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In Defense.

SALVATION for the ills of colleges and universities has come to be found in large part in football, according to an article in the November 27 issue of the Nation, entitled "Football: Hope of American Education" by an author who styles himself "Left Wing."

Quoting Governor Davy of Ohio who recently declared that "football has become the supreme purpose of American education," the writer asserts that not only the athletic and coaching staffs, but college presidents and administrations together with students have become subservient to the cause of the gridiron sport.

"Left Wing" paints a picture of subsidized, racket-infested football in this country, which, if it existed, would indeed be terrible. He declares that colleges are putting "a premium on brawn instead of intelligence," and that the football system "makes educational opportunities depend not on the size of his biceps...selects those proficient in athletics rather than those likely to profit by the quickening experience of educational processes...in choosing candidates for college, neglects the sensitive and intelligent boy for the specialist in athletics."

Students, he declares, come to believe that football is all-important in college, the only thing that counts, as a result of which "a false standard of values prevails with the result that these boys carry the worship of the game into their later lives." Furthermore, he asserts, universities must look to football to boost their enrollments, endowments, and gifts or contributions of various kinds.

The author of this article apparently has implied to begin with that football and intellectual achievement cannot dwell side by side in an educational institution. But he is wrong. Some of the foremost universities in the nation are represented by first-class grid teams and the fact does not in any way detract from their continued high academic rating. In support of this contention we offer the names of Minnesota, Columbia, California, Iowa, and Princeton universities, to quote but a few of many examples. In a recent academic ranking of higher educational institutions, these schools all stood close to the top, a position they also maintain generally in the gridiron world.

That the popularity of football has placed a premium on brawn instead of brains is absurd. In a university the size of Nebraska, and there are many in the nation which exceed it in enrollment, the entire football team comprises less than one-half of one per cent of the undergraduate body. Yes, 35 men out for football—a premium placed on brawn, indeed! If such be the case, what are the other 6,000 or more students doing here? And what are all the non-football players doing in other schools?

Again, the author evidently believes that all football men have no brains. It must be admitted that grid players' scholastic achievements are far below the average, generally, but that does not mean that the desire for an education is totally lacking in their minds. This nation is full of people who are inferior in mental training to football players and whose ignorance is a drawback to our progress as a people. Casting aside the comparatively few men who come to college only to play football, why condemn football men who capitalize on their physical prowess in an honest effort to achieve something of an education? Their fate should be no different than that of the ordinary student who may not have a Phi Beta Kappa turn of mind.

Left Wing again visualizes a subsidized corps of football teams from coast to coast. To deny that many athletes are openly subsidized would be folly. But to assert that the majority of college football men are bought is an assertion equally as foolish. Many are the gridiron men who work long and earnestly in order to go to school while many others are able to pay their own way. The player who gets room, board, and tuition outright is the exception rather than the rule.

Finally, football lasts but the first two and a half months of the year. If it is supreme, the sole cause of existence for our universities, what on earth keeps them going the other five and one half months of the year?

The arguments against football are legion and some of them are justified. As an adjunct to education, as a crutch upon which universities must rely for their continued existence, football is indeed out of order. But until our schools are willing and do find some other means to project themselves into the thoughts and consciousness of people the university must accept what aid football is able to proffer.

High accomplishments in the field of

academic and cultural achievement are, to be sure, the things which should incite pride and support in our educational institutions. It is a regrettable fact, however, that such things appeal to but a very few. What the remainder look for, even when they know it is not necessarily a legitimate function of education, is something colorful, entertaining, and appealing to the emotions. This, football is. And as such it serves as a strong link between the school and the general public.

It is unfortunate that education cannot make its appeal and receive the desired response solely on academic accomplishments. But it cannot. Why then look so disdainfully upon football? In spite of the accusations that football is the all of college students, losing teams do not seem to affect enrollment materially, nor does the conclusion of the football season bring about a sudden decline in interest in the university on the part of students. The sport merely supplies that recreation for the student in college which every individual seeks either in this field or others at all periods of life.

Rather than upbraid football so severely, perhaps education should look within to discover reasons for its present difficulties. The last paragraph of Left Wing's article seems to cast some admirable light on the subject. "...But we need more than this; we need also a change in our attitude toward college, something more difficult to obtain. Our ideas regarding the ultimate purposes of education are badly in need of revamping. It is not enough to clean out the hired athletes who come to a university with the idea of playing football. We ought to change the attitude which looks without disgust at young men sitting around fraternity houses playing bridge for four years, which considers it perfectly all right for a boy to go to college to make friends, or to be trained for the arduous duties of a bond salesman. We need to start in our primary and secondary schools to teach our youth that a college education entails a serious obligation to the community; we need to weed out the lazy, the incompetent, the shiftless, as well as those who for other reasons are unable to benefit by a real education. We must teach our youth to feel that college is an opportunity given them for work and growth, not a country club or a sanitarium where they can be immured four years without danger of infection from the intellectual virus. Until this attitude is prevalent, not even football can save American education."

