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## Support The Players!

THIS week the University Players are making a fight for continued high class productions. As Lincoln's outstanding stage company, as a service to the student body of the university, as a medium of expression for students of dramatics, and as servants of the university they are appealing to the public, particularly the student body, for continued support in the annual University Players ticket sales drive, which started Wednesday.

Again Tassels, women's pep club, is handling the drive with its usual enthusiasm, and hopes to repeat last year's success. Until Monday evening students will be offered tickets at a low price, and by purchasing these season tickets can assure themselves of first-class entertainment thru-out the school year.

Many students in the university and citizens of Lincoln fail to realize the prominent position occupied by the university's own company of players. The University Players represent the cultural side of the campus, contribute greatly to the cultural life of each student coming in contact with the organization, and offer first class entertainment to the citizens of Lincoln. Those who doubt the truth of this last statement should witness the fact that Lyle Talbot, former Lincoln actor and later of Hollywood film fame, has expressed the desire to appear with the Players in a production this year and has been cast in a role for one of the current season's plays.

Stage hits from Broadway have been played consistently by University Player casts to audiences of appreciative students and residents of Lincoln. But still far too many students fail to avail themselves of the opportunity of viewing first-class quality productions in the Temple theater. Self-interest should dictate to every one attending the university that he must attend the eight plays this year, one of which is a Shakespearean work.

Because of the boom occurring of late in the legitimate stage field thru-out the country, the Players' management, confident that the people of Lincoln will respond with their support, plans greater smash hits than ever before. In the Thursday edition of the Nebraskan is a list of fifteen productions from which eight will be selected to be staged by the Players this year.

Having completed elaborate plans for the current season, the Players are depending on students to support them more than ever before. If the students fail to offer and guarantee their support by purchasing tickets during the next few days, the Players will be unable to maintain their present high standards.

Students are you willing to help yourselves to some rare entertainment, and will you loyally support an outstanding campus organization? If you will, see a Tassel, and buy a University Players season ticket.

## Is It Worth It?

There are a number of students arriving on the campus a week before registration who are not concerned with fraternity or sorority rushing. These students are looking for jobs to earn their way at the university. Some will secure satisfactory places in which they will earn their room or board while others will not be so fortunate.

As these ambitious youths strive to help themselves many ask the question, "Is it worth it?"

During the period when college education was restricted to the privileged minority, the children of wealthy parents, higher education was considered the lone key to success. Later, state universities afforded the children of the working an opportunity to attend college. They found that four years of study gave them a tremendous advantage over a high school graduate in obtaining a position with a fair income, and statistics still indicate that if the university graduate does get a job he advances more rapidly and farther than the individual whose education is completed in the secondary schools.

However, during the present period of job scarcity, students consider the cultural values of education as much as they do the job-getting advantages. It is in considering the latter factor that the question of "Is it worth it?" is brought forward.

Dwight P. Bracken, director of the bureau of employment, who is the working student's greatest aid, does not agree with the common belief that the student who "works his way" gets more from his university education. He is of the opinion that the working student misses a great deal in his college career because he finds it difficult to participate in student activities. This loss is quite obvious and it is a great one.

The natural conclusion would be that since the working student is not diverted from his study by outside activity he would make better grades. However, even if the general grades of the working student are higher in some cases there is no definite indication that he receives more benefit from his study. Professors and instructors sometimes say the working student solicits their sympathy to secure grades. Many students who are forced to neglect their assignments because of having to work at night or at other times which may interfere with their study schedule, seek to avoid grades by appealing to the leniency of their instructors. In instances of this type the working student is the loser.

These are the losses of the student who has to support himself. What are his gains?

Probably the greatest gain that can be named is the preparation and training he receives for competition in the outside world. It is easily seen that the working student is striving against heavy odds while he is attending school and this will undoubtedly strengthen and develop his abilities to a far greater extent than the student who receives his allowance from home.

The working student receives admiration, respect, and understanding, and he needs all three because they may help to answer the question, "Is it worth it?"—The Daily Illini.

