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Where Is the Perfect Student?

WITH political winds blowing harder and harder thru American universities, and university students becoming more and more interested, on the whole, in affairs of the city, state, and nation, elements constantly clashing outside of the campus are beginning to hear the din of battle in college halls. Administrative officials are becoming more and more aware of the fact that student practical thought has been urged on to new heights by the economic depression and subsequent conditions.

In the east this fall Italian Fascist students, visiting American schools to advertise their system, were booed and rotten-egged off of several platforms. Student bodies in that section of the nation are becoming more and more independent in their thinking, determined to think as they see fit, and act as their thinking tells them to act.

Out in the free west, school officials have in several instances this fall defied the tradition of freedom of thought and speech by ousting students accused of falling in that vague and hazy class called "red," for want of a better name. The student editor at Santa Clara in California has been forced to resign because of his attitude called "anti-war," and thus radical, by those responsible for his dismissal. Up in Oregon the student editor of the Oregon State paper received his walking papers because of some statements that didn't meet with the approval of some of that state's politicians.

At the University of California at Los Angeles five students of high scholastic standing and of some importance in student activities were ousted from the institution because Provost Moore thought they were "reds" because they were supposedly affiliated with the National Student League and were said by Moore to be planning to turn the university over to Communists. President Sproul of the University of California wisely saw fit to reinstate four of the group of five, failing to explain why he didn't do likewise with the fifth, the only young woman in the group of young idealists.

In discussing the turn of the average college mind toward events of actual and significant importance, the National magazine states in the November 14 edition that "The American college student seems to be in a fair way to learning a few of the facts of life."

College students have done numerous foolish things in the name of practical thought and action during the past few months. They are not, however, alone in performing in such unfavorable and unprofitable fashion.

At U. C. L. A. a group of young students, calling themselves liberals, wished to gather in a forum group to discuss California politics preceding the recent Congressional, legislative, and gubernatorial elections. Evidently the Provost became worried or was put under pressure from the Republican party, the party in power, which feared that stu-

dents might support Upton Sinclair, socialistic candidate of the Democratic party.
College students, in feeling for the first time their power to grasp situations are quite likely to act too quickly and noisily. Such movement arouses either the ire or fear of older people, who hate to admit that they haven't done a perfect job, or fear that they can't remain firmly in their positions if their weaknesses are detected and revealed.

On the campus there are those who are prone to be totally indifferent to public affairs, and those intensely interested in some radical angle of the social and political set-up. Mental lethargy dominates many students, preventing them from becoming at all interested in affairs of actual and great importance except the comic strip and sport page. Then there are the fiery-eyed radicals who in wordy, leather-lunged fashion berate all systems that exist today, but fail to offer any sort of substitute or indicate a willingness to help in correction.

The life of a liberal is a miserable one. Even a half-baked student liberal has a tough life. Liberals, progressive in thought and ideal, must constantly think of the injustices and inequalities of today's society, and for that reason undergo a great deal of mental torture.

Conservatism is the easiest mental attitude to adopt. There is the habit of public and personal action set in a rather solid mold that serves to substantially back a conservative.

In neither the radical student group nor the thoughtlessly conservative group is the ideal at all found. As time goes on student thought and promise until the happy medium is attained. Of course perfection will never be reached, but there is plenty of room for improvement. Wild-eyed, inconsiderate radicalism and indifference are both highly undesirable and will do no lasting good.

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. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired. Contributions should be limited to a maximum of five hundred words in length.

Supporting A Swap Shop.

Perhaps no one group of people were hit quite so completely and so overwhelmingly by the depression as the university students. In spite of this fact, however, the enrollment of colleges and universities throughout the land has not fallen off appreciably. Students may not now have the surplus income they had once, but most of them manage somehow to at least stay in college. In this struggle they are aided chiefly by the fact that almost all college expenses have been budgeted and reduced to a virtual minimum. One factor, however, has apparently escaped scrutiny at the University of Nebraska. That is the sale of new and used text-books. At the present time there are two privately owned stores which devote themselves primarily to this function. They are supplemented by, rather than in competition with, a valiant but rather futile Y. W. C. A. organization known as the "Swap Shop."

This latter is the only institution of its kind on the campus, since its fundamental interest is that of aiding the student body. In a word, however, this "Swap Shop" may be described as inadequate. It occupies a pitifully small and rather inconspicuous niche in the Temple building. The young ladies who operate it receive no personal remuneration, but what little profit is derived goes to the organization which sponsors the enterprise.

