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THE END OF A LONG STRUGGLE

In the student council election today, Nebraska has reached the end of a long struggle for student self-government. It is not to be thought of that in a day when democracy is the cry of the world, uppermost in the thought of everyone, the plan can be defeated in a democratic institution such as Nebraska University.

Student self-government has been the dream of many students who have found the impenetrable wall of faculty supervision a barrier to the fullest expression of the Cornhusker spirit. For years, college publications, student organizations, individual students, and many of the faculty themselves, have hoped for the day when the responsibility for student affairs would rest upon the students. Many who took part in the early struggles are looking to the University today, eager to hear the word that Nebraska is to have a fuller measure of democracy.

The University exists to give the students the proper grasp of life. No man or woman who leaves Nebraska undemocratic, narrow, snobbish, or without full sympathy for all of humankind, has been educated as the University aims to educate him. And yet he has received his education for citizenship in a school where citizenship has been held for little, and where democracy as expressed in the government of the school, has been almost unknown.

Today will probably prove the turning point. Those who fought in the years gone by can know that their work was not in vain. Student self-government will mean big things for Nebraska, just as it has meant big things for every important university that one by one has put it into force.

The battle ends today. It has been a long one. Let it be hoped that it has not been for naught.

FARMERS' WIVES AND COLLEGE GIRLS

Now comes the report that the farmers' wives of this state, whom the University girls had planned to help with their heavy and disagreeable work this summer, are spurning the offer. They don't want college girls, they say, and the reasons they give are that the girls don't know enough about menial housework to be of use, or if they have been trained in the agricultural college they would demand wages too high, or if they did the work free they would have to be treated as guests.

This is most surprising, and makes one puzzle to find the reason for this attitude. Granting that the University girls at times look like anything but the average hired girl on the farm, The Nebraskan has the idea that for intelligent and useful service the Nebraska co-eds would be worth fully as much as the hired girl, and would prove a most valuable asset to the farmer's wife. Not a few of the college girls have made the best possible farmer's wives themselves, and have adjusted their manner of living to the farm with apparent ease and enjoyment.

Surely the trouble must be that the wives don't know the co-eds. Perhaps they have heard their sons speak boastfully of social conquest, and thus got the idea that the butterfly type prevailed here. Perhaps it is a fear that the college girl would put them to shame by her ability. Perhaps it is the impulse to glory in the hard work; perhaps the farmer's wife doesn't want to be deprived of a weapon of attack upon her husband. Perhaps the work is not so hard as has been thought.

What will the University girls do in this emergency? If the wives don't want them, they certainly won't force their way in. Their patriotic emotions will have to find some outlet, however. Who knows but that the girls, spurned by the farmer's wife, may turn to the farmer himself, and do the man's work, forsooth, because the women will have none of them?

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

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FORUM

Favors Student Council

To the Editor of The Daily Nebraskan: It may be an undue presumption in behalf of one's opinion to submit two articles to the Forum in the course of as many weeks, but my joy, caused by my admiration for Tuesday's editorial novelty, is so boundless as to be entirely oblivious to any check modesty or conventionality might dictate. The two editorials in Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan, entitled, "It Is the Students' Opportunity," and "The Suffrage Cause Threatened," constitute one ray of light from out the darkness that has enshrouded the editorial policy of The Daily Nebraskan the past semester. That the editor could manage to get on the right side of two questions in the short space of one day is, to me, something really unique. But enough of that. The student council, so admirably defended in Tuesday's editorial and to which subject I particularly wish

to direct my remarks, cannot come any too soon. Between the faculty, hesitating to govern, and the student body, not organized for self-control as was shown last fall, there exists no real student government at the University of Nebraska. If in five years all the student council will have accomplished will be the mere prevention of a repetition of what took place last December, the University will be eternally indebted to the student council. The editorial avalanche and personal criticism, from all over the state, which followed the December riot, has made the state believe the students of the University of Nebraska cannot govern themselves as befits women and men of their station—the men because they were directly responsible for the affair, the women because they are an integral part of the University associated with the aforementioned untamed element. Let's show them such is not the case by adopting the plan for the student council.

The state pays for the University, we enjoy the privileges of the University. If we not only fail to get out of the University as much as is put into it, but even abuse the privilege by misconduct, we are worse than thieves. That, from my own knowledge, is possibly the view, and admittedly fair enough, of the average taxpayer of the state. If you don't believe it, ask them this summer. I venture to say the average citizen knows more of the misconduct at the University than he knows of its good conduct; misconduct is spectacular, but misleading; behavior is commonplace.

The evil from a night of wild merry-making travels and multiplies ten times as fast as the good from a University week program. If the University wants bigger appropriations there must be better conduct. As The Daily Nebraskan said Tuesday, "The student has not been given an opportunity to demonstrate his capacity for self-government." Conduct is needed, the students have never been given an opportunity to show what they can do; moral: vote for the student council.

There may be weaknesses in the plan as given previously in The Daily Nebraskan. Fifty signatures necessary for calling a mass meeting, nomination of candidates by mass meeting—these may offer a chance to the politician. A provision, however, can be adopted later on requiring candidates to file, this filing to be followed by a primary election as is done in civil government where the primary system is in force. If these objections are valid still no one need vote against the whole plan as provision has been made for voting on the plan by sections. The big thing is to vote. An absolute "no" is better than no vote at all; the former indicates some thought; the latter, the result of indifference, indicates no thought at all. Vote: That's the first requirement; vote intelligently; that's the second requirement.

ANTON H. JENSEN.

FACULTY MEN SPEAK TO SCHOOL GRADUATES

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Prof. C. W. Taylor—Moorefield.
 Prof. C. E. Persinger—Allen.
 Prof. L. Fossler—Stella.
 Prof. C. B. Cornell—Hardy.
 Friday

Prof. C. W. Taylor—Central City.
 Prof. H. E. Bradford—DeWitt.
 Prof. A. A. Reed—Elgin.
 Dean Charles Fordyce—Alliance.
 Prof. F. A. Stuff—Weston.
 Dr. Erwin Maxey—Alnsworth.
 Rev. E. A. Worthley—Oblowa.
 Prof. Sarka Hrbkova—Palmyra.
 Prof. J. E. LeRossignol—St. Paul.
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Saturday

Prof. H. E. Bradford—McCool.
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