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Period Of Rejuvenation.

Tomorrow the university will be deserted as students begin the homeward trek for two weeks of good cheer around the family fire-

Vacations were not intended for study periods, and it is unfortunate that some students will not be able to include in a spell of complete relaxation and carefree joy. To those, the Daily Nebraskan extends its sympathies, with the admonishment that no long time remains to clean up work before finals, and that a few vacation hours devoted to study will be

But even for those who have no classroom worries, the Daily Nebraskan advises a serious note for the coming vacation.

This is the last opportunity to take stock of yourselves, to determine what you have or have not done and what must be done in the brief time remaining in this semester. This is the time when you must decide, honestly, whether this year has proved beneficial or whether you have wasted it. This is the last opportunity you will have for extended talks with mother and dad, for vacations the rest of the year are brief. This is the last time for seniors especially to make future plans in regard to the home folks, and their last chance to receive homey advice.

This is an important time of the year. Decisions reached in the family circle may alter the course of your future life. And then, too, this is the time to be home. The very thought of being home; of being someplace exclusively and solely your own; of being back in the old, natural surroundings makes this an important

New Year's resolution may be made to be broken, but we feel sure that a lot of them will be made on Jan. 1. Resolutions to go back to school and study hard; to show dad that you can make good grades; to show the world that you will be a success. They may be broken, but each one represents a noble ideal which, broken or unbroken, will indicate qualities of courage, ambition, and manhood.

The university needs a vacation. Four months of school has frayed the nerves of almost everyone connected with it. The Daily Nebraskan wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year, with the hope that this vacation will be really a period Spain's International War. of rejuvenation.

STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and to the university are welcomed by this newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

The Yale-Davis Situation

TO THE EDITOR: Because there has been some discussion in the Daily Nebraskan of the Yale-Davis situation, these excerpts from a letter from the general secretary of the American Association of University Professors may be of interest to

I would call especial attention to the latparagraph. There have been several instances in the last year or two in which there has been a tendency to try cases of this kind in the newspapers before there has been an opportunity to secure a careful investigation of the facts. The A. A. U. P. believes that publicity should be avoided as much as possible, and in all events, should be delayed until the facts are known.

"You have doubtless read in the newspapers and current liberal magazines of the termination of tenure of Jerome Davis, associate professor on the faculty of the Divinity school of Yale university. This termination of tenure and alleged facts surrounding it were brought to our attention by Prois. Charles A. Beard, Colston Warne of Amherst college, Paul Douglas of the University of Chicago, and E. A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin, during the past summer, with a specific request that the information be kept confidential until the first part of October, to avoid jeopardizing Professor Davis' chances of securing a position elsewhere.

"The association's first step was a letter written by Professor Carlson to President Angell of Yale university. A conference was later arranged between Professor Carlson and President Angell in New Haven. Professor Carlson went to New Haven to confer not only with President Angell, but with Professor Davis, and with Dean Weigle of the Divinity school. When he arrived in New Haven, he was informed that the statement previously sent us by Profs. Beard, Warne, Douglas, and Ross was already set up in type for The New Republic, and it was published in the Nov. 18 issue.

"The facts indicate that Professor Warne is chairman of the committee on academic freedom and tenure in colleges for the American Federation of Teachers, which organization was and is now conducting an inquiry into the situation. Despite this independent inquiry and the large amount of publicity, which will increase the difficulties, the officers of this association have authorized an investigation. A committee has only recently been secured for this purpose Prof. Arthur N. Holcombe, government, Harvard university; Prof. Elliott E. Cheatham, law, Columbia university; Prof. Harry D. Gideonse, economics, University of Chieago, and Prof. George H. Sabine, philosophy, Cornell university.
"Since many of the alleged facts of the

controversy are already in print, we are of the opinion that what is now required is not only a careful investigation to verify essential facts, but, in addition, a careful review, judicial in nature, of the total situation, including the activities of other organizations and individuals. We might utilize this situation to restate this association's policy and procedure in reference to academic freedom and tenure, which, as you know, is to avoid publicity in the beginning, trying to secure an adjustment with our mediatory agencies and, failing in that, to investigate the facts and, if desirable, to publish a statement for the information of our members.'

