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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. A "Pollyanna" attitude is certainly not to be implied, either, for only constant alertness and diligent effort can gradually overcome the deficiencies which cause such spirited criticism of the university.

Meanwhile there are hopeful foundations already laid, and it is upon them that any improved structure must be built. Among the foremost of these encouraging phenomena is an organization which this fall begins its eighteenth year of active work: the University Players.

Inspiration for both extravagant criticism and bitter condemnation, the Players yet remain as valuable a cultural addition to the university as is to be found on any campus. Presenting dramatic material of superior merit, and doing it in a commendable fashion, the dramatic department, through the University Players, is making a very real contribution to student lives.

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.

The University Players open their eighteenth year. Few other activities can equal their record of successful achievement.

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.

It was probably shocking to many aristocratic Greeks that the manual labor attendant on actual housekeeping and home management could be coupled with high scholastic achievement. But the facts are there, and they are not such as to be controverted by mistaken notions of the inherent value of wearing Greek pins.

Howard Hall stands alone at the head of the tabulation of scholastic achievement. It stands alone in certain other respects, too, and therein may lie the explanation for the high position in scholarship.

The girls who lived in the co-operative house were first of all girls who were working together to keep their enterprise a going concern. There was the energy that cleaned the house and kept it presentable and homelike. They alone were responsible for their own financial welfare, and their minds the ones that made the budget and devised ways and means of sticking to it. The girls, in short, had

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 camp 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 societies.

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 bags, 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 intangible "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 "homestickness" whether it be for the great American retches "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.

Sentimental? Certainly. But so nearly universal that even the most vociferous professor of cynicism has somewhere a vulnerable spot.

As for the editorial justification for the expression of these observations, the point that the recognition of the phenomena mentioned is connected with a college education need not be labored. No hint of the pedant's "evaluation" is intended; ephemeral manifestations within the mind of the individual cannot be evaluated, unless, indeed, some sort of poetical measurement be applied. It is enough to say that to be on speaking terms with one's own nostalgic moods, and to recognize them as having a place in the complex of personality, is another little part of that vague "culture" which university students avowedly seek.

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.

They have failed, that is, previous to this year, but if the Coliseum dance Saturday night is any indication, the campus is going to see this year a type of party that can be truthfully described as "all-university."

A good crowd, representing as near a cross section of student life as can be obtained on a campus the size of Nebraska's, payed money to dance at the Saturday party. Much is left to be desired in the way of decorations, of course, but once the Coliseum's permanent drapes are adequately dedicated and made available for general use, this difficulty should vanish.

It may be, of course, that some of the success of the party must be discounted as arising from the circumstances of its being among the first student social affairs of the year. Even so, however, a good beginning has been made, and the committee in charge need only follow up its inaugural success to insure a kind of party for which the campus has long felt a need.

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 500-mile 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 house-wife in Baltimore. She had ordered from her grocer a jar of sliced cucumber pickles. The pickles had cost her thirty-five cents. Feeling that she had got too little for her money the Baltimore house-wife fitted all the slices back together and found that for thirty-five cents she had got exactly two cucumbers.

This she told to the committee. And she told them that in the vegetable markets of Baltimore that same time she could buy cucumbers at two for a nickel. She felt that the price difference between sliced pickles delivered at her door and cucumbers in the market was too great.

The committee thought so too, and they set out to investigate the matter. They found that the grocer of those cucumbers had a high cost of production—rent on the land, cost of fertilizer and implements, cost of hired men, cost of risk, cost of transporting the crop to town. And the vegetable grower complained that he could not make any money.

Next the committee found that the wholesaler had a host of service costs to pay. He had capital invested in buildings, he had to insure his buildings and risk on the perishable products; he had workers in the plant, stenographers, salesmen and others to pay; he had transportation costs out to the retailers to whom he sold. All the time the cost of services put into that jar of pickles was rising. And the wholesaler complained that he could not make much profit.

The grocer also had capital invested in his building, and in storage room, and in refrigeration. And the grocer had to pay a host of sales clerks, and office help for cash customers, and more office help to take care of customers who found it more convenient to pay their bills once a month or less. And the grocer had to pay a delivery boy to take those pickles out to the home of the lady who had made the complaint. More services piled up, and the grocer complained that it was difficult for him to make money.

When the Committee of Agricultural Inquiry got back to the lady who had complained because she only got two cucumbers for thirty-five cents, about the only thing they could tell her was that there were a very large number of services that had to be performed on those cucumbers before they reached her in the form of sliced pickles. That every person who rendered those services had to be paid. That paying for all those services had made it impossible to get the pickle to her for any less than thirty-five cents. And that the only way the cost to her could be reduced would be to find some way to reduce the number of services.

And then that lady sat down and figured out that if she had bought two pickles in the vegetable market, paid carriage down to the market and back, paid for all the materials to put up the pickles, paid her maid to do the work, and paid to have the refuse hauled away, her jar of pickles would probably have cost more than it did to order them from the grocer.

