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# The Innocents' Place in School.

MONDAY night new members of Innocents society were officially instructed in the performance of their duties. The criteria upon which the selection of these men was based included past accomplishments and work they are expected to assume in the future. These men gained recognition, not for what they themselves are, for they are nothing, but for their actual achievements on the campus and the deeds they may normally be expected to perform henceforth.

Upon Innocents falls the responsibility of leading the way, expressing the sentiments of the students as opposed to all other forces; standing behind student enterprises, not biting them in the back in an effort to attain the grace of a more omnipotent body. It is Innocents' function to act as representative of undergraduate thought and experiences. Most certainly it is not the society's place to become aloof or by any means to consider itself superior to any clamoring from below. It is those underground rumblings; those silent voices, from whence the troubles of any institution spring. Fair and impartial hearings of such should be made and in turn forcefully and ably relayed to higher authorities, with Innocents always taking the part of the underdog. in an attempt to right existing wrongs.

No single one of these Innocents is ca-

pable of giving himself inspiration, feeling or ideas. Therefore they should by no means try to depend wholly upon themselves. We can not give ourselves tastes, nor talents, why, then, should we give ourselves qualities or illusions of ability which we do not possess. Self confidence is one thing; conceit is quite another. The man who does not reflect thinks himself master of all; the man who does think finds himself master of nothing.

a society as Innocents was created for the purpose of resisting the oppression of those endowed with the power to oppress. It stands monumental against the many grievances that might happen to a student body. Unless the society keep sight of this and unless it realize it is acting in behalf of the entire undergraduate group, it is quite useless as an organization. The organization's usefulness lies in its contacts with the ground, its proximity to the very heart of student troubles and its fearlessness in taking up the student banner.

Their's is the position of humility. Students are not to serve the Innocents. Innocents, however, should most certainly serve the student body in every conceivable manner. Arrogance is most unbecoming to a public official. It is no more becoming or admirable when possessed by a mere boy or girl attaining temporary recognition within the protected walls of an educational institution. Rather than having the student come to them with his problems it should be the duty of each Innocent to attempt to find these vexations and to apply an immediate remedy. It should be done. not in an officious manner or with pragmatic air, but with sincere desire and understanding sympathy for the feelings of those concerned.

Capabilities are usually rewarded by the praise of their fellow men. But the great men are those who are most democratic in their relationships with others of lesser attainment. Praise from one's fellow men, however, is most easily and most graciously conferred upon the man who in turn appears most gracious to others. Innocents should embody such thought in their actions. If they do, not only will it increase tremendously their prestige, but it will better enable the society to function as it was designed to function-a servant for the ideals, hopes and aspirations of the student body.

# 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 libelious matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

But How Can You Abolish Them?

TO THE EDITOR: The controversy that has been raging between the two factions has been disgusting to some of the thinking students on the campus. Both factions are, to put it bluntly, plain nonsense

The Student council would do the university a great service if it would abolish both parties and discourage any new parties from being organized in the future. Every candidate should be presented to the student body

solely on his merits. The factions on this campus, under any name, have been nothing but vote trading machines for the various fraternities and barb groups. The voters have been discouraged from using their better judgment in voting and have been asked to consider factions primarily. No clear cut issues have been drawn by either

Disgrace and scandal have crept into both

and the other group were ribbons on their la- main amateur.- Stanford Daily. pels in order to bring in more votes for their respective candidates. Both factions borrowed A Woman's identification cards from sluggish students to use in voting at the last Student council elec-

I propose to eliminate factions and ask every candidate to run independently. The women on this campus get along very nicely without parties and have done so for several years. While there would be some scandal under the non-political system, it would be minimized and real issue and merits would be brought out in campaigns. R. E. B.

# CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

## The American Mercury Leaves College.

Not so many years ago the cult of Menckenism flourished on the campuses of the nation. College agnostics and iconoclasts made the American Mercury their catechism. The green cover of that cynical monthly became the badge of collegiate skepticism. It was the barge thru an intersection without reducing era of the debunker and Henry L. Mencken. editor of the Mercury, was annointed chief

The Rotary club chairman, the bucolic evangelist and the president of the United States were impaled impartially on the sage policy of destructive criticism endeared it to many college readers.

But a change has come over the Mercury. A skeleton of green cover and format is al that remains of the old Mercury-the spirit has fled. Under Editor Paul Palmer the magazine has become a stronghold of pious conservatism. The Mercury has lost its bright, impartial, devastating touch. From negative liberalism it has turned to provincial reac-

The Mercury's stand on the new deal demonstrates its about face. The new deal is open to criticism but the Mercury castigates it in the manner of Al Smith's Liberty league speech. With deadly monotony each recent issue has featured three or four furiously partisan anti-administration articles.

