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Swinging to 'The Left.'

It was to be expected that the action of the five Ohio State students expelled for their anti-R. O. T. C. convictions would draw the fire of those with militaristic views, but seldom have we seen a more lamentable expression of illiberalism than this gem: "The recent stand taken by the five young men in Ohio against military training is part of the advance guard of a deplorable state of patriotism creeping into youth today. I am not for a race of armaments, but I'm for adequate insurance against emergency and for young men who will use physical power as well as mental to protect that which was fought for, for them."

To which we add "Huzzah! Huzzah!" Bring out the trumpets and strike up the band! Telephone the advance guard in Moscow and tell them to prepare for seige! For the Rev. Elmer C. McFadden, state chaplain of the American Legion, has spoken, and his words are those of The Patriot.

The speaker's patriotism goes even further, for he blandly puts himself deeper into the slough of reactionary conservatism with these words: "My concept of Americanism is patriotism to the institutions of this country and to the flag that flies over it." The concept, we might add, probably includes the bonus expeditionary force and the American Legion for which Rev. Mr. McFadden stands.

By way of a prophylactic in the face of this diseased doctrine, it is refreshing to turn from stagnation to the undisguised congratulations with which college students in numerous sections of the country commended the determination of the Ohio State men.

SAID the Daily Ilini, in a veritable blast of anti-war sentiment: "These men of Ohio State merit the highest respect of every college student in America. It is probable that the odds are against them, but they are standing pat for their principles nevertheless. They have that particular quality that can be described only as guts. Men of Ohio, we hail you!"

On the Atlantic seaboard the sedate Daily Tar Heel of the University of North Carolina remarked, in part: "... We can be thankful that there exists such a student attitude to check the militarist. It shows much more bravery than the military zealotry of 1914. We hope that the Ohio State students are upheld in their conscientious objection. Even if they are not, their courage for expression of a worthy cause is to be commended."

And for a final example, these comments from the Wisconsin Daily Cardinal are an adequate expression of collegiate opinion on the expulsion episode: "... Are students still to be considered immature adolescents who cannot decide for themselves whether or not they will sanction the gross brutalities of war? The Ohio State administration answers this question in the affirmative.

"The profession of the soldier is mass slaughter, and the student whose conscience dictates otherwise proves his courage by opposition to any action which will forcibly train him to take part in wholesale murder. It is cowardly for those in authority to hold over his head the weapon of dismissal.

"The five students at Ohio State are proving that there are students in American universities who will unflinchingly stick to their principles even though it entail much suffering on their part. They refuse to return to military drill and will not leave Agri-Fun that everybody remembers.

But even their being gone may have its advantages. Perhaps there are more banjo and mouth harp players whom no one knows about. Perhaps there are potential entertainers among Ag college freshmen and sophomores who can once organized, back the Ebers-Webster-Taylor combination off the earth. If there are, then it's the Coll-Agri-Fun committee's job to dig them up and get them organized.

WILL IT RETURN? Out of a locker in the Ag engineering building disappeared a student's billfold and its contents recently. Last year another Ag student had his billfold disappear from the same place in the same way. Some months later his billfold reappeared—devoid of contents. The student who lost his billfold last week is hoping that he too will at least get the billfold back.

ON THE FARM OR OFF. Mark Sullivan said in the papers yesterday that political observers who take a long-time look at the present administration's crop reduction policy are certain that it is the first step toward a compulsory production control program.

The whole program so far, he pointed out, has been based on voluntary crop reduction by the farmers. But the government has paid them a subsidy for the reduction. When, and if, prices reach reasonable high levels, many farmers will refuse to reduce crop acreages, even for pay. When that time comes, reduction will be achieved only by compulsory regulation.

The first step is optional on the part of farmers, once the machinery is set going, other steps must inevitably follow. And the subsequent steps may become compulsory.

If the opinion of the long-time lookers is true, then the question students in Ag college need to be asking themselves is: "Do I want to be out on the farm taking orders

school unless dismissed. The odds, apparently, are greatly against them, but the college world salutes them while it condemns their administrators, who, in direct contrast, give added power to the forces of reactionism."

