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## Hodge Podge For Sunday.

EARLY in the fall it was the beginning of school and the beginning of all the school's undergraduate activities that made up the campus chatter. Then for a time it was a mixture of classes, football, and clubs, with occasional social highlights in the lives of those busiest of all people—the students. Examination periods brought intensity from time to time, and there was the serious business of character-building going on all the time more or less unnoticed.

All this was the panorama of the university as it presented itself to the bird's-eye view; and all of it seen together makes an interesting picture of flashes and change on a solid background. The scenes have rarely been the same for very long, but the permanent university background blended of tradition and education has not changed.

The latest embodiment of the tradition, and the most recent part, of the university panorama has been the seasonal spectacle of the Military Ball, which brought the week just past to a grandiose climax of glitter, glare and gallantry. It was a climax that did not bely the week's early promise of being a full one, for the curtains rose Monday to present a campus coming back to life after Thanksgiving vacation. Rose Bowl talk was in the air those first days of the week, and with it was mingled some determination as returning students and faculty members realized that the second six weeks of the semester had passed.

In the sports realm football interest maintained its place and last-of-the-season dinners claimed attention along with the more general Rose Bours,

slow to die. And it was honorary season in The Business Administration and Engineering colleges when Beta Gamma Sigma and Sigma Tau took in new members.

So the university's week went, lumbering, perhaps, but on its path of education."

"The business and pleasure of education," and "the life of a university" are stereotyped phrases, but they are the only possible ones to describe the thousands of lives involved in a university week. Special occasions brought attention to bear on the interests of individuals and groups from day to day, but education's thousand aspects was this week, as always, dominating and basic.

## A Question Of Costs.

Franklin W. Johnson, president of Colby college, views fraternity and sorority expenses from a new and interesting aspect. In his opinion the Greek rather than the local organizations of Greek groups are responsible for large house bills. His report, published by the New York Times a short while back, directs attention to the fact that expenses for living in a fraternity or sorority house are much lower than they were four or even three years ago. He attributes practically all this reduction in expenses to the work of the local structures and points out that in many cases the national set-ups have continued to operate in an extravagant manner.

"Taken one by one the activities of national organizations are useful and good; when considered as a whole there is danger lest they absorb a disproportionate share of our fraternity expenses," declared the head of Colby college. The underlying policy of their work should be one of evaluation and retrenchment rather than expansion. It seems that an extensive program of bookkeeping, so many traveling secretaries and highly paid officers are entirely out of keeping with general plans of economy. This was Dr. Johnson's conclusion after surveying the situation carefully.

The Nebraskan is in no way over-looking the importance of a well organized headquarters for all Greek groups. It does, however, argue that these headquarters should co-operate with the local organizations in economy measures which are being sponsored in order to make students' education possible.

Many students on both the Nebraska and other campuses are partially or wholly supporting themselves while attending school. Since this is the case, it is impossible for them to spend a large portion of their income to live in a "Greek" house when they can live for half the price some place else. It appears that young men and women are learning the value of a dollar and are able to use it more wisely than in former years.

If a time comes when only students from the wealthier homes can afford to pledge, Nebraska fraternities and sororities will no longer be even as democratic as they are now. It will mean that "money" alone will become the rule for measuring students' merits. And that will be the end.

## The Student Pulse

Best, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of social newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

## Investigation Called For.

To the Editor of The Daily Nebraskan: Another election has gone down the ways and another honorary position filled—and another whispering campaign begun. In the face of this succession of storms of rumor or truth, whichever they are those of us who have been students of Nebraska in the alleged "good old days" are wondering just exactly what, if anything, is happening on the Nebraska campus.

It is rumored that three sororities have formed a triumvirate, with sufficient backing, to cinch the three honorary positions which happen to be elective. Therein lies the paradox. How can an elective position be cinched? A second rumor is that in the election before this last one, the ballot box was stuffed, and that this has been admitted. The third rumor is that the next position, that of prom girl, will go to the third member of the triumvirate and it also happens to be an elective position.

Then to go back to last year. It is openly said that in one of the major elections of the first semester, one girl was elected but another presented. The information is purported to come from no less than from members of the honorary for women.

As stated at the beginning, there may or may not be any truth to all this, but it has been admitted that it has split the campus into antagonistic groups—not opposed for the sake of competition—but "nastily" opposed, if we may use the term. Political lines have been realigned in the hopes of stemming the rise of opposition parties and the "barb" threat is being treated as more of a menace than a travesty. The writer happened to be at the Military Ball and overheard a sorority girl say this, "I'm so glad Anne is honorary colonel. What a terrible thing it would have been for a barb to have gotten it." Is this the sentiment prevalent among the sororities? If it is, it isn't exactly conducive to this thing we've always spoken of a "Nebraska spirit."

