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A Message to the New Innocents.

IVY DAY is gone for another year. Yesterday afternoon representative activity people on the Nebraska campus held the campus spotlight. They were kings for a day. But Ivy Day is gone.

For many, selection to membership in the senior honorary societies was the glorious climax to three years participation in extra curricular activities. In the Mortar Board and Innocents societies they saw the realization of a sincere ambition. For them the honorary societies held tremendous significance.

Other activity people were interested. Still others were present at the ceremonies prompted by natural curiosity. But with the passing of Ivy Day, all will lose interest in what the members of the organizations do during the coming school year.

New members of the Innocents society were selected for achievement in extra curricular activities, Mortar Boards, likewise, selected successors to carry on the traditions of that group next year. Between them, the new members of the senior honoraries should represent the outstanding group of men and women on the campus.

But they should disillusion themselves. Yesterday's recognition means little if the new members harbor thoughts of grandeur, omnipotence, and greatness. They will find this a comparatively simple way to make themselves perfectly obnoxious... even ridiculous.

The newly tapped members of Innocents society, we feel, can play a constructive role in student activities. They should recognize in yesterday's distinction something more than recognition for participation in activities. They should see in it an opportunity to offer service to the student body and to the university. They should realize that the senior honorary organization offers them more than a happy haven for resting senior year in the university.

As such, they should use their influence with discretion. Members themselves should carefully guard against using their position as a means to dictate the petty political destinies of fraternity brothers. For they should realize this year, more than in the past, that the Innocents society has been the target of criticism on this score innumerable times.

New members have an excellent opportunity, during this time of unrest on the campus, to open up activities to all students. For here, again, the Innocents society has fallen into disrepute by narrowing down opportunities for advancement in activities to faction affiliates or hopeful fraternity brothers.

In short, then, the Innocents of next year must realize first of all that the organization to which they have been chosen members is, at best, little more than accepted by the student body. They should realize also, if recent developments have made any impression, that others refuse to stand by if activities are exploited by the senior men's honorary organization.

With this in mind, it would seem a trifle unpolemic for the new members to see in their positions a chance to preserve the divine right of fraternity heritage. They should, above all other interests, act in accordance with the best interests of the university. Should they do this, criticism will be less bitter, and far less frequent.

College Days Idealize Professional Spirit.

WITH the squeals and the shouting over for another year, Ivy Day leaves its backwash today as members of the various colleges band together for afternoon and evening merry-making. Almost submerged by the Ivy Day acclaim, the college days come and go each year with little more than a thankful thought from the student who sees an opportunity to get out of classes, but behind the college celebrations is an idea and an ideal.

When the groups were smaller, the day was the occasion for a sociable get-together. Now if ticket sales go well, the day is likely to be little more than an occasion for mob picnics. But the survival of the fetes through the years indicates that values are hidden somewhere behind the "festivity," and a re-examination of those values may prove enlightening.

First of all, the celebrations are built around a somewhat nebulous thing called "professional spirit." A contributing factor is doubtless the general human tendency for social activities of most any kind. Third, perhaps, is the desire to perpetuate a tradition merely for its own sake.

The last two of these factors, however, are relatively unimportant when weighed with the first. It is the desire to foster a spirit of unity and mutual enthusiasm among students with similar vocational objectives that makes the "college day" idea worth perpetuating.

Now professional spirit is a thing which is bandied about by those whose tongues are easily loosened.

It is hailed as a kind of excuse for all sorts of shady tactics in all sorts of occupations. Actually a true professional spirit stands high among ethical and moral standards as a noteworthy ideal peculiar to a highly developed culture.

It is true that such a definition is subject to various interpretation, but only poets can define ideals. Behind the bare words the thing itself, professional spirit, burns with a bright light. In more mundane language, perhaps this spirit is the urge to serve humanity in the best possible way under the best possible conditions in a given vocation.

How this idea is coming to be applied in the societies of the world is best revealed by a look at professional organization as it has developed within the past few years. From classical times, up thru the guilds of the middle ages and on to the present day the professional idea of ethical practices and mutual interests has bound men together in various forms of organization. The acme of this development is yet to be seen, but indications point to a speeding up of growth.

In England, home of the guild socialists, intellectuals like the Webbs and G. D. H. Cole have advocated such schemes as an entire society built on professional lines. They and their followers and colleagues are partly responsible for the great urge to professional organization in the world today. Even more potent has been the desire of the members of various occupations to better their own working conditions during the lean depression years.

Journalists, engineers, doctors, dentists, lawyers, members of many other profession, have organized or strengthened their organization, particularly within the past few years.

From their activity a surge of the nebulous "professional spirit" is going to make itself felt in the world of tomorrow. As yet, professional lobbies cut across too many other lines of interest to be governing forces, but many observers believe the day is coming when a man's occupation will automatically determine his politically significant stand on almost all issues.

Professional spirit is, undoubtedly, "on the make." It's a growing force. And if today's college day celebrations do anything to weld the campus members of a particular vocation a little closer together, they will have contributed to the growth of a powerful idealism—vastly stronger than anything to be found in the mere traditional celebration of old campus customs.

