

Editorially Speaking

The Over-Saturation of Activity-Effervescent

Two articles in today's DAILY exemplify the irony of the present men's activity set-up. First, from the glaring headlines of page one, follows a story dealing with the forced resignation of the Student Council president because of scholastic ineligibility. Second, on this page in our bulletin, is the notification of the first meeting of the Men's Activity Point board.

We dislike dealing in personalities. But the facts of the deposed council president's case are too analogous to the circumstances of others who have become martyrs to activity over-emphasis. Thoughts, somewhat reverent, go back to the days of our own Wid Burney who fell into the maze too deeply, or Bob Wadhams who, it is said, "did everything on the campus but go to school." There have been others in the past—many; there are those of the present—several, who have or will also cut their scholastic throats by an over-injection of the extra-curriculars.

The case of the deposed council president is clear-cut and indicative. It is a glorious example of "fraternity push"—the prevalent dam-

nation behind most activity workers. It is a case, admittedly so, of neglected laboratory academic work for activity work—which, at that time, was necessary for honorary laurels. Like many, it was a case of over-saturation of the activity-effervescent.

To allay such circumstances—which do not reflect against activities themselves but only against over-indulgence—a Men's Activity Point system was established last year. Today the board which intends to regulate that system will meet. The session will be interesting and revealing. Doubtless, there will be changes made in the system. There should be. And there should be no exceptions.

The system should apply stringently to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Enforcement, where pressure is needed, should come from the Dean of Student Affairs. Cooperation for the benefit of all should be a necessity. And, above all, candidates for the coming election should be checked.

If but one single student can be saved from mistaken doses of extra-curricular emphasis, the board can deem its work well done.

"Don't be over-awed by our titles, our books, our authority over you. This new world is not all in the books or in our heads. Tell us when you think we over-reach ourselves and our knowledge. All of us do at times. We should all stand together to work to build for the time after this war a better world."—Dr. Robert S. Lynd, Columbia.

If Sara Louise Meyer Were Only Here—

We miss Sara Louise Meyer—one of our most famous "has-beens." Her bright and spicy interpretation of the fact of life was indicative of the student thought. Her columns were illuminating and added a good many words to a good many vocabularies. We miss her especially now.

Listing all courses available in night school, the University of Nebraska News—a publication which follows the channels

of all university publication—has this revealing paragraph under the heading, "personal hygiene:"

"This course teaches 'the art of fine living consists of the greatest intellectual development and the most worthy social service possible without loss of power to continue the race adequately, to enjoy life fully and be a real source of happiness to others.'" If she were only here now!

YOU own the university

Kent dean outlines duty of 'ownership'

(The following article is from "The Saturday Letter," publication of the dean of men's office at Kent State university, Kent, O.)

Dear Friend:

There are many parts to a man's estate,—health, success, service club, friendships, property, skills, family, lodge, hobbies, faith, education, fraternity, experience—and his university or college. The university belongs to the man—not the man to the university.

This is not exactly according

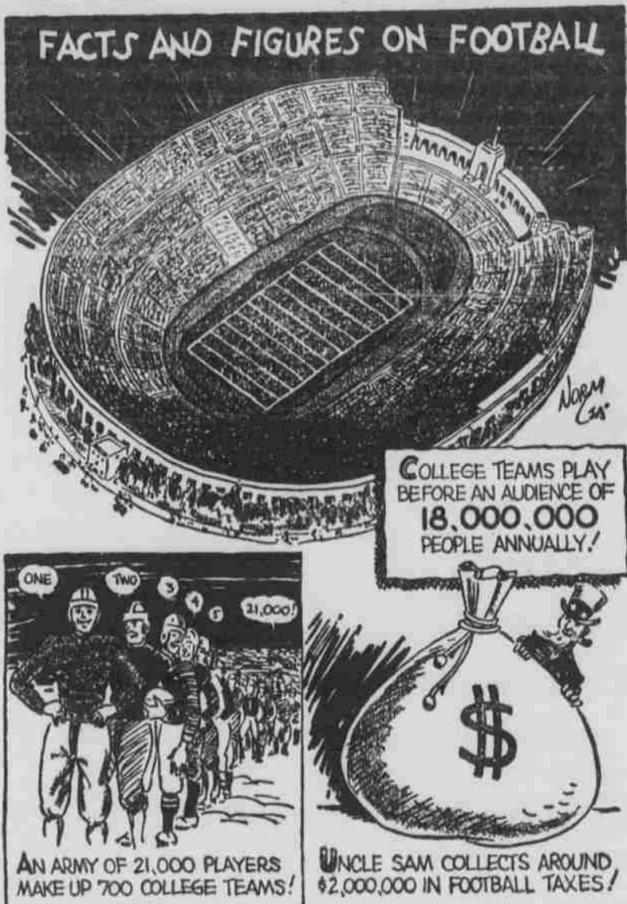
to the pattern set by some persons who deal in university affairs, but one need only to listen to the talk of students and graduates to catch the truth. A man always says, "My university." He never says, "The university I belong to."

The university can be owned in total by one, each one of ten, by each one of a hundred, by each one of a thousand and by each one of a million, and still be taken

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Student Pulse

November 1, 1939.