Writers like Frank R. Kent and David Lawrence fill the pages of the Mercury with their studies of liberalism and the new deal. So anxious are the editors to print anything against the Roosevelt administration that they seem to care little how the tirades are written. "We have dropped the idea, like a hot potato, from our stock of clinches." writes one of the Mercury's better metaphor mixers.

The editors, of course, have the right to change the magazine as they please. But to tion of Teachers of Journalism. a host of college admirers, the American Mercury has not just changed, it has passed away. - Minnesota Daily.

#### Men, Meet Our Pledges.

"Meet our pledges" parties at which freshmen of all sororities are introduced to the campus, have become part of the year's activities of many western colleges, the University of California in particular. At these functions. men on campus are given blanket invitations to attend a series of teas conducted by all sorority houses on a specified afternoon.

Men are expected to stay 15 or 20 minutes at each house, be introduced to the receiving voters to vote more intelligently line, consisting of the house's pledges, be served and then move on to the next house so faith, the publication is privileged, that a large number of meetings may be made in one afternoon.

In this way pledges, new to the campus, who have had an opportunity to meet only a few prospective escorts are able to alleviate this condition to some extent. Similarly, men fession are saying about the inmay gain at least a "hello" acquaintance with created restrictions on the freea large number of the incoming freshmen.

From the sororities' viewpoint, such receptions are an inexpensive yet effective means | With respect to the public busi- of youth's destiny with their firm of entertaining fellow classmates. Many in- ness, the newspaper is practically bright smiles who kept thinking coming freshmen lack the opportunity or ini- untrammeled, yet, in the words of one more floral offering. There tistive to make friends readily and need some of Tom McNeal, chief editorial was the dazed-looking female who occasion to get a foothold on college life and

Freshmen women often feel a "letdown" after the intensive rushing period when they have been the center of attraction. Introductions to men on campus a few weeks after pledging would do away with this sensation will be taken advantage of to a large extent and keep each woman in contact with fraternity and college life,

With rushing pretty well finished for the New York law which provides that year, and plans for next year's season under way, this practice of western colleges is worthy of consideration by the local Pan-Hellenie and individual sororities.—Syracuse Daily Orange.

## A Little Idealism Needed In College Sports.

Yesterday's announcement of a clash in policy between alumni and faculty members of the board of athletic control vividly brought home the old battles of idealism vs. practicalism, commercialism vs. amateurism in college athletics.

The alumni representatives on the board rationalize their insistence on added control over the Stanford coaching staff by asserting that "since the public and the alumni support athletics, whereas students and endowment finance the other departments." they have a right to determine whether or not the coach is doing his job.

They believe, apparently sincerely, that the gripe letters, sometimes numbering over 100, which they receive after each football to inhabitants of the first and secgame, are an adequate cross section of alumni opinion. Most of these letters, in reality, are from those comparatively few alumni who have saw somebody throwing bucket-personal reasons for being interested in the fuls of water out of a third floor rather meager satisfaction that "victory at

any cost" affords. It is to this determination on the part of a friend of a friend of a friend of alumni minorities to run college athletics-not ours recently graduated from colmerely at Stanford, but all over the countrythat forms the greatest danger for amateurism. It was the forerunner of flagrant proselyting, favoritism in selecting teams, the "win y.f.o.a.f.o.a. f.o.a.f.o.o. could not do or else" philosophy, and nearly everything it and didn't. that has made college athletics so incompatible with the fundamental things that great uni-

that real life is far more stranger versities stand for. sities stand for.

To permit this to go on will eventually write about it A collegianne we

parties. The riot on the Theta lawn was an bring complete severance of the already slim incident for which both factions were responsi- threads that hold college athletics and colleges ble. The rule prohibiting the spending of any themselves together. More idealism less pracmoney during junior and senior class presi- ticalism are essential if amateur sports hope to dent elections. One group circulated hand bills withstand the lure of professionalism and re-

# Vocabulary.

Some brilliant young person in West Virginia decided that there were six words in a woman's vocabulary, five adjectives and one verb. The adjectives were: Gorgeous, ideal, marvelous, magnificent, and exquisite. Read along the first letter of each word and you get the verb.

Is there some girl-a prize might be offered-who can classify as tersely and more exactly a man's vocabulary than this does a woman's ?- Daily Kansan.

