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tained because of the belief that the students desire to have some share of say-so in matters of student interest. As a matter of fact the very grant of this independent financial support to the Student council would be a great step in securing for that body and hence the student body a greater measure of freedom and independence.

Th approaching termination of activities in the Daily Nebraskan office is indeed timely. Yesterday the plaster in the upstairs rooms of U hall began falling. A light fixture also came crashing to the floor. Our doubts about the safety of the old shack are being confirmed. We trust it will remain standing at least until our efforts for the year are completed.

The Institution's Real Key Men.

FOR some time it has been our desire to express what we believe is the sincere appreciation of many students to the faculty members who are actively connected with various student organizations. Some of these men and women, particularly the former, devote an incalculable amount of time to the interests of students and student organizations.

It would be unwise for us to attempt to name all the faculty members who do this sort of work. It has been our privilege to come in contact with a number of them, but we should hesitate to name them specifically because there are others whose work we know nothing of. But they are known and their efforts mean more than any other one thing in insuring the continuity and effectiveness of many of the worthwhile projects of various student activities.

And then there are the faculty members who are not so closely connected with student extracurricular life but whose energy is concentrated on really making their courses interesting to students. There are many of them who devote a large share of their time outside the classroom to really knowing and helping students.

There is nothing which can mean more to a student than the cultivation of an intimate acquaintance with such men and women. After college days are over there will be nothing which so ties the interest of many students to this institution as the friendships and recollections of these faculty members who remain here after the students are gone.

ENTIRELY too much has been said about "apple polishing" and "sucking". There is a vast difference between trying to work a professor for a grade and trying to establish an acquaintance which is both interesting and valuable. We trust that the student attitude will develop sufficiently from the adolescent idea that everyone who likes to have a "bull session" with a professor is working for a grade to enable this form of student-faculty relationship to become more common on our campus.

The Nebraskan believes that it is these professors with a real interest in students outside the classroom that are the "key men" of this institution. There is a lot of loose talk about how the university cannot keep its "key men" because of the low salaries that are paid. Unfortunately this is true but very frequently the term "key men" is applied to those who never unlocked anything from the student point of view.

Students appreciate true scholars. They recognize the value of having "authorities" on the faculty roster. A faculty member who has published books and who has acquired a national reputation in his field is a valuable asset.

But we believe most students would rate above such notables those faculty members who are concerned with teaching their courses in a manner calculated to inspire interest, who make friendly contacts with students, or who help students and student organizations. These latter men, of course, may also be scholarly, but whether they are authorities or not, it is they, we assert, who are the real "key men" in this institution.

Pacifism Becomes Respectable.

"PACIFISM is becoming respectable," says the Nation in an article in the latest issue which reports on the results of the nation-wide survey of student sentiment in colleges and universities on the question of war. Out of a total of 21,725 students who voted on the question of whether or not they would fight for their country in case of war, 8,415 took an uncompromising pacifist stand. 7,221 said they would bear arms only in case this country was invaded. The remaining number represents the students who would fight for country "right or wrong," giving their blood to make the world safe for the steel and munitions manufacturers, as the Nation says.

The Daily Nebraskan was asked to participate in securing this poll of student opinion. Our natural suspicion of nation-wide polls, and our prejudice against the signing of petitions led us to give the matter only slight publicity. But even to that publicity objection was raised and the Nebraskan was requested to refrain from saying anything about the poll while the legislature was in session.

And so Nebraska students are not represented in the results of the poll. But even so seventeen names have been appended to the list, which has been kept in the editorial office, of those who maintain their refusal to ever fight in a war.

THE sponsors of the poll and those who participated in it have been called everything from crackbrains to traitors. But crackbrains are usually only a very small minority. When the number of crackbrains in institutions of higher education reaches the number of over 15,000 there is either a serious situation imminent or these people are not crackbrains. And if there are that many traitors in the country it looks as tho the definition of the word "traitor" would also have to be revised.

The Nebraskan has recognized that this attitude of absolute pacifism is an extreme one. We are inclined to agree with some of the critics of the poll that many of the signers of the pledge to refuse to fight might change their minds in a case of real emergency. But even so we feel that the extreme stand is justified and we believe that it would be a mistake not to attach considerable significance to the fact that over 15,000 students can be made definitely to commit themselves on a question of this kind.

It strikes us that Arthur Mullen is a little overstepping his mandate as patronage dispenser for this section of the country when he starts in trying to remove people from offices. Surely there ought to be enough positions of the regular spoils available for "deserving democrats" so that other more or less permanent offices should not be subject to the clean-out system.

