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Beginning The Eighteenth.

CULTURAL sterility has been charged to the university so often that the attack is as trite and stale as last year's wage scale. The charge, it must be admitted, is not without some justification in the light of certain neglected opportunities, but neither does it state the whole truth. It is a truism that the machinery of institutionalized education, although the best we have, is inevitably ponderous, but since there is little hope of immediate escape from circumstance, acceptance of that circumstance seems the best alternative.

It may be true that the ability of the actors is not to be ranked with the type of performance attributed to Broadway. That escapes the point. If the Players' art was so great, then it is obvious that Nebraska would not have the opportunity to enjoy it any longer. We have the University Players, and we should be grateful for so much. And the gratitude should take the form of the support which the Tassels are soliciting today as they open the annual ticket sales campaign.

Morale: A Fundamental.

THE fervor with which self appointed vocational advisers have overworked the "co-operative" concept obscures, in a measure, some of the real value attaching to the mutual projects we brand co-operative. But once in a while something occurs to re-emphasize the fundamental virtues accruing to joint effort. On the campus such a renewal of emphasis was glimpsed only recently when the scholastic standing of undergraduate groups was released. There, at the head of the list, was Howard hall, a thoroughly co-operative enterprise undertaken by a few girls last semester.

from the start the advantage of the best breeding ground for morale in their work together. Too institutionalized restrictions may have detracted from their potentialities as many so vehemently allege—but the fundamental value of their work together remains the important consideration.

IF the example set by Howard hall were isolated there might be some cause for skepticism of the foregoing conclusions. It can be shown, however, that it is not isolated. College camps all over the land harbor similar projects, and from them come similar reports of highly successful operation. No later than last spring the Iowa State Student commented on the success with which a co-operative project was being sponsored in one of the Ames sororities.

Something of the same reasoning, indeed, may be applied to explain the greater scholastic success of professional groups. Bound together with interests growing from mutual work, the professional fraternities invariably stand higher in scholarship than their purely social contemporaries.

It is something for the Greeks to think about, and seriously involved as they are in financial hogs, it might prove highly beneficial for Nebraska chapters to still the voice of pseudo "dignity" and "aristocracy" in order that they might hear the voice of co-operative effort. If Howard hall's achievement is meaningful—and the Nebraskan believes it is—scholarship is more than study; it is closely linked with that ineffable "morale" that seems to come most completely with real co-operative work.

Discourse on Nostalgia.

PERSONAL reflection deserves small space, perhaps, in an editorial column, but strolling along a shaded university walk to the accompaniment of a clamour of associations, it is almost impossible not to recognize a kind of melancholic reminiscence, and recognizing it, to give it expression. College students, however much they may ridicule sentimentality, are as much given to nostalgia as all other human beings, and whatever the individual's particular brand of "homesickness"—whether it be for the great American fetishes "home and mother," or the days of the past, or the girl who camped across the lake, or whatnot—it is very likely to creep out from time to time. The frequency varies with the individual, of course, but it is safe to say that almost everyone experiences these occasions of dreamy melancholia.

Actually All-University.

HOW many times have you heard some enthusiastic student bemoan the lack of any sort of all-university social functions comparable to the "varsity parties" which prevail at other schools? It would not be wide of the mark to guess that the number of undergraduates, and faculty members too, who have voiced such a plaint mounts rather high. Attempts have been made in the past to actualize the dream of a scheme of "varsity parties," but they have almost uniformly met with a failure that can only be described as dismal. "All-university parties," under the direction of the barb council, were a gesture in the direction of the desired type of all-student social entertainments, but they have failed to meet the requirements.

Ag College

By Carlyle Hodgkin. A LADY FROM BALTIMORE. Here's the story as Prof. H. C. Filley told it to a class in rural economics.

Some years ago, at a time when complaints grew to be too loud, the government appointed a Committee of Agricultural Inquiry to study and report on the low-price margin between the price of potatoes in Podunk and the price of French-fries in New York, or more generally, the discrepancy between producer and consumer prices of farm products.

To that committee came complaints from far and wide. One complaint came from a housewife in Baltimore. She had ordered from her grocer a jar of sliced cucumbers. The pickles had cost her thirty-five cents. Feeling that she had got too little for her money, the Baltimore housewife fitted all the slices back together and found that for thirty-five cents she had got exactly two cucumbers.

Wisconsin Students To Study Leadership

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Greek Governing Group to Discuss Reorganization

(Continued from Page 1.) ably be presented at the Tuesday evening meeting. A committee appointed at the last spring meeting of the Greek legislative body is expected to report. Reorganization important. The reorganization plan which will be given the most attention. These indicated "I believe, the one centering around senior representation. In any case, however, qualifications for council delegates will be based on experience and ability rather than on the present superficial political system."

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

How Traditions Really Work.

From China, land of confusion, tradition vs. "modernity" comes a tale, which the university in general, and its student leaders in particular, might well heed. For countless centuries, we are informed, the ancient customs and traditions of the far-off Kansu province, have prevailed—influencing and mellowing the inexperienced actions of any "younger generation." Since time immemorial, the Kansu women have fervently followed one particular custom; sunshine on the sixth day of the sixth moon is a command for them to flock to the open roll up their pantaloons and sun their legs as long as the sun shines. They are confident that by continuing this practice they will be protected against contagious and infectious diseases.

There came a time when nearly all of Kansu's sage, elderly leaders had passed, their places not filled by the younger men of the province. So a new governor was sent to Kansu, Gen. Chu Shao-liang, a tempestuous militarist, well-versed in political strategy. When he learned of this particular tradition prevailing among the women-folk he decided to abolish it. "It does no good. Times have changed. The efficiency of my administration will be disrupted by such a meaningless custom," he thundered.

AG Student Goes to Mills

Institutional Management Graduate Assists at School in West. Dorothy Luchsinger, former Ag College student, is at Mills College, Mills College, Calif., this year assisting in institutional management. Miss Luchsinger has charge of Ellen More hall at Mills College, and is also taking graduate work. A senior at Nebraska last year, Dorothy majored in institutional management, served on the College-agri-fun committee, and belonged to the home economics sororities Phi Upsilon Omicron and Omicron Nu.

Private Mecham, K. P., Describes Weeks 'Cut Off From Civilization' at Nebraska National Guard Camp

(Continued from Page 1.) ing officer finds a speck of dust on the under side of a mess table—a place he is very sure to look—he'll say things that aren't nice. And so will the Kitchen Police, but not so loud. Sometimes the kitchen inspector happens in early and finds things in a mess. There is no "100 percent kitchen" for that company for that day, but these early visits have a compensation all their own. For after the inspecting officer leaves, says Mecham, "we could horse around plenty getting the rest of the work done." "After the morning scrubbing," Mecham wrote, "it's time to start peeling potatoes, bushes and bushes of them. I never want to peel another potato as long as I live."

NEW AQUATIC COACH NAMED

Ken Sutherland, A.A.U. Star, To Replace Lee Potter and Rudy Vogeler.

Ken Sutherland, former A. A. U. diving and gymnastic star has been appointed to coach swimming and to head swimming classes at the university. Sutherland, who won fifth in A. A. U. gymnastics, will replace Lee Potter, formerly in charge of the class, and Rudy Vogeler who was in charge of coaching. art, philosophy, history, economics, politics and religion. According to Prof. A. D. Wispener, who will direct the new course, students will be trained to see these human activities in their proper context and not divorced from the unit of human experience and treated as abstractions, but rather as bearing upon and influencing one another in the unity of the whole human test.

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