

Editorial

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Bulletin

So little to ask so much to do

The World Student Service Fund drive ends Monday night. And to date only three organized houses out of a total of 38 have made any contributions at all. In a week long campaign, the YM and YW has raised but \$200.

They're not begging money from anybody, but they are persistent because what they need seems so little to ask.

Three hundred dollars must be raised by tomorrow night to go over the top. This must largely come from organized houses. But dividing it among the 35 that as yet have contributed nothing, it would necessitate only \$10 per house to make the drive a success.

Kappa Alpha Theta is raising three times this much by giving up desserts during Lent and turning the proceeds over to the fund. Other groups could easily make similar pledges. Small sacrifices by each individual in a group makes the contribution of that group sizable.

Tomorrow night at meeting is the time to act. Vote at least \$10 to this worthy cause.

America's

Physical unfitness needs your attention

... immediately

That American youth is more largely physically unfit than the youth of any other large nation has become apparent again and again by the large percentage of draftees being rejected on this score. This in itself should give America something to worry about.

But the fact that the ratio of physical unfitness has been steadily increasing since the World war presents a far graver and more immediate problem. Can it be true that the American strength is degenerating? And if so, why?

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Leon Kranz of Northwestern University presented this problem last week thru a comparison between the percentage of draftees rejected because of physical weaknesses today, and those rejected for the same reasons in 1917. Whereas this ratio stood at only 21.2 percent at the earlier date, today it has topped 43 and appears to be mounting.

Where the trouble lies is quite evident. Working in classrooms, in the library and beneath a study lamp a good part of the day; indoors, laboring mentally perhaps, but without any physical exertion to speak of, no student can stay healthy.

Yet the above routine is followed by a large percentage of the students at Nebraska and other educational institutions. And those following this schedule are in nine cases out of ten, the ones who need a little physical exercise most.

Less than two-fifths of the entire enrolment of this university make any use at all of the extensive facilities of our \$400,000 coliseum, and only a little over 50 of those who do, use it outside of regular credit courses. Free swimming hours at noon and at 5 o'clock daily have only half a dozen attenders and six handball courts open to any student, are for a good part of the time unoccupied.

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Following the World war, Kranz points out that America became vitally concerned with the high percentage of physically unfitness at that time. The response was a nation wide extension of athletic programs, the erection of gymnasiums, stadiums, and the landscaping of parks. The millions being spent today for sports, however, is being largely wasted the nation over. And this, Kranz concludes, is because of an overemphasis upon major intercollegiate games and too little emphasis upon personal recreation.

If America was concerned then, how much more concerned it should be now. The state and the university has done everything possible to make athletics facilities available to all. But "they can't make the horses drink." It must be the personal responsibility of each individual to plan some exercise program as an integral part of his curricula. This is as it should be. He is the one most benefitted by good health and most hindered by atrophy and other ailments in later life.

The coliseum athletic schedule will be published from time to time in the NEBRASKAN. Costs are absolutely nothing unless one wishes to check out a basket and have a towel service. But even then the maximum outlay is only \$1.50. The facilities are there; the need for their use is vital. Let's see them used.

Dear Advertisers...

The DAILY NEBRASKAN is first, last, and always an impartial reporter of what organizations on this campus do. We carried the report of the Prom Committee's decision to ban corsages at the Junior Senior Prom because that was a story of first rate interest to our readers. The ban was not the decision of this staff, nor was there anything this staff could do to prevent it.

The Junior Senior Prom is an all campus party. In order to encourage those who can't afford corsages to attend, and at the same time to remove any appearance of cheapness on the part of those not sending them, the

The Sunday Message

Circle-Drawing
Luke 19:1-10

Once more the season of Lent is with us, a season during which the Church bids us, in the words of Our Blessed Lord, to "Come apart and rest awhile." Wordsworth said, "The world is too much with us." How true. The world was never more with us. It fills the front pages of our newspapers. It shouts at us through our radios. It is the common talk wherever men and women are gathered together.

We can't seem to get away from the "world," which is so filled with unrest and destruction and grief. Or can we get away from it? The Church says we can and should, at least for a little while each year. That is what Lent is for.

Lent is based upon Our Blessed Lord's temptations in the wilderness, described in the Fourth Chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, which is the Holy Gospel for this first Sunday in Lent. Those three temptations, when analyzed, show us that they contain every type of temptation which may assault us, you and me.

Temptation tests character.

What is temptation, anyway? The word temptation comes from the Latin. It means to test or to try. So when you and I are tempted, we are being tested or tried to see what we are made of, how much we can stand, how much real character we have. St. Augustine said, "It is the Devil's part to suggest, it is ours not to consent." St. Gregory said, "Sin is first by suggestion, then by delight, and lastly by consent."

Unless the tempting impression be felt, there is no real temptation. Unless it be yielded to, there is no real sin. Where, then, is the point in temptation at which sin begins? It is when the evil which is presented to us begins to be the determining factor or impression upon our lives. From Shakespeare: "Tis one thing to be tempted, Escalus, another thing to fall."

Temptations may draw up.