We suggest that the next Literary Digest nationwide poll be conducted on the question: Do you or do you not think that the so-called short comedies run in all movie houses are funny? It would be really interesting to find out how many imbeciles there are in the country.

Faculty Men Declare Themselves In Favor of Activities Tax Plan

The student activities tax plan set forth by the sponsorship of the student council is favorable to members of the university faculty, an investigation has shown. This fact was revealed after statements from faculty members from various colleges were secured.

C. H. Oldfather, dean of the college of Arts and Science is heartily in favor of the plan. He said, "The students activity tax plan is a very good idea. It represents the best investment of the student's margin of money which they will spend on various factors which are included in the plan than could otherwise be obtained by them."

Prof. J. P. Senning, of the political science department, feels that the plan is excellent, when the benefits which the students will receive from it are considered. In reference to the tax he said, "Considering the benefits of the tax to the students, it is absolutely sound and equitable. The tax will stimulate interest in the activities and other interests in which the students of the university should take part."

Prof. N. A. Bengston, chairman of the department of geography, is another supporter of the plan. In his statement Professor Bengston said, "The activities are valuable as phases of a college education. General support is warranted by the quality and variety of the enterprises. The activities tax, prop-

erly administered, would add materially to their support, and extend the benefits to greater numbers at minimum cost. In my judgment the idea merits the endorsement of the student body."

According to Prof. K. M. Arndt, of the department of economics, "Similar plans have worked in other schools and should work here. The tax plan is an excellent idea. If the students have any interest in their university, they should take interest in the plan and give it their entire support. He added, "If the university can afford to maintain activities at this rate, the student body should back the plan which is for their benefit, and will remedy the situation, at least for the time being."

Prof. Robert H. Wolcott, chairman of the zoology department, feels that the plan is good, but should contain provision for those students with insufficient funds to meet the extra expense. He stated, "I feel that the student who comes to the university and cannot pay for those things which cannot be afforded. On the other hand, however, the tax plan gives added resources to the enterprises of the university which are greatly needed. Those who can afford it should pay it, but it should not be imposed upon all. I hope that a compromise of the two factors may be made."

COLLEGE MAKES CHANGES

University of Washington Revises Journalism Curricula.

SEATTLE (CNS). Drastic changes in the curriculum of the journalism department at the University of Washington this week were announced by Professor Vernon McKenzie, head of the department.

Under the new plan, similar to that used in the teaching of journalism at Columbia university, fundamental courses in newspaper craftsmanship will be coordinated into one year's training, and journalism majors will be required to register for the same class schedule throughout their junior year. They will be permitted to enroll for only three prescribed courses outside of the journalism department.

The senior year will be reserved for electives.

MEN'S THOUGHTS TURN TO SNAKES THURSDAY NOON

Police Sergeant Regler Sees Reptile Near 12 and R.

"In the spring a young man's fancy" does not ordinarily turn to thoughts of snakes. But such was the case near Social Science building yesterday about noon.

Police Sergeant Regler, while on his post at the corner of 12th and R streets noticed a bull snake, about five feet in length, start across the street. He managed to head the snake off and started it toward Social Science building. A crowd of about 100 students quickly gathered and the snake hunt started.

The reptile, in trying to escape crawled into the chassis of an automobile which was parked nearby. The crowd got sticks and poles, and attempted to get the snake, which had crawled farther up into the car, to come out into the open.

But all attempts to remove the creature at first failed. The hood was taken from the engine and the rumble seat was removed. But the snake wasn't found.

Finally, however, the reptile was dislodged and the owner of the car into which it had crawled, drove away much relieved, amid friendly calls, some of which pertained to the pickup of the automobile.

A. S. C. E. STAGES MEETING THURSDAY

Slides of Hoover Dam Are Shown at Dinner.

The American society of civil engineers held its dinner meeting last night as it was not possible to arrange the affair for Wednesday night. The meeting was held at the state capitol lunch room. Slides and motion pictures of the construction of the Hoover Dam furnished the entertainment. Curtis Nelson will lecture on the slides.

Cadets Must Attend Compet.

Attendance of all cadets at the Annual Compet, Wednesday May 24, is mandatory, according to Col. W. H. Oury, commandant of the regiment, and any cadet who is absent without an excuse will be incomplete in Military Science for the semester. This formation is the final examination. First call will be at 12:50 p. m. and assembly at 1 o'clock. The companies will form as they did for the federal inspection.

