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Moral Conviction Courses Are Elective at Nebraska

"The way of evasion is the way of a coward. . . . One can't be neutral in a moral fight. . . . Youth used to resort to prayer when faced by trouble. Now they are more apt to take an aspirin."—From a news story in yesterday's Lincoln Star, reporting the speech at Doane college by Rev. Mr. Dawson of the Vine Congregational church.

A university is dedicated to the search for truth. Its students examine the wisdom of the ages under the direction of trained instructors. They learn of their evolution from a monocellular organism, of the economic forces that regulate industry, and the science of indoctrinating men's minds with the tools of public opinion. But the most puzzling question that man has faced receives no recognition in the curriculum. The meaning of life, and the moral standards that are derived from the concept reached are left for elective, extra-curricular consideration.

It was not always thus. Harvard, Dartmouth, Yale—almost all early American universities—were founded as seminaries. But with the rising tide of democracy, freedom of religious conviction was interpreted to mean freedom from religious instruction, and religion, in the broad as well as the narrow, sectarian meaning, was soon ignored by the larger colleges. On the Nebraska campus today, the only organized religious influences are student denominational centers that attempt to extend the environment of outstate churches, and a few associations limited in size; there is no universal influence, such as that proposed by those who some day hope to build the great cathedral on this campus.

Religion was meant for youth. It offers ideals that challenge that desire for action which characterizes youth. Religion has less to offer age; the fact that our contemporary civilization is not meeting the challenge of its adopted faith has done much to close the mind of youth to ideals. But you can't judge a religion by its professed followers. It seems that one glance at the world that our elders are bequeathing to us—hateful, competitive, war-torn—would convince us that an ethical ideal must be more than an attitude.

Why are Nebraska students unconcerned about religion?

Dr. Charles Patterson, writing in the Nebraska Alumnus last year, attributed it to the fact that "universities are busy places. . . . For the average student this means a busy round of classes, laboratories, and library assignments with special lectures, outside work, class meetings and social engagements sandwiched in between."

But no student wants to admit that he neglects the important for the trivial. He will rationalize, offering some reason such as "A student should be open minded. He should not close his mind with

doctrinal bias; he should use the scientific approach to life. And we have already seen much in experience that contradicts the dogmas and faith of our fathers." They forget that those dogmas were man-made, and that fanatics are not religious men.

Pundits Walter Lippman and Heywood Brown debated this very point in their newspaper columns some years ago. Said Lippman: "It is vain to suppose that our problems can be dealt with by rallying the people to some crusade that can be expressed in a symbol, a phrase, a set of principles or a program. If that is what the progressives are looking for today they will look in vain. The objectives to which a nation could be aroused in something like unanimity are limited to war or to some kind of futile or destructive fanaticism." Judging from some of his comments on the supreme court controversy, the alternative Lippman proposes is this "open mind"—the action of a liberal who weighs both sides and does nothing.

Brown answered with allegory: "Mr. Lippman seems to feel that life is a game of hockey in which the only object is to pass the puck back and forth and never take a shot at the goal. If you shoot, the thrust may miss or be blocked."

It's a great thing to be open minded, but it's a greater thing to do something about it after reaching a decision. The only valuable convictions are reached after weighing both arguments, but they are worthless if you haven't the faith to carry them out.

There is no quarrel between faith and an open mind. Faith can be reached only thru doubt; those men who have the strongest moral convictions were once the greatest skeptics. Only those whose minds are closed evade the question of whether we're a cosmic accident, biological mistake, or personalities who can make ourselves worth more than 94 cents worth of chemical compounds.

This week has been set aside by men for nearly 2,000 years as a time to think about convictions; the "busy" excuse won't be effective for students on vacation. But if lip service to a mystic ritual is all we acquire from our Easter experience, the next generation will be just as disillusioned in faiths as we are.

To make something of faith requires all the impetuous courage of youth. As Bishop Oxnam told a Lincoln audience yesterday, you have to be willing to gamble your life. There are some in this "faithless generation" who have had that courage; the volunteers from American universities who lost their lives fighting against fascist mercenaries in Spain believed that liberty should be more than an armchair philosophy.

It will take more than an "open mind" to hand civilization over to the next generation none the worse for wear. It will take more than a populace which admits it was duped in the last war and merrily arms for the next to hand over any civilization at all.

It's a big order for Easter, but it's worth a gambling chance.

Barbarisms

• By Joan & John Barb

How Long Will the Barbs Stay Down.

Monday night saw the first faint stirrings of Barb political activity in preparation for the coming spring elections. Whether these first mildly clamoring whippers develop into a rumble and full grown roar by election time is still a matter of speculation.