Off the Campus by Lynn Leonard

Senator Norris Will not seek renomination for himself to the senate in the primaries, because he wants to devote the time a campaign would take to supporting actively President Roosevelt. He thinks he can perform this duty more effectively if he is not the candidate for senator of any political party. He leaves both party primaries open for the senatorial nomination, but he also leaves the way clear for himself to run as an independent in the fall election. That is what many thought he would do before he made the announcement, so it is not a surprise. Congressman Terry Carpenter of Scottsbluff has entered the field as a candidate for the democratic nomination. Norris will be difficult to defeat even as an independent, especially with the extensive support that has been promised him.

Italy Settled Down to the business of war with an airplane attack on Emperor Haile Selassie's headquarters in Dessye and a general bombing offensive all along the north. The emperor, who fought against the attack himself, escaped without injury, but occupants of the Red Cross hospital tent were not so fortunate. The Red Cross insignia was ignored over both the Ethiopian and the American hospitals. Press correspondents reported that they saw many women and children among the killed and wounded.

Hands Off China was the warning given Japan by United States and English diplomats. The British government is considering calling Japan's attention to its agreements under the nine-power treaty unless the north China autonomy movement is quickly clarified. The treaty guarantees China's territorial integrity. Signatories of the pact were Japan, the United States, the British empire, China, France, Italy, Belgium, Portugal and the Netherlands. China takes the stand that the treaty was never effective because China failed to meet some of its obligations.

Lindbergh Kidnaping Case was re-opened by the visit of the governor of New Jersey, Harold G. Hoffman, to Bruno Hauptmann and the governor's statement that Ellis Parker, noted Burlington county detective, had declared that he was under the definite impression that Hauptmann is not the man who kidnaped the Lindbergh baby. Parker is known for his solution of many baffling crimes and has been working on the case since the kidnaping occurred.

Two Appropriation Bills of the last legislature were turned down by State Auditor Ayres. Being responsible on his bond for issuance of warrants on the state treasury, Ayres refused to make payments on the bills authorized, because he contends they are outside the governor's call for a special session. One was the appropriation of \$2,500 for the defense of the members of the banking committee in Radke's libel suit against them. The other bill is the appropriation of \$5,000 for the use of the director of insurance to institute suits in connection with receiverships in the insurance department.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace has a substitute to offer should the supreme court declare the AAA unconstitutional. He indicated that some ten alternatives would be available including a sales tax

and the use of income tax funds if the processing tax feature of the act is the cause of the action of the highest court. Some decisions of circuit courts and the granting of an injunction permitting failure to pay the tax in a special case have led officials to think the act will be voided.

BROWSING Among the BOOKS

(In the absence of Maurice Johnson, who regularly conducts this column, it is written by Mr. Johnson's small sister Genevieve. Genevieve will be six years old in February.)

I figured this out all by myself. I figured out that if you read one of these essays every day, and if there were thirty days in every month, you could read these essays three months and still have fifteen essays left over. I think maybe I'll do that, only I've read eighty-two and a half of them already, skipping around in the book.

One of the nicest things about "It Seems to Me," Mr. Heywood Broun's new book, is that it goes down so smoothly. Like marshmallows. But you find out there's more than smoothness to what he's saying after a while, and as like as not he gets you to believe something or other, and you have a kind of thoughtful feeling. Like after you eat too many marshmallows.

I suppose I am a young girl for such things, but after reading eighty-two and a half of the essays out of Mr. Broun's "It Seems to Me" I have decided to be a socialist. Yes, I seem, I even though Papa will probably spank me when he finds out. I'm a "con-

firmed socialist," as Mr. Broun says. He doesn't argue much about it right out, but there it is, and he makes you think the way he does. I get sort of scared when I think that if I read more things like "It Seems to Me" I might be a "confirmed communist" some day. My teacher says all communists get rickets and scabies and horrible diseases like that and die in convulsions. I don't like to think about it.

Another nice thing about "It Seems to Me" is the table of contents. You can read it like a poem. Here is a sample:

The grand old gal of the North Atlantic Chummy Charlie Around the world in fifty minutes The strike-breaker Mr. Hearst and Mr. Lipmann Horses with their hair down

There isn't any Santa Claus Ice and Eagles The man who came back A ride with Roosevelt Charles Evans Hughes as Portia Now isn't that fun?

