent head of snow white hair should not risk their lives in rash measures, for a shock, contrary to common belief, will not cause one's hair to turn gray over night. Quicksand, described as treacherous in many well authenticated legends, does not suck people in.

Shifty eyes do not indicate criminal tendencies in the person endowed with them, the survey con-

Pennsylvania Judge Says Colleges Are 'Sinks of Iniquity'

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—In an address before 1,000 school children Judge McDevitt of Pennsylvania common pleas court No. 1 stated that most of the colleges today are nothing but country clubs and athletic institutions. The jurist urged the children to "get all your education in the public schools."

Continuing his address, Judge McDevitt said: "A large number of our colleges have been made as useless as they can possibly be. They are sinks of iniquity where professors are permitted to attack religion and turn out students morally unfitted to cope with the problems of the world by reason of their atheism."

"These college professors in some cases are not in public schools because they can't get in. The public schools would not have them. So they teach their pernicious doctrines in some of our so-called 'higher institutions' and do injury to their pupils."

"No teacher should be tolerated who does not believe in the American form of government, and I am glad that the board of education has established a rule that will not permit a person, not a citizen, to teach in our schools. In this day of lawlessness and disorder, restraint must be exercised or the American government will fall under the control of a dictator."

times, and the stars and the planets have no influence over the course of human life. The best way to achieve success is to be master of your own destiny, at least so far as astral bodies are concerned.

Y.W.C.A. CABINET IS ENTERTAINED AT WEDNESDAY FETE

Newly installed members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet were entertained at a dinner given by the advisory board Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. B. F. Williams. Mrs. Williams is a member of the advisory board.

Mrs. J. E. LeRossignol, Mrs. A. F. Jenness and Mrs. Petrus Peterson are the new advisory members who were guests at the dinner Wednesday evening. They were selected at a joint meeting of the old and new cabinets March 30.

If the ads do not suggest that girls smoke, University of Utah publications may run cigarette displays.

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SCHOLARSHIP RULE OUT?

Minnesota Greeks Consider Abolition of Initiation Requirements.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—After failing by one vote last week to abolish all scholastic requirements for fraternity initiation, the Interfraternity council at the University of Minnesota was to meet this week in special session to take a second ballot on the question.

Only because of the absence of seven members from the meeting did the legislation fail last week, it is thought. The proposal was favored by 16 out of 23 members present, but the majority vote required by the council by-laws was missing.

Under the proposed ruling, the present requirement of a "C" average for initiation into an academic fraternity would be abolished. Next year any fraternity with the "C" house average could initiate any pledge desired. The measure was suggested as a partial solution to the present financial difficulties of the Greek houses. Proponents pointed out that the promise of discretionary initiation would prevent any lowering of general scholastic levels.

Men have a much better opinion of themselves and a much lower opinion of the opposite sex than have women, concludes Dr. W. N. Marston after conducting tests at Radcliffe, Tufts, and Columbia. In reply to one of the questions, "Would you prefer a perfect love affair to a million dollars?" every man answered no, but 92 percent of the girls preferred the love affair.

UNITARIAN CHURCH 12th and H Streets Arthur L. Weatherly, Minister The Church Without a Creed Not the Truth, but the Search for Truth Sunday, April 24 "The Future of Religion"

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