## Scanning

**Our Campus.**  
MANIACAL Barney Oldfields of the Nebraska campus, intent on terrorizing innocent pedestrians on north 12th. street now find their hands tied, unless they have a yen for incarceration in the city jail. The Administration has placed stop buttons on that erstwhile speedway between Social Sciences and the Armory. Such action is a fine safety measure. The buttons, however, are so placed that students will walk across the grass on the parking of 12th. street, thus stamping out that which has found life so hard this summer. Why can't the buttons be planted where the sidewalk meets the street?

To students returning to this campus from burned-out parts of the state, university lawns look like oases. Care-takers have gone to commendable extremes in keeping the campus beautiful. Lincoln citizens found the grounds north of administration building one of the coolest spots in the city this summer.

Another improvement that should have and still should be made on this campus is renovation and some sort of surfacing of the road north of the engineering buildings. It is an abominable eyesore. The fact that Nebraska's highway testing laboratories are housed just south of this road is ironic, to say the least.

## Optimism Is Reinstated.

An air of rare optimism is prevalent in administrative quarters and among student groups on the Nebraska campus today. Registration is rising for the first time in several years, says the administration, and that statement may be fact. One is led to believe its authenticity upon hearing of the extension of the registration period over an additional day.

Sudden announcement Wednesday afternoon that no classes will be held Thursday took every one except the administration by surprise. For several weeks officials have been quietly predicting that registration was due to experience an upswing. Soon observers will know the final facts. It seems that largely responsible for this reversal are 1—Federal aid—FERA and Corn-Hog loans; 2—added desire for education prompted by depression, and 3—the feeling on the part of some new students that they might as well come to school as loaf, if they can possibly do so. It is doubtful if this latter attitude is commendable, but it is a fact that it exists.

However this announcement of extension of registration time may not imply all that the unobserving reader is inclined to believe. Time allotted to registration activities this year was shortened considerably by the school officials. They probably bit off more than they could chew, one-day facilities possibly being inadequate for handling a group no larger than the small ones of this depression period. But there is no doubt that registration of freshmen has risen this year.

Congestion in the Coliseum was regrettably bad thru-out the day Wednesday. Lack of directions and instructions left many of the newcomers to the campus confused as to what they were to do. Entrances were used as exits, exits served as entrances. The complexity of the whole proceeding certainly is puzzling to freshmen.

## CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

### Are We Being Educated?

As thousands of young men and women prepare to enter universities during the next few days parents, educators, graduates and undergraduates critically analyze our educational system to determine whether or not it teaches a man to think and to exercise and develop his faculties.

The Carnegie Foundation which several years ago made a report on college athletics that caused many university authorities to stop and ponder has completed another critically constructive survey called "A Study of the Relations of Secondary and Higher Education." This survey lasted six years and included the state universities, privately endowed colleges, technical institutions and high schools of Pennsylvania.

Since the purpose of this study was to determine the value of a college education in May, 1928, 27,000 seniors about to graduate from high schools in the state of Pennsylvania were given certain tests. In October of that year 49 colleges were asked to follow throughout their college career, with similar tests, all students who had been tested in high school.

The findings of this study are sensational. John R. Tunis writing in Scribner's for September says, "If you are one of those who spent four years of life's brief span in an American university, you will be saddened when you learn what has passed for education in our great land. I doubt whether you will be surprised."

"If you are attending college to receive an education you will be surprised! By comparing the scores of the tests the students made as freshmen with those made when they were seniors it was found that in subjects such as spelling and literature, they knew more in their freshman year. In the general culture test 30 per cent of the seniors were below the freshman average."

This embarrassing survey also discovered that the average senior in six colleges recognized only 61 words out of 100 words "in familiar use by educated people," as compared with 56 recognized by freshmen. One senior knew but 23 words out of 100.

When conditions such as these are revealed there must be something wrong with the system of secondary and higher education. Who is to blame? The Carnegie Foundation places the responsibility on the so-called credit system. These tests showed that it didn't matter how often a student "took a course" if he didn't think about the subject matter for himself.