D. A. WORCESTER, Secretary. Nebraska Chapter, A. A. U. P.

A Change in Curriculum TO THE EDITOR:

The University of Nebraska is seriously considering the adoption of the "lower division stration of 6,535 students was are system." The plan provides for the postponement of specialization until after the freshman year, yet does not interfere with the completion of a degree within the time limit now es- high, tablished. Questions have naturally arisen as to whether this plan would be beneficial to the

The system itself, which is now in use at Louisiana State university, would provide that all freshmen enroll in a general course for their first year, rather than enter one of the six colleges. This might have drawbacks of course, for some students know definitely before they enter school what course they want to take: yet, on the other hand, too many students, just out of high school, are influenced by prejudices, hasty decisions, or childhood ambitions, and some have no idea as to any specific course ting. Coming as a surprise, the word electrified the campus into action in collection of pledges, and preparation of actual plans, terminating in the recent purand some have no idea as to any specific course they want to take or are best fitted for. This chase of land for its location of proposed plan would give freshmen a general 14th and R streets beneficial course and would also give them a chance to adjust themselves, to get some definite idea as to what course they like and enjoy their accomplishment of 1935 and and are best fitted for. Too many students today choose their university courses hastily and lightly, and yet go ahead and graduate again won the Big Six conference football title. This closed a season of decisive victories over the conference schools, none of which from that college for fear of losing credits in a crossed Nebraska's goal line. transfer and because they have no assurance they could adapt themselves to any other took "one of the most needed steps course with more success.

The "lower division system" would cer- tax levy and an increase in the tainly be fairer to the students. They could get biennial budget of \$876,240 to insome idea as to what the different courses were like and could adjust themselves more readily. to fulfill the school's dire need for and therefore would have far more chances of success in their chosen field. Undoubtedly this the increased number of students. plan would be an asset. Besides helping the With the realization of this reundecided, too easily influenced students, it quest will come the university's would in no way harm those who had already only chance at material expansion. would in no way harm those who had already Conforming to this era of made a definite choice as to what course they changing times and policies, the would follow, for such a general line of study university senate introduced for would in no way lengthen the time requirement for completion of a degree. Surely the plan, by giving students a chance to discover their interests and their abilities, could not help but be a beneficial innovation here.

VELMA FRENCH.

To the Editor:

Along with the announcement of an expected offensive attack by the insurgent forces of General Franco, some other interesting information has been disclosed which is, to say the least, very illuminating. This information is in regard to the composition of the fighting forces on both sides of the civil war.

Hhe main part of the loyalist forces in Madrid, and by far the most effective troops, is the international army which has been bearing the brunt of the fascist attacks. This army is made up of the following nationalities; some 10,000 Russians, about 20,000 Frenchmen, a few antifascist Italians, a few antinazi Germans, and a smattering of Eglishmen, Belgians, and

Franco's besieging forces are said to be composed of some 20,000 Germans, 15,000 Italians, Moorish troops, and some Portuguese. Of course there are Spaniards fighting on both sides. One is tempted to more or less discount these figures, but the idea is that even if they are reduced by a half or a third, they still

form a very respectable total. The supplies and materials of both sides again illustrate this international character of the war. The fascists are using Junkers and Caproni planes, the loyalists are using Breguets, Poitiers and Russian bombers and fighters. Tanks, guns, shells, cannon, military advisers, four or five nations. Of course we have known and anything else necessary are furnished by all along that aid was being furnished both sides, but when we see actual figures such as the above, it does make the eyes widen a bit. Perhaps the woman laborite member of the house of commons hit the nail on the head hard-er than she realized when she asked, "When do you propose to evacuate all the Spaniards from Spain and let the other nations fight it out on Spanish soil?"

C. V. MILLER.

YOU CAN GIVE YOUR ALMA MATER A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

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schools; those remaining have not yet secured offers from institutions in better financial straits; instructors, assistants, readers and others doing university work keep body and soul fairly close together by frugal budgeting and painful ra-

It is the candid belief of the Nebraskan that this university has struggled along on the noble, but insufficient, sustenance of faith about as long as it can. The baser, but equally important, motivation for perpetuating the spark of knowledge, called pecuniary remuneration must come to the aid of faith, or this gaunt and fund-hungry state university is going to succumb completely to the wolves of depreciation.

The point is that students of this institution, soon to be citizens in this state, can do something about the drouth menace. While at home during the holidays they can lobby for their university. They can do all in their power to make known to legislatures and voters the needs of the university. If the people in Nebraska are made to realize, that despite drouth and a general condition of poverty in the state, they can save in the long run by giving the university what she conservatively requests now, they will exert sufficient influence on the 43 members of the new unicameral legislature to keep education from going the way of the buggy. If school spirit means anything more than rah-rahing and football spirit, Nebraska students will lobby for the university during THE EDITORS. Christmas vacation.