But don't get the idea that these rumors are confined to women's honorary positions. They embrace about every office and position on the campus, not even excepting your honorary societies. And they come with the same increasing frequency that we mentioned.

A few years ago, a football rally brought out thousands. The writer can remember when three thousand used to gather on the old drill field—now the mall—to put a little life in the team. This year 500 attended a rally and drew big, black headlines. It was treated as a great thing, when it should have been shamed.

Those of us who have gone to Nebraska rather hate to see the old campus activities degenerate into a succession of "dog fights" and petty backbiting that serve only to give rise to ugly rumors. And to those of us on the outside this is exactly the panorama we get. Please understand that we aren't attempting to meddle, but perhaps we speak for the thousands of alumni, who'd like to see the fine traditions of a great university perpetuated and the years to come filled with the fulfillment of the dream of a whole state, a greater Nebraska.

If there is any base to the rumors, it should be investigated into by a thorough investigation by those in proper authority—and that same investigation might just as irrevocably prove that the rumors are entirely without justification and nothing but cancerous sore spots of disgruntled losers. By the same token, whatever the outcome of such an investigation, if set up, it should be made public knowledge and faced fairly and squarely. It is our belief that it would justify itself from either angle—either the proving of a false or a true base. How about it?—Alumnus.

## SUPERVISE SALE OF CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Will Use Proceeds to Send Representatives to Estes Meeting.

Indications show that sales of Christmas wreaths, seals, ribbons, wrapping paper, calendars and candy which are being supervised by the conference staff of the Y. W. C. A. will be good, according to Jean Alden, president of the organization. The proceeds of the sales will be used to help send representatives to the Estes conference in Colorado next summer.

"Students think of wreaths, candy, brightly colored wrapping papers and ribbons and calendars as a necessary part in the observance of Christmas," stated Jean Alden. "The Y. W. C. A. is giving them a chance to buy these things at a reasonable price and at the same time put the profit gained by the sales to a useful purpose."

Sales are being carried on thru representatives from sororities and other organized houses on the campus. The representatives collect the money and take the orders which are filled by the conference staff. Co-operating with the Y. W. C. A. are the Palladians and the Delian Union society. Orders will also be taken directly at the Y. W. C. O. office in Ellen Smith hall, according to Miss Alden.

## + Contemporary Comment +

### Idea Gone Wrong.

A few weeks ago when the state of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota announced that with the aid of the federal government education would be made possible to those who had been forced out of school because of financial distress, it seemed that a new experiment in popular education was on the way.

It seemed clear at that time that whether this plan would gain widespread recognition depended upon Minnesota's success in administering it. The eyes of the American educational world were upon Minnesota.

Last week the federal government set aside \$120,000 for the purpose of administering this aid to students. But it made a stipulation which sets a doubtful value upon the whole experiment.

For the federal relief administration decided that the money was to be used for 1,000 men and women who are now on federal relief payrolls. Their purpose, of course, was laudable—to give it where it was really needed, and to prevent abuse of the great privilege of free education.

But Minnesota's educators are dissatisfied, and rightly so. No longer does this carry the stamp of a great educational experiment, for it excludes many of those who are in need of the kind of help which the university could extend them.

Few persons will quarrel with the project of giving schooling to those who must now live on charity. The quarrel is rather with the fact that such a limitation has been set.

For this action of the federal government eliminates the possibility of giving aid to (1) students who are now enrolled in the university, but who will be forced to drop out because of lack of funds, and (2) those who have been forced to leave school in the last few years, but who have been able to support themselves without unemployment relief from the federal government.

The folly of the federal government is obvious. By a careful administration, this money could have been used to aid far more than 1,000 students, to whom a few dollars means the difference between an education and enforced

idleness. The unwise limitation marks the first step toward the failure of a great idea—The Daily Iowan.

### 'Now at Nebraska—'

We always feel sad and a bit sheepish when that in which our youthful faith has been placed proves to be nothing but an impasse. Cap and Gown having fitted itself into that category, we pause to bemoan not the passing of one of our ideals but rather our own foolishness for having clung to it for so long.

It has always been suggested that elections to Cap and Gown were not conducted on the highest ethical plane, that its purpose is almost purely social. We hated to believe it. Campus leaders, we hoped, would not stoop to political intrigues in recognizing, officially, other campus leaders. We were disillusioned.

So were the three members who resigned. They had worked for Cap and Gown election as the highest achievement in activities offered to a Stanford woman, only to find that in it or out of it, the reason for their status was sure to be allied with some sort of shady politics.