The Farmer's Fair A Great Achievement.

PERHAPS somewhat overlooked by city campus students in the enthusiasm and excitement of Ivy Day and Friday's college celebrations, presentation of the annual Farmers Fair and pageant on the Ag campus Saturday promises to be one of the most colorful events of the school year. The epic pageant, "American Panorama," which in seven episodes depicts historical achievements of the United States, the intersporitory riding contest, the usual agricultural exhibits, and a host of minor activities, sports, and concessions will combine to bring to the Ag campus a gala day crowded with festivities.

Probably in no other school or college of the university is true "college" spirit so deeply imbued in students as on the Ag campus. Ag men and women alike have given days and nights of their time to planning, working, and practicing for their greatest feat, and are now ready to present to the university and to the whole state an event which has always been, and again promises to be a noteworthy enterprise. Ag students look to this annual celebration as a project deserving only their best attentions and their efforts are to make the occasion one of which they can be justly proud.

The man who does not participate in Farmers Fair preparation is indeed rarely found but Ag tradition has a special treatment for him, in their time-honored "tanking" custom. Each year some inactive individuals are duly immersed in the Ag horse tank and receive a cold bath as the college looks on.

It is unfortunate that a larger percentage of city campus students do not attend the Farmers Fair for which Ag students turn out almost en masse. The event draws many farmers as well as city residents of the state who come to witness and participate in a festival which fits well the background of Nebraska. Nebraska is essentially an agricultural state and in the Farmers Fair is to be found a true manifestation of its wealth and resources and spirit.

The Farmers Fair is beyond doubt an outstanding student achievement, each year and as such should rank high among the university's traditions.

Contemporary Comment

A Somber College Reunion.

Two or three years ago these hundreds of men and women were enrolled in colleges. Many of them were studying on this campus. They were young, enthusiastic, engrossed in the immediate tasks and diversions of undergraduate life.

Today they were reunited on the campus, grimly clinging to CWS jobs around the university. These jobs threaten momentarily to slip thru their fingers. They are making their last valiant stand before they beg for places on the relief rolls or shuffle hopelessly towards the corner.

They were normal college students. They were confident that white-collar men would get more than a square deal. So they soberly attended classes, heard some stimulating, thoughtful words, nestled comfortably in the shade of John Jay hall, played "college boy" in their off-time—and waited.

A few months after graduation their perspective was deeply altered. They had discovered the real meaning of a jobless world. They were, disturbing as it seemed, unwanted.

The CWS projects were inaugurated at a time when the confidence, the deep-seated assurance of these people had reached the breaking point. These projects, glowing phrases and blithe promises, temporarily stemmed the crisis in which they had found themselves.

Then, with startling suddenness, CWS was declared at an end. The breathing-spell was over. Dismissals were to begin at once siming at a gradual abandonment of the entire program.

From that day on no job has been secure. These former students have been in hourly fear of summary release. They have realized their status is no more permanent than that of any manual laborer, that they are subject to forces over which they exercise no control.

These students who once disdained labor organizations, who considered themselves above rank-and-file alignment, now face the alternatives of fighting with their colleagues for these posts or stumbling unaided thru the street. They are facing the realities

which as students they had thought of in detached, academic terms.

College students today are prone to dismiss their fears of just such eventualities. They still nurture the illusions which these employes have seen shattered.

The Columbia seniors who voted blithely for gin, bridge, democratic politics, and college football may see their future shadows in the nervous young men working desperately to halt the doom of CWS.

—Columbia Spectator.

BENEATH THE HEADLINES

By DICK MORAN.

Securing federal approval of the bond mortgage after weeks of legal complications, sponsors of the Sutherland dam project brought new hope of making the development a reality for Nebraskans. Originally viewed as an emergency relief project, the jobless of the state became faint-hearted after watching the plan being balked by miles of government red tape. Not until last week did the Sutherland dam gain priority over the tri-county project, whose backers also wished to gain a federal appropriation. The mortgage will now be returned for execution by directors of the company sponsoring the dam, and after final approval of the PWA board, funds will become available for the work. Since opposition is now needless to the tri-county project, which was intended for the upper Platte valley by a rival company, backers of the Sutherland project should accomplish much in the next few weeks in devoting their entire efforts to obtain final approval of their plan.

Once again the United States became the recipient of the buck so often passed in diplomatic circles. With no opposition from the majority of the world powers, and with Great Britain slipping out of the picture as quietly as possible, the solution of the new Japanese problem, if there is any,

STUDENT LOBBY IS ADVOCATED BY EDDY, IVY ORATOR

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survived some seventy-five years of strife, and it is my purpose to crystallize your wonderings into an organized plan of activity."

The speaker explained that for many years the university was supported by means of a mill-tax levy but following 1919 the school was thrown on the whim and the fancy of the legislative appropriations for its budget, and several times in past years this haphazard method has resulted in near disaster. The idea that the university spends too much money and so should be cut down proves to be foolish economy.

