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The Student Council elections today will show to what extent the students interest themselves in their self-government system. The student council is important enough to warrant the attention of every student. It supervises all school elections, an activity second in importance to none. Another of its more important activities is its regulation of the campus drives, a regulation that has long been needed.

If the Council is to succeed in its work, it must be a representative organization. The polling of a handful of scattered votes will be a handicap to the new Council because it will mean that it represents a minority, not a majority of the students. Unfortunately voting at an election, unless there is some clearly defined issue involved, is regarded by most students as a duty and not as a privilege. Also, perhaps unfortunately, it is a duty in which no element of compulsion exists. No credit hours are given for voting. The result is that a large number of students do not take the trouble nor the time to go to the polls.

This attitude toward public affairs in school life is unfortunate because it often results in a corresponding attitude in life after graduation. The student who does not care to vote for his Council representative will, very probably, not care to vote for his representative in the legislature. He goes to join the already-to-large army of non-voters and of moron voters, the type who are the godsend of the political spell-binder, and the "one hundred per cent. American candidate who wears no man's collar."

The school is the right place to acquire the proper conception of political and civic obligations. Students who forget or neglect to go to the polls today are shirking their responsibilities. Voting in today's election is not an arduous task, but it is an obligation which every thinking Nebraskan should assume.

The goat is one of the most inquisitive of animals. His curiosity will lead him to almost unthinkable lengths. For instance it is curiosity that leads the goat to sample the wrapping paper on tin cans, in order to discover whether or not the green variety of paper is superior in its edible qualities, to the blue. Other equally impressive examples might be cited. The curiosity of the goat distinguishes him from the sheep. The goat thinks for himself, his curiosity leads him to develop ideas of his own. The sheep has no sense of curiosity and no ideas of his own. The sheep will be driven docilely, the goat may turn, baa twice, and start the other way. In such circumstances the bystander should remove himself from the path of the goat.

Too many students are intellectual sheep. They stifle their curiosity. A professor asserts an idea, the writer of a book asserts an idea, and the students accept it as a fact, without allowing their curiosity to lead them to investigate it. They never develop the propensity of original thought. As a result they become storehouses of second-hand ideas, ideas which they have never investigated, and ideas which may or may not be sound. Original thought is not a painful affliction. It is a faculty which if exercised might eliminate many evils in political life. The mission of a University should be to do away with canned thought as much as possible and to replace it with thought that is free and original.

Notices

(Notices of general interest will be printed in this column for two consecutive days. Copy should be in the Nebraskan office by five o'clock.)

CORNHUSKER

Applications for positions on the staff of the 1924 Cornhusker will be received until May 8, at the office of student activities, where blanks may be secured. The positions to be filled are: Editor, junior managing editor, business manager, and assistant business manager.

Math. Club

The last meeting of the Math. Club of the year will be held Wednesday, May 9, at 7:30, in room 102 Mechanic Arts. Professor Candy will give an illustrated lecture on "The Ten Digits with Variations."

Christian Science Society

Meeting of the Christian Science Society, Thursday evening at 7:30. Faculty Hall.

Wesley Guild

Wesley Guild business meeting Tuesday May 8, Social Science 205. Election of officers.

Faculty Women's Club

Annual picnic of the Faculty Women's Club will be held at the Agricultural Engineering building at the University Farm, Wednesday, May 9, at 6:15. All members will provide themselves with lunches, dishes, silver and sugar.

Square and Compass

The last regular meeting of the Square and Compass Club will be held at Faculty Hall, Temple building, Tuesday evening, May 8. Officers will be elected for next year and other important business will be taken up. All members are urged to attend.

Bizard Banquet

Banquet for all Bizards at Miller and Paine's tea room Thursday at 6:15.

Pershing Rifles

Regular business meeting of all members Wednesday, May 9, at 8:30 P.M., in room 309 Nebraska Hall. New members who have not received bars or ordered pins should make a special effort to be present.

Y. W. C. A. Lectures

"Birds" will be the topic of a talk by Mr. Wehrli, president of the Bruner Bird Club, on Thursday at Ellen Smith Hall at five. All students welcome.

Practical Idealism

Meeting Tuesday night, 6:30-8. Social Science 102. Topic: Relation

of Philosophy to Science. All interested welcome.

De Molay

There will be no De Molay meeting Tuesday evening, May 8.

Calendar

Tuesday, May 8

Alpha Rho Tau banquet and initiation, 6 to 8, Woodburn.

Thursday, May 10

Christian Science Society, 7:30 Faculty Hall.

Xi Delta initiation, Ellen Smith hall, 6:00.

Friday, May 11

University Union Society Picnic, Crete.

Chi Omega house dance.

Freshman commission banquet, Y. W. C. A.

Saturday, May 12

Chi Omega Spring party.

Komensky Klub Faculty Hall.

Phi Kappa Omega picnic Crete.
Art Club Art Gallery.
Alpha Phi Spring party, house.
Pi Beta Phi house dance.
Senior Advisory Board Breakfast at Ellen Smith Hall.
Senior Girls party 3-5, Ellen Smith Hall.

Elizabeth Forest, librarian at the State College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts at Bozeman, Mont., on her way home from the American Librarian Association meeting, inspected the University of Nebraska Library, Monday.

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