Hoping to prevent a continuation of this, they proposed what they felt to be the only solution—a change in membership requirements and the adoption of a new purpose. Sentimental alumnae blocked their move. Weak actives fluctuated between the two factions, hoping for some sort of conciliation, they knew not what. In view of the fundamental differences of opinion, it was felt by the three that their purpose could not be achieved; therefore the resignations.

Cap and Gown has an amendment on its records providing for automatic membership on basis of campus positions only. It may choose to ignore it, as it may also choose to ignore the new purpose proposed. Those who are left may profit by the sacrifice of these three members and work to make Cap and Gown an organization respected and revered on the campus, as well it should be. Or they may continue the devious methods of election and the mending of actions of the past.—Stanford Daily.

## University of Nebraska School of Music

Advanced students will give the concert for the tenth musical convocation at the Temple theater Wednesday at 4 o'clock. The program: Bach, "Concerto, No. 1, First Movement"; Larry Geisel, (Mr. Steckerberg); Rameau-MacDowell, "Sarabande" and "Paradise"; "Toccata," Vance Leminger (Mr. Schmitt); Peri, "Nel Puro Ardore"; Meyer-Helmund, "Of Thee I'm Thinking, Margaretha" and "Hills of Home"; Merritt Wells (Miss Wagner); Juon, "Nymphs at the Well"; MacDowell, "Wilde Jagd"; Margaret Baker (Mr. Harrison); Semmartini, "Sonata, G Major"; Lenore Olin (Miss Zabriskie); Schumann, "Sonata, G minor"; Reba Jones (Mrs. Smith); Handel, "Where'er You Walk"; William Stiversom (Mrs. Gutzmer); Sinigaglia, "Rapsodia Piemontese"; Eunice Bingham (Mr. Molzer).

The regular student weekly recital was held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Temple theater. Students appearing were: John Erickson and Velora Beck (Mr. Schmidt); Helen Lund, James Fitch and Merritt Wells (Miss Wagner); Marjory Helvey (Mrs. Smith); Marian Munn and Willard Robt (Mr. Harrison); Emanuel Wisknow of the violin faculty presented a violin recital at Concordia college,eward, Neb., Friday evening. He was accompanied by Ernest Harrison of the piano faculty.

Antonie Coniglio, student with Alma Wagner, will give a concert in each of the following cities, beginning Dec. 12: Fayetteville, Ark.; Bolivar, Mo.; Columbus, Kas.; and Salina, Kas. Genevieve Wilson of the piano faculty will accompany Miss Coniglio in her series of recitals.

James Fitch, student with Alma Wagner, is singing "Prayer" by Curran at the First Baptist church this (Sunday) morning.

Students of the class of Maude Gutzmer have taken part in the following musical programs: Adelaide Cash sang at Joslyn Memorial, Omaha, last Sunday; Sydney Pepple was one of the soloists on the KFAB anniversary program last Tuesday evening; Mrs. Gutzmer presents her students in weekly recitals on three Tuesday evenings of each month.

Develop Rackets In College World States President

Collegiate racketeering has at last received official recognition, from no less an authority than President Ralph Cooper Hutchison of Washington and Jefferson college.

Addressing the New Jersey State Teachers' association, he charged that college students not only have developed their own undergraduate rackets, but that many, many graduates have chosen vocations which require them to engage in corrupt practices and to participate in graft.

Rackets Are Open Secret. As every student knows, President Hutchison's statements are something more than an outburst of sensationalism, that the existence of campus rackets has been

## QUESTION FOR DEBATE CONCERNS PRESIDENCY

White Announces Topic for Nebraska Debaters Next Semester.

"Resolved: That the Powers of the United States president should be enlarged," is the subject chosen by Prof. H. A. White, varsity debate coach, for the second semester.

The date for the tryouts for the second semester debate team will be held sometime during the last part of January or early in February, according to Prof. White.

Question Involves Permanency. "The special interpretation that should be placed on the subject for next semester is whether the powers granted to the president at the present time should become a permanent set up," explained Prof. White.

Books for the subject will be placed on reserve in the main library, and will be available in a few days, it was stated.

## WILL DISCUSS ETIQUETTE

Secure Eloise Spoerry to Address Members of Charm School.

Attendants of Charm School will hear Eloise Spoerry, instructor in the Home Economics department, discuss modern table etiquette at a meeting to be held Tuesday at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall. Elizabeth Hendricks is to preside at this regular weekly meeting. Kathleen Becker, who has charge of the program, urges all women students interested in the subject listed to attend.