If past contests are any criterion by which to judge, there can be little doubt but that the Barb faction will again be pushed off the political scene. As the only hope for Barbs ever getting any political offices on this campus, we fondly cling to a belief in that time worn political proverb which says that, however unaware they may be, people will only stand for so much of anything.

Nebraska Barbs bear out the "unaware" stipulation of the proverb all too well; but, it is well within the realm of possi-

bilities that worthy Barb "noses" have so long been kept out of the campus political feedbag that the unaffiliates will fulfill the latter part of the proverb as well, and at least appropriate for themselves some of the offices to which they are entitled and which they could get if they would.

We Saved Our Face.

At any rate, Monday night, the never despairing Barb Inter-Club Council was hopefully discussing ways and means of increasing its present one man representation of the Student Council. Many and varied were the proposals, but they all depended on support from the unaffiliates of the campus and hence were practically valueless. One suggestion, which was turned down by a narrow margin of only one vote, was a petition involving not only a change in the constitution but necessarily in the election procedure as well. The proposed amendment required that at least five of the 22 members of the council should be unaffiliates, not stipulating as to whether they should be sophomores, juniors or seniors.

By voting down the proposal the Council saved itself from be-

coming the political laughing stock of the campus and also materially increased its chances to put some of its candidates into office. Certainly no one would deny that the present one, or even the proposed five, is not sufficient representation for the 4,000 unaffiliates on the campus, but no one is sanguine enough to suppose that the unaffiliates would support such a proposal any more than they can be counted upon to elect Barb candidates directly by coming out and voting at the election.

Having put away the temptation to "beg" offices the council can now spend its time on organization of Barb forces. With a smooth functioning organization and united Barb sentiment the unaffiliates would not need to make alliances with Greek or any other faction—but perhaps that is becoming too hopefully speculative.



HANGING fire for several months, diplomatic relationship between England and Italy became strained Wednesday. The British higher-ups are attempting to censor their press so that the populace will not become inflamed with any militaristic attitudes.

Press and radio reports indicate that the straining of relations between England and Italy resulted from the recent non-intervention pact drawn up on the continent in regard to the Spanish civil war which developed into a toy "world war" for European countries.

PEACEMAKER Governor Murphy of Michigan brought together Walter P. Chrysler, automobile manufacturer, and John L. Lewis, number one industrial organizer, for a strike settlement of the Chrysler sitdown Wednesday. At press time there was no report of a settlement but earlier reports indicate an immediate settlement.

The CIO's generalissimo hasn't failed to come to terms yet which should make the strike outlook cheerier.

Meanwhile all "vertical" forms of labor organizations are eyeing the bushy-haired workers' leader in Detroit to learn the next move in the greatest industrial turmoil in American history.

PRINCETON's prexy Harold W. Dodds, appearing before the senate judiciary committee, added his voice to the ever-growing roster of hoarse opponents to President Roosevelt's judiciary reform by asserting that the reorganization plan is "a scheme by which he hopes to control the opinions of the court." President Dodds declared that such adoption would be a "long step" toward the establishment of an "authoritarian government without popular or judiciary restraint."

In other words the Princeton educator is fearing a dictatorship in America. A few more verbal attacks—and they'll be coming daily—on President Roosevelt's political aspirations, and this column, democratic to the core, will blossom out with some sort of back-slapping for FDR.

STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSORS SECOND BROADCAST TODAY

(Continued from Page 1.) musical comedy as "Lil," a Mexican dancer, will appear on the program for a tap dance number. Portia Boynton and Prof. Wilbur Chenoweth will accompany the musical numbers.

Chenoweth to Play. As additional features of the program, Prof. Chenoweth, composer of the new university song, "Hail Varsity," will play his composition on the piano, and Robert Wadhams and Floyd Baker, presidents of the Junior and senior classes respectively, will present a summary of their plans for class organization and activities.

The third and final broadcast to be given by the publicity committee will be held on April 1.

RIPPEN, ENGLUND EARN TOP HONORS IN DAIRY JUDGING

(Continued from Page 1.) second in the Guernsey class. Don Rodenbaugh was second high in all classes, with Russell Pfeifer, third; Al Moseman, fourth, and Paul Fidler, fifth.

Placing in the individual classes was as follows: Holstein, Tom King, first; Loyal Cormann, second, and Floyd Carroll, third. Jerseys, Tom King, first; Don Rodenbaugh, second, and Ivan Franz, third. Guernseys, Carl Swanson, first; Tom King, second; Al Moseman, third. Ayrshires, Tom King, first; Paul Fidler, second, and Russell Jacobsen, third.

SUPER SPEED RESULTS IN TRAGEDY—WEILAND

Professor Talks on Traffic Problem at Lutheran Student Meeting.