#### Sucker's Bet.

The Junior Collegian of Los Angeles gives some interesting figures which we all might do well to note. Twenty-four million to one. That's a sucker bet. Yet, that's just about the foolish odds we face every day. Roughly, there are 525,000 minutes in a year. If you are in your twenties, you have an expectation of life of approximately 48 years. In these 48 years there are over 24 million minutes.

If you are tempted to pass another car on a curve or near the crest of a hill or to speed, just remember this. If you pass safely, you may save as much as a minute. Should another car appear unexpectedly on the curve, you may lose 24 million minutes.

When you take an unnecessary chance while driving an automobile, you are thus betof Baltimore's pen. The Mercury's sweeping ting 24 million to 1. If you win, all you can ately appeal to the supreme court. In the would be in a good position; some save or gain is the one minute. If you lose, it meantime, the decision will not affect the may cost you the rest of your life-24 million | work-relief program.

EDITORS GAIN MORE

RIGHTS UNDER NEW

'Qualified Privilege' Used

As Defense, Declares

Kansas Professor.

ST. CHARLES, Ill., May 19 .-

Newspaper editors are gaining in-

the defense of "qualified privi-

lege," said Prof. E. N. Doan of the

Comment Privileged.

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at the election, and if done in good

even the some of the statements

may be untrue or derogatory to

Doan said:

character of the candidate

Commenting on this, Professor

"In spite of what some of the

Doan Quotes Law.

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By Sarah Louise Meyer,

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Clipped from Business Week of

April, 1936-"The young friend of

lege and applied to a publisher for

lines from any work of Shakes-peare," the publisher said, and the

It has never been our conviction

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minutes or more. Is it worth it ?-University REFORM CERTAIN

# **NEWS PARADE**

Ralph Woodruff

## Only One Small

section of the new relief bill was struck down by the circuit court of appeals of the District ships, or ideas about student govof Columbia, but according to the court this was enough to condemn the whole act. The by a fee, and the resulting treasact provides for nearly 5 billion dollars for work relief. About one-twentieth of this money was to be spent in the building of private pute between Greeks and Barbs homes for the needy.

This was the part of the bill which was objectionable to the court. The majority opinion, written by Justice Van Orsdel, a former of election, was proposed. Nebraskan, stated that public money spent for work relief in the building of public buildings or in other work provided for in the constitution would be constitutional, but that there was no provision for the building of private homes, so that this part of the bill was unconstitutional. Two of the five judges contended that the section of the bill providing for the building of private homes was unconstitutional for the senior societies, these all right, but that that was no reason for con- groups could direct the efforts in demning the entire bill.

# Of Course,

the decision of a circuit court of appeals is not final, but only the supreme court can overrule its findings. Officials connected with the relief program stated that they would immedi- much influence; Kosmet Klub

> were deep-seated. But as another barber shop pol-itician said to me today, "Who

# **OFFICIAL** BULLETIN Student Council. Both old and new Student Coun-

cil members will meet for election of officers, today at 4:30 in room 106 U hall. Attendance by all members is important, stated Irving Hill, president, Corn Cobs will meet Wednes-day night at 7:30 in U hall.

Sponsors Club. Sponsors club will meet Friday,

May 22, at 5 o'clock at Ellen creasing rights under the libel Smith hall. All sponsors are relaws, especially as they apply to quested to attend,

overheard say not so long ago went like this "This awful weather! My hair

journalism department of the Unisection of the National Associabe seeing anybody anyway. "Am I tired! All afternoon I've

After pointing out the haziness been in the library. Such suchthat had in the past attached to ness. the word "privileged," defined by 'It really looks terrible, doesn't some as a permission to print

Perhaps I'd better see if I could get an appointment." freely of court proceedings, and "Oh, I don't know a thing about by others simply as a defense to be offered should a libel suit arise, teaching art. But I've read the tryouts this June

Professor Doan quoted the Kansas grandest lesson plan, and I... hair? . . . Isn't it a fright? Maybe she'il take me tomorrow." election, it is the right, if not the methods courses. It had so much duty, of the publisher of a news-paper to call to the attention of applied art that they thought it tivities books. There is no admiscould very well substitute for the other. But these books are help-

estly believes to be true, together ing me wonderfully. with such comment thereon as is I think I'll call for that appointment. I can't stand this hair HAYES, WOOD STUDY reasonably connected therewith. for the purpose of enabling the

any longer."
"I laid awake three hours last night planning my course of study. micely taken care of.

for the cigarette 'Come back after you've called.

