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Academic Freedom And Commercialism.

In eastern universities there is quite a flurry of excitement electrifying the air as a result of the recent drive against the unknown quantity of the American campus, the college communist.

Various organizations, pseudo-pacifistic and so-called Americanists, have placed secret, protected, and paid agents in a number of our leading universities, situated mainly on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

On numerous campuses of the nation gullible readers of newspapers carrying the editorials demanding a clean-up of so-called unwholesome and "un-American" conditions, have even gone so far in their unthinking way as to fall in line with what may easily become some sort of "purge."

On the American college campus there is a tendency, more or less marked, toward liberal thought. In the background of this liberal thought is the academic freedom that enables students and faculty members to scrutinize and analyze the economic, social, and political life of the nation and the world as it exists today.

In our modern world and national environment featuring disorder, insecurity, and unrest it is more imperative than ever before that we all regard fairly political thought of all sorts. It is important that colleges and universities, the laboratories of free thought, remain as such.

If there is danger from the very small communist element in America's institutions of higher learning, it is best that we recognize that there is some reason for the existence of such a group, and it is necessary that we approach the problem with eradication of these causes in mind, rather than simply aim at gradation of the symptoms.

Such groups as Social Problems clubs, International Relations clubs, and Peace committees are classed as communistic by these self-styled patriots in their efforts to do away with what they would have the public believe is a germ capable of terribly mutilating modern civilization.

Academic freedom is here. It must remain along with its offspring, liberal and straight thinking. These two elements must not be sacrificed on the altar of commercialism.

Nebraska's Main Industry.

Students on the city campus need to be reminded that on the suburban Ag college grounds an Organized Agriculture meeting is now in progress. At this meeting Nebraska's most important, and almost sole, industry is being discussed by experts in the field and various phases of agricultural enterprise.

City-bred university students are often quite appallingly unappreciative of the importance to themselves of the agricultural industry in this state. Nebraska is quite peculiarly lacking in mineral resources, and because of that fact citizens of the state carry on very little manufacturing.

Many university students plan to live in and serve the state of Nebraska after they graduate.

Contemporary Comment

Why the Public Doesn't Know...

Generalizations, even when partially substantiated, are always unfair and to a large degree untrue. Take the typical college student, for instance, or college life.

matic, never drab like life outside the magic pale. Hollywood has proved that college characters are all athletes, smoothies, and beautiful girls.

but during their preparatory years are content to disregard the principal functions of the inhabitants. The future of this state depends on the future success of agriculture. Soil and financial problems are pressing and important at the moment, and probably always will be.

Another Souvenir.

There is one resolution that should be made by every student in the university, at least by every one who is as human as the average student. It is: I resolve that I shall not resolve to make up my studies during Christmas vacation.

Those perfect students (who are called "grinds" because the rest of us envy them) find that vacations are very enjoyable. Others of us either suffer by studying, or go through torment by not studying when we know that we should.

It would be very interesting to conduct a survey in order to determine how many students gained weight and sleep during the Christmas recess and how many did just the opposite.

University administrators who set aside vacation periods as intermissions for rest, certainly must make note of the fact that by many so-called students it isn't used as such. The week following serves for that purpose.

We understand that a few of the unemployed and lonesome ex-Boy Scouts on the Nebraska campus are planning to install a new honorary. Maybe they would do a little more good and complicate things less if they would install some scout's honor in existing organizations.

It wouldn't be such a bad idea if university authorities would parade the legislature through University hall basement some night about 10 o'clock when the cockroaches are on full parade. There might be some very direct influence in regard to appropriations. Faculty members should also make it a point to wear their oldest clothes about the campus.

Censors have demanded that all nasty swear words be cut out of the lines in the University Players' next production "Yellow Jack." Censors are defined as being people who know something but don't want any one else to know it.

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.

The American University Succeeds.

Due to its unusual length this letter has been divided into three parts, and will be published in today's edition and the next two issues of the Daily Nebraskan in this column. It was written in answer to a series of articles entitled "The American University Fails," which appeared in this publication last spring.

We have been told that the American university is a failure—that it is an institution past its prime, and already tottering to decay, that it no longer serves the purpose for which it was intended.

Now many a man condemns a thing because it does not serve its purpose, meaning by that it does not serve what he conceives to be its purpose. Such, I think, is the position of most men who condemn the universities.

Before we can say whether or not a university has failed, we must answer two previous questions: "What is a university?" and "Why is a university?"