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MILITARY HONORARY SELECTS OFFICERS

(Continued from Page 1). members only and their dates. The guests will be the faculty of officers and the cadet field officers. All active members will be allowed to invite one guest to the dance. The names of these guests must be submitted in the Pershing Rifle office before noon Friday so that they may be placed upon the door. The party which is to be held in the Cornhusker ballroom will be an informal spring party. The music for the affair will be furnished by Eddie Jungbluth and his orchestra. Active members without dates will be allowed to attend the banquet.

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The Zero Hour On the Tax Plan.

THE Nebraskan has nearly exhausted its repertoire of editorials on the activity tax plan. An attempt has been made to bring out in a series of editorials all the advantages which the plan possesses as well as its disadvantages. We do not wish to repeat ourselves.

But we do feel it necessary to explain just a few questions which keep cropping out from students who have not kept in consistent contact with the development of the plan. The undergraduate vote on the plan begins Monday when registration starts, and we firmly feel the necessity for informing as many as we can reach about the blanket tax idea.

As to Exemptions.

It is impossible to deny the fact that a large number of students still do not know what the tax plan is or why. When they take their registrations to the offices of the various deans and are given ballots on the activity tax, there are many who will for the first time hear about it.

THIS is unfortunate in view of the natural human tendency to vote "no" on anything not understood. But the fact remains that there are large numbers of students who cannot be reached by any means of publicity whatsoever, which incidentally is one of the big arguments in favor of the activity tax.

The Nebraskan is asking therefore, and we do it emphatically and sincerely, that those who are familiar with the tax plan start talking about it. If you are in favor of the plan you can do a lot to insure its success by explaining it briefly to those who do not. We realize it is little naive to expect the students to go buzzing about the campus discussing the activity tax when picnic arrangements and examinations are so pressing.

But we believe that you who know about the plan can and will be willing to explain it whenever you have an opportunity. When you discuss registration with acquaintances discuss also the activity tax matter. We are not asking you to talk anyone into voting for the plan; we are asking only that you help in what amounts to a disheartening task of trying to inform all students on this campus as to "what its all about."

APPARENTLY not enough publicity has been given to provisions for exemptions under the tax plan. Some of those who favor the tax in principle have voiced objections to it on the grounds that it does not take into consideration those students who are financially destitute. The Nebraskan and the Student council have purposely said little about the matter of exemption. It is perfectly clear that the plan cannot operate successfully unless it applies to almost everyone, and unless exemptions are rarely granted.

But we do want to emphasize the fact that there is provision made in the tax plan for the exemption of students who for good reason cannot pay the tax. Their petitions for exemption, according to the scheme worked out by the Student council, would be heard by a faculty committee, and the tax would not be applied where it was obvious that it would work a hardship.

The Nebraskan sincerely and honestly believes that this should remove the major objections which has been voiced to the plan. We are convinced now, no less than before the details of the plan became so familiar to us, that the adoption of the activity tax plan would be one of the finest accomplishments which has been achieved in the realm of student life on this campus for many years.

Those Intangible Benefits.

STILL another point we should like to explain for the benefit of those still in doubt about certain features of the tax. The Student council fund is listed on the ballot, should it be approved by the student body, would be used by the council to defray the expenses which it now meets out of a budget granted by a faculty committee. The funds which it now uses, it should be noticed, really come out of the students just as much as the 5 cent fee would, because the council gets its money from a general fund maintained for student activities which is contributed to by student activities.

It was noticeable that in the senior poll those items which did not bring an immediate and tangible benefit to the students were not given as wide approval as those other items such as the Cornhusker, athletic ticket and Daily Nebraskan. Such a result is natural, no doubt.

But we wish to call your attention to the value of these other "intangible" benefits, the tax for which amounts to a total of 30 cents a year. These items are the Student council fund, 5 cents, the student union building fund, 15 cents, and the convocations fund, 10 cents.

WE have explained the reason for the student union building fund and the convocations fund. It seems that for such a negligible sum there should be no hesitancy whatsoever on the part of any student in voting for these items.

And as for the Student council fund it will appear ludicrous indeed if the students are not willing to vote the munificent sum of 5 cents a year to the support of the organization which is only main-

CONVERSATION versus PROCRASTINATION

We once knew a College Man who took three weeks to write a two-page letter!

He could do a hundred in very nearly ten flat; and play as neat a game at shortstop as you'd want to see. But when it came to answering letters from home, it took him a long time to make up his mind and a longer time to get the words on paper.

Gentlemen, we are agin this College man's habit of stalling on the folks at home. They deserve more consideration. It only takes a minute to get to the nearest telephone! Then TALK, don't balk. A pleasant chat with home folks tonight will take lots less time than writing a letter!



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