So much for the opposition attitude to views like those of the Legion's chaplain. As for the Nebraska, we side with the objecting Ohio Staters, and that probably puts us among the "advance guard" the Reverend McFadden deprecates.

Just Another Convocation.

A THROUNG of 182 individuals, 97 of whom were students of the university, attended the convocation held Tuesday morning at the Temple theater. Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, dean of the Chicago university chapel, told those in attendance, "Where to find religion."

The poor reception given Dr. Gilkey's speech can be attributed to only one thing: the college student, much the same as the average person on the street, resents being told where he or she is to find the religious element in life.

Profound, indeed, was Dr. Gilkey's sermon. Comparing the symbolism of Alma Mater with that of religion, Dr. Gilkey said in part: "Is Alma Mater's voice only sentiment? No, there is an unmistakable note of severity in it—for example exams. . . Religion is deeply aware that the voice of God speaks in terms of judgment. He asks: 'Can we make His grade?'"

"God never comes alive until there is some individual who cares enough to sit on the 'other end of the log,'" cried Dr. Gilkey, "and think it out and talk to him." The speaker further points out that Jesus sat on the other end of the log for several generations. The speaker concluded: "Religion is only to be understood by those who share it. God never sat for His photograph—all we know about Him is inadequate symbol, just as alma mater is a symbol."

These bits of profundity, and others much similar, characterized for the most part Dr. Gilkey's convocation address.

Unfortunately, however, such a deep seated topic, as discussed by Dr. Gilkey, holds little appeal for the average student if we consider that less than one-fourth of 1 percent of the student population found time or interest enough to attend the convocation! In addition, it is to be seriously questioned whether more than a few students had heard of the speaker, directly or indirectly, before his talk at the university convocation yesterday morning.

The mere handful that turned out for the Religious Welfare Council's convocation cannot be regarded as a criterion for student interest in the event that the university should establish a regular system of convocations. Nebraska students have expressed a desire, on the other hand, for convocations of high quality. Given such an opportunity the possibilities for increased student interest in such events would be immeasurably greater, we believe.

There is little need to point out the unfortunate condition of the Nebraska "convocation" program. The facts speak for themselves.

Tradition Rediscovered.

THERE is on the campus an institution that does more to integrate alumni support than anything except football and the legislature. It is the Alumni association of the University of Nebraska, and through its official publication, the Nebraska Alumnus, university ties are maintained with graduates and former students.

The new January number of the Alumnus has been issued, and we commend it and call the attention of the campus to it. Within the covers of this magazine is the stuff with which tradition is nourished. Here, more than in any single undergraduate activity, is a portion of the solidarity that makes an institution live through the years. The university itself is still the university, the Alumnus reminds, for all the changes that occur in its impermanent student body.

It is often only too evident that undergraduates tend to lose sight of the tradition of which they are a part, but reading of the Alumnus as it appears throughout the year might very well correct that tendency. Former students, former classes, former achievements—these are the parts composing the ephemeral whole, tradition, which is greater than any of the parts. The university does have a history; it does have things in its record which can be viewed with satisfaction.

Read the Alumnus, and discover all this for yourself. And discover, too, that a valuable job is being done—and done well—by the Alumni association which sponsors the magazine and the editor who creates it.

+ Contemporary Comment +

Pest Eradication.

We find him in almost every class—this pest who insists upon continuing the already overworked argument or asking some trivial question after the whistle blows. If a student reaches class a few minutes late the professor always receives the blame, but often it is only because he has been politely replying to an inane query of a front page protege who has hopes of a higher grade than his classmates.

The after-whistle student is not confined to the university. A Harvard class, afflicted with just such a member, decided that each student was losing four dollars worth of education every hour the obnoxious classmate argued. The class organized a revolt and every time that member opened his mouth a great shuffling of feet created such a disturbance that he was forced to discontinue his foolish questions.