So much for the temptations which may drag us down. We may have temptations which will draw us up. We may be exposed to Shakespeare, Browning, Stevenson or Dante. Do we respond, or do we still prefer the cheap novel?

We may be exposed to the Corinthian column or the figures of the Sistine Madonna. Do we respond, or do we still prefer the Colored Supplement? We may be exposed to Washington, Lincoln, or Bryce. Do we respond, or do we still prefer the tactics of the cheap ward poli-

committee urged every student to refrain from sending flowers next Friday.

There was no intention on their part and certainly not on our part to injure advertisers in university publications. It has always been our policy to urge patronage among the students of those who patronize us. And so long as our action is not contrary to general all campus policies, we will follow the same course in the future. To the editor:

My policy is "Give credit where credit is due (sic)," and this accounts for my following rash but justifiable letter.

In the DAILY NEBRASKAN paper for Feb. 28, 1941 you have this statement "Dorothy Jean Brown directs Rosa Bouton in their act. . . ." This is a terrific mistake.

Miss Brown did not even want the play, let alone helping or directing the skit. She was too busy studying and what have you to fool around with the play.

Please if it isn't asking too much change your statement, Miss Anna Burda, who really directed the play, desires a little space of credit.

Yours Truly, A Student.

Commentorial

... from our readers

More publicity to prom committee, and less bias on Nebraskan please!

Dear Editor:

I would like to apologize to the Prom Committee because of the careless wording of my letter. I did not intentionally insinuate that anything was wrong with the Prom Committee; I merely wanted to ascertain the reason the Innocents, and not the Committee, had been featured in the publicity concerning the Prom.

Thanks for the explanation on universal subscription. It was well enough done that I am prepared to vote in favor of universal subscription just as soon as an agreement is made that will insure the barbs against the type of biased paper that the DAILY NEBRASKAN has been in the past. I don't want to incur the wrath of the DAILY by such statements but no one could say that the barbs got a square deal from the NEBRASKAN last spring.

It is my opinion that universal subscription will increase the social system of the university 25 percent. Though compulsory measures are not admirable, the end sometimes justifies the means.

Ward Brunson

Ed.: If the Innocents have been played up too much in the past, Ward, it was an oversight on our part.

tician? We may be exposed to the Church with its Blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, its sacraments and its helps. Do we respond, or do we still prefer the secular clubs?

We can be tempted up or down. The Church says, "Lift up your hearts" in the "Sursum Corda." Get above the things of the "world." The "world" is too much with us. That is the purpose of Lent, "to come apart and rest awhile," to fast, to pray, and to give alms.

Fasting is discipline.

What does it mean to fast? Fasting is giving up some lawful things like food, movies, theaters, dances, parties and various other secular amusements, which in themselves are right, lawful and allowable, in order that we may discipline ourselves to give up something that is not right, lawful and allowable. In other words, it is saying "No" to something that is lawful so that we can have the strength to say "No" to something that is not not lawful. Not only should we give up something during Lent, but we should do more, in prayer, in devotions, services, and Communion, and in giving alms to the Church to help those who are in need. In other words, fast for a purpose.

Athletes fast for purpose.

Athletes train and prepare so that they may contend against competition in the athletic world. Soldiers train and prepare in order that they may be able to contend against the enemy when attacked. Athletes and soldiers fast. They go without many of the things which they like. Soldiers of the Cross train by self denial, self discipline that they may be able to fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil. They do this by going without things that they like very much. They fast for a purpose.

When the "World" does these three things: fasts, prays, and gives alms, the solution of the world's problems will be easy. Let's keep Lent. There can be no real Easter without a real Lent any more than there can be any mountain peaks without the valleys between. Lent is a valley. Let's keep it.

A PRAYER FOR LENT

O Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights, give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey thy Godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Thanks for calling it to our attention; that in the future we may give credit where credit is due.

As to your feeling that bias governed the NEBRASKAN policy last spring; it may or may not be justified. Nevertheless the fact that such a feeling exists among a large group on the campus will make the DAILY follow a more cautious path in the future. If such a bias existed then, it may have resulted from the shortage of barb representatives on the staff. Without men to turn in a particular type of news, Ward, it is most difficult to play up that news fairly and indiscriminately.

This spring the situation is quite different. A number of able unaffiliated students are on our staff; one will be given a salary and a position of barb editor. The work of this group with the support and cooperation of the rest of the staff, should remedy this situation. Let's give it a try.



Ordeal

Olson

Lending is not war

The opponents of the lease-lend bill are attacking it on the ground that it will bring the United States into war. The testimony of Senator Norris to the contrary is particularly significant because of his former isolationist ideas, and is a clear exposition of the reasoning that is going to pass the bill.

That reasoning is, that inasmuch as the Nazi's normal method of conducting foreign relations is war, that treaty promises mean nothing to them, that between their system and ours there is an unbridgeable chasm. The only way for the United States to avoid war at German convenience is to see to it that the English keep fighting against them.

For this, American industrial products in England—are essential, and the lease-lend bill is aimed at achieving precisely that. The obvious conclusion is that if such is done, the United States will not need to and will not go to war against the Nazis.