Some eighty years ago, a mid-Victorian cardinal of the Catholic church could answer these, or thought that he could, by saying that learning was an end in itself. But that idea simply would not hold water.

Germany had a Kultur-Staat, and it failed—with tragic consequences for the whole world. Scientist after scientist pursued learning for its own sake; invented lethal gases, developed tougher steels, perfected finer chemicals, reasoned out better ways of engineering—all for the sake of learning—pure science—without any concern for their use.

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If higher education has failed, it has failed by reason of the purpose which so many of its critics want it to serve—because it has struggled to serve an idealistic purpose in an essentially pragmatic world.

Professors who follow the will-of-the-wisp of pure reason over the marsh of human needs, striving, wretchedness, and commercialism are apt to end as did the philosopher who fell into a well while gazing at the stars. To gaze at stars, or to follow pure reason, is not only very well; it is the highest occupation of which the human mind is capable, but the truly wise man will also keep an eye to his feet, lest he fall into a well and be drowned.

Communists or atheists, preferably both. Educational plants are lavish. Football is a big business and no college songs are original.

A visit to any college town on the week-end of the big game of the year—or on almost any week-end—merely confirms the worst fears the public has gained from other sources.

Of course college students themselves—most of them—know that college life isn't as it usually is painted—very much of the time. They know that the student body is recruited from every sort of American home, that it is composed of all sorts of young men and women living under the widest imaginable range of conditions and facing problems that involve life situations as well as what to wear to the football game.

Finally, students go out to make as many

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Gamma Alpha Chi. All members of Gamma Alpha Chi will meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at Ellen Smith hall, when reports on results of Prairie S. Hooper campaign will be given. Everyone must be present.

Sophomore Commission. Sophomore commission group will hold its two meetings this month on Jan. 16 and 23. Due to the meeting of the faculty women's club, it will not meet Jan. 9.

Y. W. Commission. Y. W. C. A. commission groups and the Y. W. C. A. cabinet will meet this week at the usual hour.

Peace Club. The peace club will meet Wednesday evening at 8:15 o'clock in the Temple theater.

Sponsors Club. Sponsors club will meet Wednesday at 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall. Violet Cross asked that all attend because there is important business to discuss.

Hobby Group. Dramatic hobby group will meet in Ellen Smith hall Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

College student publications, one might think, could and would give a true picture of college life. Do they? Even the best of them lead one to believe that sports and society are the all-important factors.

Their editorials announce that everything needs reforming, that the administration is paternalistic and reactionary, that the student body is shallow and lethargic, and that the dormitories are mismanaged.

And what's more, you can't do full justice to any college situation in a single editorial, in a single issue, or in a year of issues. You can't settle the matter in a full length book, or in a library. That's one generalization that ought to be made to stick.

—The Michigan Daily.

CAST MEMBERS ANNOUNCED FOR 'YELLOW JACKET'

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Howard. It deals with the story of the vain flight over the entire world to discover the cause and carrier of the malignant yellow fever virus, because animals were immune to it. Walter Reed's fight in Cuba during the time of the Spanish-American war is the basis of the story. It is the triumph of American perseverance in the face of disaster.

By following the advice of a Cuban doctor, thought by most of the people to be a fool, the doctor of the play decided that perhaps the disease is carried by a mosquito. His attempts to trace the disease, and the conclusion of the tale when four men volunteer their lives in the experiment, are woven together in order to make a thrilling masterpiece of stage and story.

The adventurous type of play will add variety to the players' productions for the year, as it is entirely unusual and different than anything that has been given. Settings are in London, 1929; in Africa, 1927; and back to Cuba in 1900.

Critics have had much to say of "Yellow Jack." Most New York reviewers felt that it was more deserving of the honor of receiving the Pulitzer prize than "Men in White," which did attain that honor. New York Times dramatic critic, Brooks Atkinson, had the following to say of the play:

"To put it simply, Sidney Howard has accomplished something of tremendous importance to the stage in 'Yellow Jack.'... He has shown how one of the heroic epics of research science can be related with clarity, emotion and nobility in the theater.... The telling is enormously moving...."

"No tale of war has made the courage and the peril seem more exciting. For Mr. Howard has caught all the grandeur of human character that went into the yellow-fever experiment. His play enlarges the scope of the modern theater."

Miss H. Alice Howell, head of the speech department is supervising the production and scenery is being constructed under the direction and supervision of Donald Friedly.

