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## Nothing to Do? . . .

On Friday, May 6, 1938 the editorial in the then Daily Nebraskan stated that "Seemingly there is a lack of things in which students can concentrate their attention." The editorial went on for ten inches to advocate the establishment of new activities for the students to participate in, more things to keep them busy.

For us on May 6, 1945, it is virtually impossible to realize that there could ever have been a time when students could deplore the dearth of things for them to do. Not only are the days of 1938 gone forever, but seemingly the university and its students have gone to the opposite extreme. Now, the deplorable fact is that the students spent possibly the busiest semester of their one, two, three of four years on this campus.

This semester, as always, the university has held the annual and traditional activities and ceremonies which have become a part of the tradition of UN. There have been the usual convocations, the usual Ivy Day, the usual elections conducted in an unusual manner, the usual Coed Follies, the usual Penny Carnival, and all the other "usual" activities of a normal college year. These activities have managed to keep the campus busy enough for a considerable number of years. But they were not enough, it seems.

So, just to give the poor, idle students something to do, we had innumerable little activities added to the extra-curriculars. Thruout January, February and March there was the Peace Conference. The Peace Conference was one of the very few thoroughly worth-while activities which popped up this year. Then came dandelions in the next-to-the-last week before finals when most of the students had unending work to do. And throughout the whole semester, Pan-hellenic and the other organizations governing women's doings have sent out weekly notices to the coeds listing in alphabetical order the things for the women to do that week—shows to the Air Base, scrapbooks for soldiers, and all the rest of it from A to Z. The coeds have been particularly hard hit by the overwhelming upsurge of "things to do."

Now the Nebraskan is not criticizing the "things to do" individually because many of them have been worthwhile. But it is an undisputable fact that the students, with the exception of those who have stayed home and studied in a way practically foreign to the mass of students, have had so much to do dictated by their sorority, their heads of organizations or some other force that they haven't had the time to get organized all semester.

Little known is the fact that the university faculty had a meeting not long ago and decided that the scholarship of the university as a whole was the lowest it has been for many, many years. This disinterest in formal education on the part of the students can be blamed on many things, but directly concerned is the terrific concentration of extra-curriculars this semester, concentrated to the point where the ancient adage about not letting one's studies interfere with one's education has become too true to be humorous.

Extra-curriculars are fine when they remain purely

"extra"—something to do when studying is done, something not required, something not judged by how many coeds in a certain house do so much. It is only when the "extras" become the primary concern of students, when they are so concentrated in a few months time, when there are so many of them, that they become an evil.

We may not long for the days of 1938, and now that school is almost finished for another year we may not even care. The best we can do is hope that the extra curricular brainstormings of 1945-46 be taken as they were once meant to be—as "extras."

L. J. G.

## Larson . . .

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Tassels, Home Ec Club and Coed Counselors; Miss Rotton is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Student Council, Pi Lambda Theta, Alpha Rho Tau, Pi Beta Kappa and Coed Counselors; Miss Witt is president of Alpha Phi, member of Panhellenic and vice president of Pi Lambda Theta.

Daisy chain leaders were Dorothy Caress, president of Alpha Omicron Pi, treasurer of Tassels, member of Coed Counselors; Mary Kumagia, member of Ag YWCA cabinet and BABW Board; Jane McElhaney, president of

BABW, member of YWCA cabinet, Coed Counselors, Pi Lambda Theta, and Alpha Lambda Delta; Martha Nickerson, governor of Women's Resident Halls, president of Delta Phi Delta, member of AWS Board, and the university orchestra.

Edward Segrist, jr., was crown bearer for the Ivy Day festivities. Sarah Jo Hiatt and Martha Brownlee were the two flower girls.

Elsworth DuTeau, secretary of Alumni Association, was the commentator for the afternoon's program. He paid tribute to the Innocents, honorary senior men's society, which has been inactive during wartime. Thirteen alumni

YWCA cabinet, Pi Lambda Theta, Alpha Chi Omega and president of Aikane; Miss Kobes is president of Panhellenic, past president of Delta Delta Delta, members of Innocents led the entire court procession into the coliseum. Those participating were: Stewart Elliott, '10, president of Innocents Alumni Association; Charles Drake, '44; Lt. Clyde Martz, '41; John Mason, '41; M. G. Volz, '25; Dr. Glen T. Warren, '23; Ray Rice, '11; Roy Wythers, '22; Harry L. Reed, '20; Harry Ankeny, '13; Ralph Mosely, '12; Lt. Col. H. R. Turner, '24, and Earl Eager, '07.

Following the Ivy Day Oration, Leslie Jean Glotfelty, junior class president, and Jean Whedon Remmenga, senior class president, planted the traditional ivy.

Miss Mabel Lee, director of physical education for women, recently returned from New York conference with leading physical educators from Chile, China and India, whose visit had been arranged by the state department. A group of about 25 physical educators from the United States and Canada were called together for the conference with them on the Postwar Planning for Physical Education.

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