The policy of getting more out of an automobile than was put into it was given as a cause for car accidents by W. F. Weiland, professor of mechanical engineering, as he discussed the problem before a group of 50 Lutheran club students.

Weiland pointed out that individuals react slowly and that it was everyone's desire to get the most out of an automobile, and therefore if the car is built for speeds of 85 and 90 miles per hour, it is perfectly natural that individuals should try to attain that speed.

Super speed made by super powerful motors is one of the causes of accidents states Professor Weiland, who has made a study of the factors which contribute to auto crashes. Safety education, law enforcement and drivers license laws plus brake and light tests have accomplished very little toward reducing accidents, Weiland stated.

He classifies these as "dilly-dally efforts" and said that we have not attacked the real problem until we reduce the power that is built into automobiles. In conclusion it was stated that the human mind is a 30 or 40 mile an hour mind, yet we travel at speeds in excess of 60 miles per hour.

Inquiring Reporter

Rain, the agricultural cure-all seems to have arrived at last. While an inch or two of moisture is not sufficient to assure the crops for the coming year, it can arouse a lot of hopes.

What does this rain mean to students on the campus? Some of the replies may seem just a little far fetched, but all of them express a definite opinion.

Eugene Atkins, engineering college sophomore: "I have a feeling that this summer will be a prosperous one, so that the fellows who want to work can get out and do so. Of course I don't like to get my feet wet, but the benefits of the rain over balance those drawbacks. Then, too, the rain shows up the leaks in the roofs of some of the dilapidated buildings on the campus, and helps make people on the outside conscious of the need for new buildings. My folks own a farm, and a good wheat crop means another year in college for me. Then, if everyone has a good crop, it will be a simple matter for those who need money for education to earn it during the summer months."

Mary Jean Westcott, Teachers college freshman: "Every time I go home, some catastrophe occurs. Last time, there was a blizzard, and now the Missouri will probably flood. The best thing that the rain will do, is fill up Crystal Lake, so we can swim all next summer. Maybe it will be deep enough so that the cows can't get in at one end, and it would be more sanitary. Of course, it's good for the crops. Then, too, a lot of children that have been born during the past few years know what rain is like, now."

Frank Day, Arts and Sciences sophomore: "It means a probable good crop this year. But it seems almost a shame to waste this good water on land that won't grow much, when it could be of so much more benefit if it fell on more fertile soil. Altho our legislature will not appropriate money for the university on the strength of one crop, it will help a lot toward turning their minds in that direction. Then, it will settle the dust, so we won't have to go thru many more dust storms."

Katherine Hunting, Arts and Sciences freshman: "Both of my parents own farms, and if they have good crops, I might get quite a bit out of it. I can sleep better when it's raining. It might effect the legislature; in any state when they want to pull

something, they wait for favorable weather conditions to put the legislators in the proper frame of mind."

Bud Davis, Arts and Sciences freshman: "It means that I'll have to dig down into my pocket and come up with money for a new hat. Also, it's made me feel that the university ought to start checking out umbrellas to the students studying in the upper floors of the library. I live out in the sand hills, that's real cattle country. My father is a depot agent, and if the farmers ship a lot of cattle, it will help my dad's job a lot, and that will assure me another year at the university—if I can make my grades this year."

Jeanne Rowe, Teachers college junior: "Personally, I don't like rain, it gets my feet wet. But I'm willing to forego a little personal discomfort if everyone is being benefited. Every rainy day brings money into the state of Nebraska, and perhaps some of that money will be spent on the University of Nebraska."

Robert Beaver, Arts and Sciences junior: "Means good crops. We can't be prosperous unless the farmers have money. They are the basis for our national financial structure. My father is in business and his salary depends directly on the amount of money that the farmers have. If the farmers have plenty of money, so will my father, and I'll get another year at the university."

Steuerte twins, Arts and Sciences freshmen: "We like rain, altho it ruins our hats and wets our shoes, it's good

for the corn. We want you to know, tho, that we don't live on a farm. A lot more students will come to the university, so we predict an increased enrollment for next fall. Maybe the legislature will relent, and shovel away a couple of these wrecks, which now adorn the campus, and give us a new University hall."

Max Arnold, Arts and Sciences freshman: "It means that I'll have a chance to come back to school next year. My folks are farmers, and a good crop would mean that I'd get another year at the university."

George Young, Arts and Sciences sophomore: "This is a farming community, and most of us are benefited directly in a commercial way thru the farmer. We've all had enough of Oklahoma and Kansas mixed up with our spring weather, so that a little moisture to hold these states down wouldn't hurt our feelings one bit. Everyone appreciates the novelty of a little precipitation, too, after not having seen any for several years. The farmers and the landowners, the sources of most of our school taxes, are better enabled to meet their obligations, so perhaps more money will be forthcoming for the university."

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