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On Being Provincial.

CRITICISM of the Daily Nebraskan's news policy is voiced in this morning's Student Pulse column by R. L. T., who suggests that the student paper is narrow because its news is composed entirely of events happening on this campus.

The Student Pulse

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks.

Provincialism.

When I read the headline "Nebraskan Joins In Aiding Needy" this morning I nearly dropped my cup of coffee. At last the official student newspaper of the University of Nebraska has recognized the fact that there is a world outside of the campus.

To get down to the point I wish to accuse the campus of provincialism—rather an odious term to college students, but one that I think fits the case quite well. With but few exceptions the campus ignores the fact that other people are living, that other events besides convocations, parties, and the setting of Cornhusker deadlines are happening.

Maybe the Nebraskan should not be censured too harshly for their news policy—the editors are probably following out the plan of giving their readers what they want. If this is so heaven pity the students who want to read about nothing more than the routine campus happenings.

REV. INGLIS GIVES TALK

Members of Sigma Eta Chi Hear Address On "The New Patriotism"

"The New Patriotism" was the topic of the address by Rev. Irvine Inglis of the Vine Congregational church given before the members of Sigma Eta Chi, at the regular meeting of the organization Tuesday evening.

necessarily so, feel a responsibility for reporting campus news.

When it is possible to include in this paper matters of broader interest than mere campus happenings, as voiced thru the opinions and facts of campus personalities, it will do so.

Improvement Continues.

THE process of wrecking and clearing the debris of the old houses which stand on university ground facing R st. is rapidly being finished.

This work is merely one of the undertakings in connection with campus improvements. When this newly created space facing R st. is landscaped, an attractive approach to the university grounds will be formed, adding much to the future city campus.

In spite of the severe legislative reductions, the program of beautification is being carried on about the campus. This is as it should be. With materials so cheap, the time presents an opportune moment for the construction and improvement of several projects on the campus.

A Sermon In Song.

THE university coliseum will be the scene of the thirty-eighth annual presentation of Handel's famous Messiah Sunday, under the direction of Howard Kirkpatrick, director of the School of Music.

The university, in sponsoring the production, will receive neither money nor plaudits, but merely the satisfaction of having made possible the presentation of a musical masterpiece, to the student population.

The occasion is well worth the attendance of every student. Whether he agrees with the story of Christianity portrayed in the Messiah is of little significance. Its greatness lies in the spiritual satisfaction of hearing that story told in music.

Unfortunately the student who will not be stirred by the spirit of Christmas that is embodied in this masterpiece of living music.

+ Contemporary Comment +

A Prevailing Attitude.

THE yawning season, which hits the campus about this time each year, is on with the announcement that the drag net is being thrown out for the queen of sports.

With the Prom queen, the Sophomore Shuffle queen, the Frosh Frolic queen, and a couple of other miscellaneous queens to come, the campus is settling down to a season of boredom of the first magnitude.

The chairman of the committee announces bravely that they are "looking for a girl that will exemplify the spirit of athletics."

For years now, the campus has frowned on queens. For the most part they have been girls who revel in the limelight, caring nothing for what intelligent people might think, just so long as they get their pictures in the papers.

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UNICAMERAL IDEA CONSIDERED GOOD

BY PORTERFIELD (Continued from Page 1.) more economical and more efficient."

Mr. Porterfield continued by enumerating the faults of bicameral legislation and said that they were grouped around three points.

"The first point is that with this system, with its many committees, including the conference committee where most of the really important legislation is actually shaped, there is insufficient opportunity to fix responsibility for measures proposed and amendments thereto."

Mr. Porterfield said that the second criticism was that in the present form of the legislature the men who are usually called into service are inexperienced legislators and are called upon to handle important problems to which they have given little or no time prior to the assembling of the legislature.

Most of the states follow the example of the national government in the architecture of their capitol buildings.

Commercial club pledged eight men who will be initiated the first Wednesday after vacation.

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objectionable faults of modern education, the plan has many merits, its most immediate result will be to emphasize more strongly the need for actual studied knowledge of a subject, rather than the abilities to attend class regularly each week, write or procure good term papers, and remain on good terms with professors.

In the past the importance of one's physical presence in the classroom has been too predominant. Of course, it is highly desirable and advantageous to attend classes regularly, yet it seems hardly logical that this should be of any great use as a criterion of a student's knowledge of a subject.

But the most important effect of the new system which has been installed at California, is the encouragement it will give the students to study on their own incentive. Class will continue as before, but it will be possible to earn credits in many courses without actually enrolling in them for a full semester; the only thing that is required is that the student make application for a final examination, prepare himself for it, and pass it.

The present system is, at times, stifling and unencouraging to most students. There is too much routine. Papers are written, books are read, reports made out, and lessons prepared, not because the individuals see them as a means of gaining knowledge, but because they are necessary to pass the course.

The primary goal of study should not be grades, but learning, yet the present system emphasizes grades too much. Most professors give attendance one-third credit, term paper a third, and the final examination a third.