To the Editor: Yesterday I finally found out the cost of convenience. And it is intolerably high. Heretofore I had been eating at the Union—but no more.

Yesterday I ate at a clean local restaurant where I spent less and got more for my money. Thinking that this was an exception I investigated and found that all of the off campus restaurants are giving more food and good food for the money than the Union.

If I understand the situation correctly the Union doesn't have the overhead that the local restaurant has. It is furnished rent, heat, and light by the university. Further it was intended to operate on a small margin of profit far below that which local private enterprises are admittedly making.

If this is so—then something is vitally wrong with the catering department of the Union, for we are paying as much and getting less for our money at the Union than we get elsewhere.

A Student.

over in total by each member of the new freshman class. It is an inexhaustible sort of thing,—a perpetual fountain. There is in it the stuff of infinity. No matter how many times it is taken it always remains for the next claimant. It's strength depends upon the number of persons having ownership. Thus it happens that the smallest (in size) may be the largest (in ownership) and the weakest (in property), the strongest (in influence).

Having selected your university, you owe the same responsibility to it that a parent owes to his child or a ruler owes to his people. You must give protection, guidance and inspiration. The more you give of yourself (not money) to your university, the more valuable the university becomes to you as a part of your estate.

Raymond E. Manchester.

Booknook loses many magazines

Magazines placed in the booknook have been "simply flitting out and not coming back." Miss Nadine Nims, secretary to Union Director Van Sant, revealed yesterday.

The students are really taking their own goods, she pointed out, adding that the Union buys the magazines for the use of many rather than for personal use by a few with sticky fingers.

"We depend upon the students' honor," Miss Nims continued, "and Union authorities hope that the students will respond by demonstrating that their honor is trustworthy."

The Atlantic end of the Panama canal is 27 miles west of the Pacific end. Thus a steamship going from the Atlantic to the Pacific sails east.

Scrap Irony Chris Peterson

I used to go to the races at Ak Sar Ben last summer. I had the damndest luck though. And to think of the horseshoes that were around, too.

I couldn't win. It has been said that economy is a way of spending money without getting any fun out of it. I didn't get any fun out of it and it sure as the devil wasn't economy.

I even took a rabbit's foot along one day. It didn't do any good. I'm convinced that no one should put faith into a rabbit's foot except a rabbit.

The best run that I got for my money was a nose to nose finish. My horse and another were fighting it out for last place.

They had a white horse there by the name of Nebraska but he wasn't much good. Like the state he was showing signs of Tattle-Tale grey.

I have learned. The next time I bet my shirt on a horse, I'll know what to do to make him run. I'll leave the pins in it.

Yes sir, a lot of things run into the money, except the horses that I bet on.

Cinemaker Fredric March is leading a drive for funds to provide technical equipment for the new University of Wisconsin theater.

It would take one person 141 years to complete all of the courses offered by the University of Texas.

Louisiana State university has been placed on probation for six months as regards federal student aid.

This year's college and university enrollment in the U. S. is expected to total approximately 1,400,000.

Lutherans start new programs

A new program for university Lutheran students will be inaugurated Nov. 12, featuring a series of two meetings a month.

Once a month a Sunday evening meeting will be held. The fellowship meeting starts at 5:30 p. m., with lunch being served. At 6:30 the devotion and discussion begins. Prominent Lutheran leaders will speak at the meeting on the theme "The Faith of our Day." The other meeting in the form of a party will be on a Friday.

Lutheran students' midwest regional conference will be held in Blair, Nov. 3, 4, and 5, at Dana college. Interested students may make arrangements for transportation with Lowell Johnson, president of the Lutheran student club.

New officers of the group are Lowell Johnson, president; Bert Anderson, vice president; Hedwig Welchert, secretary; and Ardell Olson, treasurer. Dr. C. P. Harry, the organization's national advisor, met with the students Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Worcester, staff to attend contest

Dr. D. A. Worcester, chairman of the department of psychological education and measurements in the teachers college, along with several of his staff members, will attend in an official capacity the annual Young Citizens contest in Omaha today.

Sponsored by the Omaha World Herald and the Nebraska American Legion this contest honors the youth of the state by selecting from among it those persons believed measuring up to the best standards of citizenship.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

LUTHERAN STUDENTS. Lutheran students will meet for the Gamma Delta Bible class with Rev. H. Erek at 5 p. m. today / in room 203 Temple.

AG VESPERS. The YW Ag College Vespers will meet today at 12:30 p. m. in the home economics parlor. Miss Ostlund, YW secretary will review "Morton Storm" Music will be furnished by the ag college trio.

TASSEL UNIFORMS. Tassels are to wear their uniforms today instead of Friday this week.

SIGMA TAU. Sigma Tau, engineering honorary, will hold a dinner meeting tonight at 6:15 in the union.

CORN COBS. Corn Cob workers will meet today at 2 p. m. in the Union, and tonight for the rally and football pictures at 7 p. m.

RIDING CLUB CONTEST. A clever name for the university riding club is being sought thru a contest. All entries are to be given to Lillian Luttgen at the Alpha Phi house.

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