Other members of the cast which have been announced are as follows: An official of the Kenya Colony Government, Harold Grier; A major of the Royal Air Force, Melvin Fielder; Laboratory assistant, Russel Gilman; Kim, dog; Kramer, Sidney Baker; Adrian Stokes, Don Euel; Busch, David Goldwade; Brinkhoff, Flare Wolfe; Aristides Agramento, John Quinn; Colonel Tory, William Kuticka; William Crawford, Gorgas; Roy Squires; Roger P. Ames, Delford Brummer; Dr. Charles Finlay, Louis Botorff; and William H. Dean, Irving Hill.

Some of the soldiers were played by Clifford Demingo, Arnold Gadeken, Charles Fair, Henry Peterson and Bill Strong.

MISS CLEVELAND TALKS TO CHARM SCHOOL TUESDAY

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evening clothes and bathing suits. Perhaps the most unique outfit shown was a rubberized cotton rain outfit, complete even to matching umbrella with a handle which removed to disclose crushable rubbers tucked in the handle.

Miss Cleveland is in Lincoln to address the women's section of the organized agriculture group, meeting this week on the agriculture campus. Jean Marvin, one of the leaders of the group, presided at the meeting and introduced the speaker.

'The Doctor' Done in Sculpticolor Now Being Shown at Gold's



Rudolph F. Ingerle, noted painter, at work on one of the feature figures in the "A Century of Progress" Sculpticolor exhibit "The Doctor" which is now on display at Gold's. No admission charge.

CHANTS BY CHANCE.

In less than a week, the University Players' latest cycle, "Yellow Jack" will open. When this outstanding drama held capacity houses in the east, it was proclaimed by critics as one of the few really worth while productions to grace the legitimate stage in recent years. This is the first play ever presented here in the Temple where a revolving stage and two removable stages have been used in one production.

We understand also that the W. C. T. U. has suddenly taken an unusual interest in the Players, and by appealing to the legislators, who in turn sought out the board of regents, some of the conversation which is occasionally heard in various plays, has been decidedly curbed. Incidentally, hereafter, no cigars will be smoked on the stage, either.

Name, Henry Kosman; address, Delta U house; phone, F2324. Now just in case anyone would be interested in a certain innocent, who is cast in a major role in "Yellow Jack," here's the dope. This dark haired member of the cast, popularly known as "Hank," is making his initial bow before local audiences. Here's hoping he doesn't develop a case of the jitters.

Speaking of "spirituality," Rev. Johnston defined it as "the experience of 'God-likeness.'" He said that those people, no matter of what temperament, who felt close to God were spiritual people.

The entire vesper service was devoted to the necessity of spiritual qualities in practical living. Beth Schmid of the Y. W. cabinet led the devotions, with devotional music being furnished by the choir of thirty-eight voices, led by Violet Vaughn. Meredith Overpeck, accompanied by Helen Jolliffe, sang "The Voice in the Wilderness."

SURGERY SUBJECT OF NU-MED DISCUSSION

Dr. J. J. Keegan to Speak At Banquet Tonight in Annex Cafe.

Neurological surgery will be discussed by Dr. J. J. Keegan of the University medical college at Omaha in an address at the Nu-Med banquet, to be held at the Annex cafe Wednesday night at 6:15 o'clock, according to Dr. Otis Wade, sponsor of the organization.

Dr. Keegan is a former dean of the medical college and is now professor of neurological surgery and neuro-pathology, and chairman of the department of surgery. Although the exact topic of his talk is not known, Dr. Wade stated that it would probably concern some phase of neurology and neurological surgery. Frank Mossman and Sybil Rhodes are the Nu-Med members in charge of arrangements for the banquet.

Rev. Johnston Talks On Practical Side of Religion at Vespers

Speaking on "The Reality of the Spiritual Life," Rev. Mr. Paul Johnston, of the Westminster Presbyterian church, presented the practical side of religion for the consideration of those present at the weekly vesper service Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 8 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

His speech, Rev. Johnston said that he believed all thinking people came sooner or later to the

To Play Friday



CHARLIE AGNEW Radio Artist-Leader.

Again Lincoln's dance fans will have the privilege of dancing to one of the country's finest dance bands. This Friday night Charlie Agnew will play at the Marigold club.

This band was held over eight months at the Marine Dining Room of the Edgewater Beach hotel. While there, he broadcast over NBC networks and in the course of a year played on seven Lucky Strike programs. He was featured by the Yeastfoamers on their Sunday afternoon broadcasts for one year. Charlie Agnew is now on tour following a successful engagement at the Hotel Stevens in Chicago.

question of whether or not there is a God. He maintained, also, that to those people who decide there is a God, and who take one step in the affirmative, are revealed many undeniable proofs of the existence of the Spiritual Being. He presented several specific instances of such proof in illustrating his conviction.

