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Scholarship Not Sterile Here

The most frequent criticism voiced concerning an educational institution is that its general temper and curriculum is "behind the times." Educators live in a world of theory and not of practicality. Their instructional methods are outmoded and their subject matter out of date.

Such criticism cannot be leveled at the University of Nebraska for it has not been unmindful of its responsibilities, both to the needs of the present and the demands of the future. Probably never before has the instructional staff been so eager to play a leading role in the training of men and women for defense and for citizenship.

A large number of new courses have been instituted to provide students with the technical knowledge now so necessary and so vital to our own freedom and to the freedom of all the other united nations fighting aggression. The college of engineering has been especially active in keeping abreast of our industrial war needs. This all out educational program has been due chiefly to the efforts of Dean O. J. Ferguson and Prof. J. W. Haney. Thru Civilian Pilot Training the University has provided the air corps with a great number of pilots. Especially designed courses are preparing and will continue to prepare students to step into technical positions in aircraft production. Instruction has been modified and rearranged in order to provide the necessary knowledge to students wishing to enter the naval reserve and other branches of the service.

The other colleges and schools have also recognized their obligations to the students, to themselves, and to the nation. The role of education in this war has been realized by the University and it has already taken its cue. And when the final curtain goes down, the

thunderous applause of an appreciative state and nation will be most richly deserved...

Eds. Note: Due to an error on the part of Monday evening's night editor the following editorial was printed only in part. Below is the complete editorial.

'The House of Usher'

The house the barbs built is gone. The foundation has melted away for lack of leadership. The framework has rotted for lack of interest. The superstructure decadent for lack of activity. Though the debris remains, the organization, the power, the influence, which quite recently stormed the Greek political stronghold through the endeavor of students like Otto Woerner, Bob Simmons, and Blaine Sloan, is little more than a memory.

This is not a healthy condition. Certainly the unaffiliated students should realize this. And the Greek students will soon come to full realization of it. The student council and other organizations are feeling and will feel more so the lack of rivalry which engenders inactivity and listless participation in student functions.

Two years ago, one year ago, the unaffiliated student's organization seemed well on the way to rightful recognition by all the students of its ideals, aims, and purpose as a part of the university community. Politically its ranks were growing with each election. It was working toward better living conditions for independent students through the promotion of cooperative housing. It at least had in mind the improvement of working conditions for those students who had to have a job to stay in school. It had a well balanced and coordinated social program.

But that era is gone. With the start of school this year the standards of the barb party were raised. After a political debacle this fall they were lowered seeming to indicate that the organization rested on ballots rather than work, on political prestige rather than genuine aims, on "interests" rather than promotion of social and economic conditions for unaffiliated students.

Voiced opposition is essential to any democratic structure. An unopposed party disintegrates under its own weight. There were signs of a split in the Greek faction last fall. It will undoubtedly come unless the barb party puts in its bid for elective recognition. A break in the Greek faction will not help the fraternities and sororities. It will be detrimental to the barb party. The elections will be held exclusively by and for affiliated students as they had been in the past.

The Daily has no intention of fostering petty factional politics, but if student government is to be continued, if the student council is going to have ballots printed in the spring, if interest in student affairs is to be retained, the time has come when the independent students should reorganize for their own good and for the good of the university.

Bulletin

Sigma Gamma Epsilon, geology fraternity, will hold an open house meeting Thursday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p. m., in Morrill hall, room 20. Everyone is invited to attend. Colored moving pictures will be shown by the Nebraska State Game commission.

Student Council will meet at 5 p. m., in room 313 of the Union. All members are asked to be present.

Red Cross . . .

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Smith will play the marimba; Beverly Weichel, the accordion; and Marie Hassel, the piano.

Interspersing the musical acts, Josephine Weaver and Ronald Metz will present a comedy dance act together, and Pat Herminghaus and Jeanne Bovard will also each entertain with dancing.

Novel entertainment will be offered by Elizabeth Stonebraker and Quentin Pearson, expert baton twirlers, with the latter to be featured in a surprise spectacular finale. Assisting these performers will be a picked instrumental group from the varsity band and Bob Dunning, accompanist.

With all these students contributing their time and talent in behalf of the war fund, the committee hopes to draw a crowd worthy of the patriotism of Nebraska students.

Vacation . . .

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doing such traditions as Ivy Day. "This all-out business can be overdone," he said. Marjorie May seconded the thought. "So long as all extra-curricular activities aren't abandoned, the idea is a good one," she said.

Bizad junior Carl Erickson thinks that even what has been done so far is too much. Commented Erickson: "It serves no useful purpose; it's all hysteria." Jim Van Landingham and Jack Stewart were indifferent. Both saw value in a chance to get out of school earlier and earn some money; both expressed the opinion that they could be happy with or without spring vacation.

"The accelerated program is necessary," said junior Betty Toothaker; "but it would be a shame to break an old tradition like Ivy Day, sacrificing it to a speeded-up program. Miriam Rubnitz, a senior, thinks the idea is "swell." Indicating her eagerness to get out of school she said: "This is a great institution—but."

Coed Follies . . .

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braska Coed will be chosen from two candidates each from the organized houses and the three resident halls. These candidates will be judged on personality, their wearing of typical Nebraska campus clothes and their interest in school affairs. In addition they must have made the all-women's average and have completed one year's work in the university.

From this group of candidates will be chosen the models in the style show which will also be featured in the show. The names of these girls must be turned in to Mrs. Westover by Feb. 6.

At Ag . . .

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you girls are free from the draft...eight coeds were drafted on ag campus. The ag college publications board, in looking over the list of applicants for editor of the Cornhusker Countryman, found that the men did not apply since they had, or would soon be, called to the army...so the board decided that women would have to shoulder the responsibility for the duration of the war.

Two were "called to their colors" for each publication of the magazine. For February they will be Carol Chapman and Rosa Kniekrehm; March: Carol Chapman and Betty Ann Tishammer; April: Betty Ann Tishammer and Betty June Jensen and for May: Betty June Jensen and Bonnie Bernholtz.

Don't be surprised, men, if the following issues of the Cornhusker Countryman have a slight aroma of lavender and old lace, color schemes of passionate pink and...oh, yes...the cover might be a combination of gingham, calico and organdy with the corners tucked in gently with pleats and ruffles.

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