Proponents of the California plan say it will increase the student's responsibility for his own education, and that it will extend the choice of subjects available.

The plan is worth considering for any one of these reasons. If there is anything needed in modern academic life it is a deeper realization of their education, which would be a big step in bringing most of us closer to the fundamental purposes of a university.

Armand Hunter, Stella Hallam, Dorothy Zimmer, Jerry Hallam, Dwight Perkins, Helen Hallam, Mary Kay Throp, Paul Hallam, Harold Sumption, Grace Hallam, Adels Tombrink, Walter Hallam, Irving Hill, Edna Hallam, Nora Osborne, Harry Hallam, Bob Howdy, Mr. Hallam, Roy Squires, Mrs. Hallam, Clara Christensen

DEBATE VARSITY PARTY PROPOSAL

entire student body and not for barbs or Greeks as individual groups. If the proposed measure is adopted, the parties sponsored by the new committee would be truly all-university functions and would do much to erase the present lines that exist between Greeks and Barbs."

At the end of further lengthy debate on the subject, an agreement was still unable to be reached, and it was decided to postpone action until the next meeting.

Plan Booking Agency.

Acting on a proposal suggested at the last meeting of the council, plans for a university booking agency for orchestras were endorsed and a motion passed to create a board to effect its organization.

The student activity tax proposal will again be voted on by all students when they register for the second semester.

Woodrow Magee, editor of the Cornhusker, pointed out that

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

All student organizations of faculty groups desiring to publish notices of meetings or other information for members may have them printed by calling the Daily Nebraskan office.

Sophomore Commission.

Sophomore Commission will meet Friday at 5 in Ellen Smith hall. Elizabeth Shearer will lead the discussion on Cuba.

Barb Meeting.

The Barb meeting, under the sponsorship of Margaret Medlar, will be held Monday, Dec. 18, at Ellen Smith hall at 5 p. m.

Social Dancing.

The second beginning dancing lesson will be held Friday evening at 7 o'clock in the Armory. Social dancing hour will begin at 7:30.

CLUB WILL MEET.

Tanksterettes will hold an open meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the swimming pool. All girls planning on entering the meet Dec. 14 can have the time in which they swim a relay taken.

Ag Frosh Council.

Prof. T. A. Gooding will speak at the freshmen council of the Ag Y. Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in room 302 of Ag Hall. His topic will be "The Place of Church in the Life of the Student."

All men interested in working on the business staff of the Awwgan meet with the business manager at the Awwgan office in U hall Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:30. Carlyle Sorenson, Bus. Mgr.

GERMAN CLUB.

There will be a German club meeting Friday afternoon in Gallery B, Morrill hall, from 4 to 6 o'clock. A varied program will be offered and refreshments served.

Dramatic Club.

Dramatic Club will meet at 7:15 tonight in its club rooms in the Temple building. All pledges must pay their pledge fees at this meeting.

Barb Girls.

Marjorie Smith's division of the Barb girls' organization will meet Thursday at 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall.

Initiation is Postponed.

Initiation of pledges into Gamma Lambda, hand honorary, has been postponed until Tuesday, December 20, according to an announcement made by Bernard Jennings, who is president of the organization.

Kappa Phi.

Kappa Phi will meet Thursday evening at 7 o'clock at the Emmanuel Methodist church, Fifteenth and U streets. There will be a short Christmas program given by the pledges. All members are urged to be present, and anyone else wishing to attend is also cordially invited.

The prices quoted for the Cornhusker and Daily Nebraskan will be subject to slight variation over a period of years due to the constantly changing price of materials used by them, and therefore might cause a small difference in the amount of the activity tax.

The council rejected a petition of the Corn Cobs for a closed night on Jan. 23.

MEMBERS OF CLASSICS CLUB ARRANGE AFFAIR

Saturnalia Party Will Be Held Thursday Night; Sing Latin Songs.

A Saturnalia party will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock by the members of the Classics club of the university. It will take place at the home of Oscar William Reinmuth, assistant professor of The Classics, whose residence is 2638 Garfield. About forty are expected to attend.

The Saturnalia was a Roman festival usually held about the seventeenth of December. Usually it lasted over a period of several days which were given over to games of amusement which were prohibited at other times of the year. A mock king was selected by secret ballot to be at the head of the festivities and was called "Master of the Drinking." It was essential that every one present obey his whimsies.

The party will be carried out in this style, games being played on the feast table and Latin songs being sung. Beth Schmidt is in charge of the program and Ruth Emig is in charge of refreshments. Members of the faculty who will attend are Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, and Mr. and Mrs. Reinmuth.

FRATERNITY TOURS CAPITOL

Alpha Sigma Phi Receives Special Trip Invitation From Conklin.

Twenty-five members of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity went thru the Nebraska State Capitol Monday evening in a special tour. The invitation to see the building was extended the group thru the courtesy of Harry P. Conklin, state land commissioner.

Don Linderman, Alpha Sigma Phi pledge, headed the tour and explained the points of interest in the building. Linderman is an employee of Mr. Conklin and the invitation to the group to see the building on a special tour in the evening was given thru him.

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