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How Can We Get A Student Union?

In opposing the editor's idea as to transformation of the library into a Student Union building in the event that a new library were built on this campus, Charles Bursick, contributor to Wednesday's Student Pulse column presents a logical argument. He points out the fact that the library has already been condemned for remodeling because it could not stand the processes or changes in stress. Another of his main points is that if the building were transformed into a Student Union, students of this university would wait many a year for a new Student Union structure.

The contributor states that such a move as remodeling the present library structure into a central building for student activities would come about as a compromise. That is true. What the editor fears is that if the Nebraska student body insists on having both new buildings-the library and Student Union-it will get neither. If it applies pressure on both fronts it will be a matter of years until either building is constructed.

It seems to the editor that the most pressing problem at the moment from the standpoint of the university as an educational institution is that of the library. The present building is obviously inadequate for a school of this size, Already the Board of Regents, administrative officials, faculty members, and that portion of the student body that is appreciative of a good thing and deplores bad situations have banded together in a group, determined to secure a new library in the near future.

General opinion in regard to a Student Union building isn't aroused as is that regarding the necessity of a new library. Students are more interested at this time in the Student Union problem, but it seems advisable that such interest be switched to the library for the time being. It is certain that members of the faculty and administrative groups will not place the Student Union ahead of the library, and without support of those people who run the school a student cause is lost.

In the original Student Activities Tax plan there was provision made for a Student Union fund, but it seems that the tax idea has died because of lack of interest and because it was certainly lost in view of present financial conditions in the student body.

How will money be raised for a Student Union structure? If a fund is started, it will be a long time before it has grown enough to be of much use in erecting a good building for a student center.

It is a matter of fact that both buildings can't be erected at this time. It is obviously true that it to ask for the remodeling of the library. Such a move would knock out all possibilities of a new braska.

Student Union within the next few years.

Mr. Bursick's point is a good one, but will it get us any place? It seems that we shall have to choose between compromise and a philosophy of patience. If the latter is chosen, a fund and plan should be started immediately.

Military Department

Sheds Crocodile Tears. Crocodile tears are being shed by the military department!

Colonel Oury in a statement concerning the use of funds derived as profits from the Military ball and quoted in today's Daily Nebraskan declared that the ball is a "God-send to several hundred worthy, but financially dependent male students,

who according to law, must take military training." Isn't it a pity! We are all glad to hear that the annual Military ball is held so that worthy young men can receive loans to pay for suits that they don't care to wear in a course that they don't want to take but which they must take because the Board of Regents knuckles down to those great benefactors of humanity, Nebraska ROTC, and says they

We are sorry to say that we never realized that such humanitarian motives guide the military department in its work of instruction in the art of mass and legal murder.

Then, too, in the same story it is stated that some of the money known as profit from the annual ball goes to support two military organizations, Scabbard and Blade and Pershing Rifles. Such a motive for holding the Ball is wonderful and fully justifies existence of such a social event.

Miss Heppner, Dean of Women, probably knowing of these high motives, approved of the price of \$2 per couple. Of course \$1.10 was much too high a price for the Homecoming party, according to the Dean of Women. It is now apparent that Innocents society, sponsors of the Homecoming party, have had the wrong idea. The society should find some such worthy institution as compulsory military drill to support out of the proceeds of the Homecoming party, which, incidentally, are exceedingly small in amount.

Is Our Grading System Successful?

Commonly discussed on the campus at this time of the year is the subject of grades. Students who haven't started term papers as yet, and those who have been reported down in their work find it easy and quite logical to berate the grading system as it now exists, and those who are future Phi Beta Kappas are inclined to believe that the system is the best thing on earth.

College editors have often expounded this or that theory about the grading system. Most of them, due to the fact that young people are constantly wishing that things were better than at present, declare that the reward system is out of place and obsolete in colleges and universities. They point to the program and methods recently adopted by Chicago university which provides for no grades, emphasizing the securing of hard facts and knowledge in-

Psychologists have measured intelligence by use of many and various sorts of tests such as I. Q. and Army Alpha exams. Child prodigies have been discovered, have basked in the limelight of public awe for some time, and in most cases their intellectual suns set before they emerge from their teens. Such developments have baffled educators.