## RAG

Former Student Is Assistant of Museum

Paul O. McGrew, who was a graduate of the university in 1933, visited the campus last week enroute to Berkeley, California, where he will act as assistant in the museum of the University of California. For several years he has worked as assistant here in the Morrill hall museum, and as field assistant on the Morrill paleontological expeditions.

From a survey made at Ohio university, co-eds seem to think the ideal man should be a cross between a dancing angel and an intelligent athlete.

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## Ag College

By Carlyle Hodgkin

### COMMEMORATION DINNER

Girls in the home economics department met Saturday night at the Y. W. C. A. for their annual Ellen H. Richards dinner. Each year they meet thus as nearly as possible on December 3, Mrs. Richards' birthday, to pay tribute to her and the work she did in giving home economics a sound, workable basis.

Mrs. Ellen H. Richards, founder of the science of home economics, was an inspirational person; her memory today is an inspiration. In her life she lived and carried out her ideas and ideals. She was born in New England in 1842, graduated from Vassar with high honors. Her name then was Ellen H. Swallows. After Vassar, she became the first woman student in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where she made a special study of chemical and bacteriological problems of water sanitation.

About 1874, after her marriage, Mrs. Richards began taking an active interest in domestic science. She taught classes in her home for poor women, instructing them in ways to prepare cheap yet nutritious meals for their families. She also held regular classes in her home for working girls, teaching them the rudiments of homemaking and the art of preparing adequately balanced meals. These activities she continued for several years, and at the same time she was in charge of water sanitation in Massachusetts Technological Institute, serving as city sanitation engineer, and making dairy water analysis.

Friends who visited in her home during those years say that she was the spirit of hospitality. At one time she had so many guests, it is said, that she and her husband gave up their room and went to a hotel several blocks away after their guests had retired and came back before the guests were up. They told no one until after the guests had left.

Her home was simple. There were no curtains on the windows and very few things about the house to collect dust and dirt. She firmly believed in simple foods and as a result served few condiments and almost no rich foods. Her usual and favorite dessert was fruit, either cooked or fresh.

Meanwhile, all over the country cooking school were growing more popular and Mrs. Richards was being called on more and more to help. In 1908, as a result of the interest manifest everywhere in domestic science, the first of a series of conferences was called at Lake Placid. All the notables in domestic science and foods chemistry gathered. The first thing they did was to kill domestic science and create home economics in its place. And they founded the Home Economics association, and elected Mrs. Richards president. She held that position the rest of her life.

As the founder of home economics, Mrs. Richards began a service which it is up to home economics girls of today to continue. We meet, therefore, at the Ellen H. Richards dinner to pay tribute to this great woman and to face the responsibility of carrying on the work she started.

L. R. T.

## Interviews With Ghosts

by Maurice Johnson

This is one of a series of imaginary dialogues concerning the ideal university life. The dialogues will appear at regular bi-weekly intervals.

### JONATHAN EDWARDS.

HELL-FIRE and brimstone were the subjects of Jonathan Edwards' sermons, and I was surprised, when his ghost was pointed out to me, to find him physically frail, rather than robust and dynamic.

"I should like to ask you a few questions," I said as I approached his ghost. "What were pre-Revolutionary ideas of a university of America? You were honored with an early presidency of Princeton, were you not?"

"It was hardly an honor," he told me. "I wept when it was announced to me, I was so annoyed." But what was your manner of organization?" I asked.

"A university," said Jonathan Edwards, "should be a nursery of piety. As president of Princeton, I was charged with the care of souls just as I had been in the ministry."

I inquired, "How did the college boys like your attitude?"

"They were much in accord," he said. "I held numerous theological discussions with members of the senior class, and all were most successful. Oh, it seems a reproach to the land that instead of being places of the greatest advantages for true piety, colleges often put the morals of a youth in danger of infection."

"Well," I remarked, "a university cannot be a religious seminary entirely."

"There is a great deal of pains taken to teach the scholars human learning," said Jonathan Edwards, "there ought to be as much, and more care, thoroughly to educate them in religion and lead them to true and eminent holiness. It is the true duty of professors to train young men to be prophets, and this with extraordinary care."

"But are you certain the young men wish to be prophets?" I asked.

"They are corrupted if they do not," said the ghost. "I am in favor of frequent and private conversations with university students about the state of their souls. These would be effective, I think. Students then might realize the true meaning of life."

"I wonder how you would fit in as the president of Princeton today," I asked.

Pledging themselves to go to jail rather than fight in the event of war, 200 Columbia university students, in addition to a score of faculty members, went on record for pacifism.

At the end of a three week rushing period at Brown University, the freshmen assembled at Sayles hall, where after a formal meeting, they receive envelopes containing bids from the houses that wish to pledge them, and then sign under their choice and at once go to that house to receive their pledge pins.



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