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Receive Applications For Staff Positions

Applications for the appointment for the following positions on the student publications will be received by the student publications board until 5 p. m. Wednesday, Jan. 17.

THE DAILY NEBRASKAN. Editor-in-chief. Two managing editors. Three news editors. Woman's editor. Business manager. Three assistant business managers.

THE AWGAN. Editor. Business manager. Two managing editors, unpaid. Application blanks may be obtained at the office of the school of journalism, University hall 104. Material already on file need not be duplicated.

JOHN K. SELLECK, Secretary, Student Publication Board.

Too Many Students Resist Education With 'Pipe' Courses, Lively Professors

Far too many students resist education, according to Dean Alice C. Lloyd, of the University of Michigan. They bolt, take "pipe" courses, choose lively professors, and put little interest into their subjects. "As a result," she said, "we have the paradox of the real student lonely in a university community."

In many cases so far as the student develops intellectually, she believes, his college education is not worth the money expended by the family and the state. "I do not believe, however, that the situation is as discouraging as it appears. In examining conditions more closely," she explained, "one realizes that many of the students come with little cultural background, and that, if their eyes are opened a little to an understanding of what education means, that is something. Many of them are the first generation to enter college."

Improve Generations. Miss Lloyd places her hope in the gradual improvement of each succeeding generation. Several years after the present students have left the university, she suggests, many of them will regret the opportunities they have thrown away. This group will be anxious that their children enjoy the same advantages that they did, but they will be better prepared, perhaps, to get more value out of their four years.

During the last few years the depression had much less effect in changing the career student attitude than might be expected, Miss Lloyd brought out. "On the whole, I should say that the depression had practically no effect in making those students in college at the time more serious-minded. Last year's graduates

were still spoiled by the era of prosperity that preceded their entry into college. But this class this fall is one of the best that we have had for years. They are healthy, courteous, sensible, and I hear good words from all sides. It is difficult to generalize on such broad observations, yet it seems to me that this group, which has been thru the depression at home, has seen to situation more critically, as been closer to the real effects of the depression, and has been influenced as a result."

The increased economic pressure upon those who have been attending college has intensified the idea of turning a college education into wages. As a result the student has been looking ahead towards a job and has specialized more. "As education more and more obviously fails to become a stepping stone to success in specialized fields," Dean Lloyd predicts, "it will have a better chance of growing as an institution to broaden the individual and truly prepare him for life, not just for a job."

At present he feels that the average student is being prepared adequately neither for life nor for a job. The incoming class and succeeding ones, she hopes, will begin to appreciate the true value of an education, which is the widening of insight and understanding achieved through classroom work and through living with people.

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BISHOP LEETE SPEAKS AT MINISTERIAL MEET

Church's Work Among Young People Subject of Talk Monday.

Bishop Frederick D. Leete, resident bishop of the Omaha district of the Methodist Episcopal church, was the principal speaker at a dinner meeting for ministers held at the Wesley Foundation parsonage Monday evening. Forty-five ministers of Lincoln and vicinity were assembled for the occasion. The bishop spoke on the subject, "The Church at Work Among Its Young People." He emphasized the fact that the work which the church is doing among its students is of very great importance.

Dr. F. L. Blewfield, pastor of the Trinity Methodist church, Lincoln, was toastmaster for the occasion. The program consisted of a reading by Mrs. F. L. Blewfield, violin selections by Miss Maxine Stolons accompanied by Miss Rose Hill, address by Rev. A. K. Williams, "Wesley Foundation Objectives."

This address was followed by brief talks by two students, Mr. Carl Beale and Mr. A. C. Wischmeier. Mr. Albert A. Held, assistant vice president of the National Bank of Commerce of Lincoln, addressed the gathering, using for his subject, "Laymen and Ministers Sharing in Mutual Task." Dr. Roy N. Spooner superintendent of the Lincoln district, gave the concluding address on the subject, "The Wesley Foundation in 1935."

ENGINEERING GROUP SPONSORS AG MIXER

Committee Signs Pester To Play for Friday Evening Party.

Mr. Pester and his orchestra will play for the Ag mixer to be held Friday night at eight thirty in the Student Activities building, under the sponsorship of the Ag engineering group.

The regular low admission will be charged, according to Wayne Thurman, chairman of the arrangements committee, who urged that Ag students support the event. The mixers are regular features on the Ag campus, and are sponsored by a different group each month.

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