Professors vary in their powers of insight and understanding. The teacher who understands his student best is the one who makes use of the grading ner. system, the so-called reward system. When grades are given by a professor of this type they usually are indicative of scholastic and intellectual application and ability

It all comes down to the conclusion that the quality of a system is determined and effected by the quality of the man or men using it. The Chicago system appears to be wonderful in the hands of the man who originated it, but it might work itself into something ridiculous under less capable di-

Any grading system suffers from abuse in an institution the size of the University of Nebraska, because professors and students, because of the great numbers in classes, are unable to make the usual human contacts and acquaintanceships. Flaws naturally appear, and mistakes come about as a natural consequence. But it also would be very easy for a less tangible measure of quality, such as that used at Chicago, to fail because of the very cause would be a bad move on the part of a student group largely responsible for the presence of defects in the grading methods of a large school such as Ne-

lieve, that any intellectual research can be accomplished. Dean Richardson, however, gives

us a new interpretation. He believes that the task of the university and its staff is to give all available means unreservedly to the investigation of the laws of man and his environment-scientific, political, and cultural-and to report findings without fear or favor. The university is looked upon as an opportunity for the II, scholar to gather and sift evidence and to test his conclusions without for it at this time. Shop hours are prejudice and without haste.

Here is a significant suggestion til 12:15 o'clock for the university in the increasingly complex organization of so-ciety of today—The Dally Illini.

CHANTS

Among the members of the draing interest in the new play "Yel

low Jack" besides those cast in it, is Veronica Villnave. She has been acting as general "stooge" and also "holds script" for "Pete" Sumption. The expressions on the faces of some of the fellows in the cast when she asked for their telephone numbers, addresses, measurements, etc., were a riot. It seems that they had to be measured for costumes, but at first didn't know just what all the questions were about. Now when she they wear, the atmosphere seems

to be more nonchalant.

Four fellows who, as soldiers, character roles are important factors in the show. These four decidedly different parts tend to is not enough. We must be or-show the various sides of human ganized to promote peace and devil-may-care Irishman who science and when offered three of peace machinery." hundred dollars replies, "By God, 'Il do it for the hell of the thing." Hank Kosman is the Irish soldier who has always been interested in science, and who ultimately takes League of Nations and the World the risk of yellow fever. Jack Court, Nicholas is the American soldier from the south, who is afraid to take the test for the plague and therefore shares honors with David Goldware, who as Busch, the Jewish radical, is also afraid of the disease. Their pathetically funny wise cracks about yellow fever ning. furnish the comedy for the drama. Busch is always pessimistic and is a reader of "Karl Marx" concerning the Russian system of to be good.

Thursday at four o'clock another student recital was given by stuappeared were John Erickson, Viollet Vaughn, and Vance Leininger; Henry Brahinsky, who studies vio-lin with Emanuel Wishnow; Rus-sell Cummings, a student of Mrs. Thomas; and Marion Miller, a piano student of Earnest Harrison, were the other three who appeared. James Fitch and Wilgus Eberly gave a joint recital at David City ecently, and Claralyce Davis sang at a Christmas party at the Phi Mu house Tuesday evening. These three are students of Alma Wag-

A recent upset in symphony or-Philadelphia patrons and to the football season. radio world at large. Perhaps no had the close contact with American music lovers as has Leopold fifteen minute Philadelphia Symphony programs, altho not claimed to be a great financial success by the sponsors, was an unusual treat afternoon concerts via the Columbia chain have run a close first with symphony cor serts broadcast by the New York Philharmonic orchestra and the Chicago Symphony orchestra.

Manufacture of Peace Machinery to Replace Those Increasing Death Best Way to Solve War Problem, Says Scurlock

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Declaring her stand on the question of armaments, the Regional Secretary stated, "All factors, such as private munition corporations, which tend toward increasing the machinery of war of the national government, should be abolished. Miss Scurlock stated that the investigation being carried on at the

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Swap Shop Needs Book. Any persons who have the book, Evolution of Expression," Vol. I, should bring it to the Swap Book shop as there is a demand

Thursday and Friday from 11 un-Collection Week.

Finance staff of Y. W. C. A. announces collection week Dec. 10 to 14, for convenience of those membership pledges that are now due Finance staff members will be on duty even during the noon hour at ing: Robert Burdick, "Sonata." the Y. W. office in Ellen Smith Op. 11, No. 3 and "Allegro" move-

Spanish Club.

Spanish club will meet Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Alpha Delta Theta house. All members are asked to attend.

present time by President Roosevelt of the private munitions organizations will probably result in little or no action, as was true in the case of the Morgan and Insull investigations. "The investigation in itself does not mean much," she stated. "After all it is the people themselves that can bring about asks them what size shoes or hats reform by their actions. The people of a country are its govern-

Therefore, the problem is to educate the people toward having a have excellent chances to portray desire for peace. "Most all people actually believe in peace." Miss tors in the show. These four deshow the various sides of human ganized to promote peace, and nature. One is the happy-go-lucky, those really interested must and will want to work for the cause, offers his life for the cause of that of bringing about the creation