"Realizing that the past years have been serious ones, termed times of economic depression, and that all business interests have been forced to cut their expenses to the bone, to meet reduced incomes, it is admitted that the university has followed the universal custom. All very well for the past, but what about the future; the university does not exist for the past and present alone. Stringent economy practiced unwisely will quickly undo all the labor of years. Paid lobbyists have succeeded in sponsoring their causes to a worthwhile conclusion, but there has been no one to work for the welfare of the school."

The university, Eddy continued, owes a definite duty to the state and in turning out men and women able to fill their place in society and to advance the standing of the state it has done its work. But the state also owes a duty to the school. This obligation is found in the supporters of the school. Men should be placed in office who will be capable of acting in sound judgment and realizing the future effects of a measure, before they give their vote for or against.

"The way to save the university from further disaster is by creating the most powerful and extensive lobby organization in the state. Every student, former student, graduate student, and sympathizer should be a lobbyist for the school—not a paid hireling, sponsoring a cause for the individual gain—but a conscientious supporter for a cause. With a well organized lobby system established that would even surpass the most powerful group of the present time, there would be no more cause to worry about the best interests of our school. Now is the time to start this campaign."

William Eddy believes that the university should get into the next campaign personally. He does not sanction the work of paid lobbyists but suggests that the 225,000 graduates should be gratuitous lobbyists trying to convince the people of the state that the university has suffered long enough at the hands of the legislature.

"The legislature should be populated with men who will be capable of exercising the trust placed in them by the voters to do their duty to the state and its university. The school should not resort to the chagrin of hiring a paid representative to secure its just dues from the legislature."

"The only way to save our school is to get in and fight for it, advertise it whole heartedly and there will be nothing to fear."

COLLEGE DAYS WIND UP WEEK

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Dr. Wilford Payne, professor of philosophy at Omaha university, will make the principal address, and graduates of the engineering college and members of the Lincoln Engineer's club will be special guests at the affair. Toastmaster will be Prof. C. J. Frankforter. Other features of the banquet will be the presentation of all awards won by engineering students this year and the issuance of the "Sledge," humorous publication of the "Sledge," humorous publication.

Law college activities will begin with baseball and pool games in the afternoon and will be climaxed with the annual banquet at the University club, with James E. Lawrence, editor of the Lincoln Star, giving an address on "Lawyers of Tomorrow."

Law initiation. Another highlight on the lawyers' program will be initiation of Cecil Adam, Ralph Rodgers, and

was left solely to the United States. Japan scored a point in her favor when she found it was not necessary to issue a second note, explaining the stand taken in her "hands off China" ultimatum issued last week. Even the possibilities for uniting China to resist new Japanese attacks became slim in the eyes of experts of world problems.

Britain's decision to step out of the picture came after a heated debate in parliament last Monday, when Sir John Simon expressed his apparent satisfaction with the present state of affairs, believing that the United States was more involved in the matter and should take the responsibility. In deserting the cause, Britain is apparently overlooking the Japanese peril hanging over her colonies, where Japanese industrial exploits have created serious inroads in local business. In India, Nationalist newspapers are quite outspoken in condemning their mother country for its stand, pointing out the tendency in Japan to assume a political hegemony over the Far East, which will soon threaten India. They demand plain speaking and quick action for the well-being and safety of their own people. Great Britain's re-entry into the fray should occur soon, or they may expect serious dissension in their colonies.

Up to the present time, the United States department has handled the matter with a firm, but conservative policy, and can be commended for its sure-footed action. America's chief interest lies in retaining control of Pacific waters which surround its possessions, and such aggressive action as Japan has taken is plainly a case of "trodding on toes." Gently reminding the Japanese foreign office of the nine-power treaty which they have broken by their recent action, and calling their attention to interests of other nations, Secretary Hull could have well expected an explanatory note. Since Japan prefers to ignore the notice, it is clear that they will go far to attain the ultimate control of Assia, even if they must become involved with the United States. Next to consider is the armament policy of the future. Japan's recent additions to its armed forces will be quickly augmented without doubt, and a new arms policy for the United States will be necessary if peace is to be kept with its Pacific neighbor.

president; Katherine M. Rommel, secretary; and Nina I. Goldstein, treasurer.

M. E. COUNCIL SELECTS OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

Installation Will Be Held May 16 at Wesley Foundation.

In meeting Wednesday night, the Methodist Student Council elected the following new officers for next year: Lyle Rolofson, president; Harriet Lembke, vice president; Ruth Hornbuckle, social chairman; Dorothy DeKay, recording secretary; Mary Reed, corresponding secretary; Orville Hutchings, treasurer; Irene Leech, deputations chairman; Bernice Meyer, vocational guidance chairman; A. C. Wischmeir, world mission chairman; Carrol Wilson, publicity chairman.

Installation of the new officers will be held at Wesley Foundation, May 16 at 5:30. A covered dish supper will precede the ceremony. Maryetta Feather will act as chairman of the event.

Announcement was made of the annual All-Methodist picnic to be given Saturday, May 12. Transportation to Pioneers Park will start from the Wesley Foundation at 3:30.

Plans were also made for an ice cream social to be given on the Wesley Foundation lawn Friday, May 25. Those in charge of the affair are: Harriet Lembke, Ethel Bauer, and Irene Leech.

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