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sity hall, and ended his own life on the plot of ground to the east. Dr. Kurz was not injured serious- or phantom? both bullets lodging in his

Scoring the highest number of points ever amassed in a Big Six cially since Dec. 1, economists at championship track meet, Nebraska closed its sport calendar with the "pros" and "cons" of the sitanother conference title. By a uation, healthy margin of 15 points above their nearest opponent, Coach non-committal, limiting themselves Henry F. Schulte's squad returned to saying that the "concensus is the championship after a year that the present momentum should

lapse.
Despite Nebraska's drouth of last summer, enrollment mounted but that business in general is in this year to above pre-depression numbers and an all time record it has enjoyed since 1929. was set. The previous high regimade in the opening months of 1929-30; however the new record is caused by an increase by a mere four students, nevertheless a new

Goal Reached.

Seven years of fighting, unceasing efforts of innumerable Nebraskan editors, student council, presidents, and campus friends came to a definite close on Oct. 23. On that day unofficial notification was received that the University of Nebraska's application for \$180,000 of PWA funds had been appropriated for the con-struction of a Student Union build-

Board of Regents, on Nov. 25, in the history of the university, "the proposal of a .2 state mill a new library and additional classroom buildings to accommodate

consideration a policy whereby all first year students would enter a general course rather than the particular college from which he plans to graduate. Presented as a forward step in education, the pro-posal was advanced with the argument that the average entering freshman is about 17 years of age, too young to be positive of the type of life he wishes to choose for himself.

Prof. L. B. Orfield of the law faculty, who is now on leave of absence as an attorney with the social security board at Washington, D. C., delivered an address on the federal social security act at Duke University, Durham, N. C. recenty.



In 1893 Dr. Hermann M. Biggs urged the notification of cases of consump-tion and also that free provision should be made for the examination of sputum. Because of great opposi-tion it was not until 1907 that tuberculosis was finally classed as a communicable and infectious disease and as such was legally reportable by all physicians. New York's example has been followed by other cities.

Corn Cobs Must Check In Cornbusker Books All Corn Cobs check Corn-husker books in to Sid Baker sometime within the week. Books and money must be in the yearbook office before the Christmas vacation.

busy at present rates for months. Arguments intended to show that the "boom" is phantom are: 1. Only the stimulant of bonus and government spending nas carried business along during

the summer and early fall.

2. The estimated 800 million dollars being paid out in dividends the life and customs of the In-to escape federal taxation is dians of the southwest, at a meetadding artificial buoyancy to the ing of the University of Nebraska present situation.

3. Many orders are being given in anticipation of rising prices rather than because of any real and unsatisfied consumer demand. While there are no data to support several of these contentions many business observers see them as significant trends in the current business situation. Economists calling them factors worth watching" however.

HENRY REPRESENTS

Presbyterian Only Nebraska Minister at Conference of Churchworkers.

R. B. Henry, Presbyterian university pastor, will be the only University of Nebraska church REAL OR PHANTOM? leader to attend the triennial con-AMES, Ia., Dec. 15 .- This "business boom" of 1936-37—is it real ference of Churchworkers in Universities and Colleges which will In answer to the increasing volconvene in Chicago Dec. 29 to 1 ume of discussion on that sub-The conclave, which will be held ject since the election, and espein the theological seminary of the University of Chicago will hear Iowa State college today listed

President Albert Palmer of Chicago university in the welcoming address; Dr. Ernest F. Tittle, of Evanston, speak on and Religion;" Dr. Rabbi Lewis L. Mann of New York lecture on the topic "What Ails Religion," and Dean Charles W. Gilkey of the theological seminary at Cihcago, speak on "Work With Students As An Adventure.'

relatively the strongest position During his visit in Chicago, Mr. Henry will also attend a convention for Presbyterian university pastors in which they will plan for the sesquicentennial celebration of the Presbyterian board of Christian education which will be observed in both 1938 and 1939.

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Wesley Auxiliary.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Wesley Foundation will meet Friday, Dec. 18 at the Foundation. A luncheon will be served at one o'clock and will be followed by a short program.

Yenne to Explain Life of Indians to Nebraska Dames

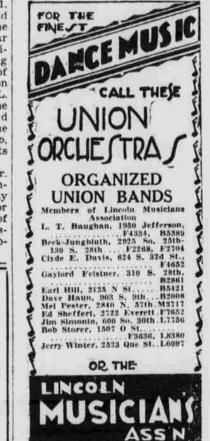
Herbert Yenne, instructor in the speech department, will speak on the life and customs of the In-Dames tonight at the city Y. W.

College World

have graduated from the Univer-sity of Illinois are old maids, according to returns in a recent survey. Eighty percent marry within the first three years after graduation and another 18 percent after the next three years.

Dr. L. H. Adams of the Carnegie Institute's geophysical laboratory says that the age of the earth, as estimated by measuring the amount of the radio-active element uranium which has broken down into lead, is about 1,500,-000,000 years.

An "artificial sun" to aid in the study of sun rays, as the wind tunnel aids in the study of air currents, has been constructed in the town planning studio of the Columbia University school of architecture.



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