So far only two outstanding pieces of peace machinery have been created, and those immediately following the world war, the

percent cooperation in the poll that is to be taken by the Literary Digest, on the peace question." The poll is, however, an indication of how opinion of the question is run-

In making suggestions for increasing interest in the peace organization on this campus, Miss Scurlock of course believes that it radicalism. This quartet promises is necessary to display more pa-to be good. that when the city gave a parade for its sole purpose of remembering the motto, "Peace on earth, good dents from the conservatory. Three will to men," it should fail to per-students of Herbert Schmidt who mit an organization that has been mit an organization that has been organized for the purpose of promoting peace, to enter its contri-

PEPSTERS ORGANIZE ENTERTAINMENT FOR BASKETBALL HALVES

(Continued from Page 1.) the vacant minutes. To this end the services of the Tassels, girl pepsters, has been solicited, and they have responded nobly in securing songsters and skitsters to appear during intermission.

Temale enthusiasts themselves will lead the events, chestra circles came when Mr. Leo. having an entire section of the pold Stokowski presented his let- stands reserved to themselves from ter of resignation to the board of which to cheer for the Scarlet and the Philadelphia Symphony So-Cream. To aid them in their vo-ciety last Friday. For some time cal efforts just a week from today. there have been vague rumors of when Iowa's Black and Old Gold discontent among the managers of quintet opens the home season for this organization; but the resigna- Nebraska, they have enlisted Billy tion of this great director, who Quick and his university hand. The during the last twenty-two years band will be placed at the north has built this orchestra to one of end of the Coliseum, and will play the strongest in the country, came Nebraska fight songs, much in as a complete surprise to both the their line of service during the

Furthering the program arother director in the country has ranged, the Delta Upsilon fraternity singers and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority vocalists will each Stokowski. Radio has made his have about five minutes in which voice a familiar one to the listen- to present their organization song ing public. Last season the nightly and perhaps a few more. Other fraternities and sororities on the campus are being asked to join the efforts of the Tassels and have some designated game night devotfor the discriminating radio fans, ed to them, when they will attend The complete broadcasts of Friday in a body and present their ballads. Sometime during the year the

University Glee club will give vocal interpretations for the benefit of Husker fans, and other bands have been invited to play, including the Lietz's Girls Band, the Lincoln High Band, and the Havelock Band.

Budapest university has purhased an oak tree that is thought to be 1,500 years old. It weighs twenty tons and will be used for experimental purposes.

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MUSICAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULED DEC. 13

School of Music Presents Fifth Weekly Program Thursday.

Fifth of a series of weekly convocations given by the university school of music students will be presented Thursday afternoon, De-cember 13, in the Temple theater at 4 o'clock.

Six persons will be included on the program, including the followment by Beethoven; Ruth Hill, "Gigue-Fifth Suite" and "Pathetque" and "Rondo" movements by Bach and Beethoven, respectively: Harry Flory, "Rhapsody," F sharp minor, by Dohnanyi; Marion Rozmarin, "Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 10" by Liszt; Rose Steinberg, "The Valora Beck, "Sonata Tragica," and "Allegro Sroico" movements by

MacDowell. Burdick is a student with Mrs. Edith Burlingim Ross, Miss Hill, Mr. Flory, and Miss Rezmarin with asserted, has found great favor Earnest Harrison; and Miss Stein- with collegiate debaters, has been berg and Miss Beck, with Herbert placed on reserve in the university

Military Ball Proceeds Go Into part. Loan Fund to Help Deserving Students Pay on Uniforms, Declares Col. W. H. Oury. (Continued from Page 1).

matriculate and possibly scimp enough to buy the necessary books. But that leaves most of them without further means. They just haven't the extra \$10. That is where the ball proceeds are used to good advantage.'

Money Aids Campus Groups. In addition to this, much of the

money received from past affairs has been spent in helping special "I would be shocked," Miss Scur-lock stated, "to find one hundred partment whoch are considered organizations of the military de worthy of the support, such as Pershing Rifles and Scabbard and Blade, honorary societies. According to Colonel Oury, the

\$1,200 used this year in aiding needy students is what has been saved during the past few years after paying for expenses of the

unit's rifle team, special university undertakings, and contributions to the community chest,

While attendance at this year's ball is estimated as the greatest to ever turn out for the social highlight, it was declared by the colonel that expenses also ran higher this year, due in most part to the special favors presented to the officers, dates and the programs given out at the door.

Hope for Gain in Proceeds. Actual cash receipts collected this year amount to \$2.765.50 and while all bills have not yet been presented it is hoped by the department that the money left over will be a gain over proceeds in the Over 300 complimentary tickets were given out by the department this year.

