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A Message to Plastic Youth.

THE EDITOR,
THE DAILY NEBRASKAN:

IN the Daily Nebraskan for Friday, Feb. 24, you refer to "Mr. Page's Coup." It was, indeed, a "coup," for it appears to have fooled those whom it was intended to fool. You speak of Mr. Page's "services." I wonder if "services" is an appropriate word with which to designate the efforts of a person who seeks to destroy things which the wisdom of a sane people has established and the support of sane people has consecrated to the public good. Mr. Page's gesture was intended to appear "generous." Was it really so?

The professional reformer—and Mr. Page is one (see Who's Who for his record)—has no economic problem to face. His way is always paved with plenty, for, even in a land whose people are sane, there are always enough foolish persons to support the normal crop of professional reformers in appropriate ease.

Mr. Page was not interested, as a professional reformer, in the trifling expense entailed in the performance of his "services." But, the editor of a magazine does face a very serious economic problem. This is especially the case in times like the present, and, more especially the case with a magazine that seeks to circulate radical notions among people whose habits are unfriendly toward radicalism. It was much better business for Mr. Page to apply the sums received from the student forum commission to the bolstering up of his subscription list, than to the repayment of expenses that had been paid, already, by the various groups with which he consorts and whose radical interests he attempts to further.

The sources from which funds have been furnished to the groups referred to are matters of record in various numbers of the Congressional Record, for these sources, and these groups, have been frequent objects of inquiry, in congressional committees charged with the maintenance of the integrity of the numerous safeguards to our national honor that the wisdom of a sane people has set up. This is not the place to set forth those sources, just as a spirit of sportsmanship impelled me to withhold them from the meeting which Mr. Page addressed.

Mr. Page's "coup" was designed to fool the public, just as his gracious manner, his honeyed words, and his persistent refusal to make direct answer to any question, were designed to fool his public. A professional reformer is a dangerous person under any guise. A professional reformer who is as clever as Mr. Page, is doubly dangerous, especially when he has access to young people whose minds are in their formative period.

Beware the Kirby Pages and their "coups"!
HARRY F. CUNNINGHAM.

The Consecrated Status Quo.

WE are printing in these columns today a message designed to save the youth of the university from the subversive doctrines as enunciated recently on this campus by Kirby Page. Professor Cunningham, a colonel in the army during the war, who is still actively connected with the training of young men in methods of war, takes occasion to cry "beware" to the students on account of the efforts of Mr. Page "to destroy things which the wisdom of a sane people has established and the support of sane people has consecrated to the public good."

These consecrated things to which Professor Cunningham refers will be readily recognized as such organizations as the R. O. T. C., the citizens military training camps, the regular army, and a big navy. Those who heard Kirby Page in his speech here will remember that he is a firm believer in the idea that peace can never be attained so long as the world and the nations of the world perpetuate the "war system," as he calls it. In other words Kirby Page is against the R. O. T. C., the big navy, etc. He is against everything which is in any way a recognition of war as an instrument of national policy.

This in brief is the occasion for Professor Cunningham's warning to students as to just what kind of a rapscallion this Page person is.

WHAT would George Washington think of Mr. Page! What would all those valiant heroes who have led the American people out of the perils of war say about Mr. Page! Boil him in oil! He's a radical. Keep him away from a university campus. He may lead astray some young innocent students whose minds are still plastic!

No, we are not inclined to feel that way about Mr. Page. We believe that Professor Cunningham is sincere in his ideas of what youth should be taught and what should be kept from them. He is sincere in believing that preparedness is the only method of insuring peace, a doctrine held by all military men. But Professor Cunningham is unfair in not attributing the same sincerity to Mr. Page. Branding him as a "professional reformer" and a "radical" is in no way answering or refuting Mr. Page's arguments.

No doubt Mr. Page is concerned with bolstering up the subscription list for his magazine "World Tomorrow," which is one medium of his for disseminating his pacifist and other doctrines. But to attempt to discredit him on this ground, and by charging that "his way is paved with plenty," seems to us a futile effort. It might be equally pertinent to point out that most of the militarists advocating preparedness have their paths fairly well strewn with the pay checks they receive from the U. S. government for their "services" or maybe we should say "efforts."

THOSE who heard Mr. Page we think will agree with us that Professor Cunningham is not completely fair in asserting that Mr. Page persistently refused to answer directly any questions addressed to him. One of the particularly outstanding characteristics of Mr. Page is his broad knowledge of facts and his ability to explain consistently his beliefs in the light of those facts.

His interpretation of the facts may be doubted. But his conscientiousness and sincerity we would hesitate to doubt.

Rather than agree with Professor Cunningham, therefore, we feel that students would be better advised to be willing to listen to and evaluate new ideas such as those advanced by Mr. Page. Discrimination is necessary, but if by the time a student has reached college age and received college training, he is unable to fairly discriminate between absurd and plausible doctrines, then his future is rather

hopeless and his past training entirely fruitless.

Youth is to be congratulated on still being in the "formative period." Not too soon, we hope, will its ideas become so fixed that it looks with horror on anyone advancing new ideas or doctrines which do not conform 100 percent with the ideas of the sons and daughters of the revolution, and other "patriots."