STUDENTS COME BACK
John Lindell is back in school this semester. So is Robert Corbett. So, undoubtedly, are many others who have been out of school a semester, or two, or more.

It is particularly difficult to get back to school after a continued absence because of the tangle of

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 creed: 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.

The few remaining older heads sighed sadly. "Destroy this tradition and you permanently wreck an innocent custom, a vital part of Kansu," they advised the governor. "Discretion is the better part of valor," they reminded him. Wonder of wonders, they persuaded him not to act until he had seen the custom in effect, until he was sure of what he was doing.

On the sixth day of the sixth moon Kansu's sage, yielding somewhat reluctantly to the advice of his elders, wandered to the open spaces, where he saw thousands of legs belonging to female citizens tanning nicely. By the end of the day the governor had completely

circumstances that one gets into. The longer the lapse, the more tangled affairs become and the harder it is to cut loose from it all and come back into school. A student's return to the campus after an indefinite absence signifies a worthwhile determination.

WISCONSIN STUDENTS TO STUDY LEADERSHIP

New and More Economical System of Graduate Work Installed.

STUDY CLASSICAL LIFE

Two new courses, one designed to train young men and women for public leadership and the other inaugurating a new and more economical system of graduate study, will be given this year at the University of Wisconsin as an experiment.

The course in public leadership will consist of a four year course in classical humanities, provided for the study of Greek and Roman civilization in a manner that will provide an indirect attack on the modern American problem, while the other involves a new method of graduate study under which the university will commission thirty-six of its productive scholars in the direction of between sixty and seventy important researches.

Informal master-apprentice relationship between thirty-six scientists and scholars directing the researches and their graduating stu-

changed his mind. He had no intention of interfering with the tradition cherished by the womanhood of Kansu. "It really is a nice, picturesque custom," he remarked. "Thus far everybody is happy including the Hon. General." Kansu is, of course, several thousand miles away from the university campus. Yet, strangely enough, the problems of both are similar. The Kansuans convinced their political mogul that traditions are pleasant, innocent pastimes, and are often very beneficial. May the Californians do likewise!—Daily Californian.

A Political Machine Falls.

The federal government's extensive reduction in veterans' relief was one of the best things that has ever happened to the American Legion.

Through promises of obtaining governmental aid for ex-service men, the American Legion was able to build up one of the most politically influential organizations in the country. Until President Roosevelt knocked the props from under it, the Legion was able to get almost anything wanted from congress.

As a result, the whole organization was generally discredited, and "pension racketeers" and "treasury raiders" were opprobrious epithets hurled at the Legion.

President Roosevelt's economy bill caused great hardship to thousands of veterans and their dependents. This fact has made it necessary for the Legion to revamp its program to prevent veterans who do not need and who do not deserve aid from sharing the government's relief appropriations.

As the time of the annual convention of the Legion nears, officials are laying plans to see to it that only deserving veterans and those who were actually disabled while in service are placed on the federal payroll. They have recognized that the Legion can no longer continue its quondam policy of getting all it can out of the government. —Oklahoma Daily.

dents will supplant the traditional system of graduate study, consisting of formal lectures and regularly scheduled seminars in the latter experiment.

Only ten students per year for four years will be allowed to enroll in the public leadership course. Thus a total of forty students will be enrolled in the course at one time. They will be trained in Greek and Latin language, in literature

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, economic, politics and religion. According to Prof. A. D. Vinspear, 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 life.

The tutorial method of instruction will be used in the new experiment, and students in the course will be required to pass a comprehensive examination covering everything taught during the four years.

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BASEMENT.

PRIVATE MECHAM, K. P., DESCRIBES WEEKS "CUT OFF FROM CIVILIZATION" AT NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD CAMP

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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, bushels and bushels of them. I never want to peel another potato as long as I live."

At 12 o'clock fifteen hundred hungry national guardsmen put away their guns, their pick axes, their yarn swapping, or what not, and march into the company mess halls for dinner. The menu will be potatoes, gravy, beef or pork, beans, tomatoes, onions, cabbage, pudding or fruit, and iced tea or lemonade. After dinner the kitchen and mess hall get their second daily scrubbing.

GREEK GOVERNING GROUP TO DISCUSS REORGANIZATION

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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," Thiele indicated, "is, 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."

Hand in hand with the reorganization steps to be taken will be a discussion of the new alumni interfraternity group, now in process of formation, which the Interfraternity council is expected to approve.

AG STUDENT GOES TO MILLS
Institutional Management Graduate Assists at School in West.

Dorothy Luchinger, former Ag College student, is at Mills College. Mills College, Calif., this year assisting in institutional management. Miss Luchinger 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 farm committee, and belonged to the home economics sororities Phi Upsilon Omicron and Omicron Nu.

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Cut lettuce leaves to be used in sandwiches with a pair of scissors. Trim off all edges that project beyond the edge of sandwich.