The procedure followed is quite simple. First of all, no responsibility is assumed. The books are merely turned over to the girl together with a slip containing the name and address of the owner and the price desired for the book. It is then left until someone calls for that book, or if there is no call for it, until a certain deadline is reached. If the book is sold, the shop deducts twenty percent from the sale price, and when the remainder is turned over to the original owner, the transaction is completed.

As far as this system has been able to progress on this campus, it has proven satisfactory. The principal difficulties encountered, as have been mentioned, are the inadequacy of the space allotted and the lack of popular support. The first obstacle may be removed by remedying the second, as is quite obvious. Whereas in the past it has been handicapped from fulfilling its primary object of reducing the costs of second-hand texts by its scarcely appreciable turnover, in the future its dominance and importance should be enhanced by adequate support. Surely such an altruistic institution is worthy of the support of that student body for whose benefit its efforts are primarily directed. Why not co-operate?—R. M.

Contemporary Comment

Chicago's Mysterious Grading System.

In contemporary comment of college editors, much is being said of the mysterious University of Chicago grading system, instituted four years ago at that great university. During recent times we have stood by and heard faculty and student critics praise the Chicago "no-grade" system to the high heavens on one side and attack it with vehemence on the other, all without having learned anything very definite as to what the plan really was, or how it functioned.

Chauncey S. Boucher, dean of the college, gives a timely explanation of the system in a recent University of Chicago publication. Students in the University of Chicago, his article explains, have full latitude in the use of their ability and are judged by their ability to pass successfully batteries of comprehensive examinations. As a result of this self-imposed responsibility it is pointed out, large numbers of students have greater respect for the courses offered and are working harder with a more intelligent purpose.

Early in the design of the plan it was decided to abandon course credits and course marks, and to rely upon comprehensive examinations open to any student regardless of his length of residence or his having pursued in residence only part, or no part, of one or more of the year courses. In addition to this, it was provided that each one-year course should have a printed syllabus prepared by the faculty members concerned. This was the first guarantee that care in impressive amounts would be given to the organization of each course.

CHANTS

BY CHANCE.
Sometimes the funniest moments in the production of a play such as "Wednesday's Child," occur backstage. In one of the scenes, Bob Ager is ill, so cannot eat any of the ice cream which is being served. The truth of the matter is, that Bob has to change his costume, and his illness is as good a stage as any to get him off the fellows in the cast had their eyes on that quart of ice cream also. After being chased out from backstage three times, into the balcony, all six were finally found perched up on the pin rail, placidly watching the performance, awaiting the end of the play, so they could have that ice cream. Bob also wanted it, so the prop girl put it away for them, and afterwards they were seen thoroughly enjoying the melted, guppy ice cream.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Lutheran Students.
Lutheran students will meet for regular Bible study with Rev. H. Erick, Wednesday at 7 p. m. in room 205, Temple building.

Corn Cobs.
Corn Cobs will meet Wednesday night at 7 o'clock at University hall, Room 8. Members are requested to bring one dollar for the Corn Cob pin.

Y. M. C. A.
The Y. M. C. A. will hold a general meeting on Wednesday evening in the Temple to outline program plans for the remainder of the year. All cabinet members and members of the university Y are expected to attend. Others interested in Y work are invited.

Swap Shop.
Students who have used copies of "Abelle et Autres Contes" by Anatole France or "Passano" for trigonometry to sell should bring them to the swap book shop in the Temple since there is a special demand for these books now. Shop hours, Thursday and Friday from 11 to 12:15.

Barb Girls Meetings.
Barb girls will hold group meetings Wednesday at 5 with Beth Phillips, Thursday at 5 with Rowena Swenson, and Friday at 4 with Margaret Medlar. The meetings are in Ellen Smith hall.

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LITERARY SOCIETIES HOLD JOINT MEETING

Delian - Union Entertained By Palladian Friday At Temple.

Delian-Union members and pledges will be entertained by the Palladians at a joint meeting of the campus literary societies to be held Friday evening at Palladian hall in the Temple. Delian-Union's Thanksgiving program, originally scheduled for this date, has been cancelled.

The two societies have been holding joint meetings semi-annually, the last being on Nov. 17, the Palladians were hosts, and Delian-Union entertained at a program meeting on April 27. At a business meeting of Delian-Union held Monday evening, the following were pledged: Ruth Griffith, Nancy Mumford, Paul Humphrey, Emory Johnson, and Leiland Horner.

BIG SISTERS RECEIVE REPORT ON CHARGES

Reports on Little Sisters will be handed back to the Big Sisters board members Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 3 to 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall. A board member will be present to receive the reports. These reports concern the activities, scholarship, home and school life, and church activities of the freshman Little Sisters. Marjorie Smith is in charge of the reports.