University professor are quite aware of the attitude of the majority of students who feel that they are through with a subject for good as soon as they receive a passing mark. Once a course is "taken" there is a desire to forget it as soon as possible. In one college it was discovered that a

young woman about to receive a magna cum laude degree took a test and stood fifth from the bottom in a class of 48, and in the lowest 10 per cent of the state. This young woman was a "smoothie" who knew how to "tube" her instructors and take courses that were easy.

The course credit system has been spoken of as the automaton of American education. A student

## YM CABINET MEMBERS MEET SATURDAY NIGHT

### Officers Launch Program of Welcome for New Men Students.

Starting with an informal supper for cabinet members in the YMCA rooms in the Temple building Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, the YMCA has inaugurated its program of welcome for new men students on the campus. C. D. Hayes, general secretary, and Charles Hulac, president, have planned a complete program for the organization during the past week. Ray Kinch is president of the Ag college YMCA organization.

Freshmen men interested in YMCA membership and meetings are invited by the cabinet to go on a freshman retreat to Camp Kinnikinnick near Valparaiso Sept. 29 and 30. Ag college men will hold their annual retreat for first year students at the same place Oct. 6 and 7.

Another activity sponsored by the association was a stag party for Ag freshmen at 8 p. m., Wednesday Sept. 19, in the Ag college Student Activities building.

During the year regular Wednesday night meetings of the city campus YMCA are held in the rooms in the Temple building.

## ENROLLMENT GAIN CAUSE OF ACTION

logues they stood waiting for their chance to see the assignment committee. On the coliseum stage they filled out class cards, paid their fees and were directed to a side room to be photographed as the last step in registration. Camera men were taking "mugs" at the rate of nearly two a minute during the morning. Weary performers and deans could see no let-up in their work as students continued to form lines the length of the 200-foot coliseum floor, waiting for assignment committee cards. Classes were constantly being closed as sections filled. At the extreme end of the building, Dr. A. R. Congdon, chairman of the assignment committee, would climb on a box and, using an improvised megaphone, shout out the numbers of closed sections to advisors over the door.

"Departments had not provided for this rush to register," Dr. Congdon said with a worried smile. "Suddenly classes are filled up and professors are forced to raise their limits on number of students or add emergency courses to their schedules."

Prof's Order Box Lunches. Advisors and helpers found the

puts in a coin, a certain number of hours a week, into the slot, and automatically he receives a credit for the course.

As long as the course credit system exists in the American universities and colleges it will be difficult to educate students who have learned how "to take and forget" courses during the four years of high school.—Daily Illini.

lunch hour crowded out, and at 11 o'clock, doors were shut against more comers. Box lunches were ordered by the dozen for faculty members who hoped to be able to be thru the line of students in time for another rush at one o'clock.

With but one day of registration this year as compared with the two days of past years, comparative figures were hard to obtain. In 1933, 1,776 students had registered in the spring and paid their fees during the summer, as compared with the 2,086 who had completed their registration during the summer of 1934. In 1933, when there were two days of registration, 1,096 students completed their registration the first day and 964 the second day. The total registration at the end of the first week last year was 3,985 and the total collegiate registration for the first semester was 5,075.

Working until late Tuesday night, the assignment committee checked the registration forms of 758 students who had started their registration during freshman day. Last year they checked somewhat more than 500 forms. Classes will start at 8 a. m. Friday. Graduate students will have until October 6 to complete their registration and students at the medical college in Omaha will register Friday.

**TASSELS CONDUCT "TICKET CAMPAIGN"**  
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tra, "Come What May," "Dodge-worth," "Nine Fine Street." New Seats in Theater.

In addition to a finer group of plays the Players also have a few more attractions to offer the public. Included among these is the entire renovation of the Temple theater with new seats. Murals depicting the growth of drama from its primitive stages until the present day also add greatly to the appearance of the auditorium. Due to the fact that they lost very few actors and actresses because of graduation, the Players will offer a much more experienced and capable group of actors than has been seen in Lincoln for a number of years. Armand Hun-

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