Jeremiahs in the newspaper pro-We found ourself climbing up to our accustomed nose-lifted heights (not pedestal, Poppa) in the predom of the press, I believe that Mother's day rush at the florist's we have more freedom than we shop to watch the world go by

actually know what to do with. There were the administrators writer of the Topeka Daily Capi- supposed she wanted a bouquettal: 'We as newspaper men don't these, that, and those, she said live up to our privileges in this There was the high school blade respect. Is it against public policy in the red shirt, blonde cuties. that we have gradually acquired with both struggling over card in all this freedom? I doubt it. I scriptions. There was the pastyalso refuse to believe that this faced barrel-built man. comparatively new order of things was the club woman who fussbudgeted over a gardenia for herself, and the tall red-head who brusquely purchased a cheap potted plant. There were the shop Professor Doan quoted also the derks buying single carnations not be maintained against a reroses. There were school girls exporter, editor, publisher, or proclaiming over white orchids, the prietor of a newspaper for the publication therein of a fair and dowgers admiring scarlet tulips Faith, and we waited a long rue report of any judicial, legistime for our lilies-of-the-valley lative, or other public and official

# of the report which is a fair and VIRGINIA CHAIN HEADS THETA SIGMA PHI

## New President Will Serve as Delegate to Group Convention

Virginia Chain was installed as president of Theta Sigma Phi at their meeting yesterday Miss Chain was also chosen delegate to the national convention. Marylu Peterson is the new vice president; Dorothy Bentz, secretary: Doro-thea Fulton, treasurer Sarah Louise Meyer, social chairman; Virginia Anderson, reporter; Eleanor Clizbe, historian. A dinner for It is this department's advice members of the sorority will be given Thursday night at the Y. W. ond floors of Andrews hall not to C

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# OLYMPIC FUND GETS TAX ON BIG SIX MEET

## Collegiate Contests Contribute Money for U. S. Expenses.

United States Olympic team will receive a portion of their expenses to Berlin this summer from Nebraska, in the form of a twentyfive cent Olympic tax at the annual Big Six track and field championships here May 22 and 23, according to John K. Selleck, business manager of athletics.

All college track meets of any importance are contributing portion of their receipts to make up for the deficiency in the N.C.A.A. funds, intended to send versity of Kansas, in an address is a mess. But I'm not going to N.C.A.A. funds, intended to send there Saturday before the mid-west have it waved because I won't the American team to the Olympic

The Big Six meet will serve as an official preliminary trying ground for the American Olympic places in the various events will be awarded certificates entitling them to compete in the semi-final

Admission charges to the Big Why should I worry about my Six conference meet Saturday are seventy-five cents for adults (inthe Olympic tax) and You see, I've never had any twenty-five cents for university students who possess student acsion charge for the preliminaries Friday, May 22.

# DAMAGES OF FLOOD

Mr. F. A. Haves of the Con-I've just about got the first week servation and Survey division, in company with Ivan D. Wood of "Guess I'll go now. Oh thanks the shelterbelt project and persons from the college of agriculture, are spending Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week in a preliminary study of the flood damage in the Republican valley. Soon after they return a survey party will start detailed resurvey of this region

#### ROBB GIVES SPEECH ON ROLE OF BANKER Prof. T. Bruce Robb of the

Bizard college faculty spoke on "The Role of Bankers and Busi-ness Men" before Nebraska Bankers association in Lincoln Tuesday

#### AS REALIGNMENT SAYS POLITICUS (Continued from Page 1).

lish but the women had no easy time of it. They settled on a system of evaluation only after debate and compromise, and the result isn't entirely satisfactory yet. But that doesn't exhaust the possibilities. At Kansas universit, two organized parties bid for the vote of every student, and fra ternities are usually split in their membership, which is determined by particular interests, friendernment. Membership is cinched

and advertising campaigns, At Stanford, the Hall-Row disdemanded more than a superficial settlement, and a system of nominations in open assembly for all offices, to be reviewed by a board

#### **Buffers**

Even re-establishment of underclass honoraries has been proposed, replacing the Corpse and Coffin, Green Goblins type sophomore and junior societies that were abolished by the efforts of a zealous Student Council some years ago. By serving as buffers activities for each class, and distribute the influence more evenly, Any reforms, if any come, should be initiated by those organizations most concerned. The Innocents would be the logical and best equipped group; the In-terfraternity Council might exert

ambitious party may incorporace such reforms in their platform next fall. But the change must be a fundamental one, because Tid causes of political strife this year

in the hell wants to clean up politics? They're too much fun this

Secondary school students in 1,000 cities are being polled to discover their "key problems." The psychologists are curious.