IN our opinion it is a vastly more dangerous situation when college professors and students are inclined to thrust a stopper in the mouths of those with whom they disagree, than when they are willing to allow "professional reformers" to freely disseminate their doctrines. We should prefer to see a thousand such reformers than one individual who is thoroughly imbued with the idea that whatever is right.

COMMITTEE RELEASES NAMES OF NOMINEES FOR W. A. A. OFFICERS

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Alpha, is in charge of rifle firing and intramural representative for her sorority. Maxine Packwood is affiliated with Kappa Delta. She is active in all sports and has charge of the Outing club.

Members of the W. A. A. council, sports board, intramural representatives from all organized groups and club heads will convene in the W. A. A. club room Monday noon to select the officers. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time. Newly elected officers will be installed at a mass meeting of university women early in March.

Remaining members of next year's council will be selected by this year's executive group and the newly elected officers for next year. Miss Clarice McDonald is the sponsor of the group and has charge of women's intramurals.

At the time she registers for physical education each girl in university becomes a member of W. A. A.

STUDENTS LAWYERS TO TRY SENSATIONAL 'DIVORCE CASE' FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

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our heroine has frequent encounters with "the old man." One thing led to another, climaxing the debacle with the potomaine poisoning of the husband's father. In a fit of rage he charged her with the distasteful crime.

The "last straw" was soon to come. Last month while the couple were playing bridge with friends a lively argument ensued, during which "fathah" put in his little word about the poisoning episode. The little lady could not overlook this breach of etiquette and begged her husband for their own domicile.

Friend hubby blew up, this being the depression, and told her, among other things, "to go to the devil." Broken hearted little Nell, went home to mother. She filed for divorce last week, charging her husband of "cruel and inhuman treatment."

KOSMET TRYOUTS HAVE EVERYTHING FROM RUMBA DANCING TO 'TIBBETTS'

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real talent and this should greatly contribute to the successful show we hope to produce," stated Thompson.

Following the Junior-Senior prom Nebraska co-eds will be discarding their formal wear in favor of spring party dresses which will greatly facilitate matters for these men needing feminine makeup. It is known that some of the more generous co-eds are actually sorting out certain dresses in preparation for the necessary need of them by the men who will carry female parts.

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FLORENCE I. M'GAHEY,
Registrar.

Contemporary Comment

More Deserved Appreciation.

Number 1 of Volume 7 of the Prairie Schooner has just been published. It is a surprising thing that the modest literary quarterly of Nebraska university should have lived so long. A good many magazines of wide appeal have fallen by the wayside in the past seven years. That the Prairie Schooner has lived and continues to live indicates that there is virility in the literary aspirations of the prairie country.

One who picks up the magazine with its poems and short stories and essays may be disappointed in it, at first. It is not at all like Liberty or the Saturday Evening Post. It hasn't any pictures. Its short stories rarely deal with the glamorous beauties who are the heroines of the popular writers. The occasional reader may be completely mystified at the magazine's long life.

But when one watches it for several issues, he begins to understand. Here are people writing who are not so concerned with capturing the popular fancy as with saying something that moves them deeply, or with interpreting bits of the life of this west as it has unfolded before them. They are not, usually, polished writers; but they are, nearly always, writers who have something to say, and who are striving to say it honestly. Because it knows its role and strives so hard to fulfill its mission, because it has no pretensions, the Prairie Schooner thrives in a modest way. Congratulations are due the chapter of Sigma Upsilon fraternity which sponsors it, the university which helps sustain it, and L. C. Wimberly, who edits it.—Omaha World Herald.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES WORKERS

Each Staff Member to Cover One Particular Phase Of Y.W.C.A.

Elaine Fontein, chairman of the Y. W. C. A. publicity staff, announced Tuesday the members of the staff and the positions each will fill. Ellen Daly has been assigned to cover the social and vesper staffs and Betty Segal will have charge of all news originating with the membership groups. Helen Kropp has been scheduled to handle publicity for the Church Relations and Life of Jesus staffs, Lois Patterson the reporter for the industrial staff and Francis Morgan has charge of the news for the conference and finance staffs.

International and interracial staff and current events and books staffs will be covered by Alice Beekman. All news of the Girl Reserve staff is in charge of Carolyn Van Anda. Dorothy Zegenbeich will report the Ag staff news, while Ruth Byerly has charge of the project staff. Gwen Thompson will cover the news from the Know Your Legislature and Foreign Relations staffs.

DRAMATIC CLUB TO HOLD ANNUAL PLAY CONTEST TONIGHT

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show. A prize of \$25 will be awarded to the author of the play winning final judgment. The most popular play will be picked by a vote of the audience.

Ballots attached to the tickets will be collected at the end of the last play, he votes counted and the winner presented with the award. The contest, according to Lee Young, president of the club, offers aspiring play writers an opportunity to cast and produce their creations before an audience, and is conducted to stimulate local interest in the art.

Tickets may be purchased from members of the Dramatic club, or may be procured at the theater tonight. The show will begin at 8 o'clock.

Graduate Student Will Give Report on Thesis

Lorenzo Dow, graduate student in the geography department, will give a report on his nearly completed thesis before a seminar of staff members Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Former museum. Mr. Dow's thesis is concerned with "Geography of the Scotts Bluff Basin."

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