It was stated by Colonel Oury that every dollar spent in staging the affair is under close scrutiny of the regular army officers and that all moneys are handled thru J. K. Selleck's office. "Proceeds of this year's dance will again be used aiding worthy institutions and individuals," he declared.

CONTESTANTS IN FROSH FORENSIC TOURNEY LISTED

(Continued from Page 1). subject, which, the debate coach library, and the bibliography on the subject will be available at once for those who wish to take

The deadline for entries on this subject has been set for Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1935.

Nebraska plans to send two teams to a tournament at Denver on Feb. 6 and 7, engaging several colleges of Colorado.

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Contemporary Comment

Not for Children.

A downtown newspaper columnist pauses to remark that students should attend to their "reading. writing, and arithmetic, and others adjust the affairs of the world."

The way out of our economic difficulties is "not likely to be found by college boys and girls," be declares. "Who is to find the way out?"

It might be pertinent to ask.

Will it be American industry? Little guiding genius has been displayed by this group in the past. It showed no grasp of economic trends and was helpless to prevent a complete economic slump, yet its spokesmen disdain the help of "college boys and girls" and warn them to keep to their books.

This belittlement of the student has become familiar among writers who would defend the stagecoach economic faith. "Depressions can only be overcome by the work of experienced men of industry," they say. "Mere book learncloistered academic walls."

problems, there is small small hope for any intelligent or- years? ganization of our economic pro-

Philosophy of

A University. It would seem, from observation of current undergraduates, that to sit with inspiring men who inthere are two distinct motives instrumental in attracting them to

seek a university training Most are apparently here in or- of a stream experiencing a pro-der to expand their economic found response within ourselves to potentialities; they seek prepara- the grandeur of our universe, to through this protection, they

specialized business activities.

Others, and they are few, want the university to help them to learn to live the "Good Life;" they want to widen, they want to and butter. broaden their appreciation of life We of American universities to expand their capacity for a might be inclined to laugh and not

The classification is not as distinct as it would appear on paper; students are generally and admittedly here to enable themselves to earn money more easily, and incidentally, to absorb some of this Dogmatic tho it may seem, w

cannot help decrying the wasted opportunities that exist here at Michigan among those who close their eyes to an existence of infinitely more possibilities than a mere preparation for a means to earn a living. If perhpas we seem to exalt this approach, it is because within the years of our experience, we have witnessed too many high school students coming to learn a trade. They learn it. graduate and settle into a rutted, narrow-visioned existence that has never seen the beauty and grandeur that is within their power to enjoy. They are, in a word, moles that have sweated and died, and never seen the light. University

has done nothing, really, for them. Money cannot of course, be iging should keep its place behind nored. The pursuit of it, however, seems to have absorbed us beyond If university students are to be its due proportions, and the gendiscouraged on every turn from eral philosophy that pervades the taking some part in the solution of country is thus evidenced in our universities. It is not time, perhope that they will be of much use haps, that we as a growing counin their capacity as citizens. If the try, settled down to the science of scholarly approach to social situa- living the life that we have been tions is to be ridiculed, there is so busy earning for the last 158

> We cannot help mourning the passing of the traditional universities of the type of Heidelburg and Leipsiz. They held a secret that we have never known. Can we but dream of a university where we would go to studies in the morning. flame us with a passion for knowledge; to set out in the afternoons thru the fields, or sit by the side

tion for professional or other argue passionately in the evenings with stimulating persons, similarly afire, and argue, not about petty matters of sports and dates, but about mutters of no immediate pertinence to our next day's bread

understand No, we should we attempt to import such an idea into our practical midsts, some enterprising freshman from one of our industrial centers might ask innocently, "What good is it?"- Michigan Daily.

Universities Can Answer Public Needs.

"In these tremendously difficult times, governments and public welfare groups will be turning more and more to the universities for sympathetic study of their problems, for appraisals of the results achieved, and for suggestions to guide further experiments, clares Dean Roland G. D. Richardson of the Brown university graduate school.

industry of government or social welfare but rather to discover underlying laws and to appraise the results of experiments. The university is viewed as the only agency that can be completely impartial in considering the changing scene of the world. This dispassionate viewpoint of the university as advanced by Dean Rich-

ardson has been the subject of

However, Dean Richardson does

not believe that the purpose of the

university is to administer in the

many controversies. The practical individualist accuses the staffs of universities of being too far away from actualities to prepare stuents for the economic world of today. They depict the college professor as a person who is barricaded behind musty volumes and dwells in an aesthetic world of his own. Some educators believe that this is the ideal plan of existence for professors. Their defense is that if a learned man is to accomplish scholastic success he must be protected from the unrest and worries of the existing turbu-