Of course, the idea isn't entirely practical, but perhaps it contains a clue to the problem to be met. Arriving ten minutes late at one's next class is annoying, particularly when one cannot honestly blame the professor for the delay.—Daily Kansan.

They Have Convocations.

Iowa State may give itself a pat on the back in consideration of the talks here Tuesday by Norman Thomas and that to be given Monday by Dr. J. S. Davis of the Brookings Institute.

Both are liberals, Mr. Thomas, of course, is the national leader of a party and a group of political theorists that were not so long ago mentioned only in whispers in polite society. Socialist speakers have more than once been denied platforms in college communities—communities that called themselves liberal!

And Dr. Davis is said to be an active opponent to the AAA—a characteristic that certainly sets him apart from most of those who will make up his audience.

It is a matter for gratification that the mere fact that a man professes an unorthodox doctrine does not now bar him from a hearing in the college. It is not so long since Iowa State was guilty of something of the kind—a pacifist was a year or so ago refused place in the Union to tell his story. Perhaps the renewed interest in things political and governmental which has followed the depression is partly responsible. At any rate, students are grateful that the college is so willing to uphold their theory that they're able to evaluate both sides of questions and make up their minds for themselves.—Iowa State Student.

Ballyhoo In Football.

Another football season has passed. Another crop of heroes has flashed across the horizon. Much of the credit is due in part to those who have put them before the public. Week after week they have sung the praises of the grid-iron heroes.

A significant part of the nation's football games has been the ballyhoo. Journalistic bouquets have been heaped on the shoulders of the stars.

The public considers football as its autumnal right. Long ago the game reached beyond the campus into the amusement field.

Gradually institutions have had councils and the board of regents.

In response to an attempt to eliminate intramural athletics from being scheduled Monday nights and thus conflicting with fraternity meetings, Harold Petz, intramural director, promised elimination of Monday activities from the Greek schedule. Discussion concerning award of intramural plaques was tabled.

The Tuesday meeting was the last regular one of the semester for the council.

CONTINUE NEW PRICES AT AG COLLEGE MIXER

Arrange for Weekly Event To Be Held Saturday; Name Committee. The new low prices of 25 and 10 cents will continue at the weekly Ag college mixer Saturday night at the Student Activities building. Dancing is scheduled to begin at 8:30 and will continue until 11:30. Vernon Filley, Art Peterson, and Raymond Kinch make up the committee in charge of arrangements for the weekly event. Kinch will secure chaperons, and Peterson will complete other plans.

Show Identification Cards. It is imperative that students show their identification cards before they will be admitted to party according to Vernon Filley. He explained that by allowing only students to attend the events there would be a better representation from the college students.

At the University of Minnesota a vote is being taken among junior and senior arts and science students concerning the foreign language requirements in their courses.

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to hire publicity writers. The high-pressure phrase-makers attempt to satisfy the readers who have gone mad over football. No longer do sports editors, in the face of numerous upsets, say that one team will have an easy task. Throughout the week, copy is turned out telling how hard the game is going to be, comparing the teams, as to their past records, the yards gained, their weights, and other groups of figures are given—which make the dope bucket upset all the larger. It serves to create interest until the game is played. It sounds childish at first. But certainly, ballyhoo plays an important part in football. It may make easy games hard, and the hard games easy, provided, of course, the opponents take the propaganda seriously.

Even if the players do not learn that football is only an accident to their college careers but that the opponent is never to be taken lightly it will prove worthwhile in later life—Louisiana State Reveille.

But What Is a Story?