E. C. Reed Called to Southeast Nebraska

Mr. E. C. Reed of the conservation and survey division was called to southeastern Nebraska this last week end to advise farmers with respect to possible water supply. This is but one of the many trips made by Mr. Reed and Dr. G. E. Condra in the last six months because of serious local water supply problems.

CHALLENGE OF MEMBERSHIP

Subject of Vesper Talk Tuesday.
In the glow of candles lit for the initiation service of new members, Miss Bernice Miller, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., spoke of "The Challenge of Membership" at Vespers Tuesday night. Each new member of the organization lit a symbolic candle during the candle-lighting service. Laura Kimball, accompanied by Mildred Walker, sang "In My Father's House are Many Mansions."

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"Every girl wants to be some one, to get some where," continued Miss Miller. "The Y. W. presents a fellowship which will help those who are truly interested."

Elaire Fontain, president of the Y. W. lit the candles for the initiation service and Arlene Bors led the devotions. The vesper choir led in singing of "Follow the Gleam" and presented the usual processional and recessional songs.

INITIATION HELD BY MUSICAL SOCIETY

Honorary Inducts Four at Ceremonies Tuesday, November 20.

Initiation ceremonies for girls recently elected to Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary musical sorority, were held Tuesday evening, Nov. 20, at the Alpha Xi Delta house. Irene Remmers, voice and piano; Betty Zatterstrom, violin; and Margaret Kimmel, voice, are the new members. After the ceremony the regular monthly meeting will be held at the home of Henrietta Sanderson, 4242 South street, at 8:30 o'clock. Violin selections will be presented by June Goethe and Margaret Kimmel will sing several songs. June Goethe has been asked to be soloist with the Fine Arts orchestra in Omaha at Jocklyn Memorial hall, on Sunday, Nov. 25. She will play "A Minor Concerto for Piano" by Grieg.

K.B.B. TEAM WINS INTRAMURAL TITLE

K. B. B.'s Barb team won the Nebraska Ball championship when they defeated the Alpha Xi Delta team last night in the final rounds of the tournament. The Barbs won the first two games of the final set, 15-7 and 15-6, making a third game unnecessary.

The next sport on the intramural program is bowling. Annie Pickett, bowling sponsor, will send announcements of the tournament to the intramural representatives of each house.

'CHAIN THE TIGER' BATTLE CRY FOR RALLY ON FRIDAY

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Fresh Gridders Drill Regardless Weather

Freshman football men will be expected to report for grid practice Wednesday afternoon regardless of weather conditions.
ED WEIR, Freshman Coach.

MISS MILLER SPEAKS AT CANDLE SERVICES

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Brown Derby Loses Lots of Its Potency For Freshman Laws

The brown derby rears its ugly head again. This time, however, that well known power, that makes all law freshmen tremble, has lost some its potency, for in the whole of that greenest of green campus classes, not a single boner has been made that warrants the wearing of the celebrated headgear.

The freshmen say it is because they are more intelligent than preceding lawners, but the upperclassmen have a different story. They say the remarks are so rank, that they are not printable and since the general public cannot know why the offender is being punished, he may not be—a good old principle of English common law.

COB PRESIDENT CALLS WEDNESDAY MEETING

Friday Night Rally Main Topic for Pep Club This Evening.

Discussion of rally plans for Saturday's Homecoming game with Missouri will be the main topic at the Corn Cobs' meeting in U Hall tonight at 7, according to the Cob president, Irving Hill. Gene Pester, who is a member of the rally committee, will announce the arrangements the committee has made for Friday night's pep march. Ticket sale for the Innocents' Homecoming party for the Cornhusker will be summarized, and winners of free Cornhuskers will be announced. In addition, the president hopes that the new Corn Cob pin will be presented for the first time.

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FRATERNITIES START WATER POLO GAMES

More Than Twenty Teams Expected to Vie for Crown.

Water splashing in the coliseum will soon begin with a vengeance when the interfraternity water polo tournament gets under way in a few days. Entries already received include Phi Gamma Delta, Chi Phi, Sigma Nu, and Phi Sigma Kappa. Additional contestants for the crown which was last year won by Phi Kappa Psi are expected to swell the total number of competitors to more than twenty. In keeping with the policy of allowing no lapses in the intramural schedule, water polo will follow immediately upon the heels of the Greek rifle shoot. Basketball, for which entries are now being received, will follow water polo.

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