One of the essays I like best is called "Tex and the Coolidge Gold Rush." I'm sorry Texas Guinan died because I think she and I might have been good friends. Mr. Broun says she was "an extremely honest and candid person." In another place he says: "If ever there was an authority on the idle rich and the wasting of the wasters Texas Guinan was certainly that woman."

I guess the day of people like Miss Guinan is over. My teacher says things will be all right soon and we will be back in the lap of luxury again. But I don't know. Mr. Broun says: "The new world of equal opportunity and the redistribution of wealth draws closer. I am for it heart and soul. The jazz age was wicked and monstrous and silly." And then he says, "Unfortunately I had a good time." I wonder why he says that.

BARB COUNCIL, A.W.S. SPONSOR OPEN HOUSE

Musical Program Features Ellen Smith Hall Affair Today.

Barb Interclub Council and A.W.S. league will sponsor an open house this afternoon at Ellen Smith hall from 3 to 5 for all members of organized Barb houses on the campus and for all faculty members of the university.

Entertainment will include a variety of unusual games, group singing, and a program. The program will include a number of musical selections on the piano by Lenora Teal and Gladys Swift. Esther and Perle Hughes will feature several vocal selections. Mary White and Will Reedy are serving as co-chairmen on the entertainment committee.

GUEST SOLOISTS AND CHORISTS PRESENT ELIJAH

(Continued from Page 1.) inent but full, large and lustrous, beaming with the light of genius." The first performance of "Elijah" was striking. It seems that, just as the gifted musician stepped to his place at the conductor's desk, the sun burst forth from behind a cloud and illuminated the scene, while the applause from a densely crowded orchestra and audience resounded on all sides.

"No work of mine," said the composer, "ever went so admirably at the first performance, or was received with such enthusiasm by the musicians and the public, as this." Yet Mendelssohn was not entirely satisfied with his work. Before it was finally published in July, 1847, he made many revisions in the score.

The recitative in which the opening prophecy is announced, placed before the overture which vividly describes its effects, is a grand conception, scarcely exceeded in dramatic force by any subsequent passage. The despairing phrases of the overture lead naturally into the cry of the waiting people, "Help, Lord! the harvest is over, the summer days are gone."

In the next picture we find Elijah by the brook Cherith. After having been comforted by the soothing strains of the double quartet "He shall give his angels charge over thee," he is summoned to Zarephath, to the house of the widow, the raising of whose son is painted in tender accents which find their fitting response in the chorus "Blessed are the men who fear him," which brings the scene to a conclusion. Then follows the sacrifice, the strains sung by the Baal-worshippers, Elijah's prayer, and the softer harmonies of "Cast thy burden upon the Lord," and the descent of the fire and consequent recognition of the true God—a tremendous scene, which reaches its climax in the destruction of the prophets of Baal. It needs all the resources that chorus and orchestra can afford for its efficient representation. After the alto song "Woe unto him," the orchestra shows us the little cloud arising and the storm bursts in torrents, bring salvation to the

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VIRGINIA SELLECK IS PRESENTED AT MILITARY AFFAIR

(Continued from Page 1.) member of Morar Board and student council, and is managing editor of the Daily Nebraskan. She belongs to Gamma Alpha Chi, professional advertising sorority, and last spring was co-chairman of the junior-senior prom committee. She also was junior advisory day to the May Queen last

BUTTERMAKERS WILL ATTEND SHORT CLASS

(Continued from Page 1.) tures, which are open to the public, there will be lectures and laboratory demonstrations on butter making and on the chemical and bacteriological phases of work with butter and cream. Other university faculty members who have a part on the program include Prof. E. L. Reichart, presiding chairman; Prof. L. K. Crowe, Dr. P. A. Downs, Prof. H. P. Davis, and Dr. L. E. Skidmore.

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New York City, for the American museum of natural history; and R. S. Lull of the Yale-Peabody museum.

Reviews Science.

Reviewing the growth and development of the sciences, Mr. Wilson told the club: "You have done wisely in going to the university for a proper recipient of your distinguished service medal. The state university is easily the most profitable investment the people of the state ever made." "The teacher who communicates to his pupils the facts of his special subject, is a worthy workman and worthy of his hire, but the teacher who develops in his students the power to obtain facts for themselves, is a teacher of nobler mold and a workman worthy of a higher reward. It has been the characteristic of this geologist that he has greatly promoted in his students the scientific faculty of acquiring knowledge for themselves."

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