If Baron Munchausen were to rise from his grave and take up residence on the Bryn Mawr campus, it would be like a homecoming for the old exaggerator. In fact, he might be able to pick up a few hints on the technique of telling stories based on a modicum of truth. All day he could sit and embroider on fact in the company of the campus fiction mongers; for here the Baron would find that stimulus so necessary for the successful story teller. His anecdotes could be enormously improved by the occasional insertion of such emphasis as—"I screamed with laughter, right in his face, my dear!—She (He) fell flat on her (his) face.—I thought I'd fall apart on the spot.—I've never seen anything so howling. . . Don't think it hasn't been charming!" Whimsy aside, the fact remains that the sober charm of understatement has no place in our conversation. Every happening, however small in the beginning, is before long puffed into alarming proportions until, for example, an inadvertent remark of a professor in class becomes a delirious joke at which half the class, unable to contain its mirth, rolled in the aisles. Not only is the subject matter of conversation strange and false, but sentences become loaded with meaningless adjectives and oaths intended for emphasis; and all sense of proportion and all regard for fact is lost in exaggeration of a very silly type.

We have always with us people who think in super-normal terms, and who see everything twice magnified; they may be left to the tender mercies of the psychologists. Still, we hope we are not mistaken in thinking that three-quarters of the college is normal or subnormal, and that the only trouble is that they are too lazy to make sense or nonsense without the aid of exaggeration. We would not mind the general inaccuracy if it had the spice of originality, but too often we can trace every phrase of a certain person to some more dominant conversationalist whose bon mots she is borrowing. At first trial the game of tracing expressions to their sources is interesting and amusing, but by and by it becomes a little drear and the plagiarism seems a positive vice. We are sick of playing the game and would be enchanted if someone, anyone, would take it away.—Bryn Mawr College News.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

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

Picture at Studio, 12:15 Wednesday. Wesley Foundation composed of Methodist Student Council, Kappa Phi, Phi Tau Theta, and the Wesley Players.

LUTHERAN STUDENTS. Lutheran students will meet for Bible class with Rev. Erick Wednesday at 7 p. m. in room 203, Temple building.

SIGMA TAU. Sigma Tau group will meet at 12:00 Wednesday for picture at studio.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ANNEX TWO TITLES IN STATE BOXING FINALS

Heilig and Mann Win Crucial Bouts in Amateur Meet Tuesday Evening. Two of the three university students entered in the state amateur boxing matches, won championships in their final battles Tuesday night. Bob Heilig, freshman, Lincoln, came back after losing to Bud Sawyer, Lincoln, in the light heavy division to outbox, outsmart, and outright Max Von Bergen, university senior, and win the title in the heavyweight class. Heilig left no doubts as to his superiority and the unanimous decision of the judges brought a roar of approval from the crowd. Bob Mann, junior, defeated Wayne Krause after the latter had defeated Kenneth Cook. In other events, Harry Holdren was kayoed in the first round by Jesse McNeely; Merle Cherry, retained his

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Ag College By Carlyle Hodgkin COLL-AGRI-FUN GETS GOING. The date for the 1934 fun-show on AG campus, Manager Bill Waldo announced Tuesday night, will be Friday evening Feb. 16. The date for the first tryouts is Feb. 1. One of the common criticisms of Coll-Agri-Fun in past years has been that it is too long. This year there will be no chance for that criticism. For the number of skits to be presented in the show has been cut from twelve or fifteen down to nine. Nine ten minute skits, the committee decided, with what time is required between acts, will make as long an entertainment as people care to attend. In the past there has been considerable overlapping in the skits, Waldo said, and that will be eliminated by cutting the show to nine skits. The most interesting spots in what might make several mediocre skits can be combined to make one really good skit. Students who can look back at Coll-Agri-Fun last year know that the committee this year has a real job if they hope to register any improvement. But it looks now like the committee is going at their job with improvement in mind. The idea of cutting down the number of skits in order to improve each one has merit. Every organization on the campus is working on some part in the Coll-Agri Fun show. Every now and then around the campus it is possible to overhear students talking about songs, or dances, or impersonations, or some other form of entertainment. The subject of Coll-Agri-Fun brings up another thought. How can we have Coll-Agri-Fun with out Al Ebers, Jason Webster, Virgil Taylor, and some of the other boys who played banjos, mouth harps, and what not, and were always there for the job? The cowboy acts those boys have put on in past years are one part of Coll-