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A REPLY

In the letter which appeared in the Student Opinion column yesterday morning there are two arguments advanced in the defense of the class organizations which call for refutation.

The writer contends, in the first place, that these organizations are really honorary because when a man is elected to one of them he has been "honored" by his own fraternity. As a matter of fact the fraternities, in many cases, do not choose the men who are to represent them in the class societies. They are chosen by the individuals who happen to be already in the organization. These choices, made by individuals, are frequently governed by such individual motives as personal friendship. Even if it were true that the fraternity elected its representatives, this would not prove that the societies were honorary. It is possible, and rather probable, that the results of the fraternity elections would be determined by other factors than the merits of candidates. In that case the class societies might be representative; they would not be honorary in the true sense of the word.

Wm. C. attempts to make a second point by pointing out the value which he says is to be found in "mutual association." The editor hopes that he is not too much inclined to underestimate the sentimental values of life, but he is unable to follow the writer in his treatment of this pleasing but somewhat irrational abstraction. If he means that the class societies have a social value, this is readily admitted. That does not, however, justify their existence as honoraries. The work of an honorary society should contribute to the purpose of the University. It is difficult to see just what value there is for the University in association unless that association has some definite purpose. If an organization has for its purpose the exchange of ideas, or if it has specific and worthwhile duties to perform, it does have a certain value. Here lies the weakness of the class organizations. There are certainly not concerned with ideas; they are concerned with doing things, and the things they do are not worthy of commendation. The editor has no quarrel with purely social organizations. He is at odds with social organizations that insist on calling themselves honorary.

As for the writers concluding argument that these societies are harmless there is this much to be said: These class organizations are a part of the complex and diverse system of extra-curricular activities in which so many students dissipate their physical and intellectual energy. Aside from this, the fact they have so long pretended to an excellence which they do not possess justifies any attacks which will disclose their true character.

THE LAMPOON INCIDENT

It is worthy of note that after the police suppressed the offending issue of The Harvard Lampoon, the price of the magazine advanced from twenty-five to thirty-five cents, and the demand for copies could be met only by running two extra editions off the press.

There is rather good evidence to prove that suppression rarely accomplishes its purpose.

A SCHOOL FOR POLITICS

Someone has said that the academic training is the least thing a young man gets at college, and although we are not prepared to either voice this same view or to differ materially, we are nevertheless certain that there are very many valuable fields of training received in collegiate undergraduate life other than that embodied in the daily classroom schedule.

In a student body such as the one of which we are so fortunate to be members, where students to a very large degree have charge of the conduct of their own affairs both on the

administrative and social side, and where the aims of student government have been accomplished with the least possible friction, the opportunity for extra-curricular training is at its maximum. Free play is given to most every worthy talent and the expression of natural ability is untrammelled by antagonistic influences. And of course this is as it should be.

At the present time we are about to enter upon our annual political season. Candidates have already come forth for positions on the Athletic Council and in another week candidates will be in the field for the general Student Body offices. These men have a wonderful opportunity before them for education in the school of politics. Though, to be sure, their political activity will be rather limited, nevertheless the same conditions will be faced by them as in the broader field of politics. Our square acre of civilization is endowed with the same traits and characteristics as society at large, only lacking perhaps the more pronounced tendencies which characterize the more mature in years.

Politics it is oft repeated are "dirty." We usually conceive a politician as a sneaking, low-principled, deceitful scoundrel, with a broad smile and an amiable handshake, who will go to any lengths to gain office, but who is no more interested in affairs of state than will satisfy his own selfish ends. This is the type of politician which is a blight on our nation, and knows at the very foundations of democracy. Certainly we are not going to train that kind of politician on the Washington and Lee campus, where personal honor is the basis of our entire system.

Honor and truth in politics have their virtues as in any other of the human relations. The so-called politician who plays the game for selfish ends and who uses deceitful practices follows only the method to short gains, for his sins will find him out and mighty will be his fall. And so it is upon our campus. If men see something in campus politics besides personal honor and glory, and if they use honorable and above-board practices in gaining the position in which they can help make Washington and Lee a better school, this is then indeed a "training ground of American leadership," and leadership of the type which America most needs.—The Ring-Time-Phi.

DARTMOUTH, N. H.—Eighty-five are registered in a class for instructions in life-saving to be given by Captain Bryant of the Washington Chapter of the American Red Cross. Tests will be given after a two-week training period.

Sophomore women at the Oregon Agricultural College have selected scarfs of orange brushed wool, with three black stripes as their class insignia.

Ten Years Ago

Two ball games and a lunch were the features of the Law Barbeque which was held at Capital Beach. About one hundred Laws, headed by the cadet band, marched through the Library, after which they took cars for Capital Beach. The band played some new selections and also such old favorites as "Hot Time," "Aunt Rhody," and "Tipperary."

Prof. Grove E. Barber, departed for San Francisco to serve on the jury of awards at the Panama Exposition.

The president of the Comus Club Hop inserted a notice in The Daily Nebraskan asking those who attended the Hop to please refrain from smoking in the building.

The German Dramatic Club presented the play "Der Neffe als Onkel" at the Temple theater.

The new Cornhusker was put on display in the show windows of Miller & Paine. The feature of the book was a section of "forty beauties."

At the Junior-Senior breakfast picnic held at the State Farm the Junior girls won from the Senior girls in a four-inning baseball game.



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Calendar

Thursday, April 30
Art Club Picnic.
Friday, May 1
Alpha Omicron Pi—Spring Party—Roseville.
Kappa Alpha Theta—Party—Ellen Smith Hall.
Phi Omega Pi—Spring Party—Lincoln.

Delta Upsilon—house dance.
Bizzad Dance—K. C. Hall.
Sigma Xi—address—Temple.
Phi Beta Kappa—address—Temple.

Junior Girls Tea—Mortar board—Ellen Smith Hall.
Alpha Rho Tau—Ellen Smith Hall—5 to 8 o'clock.

Saturday, May 2
Farmers' Fair
Chi Omega—house dance.
Phi Alpha Delta—Spring Party—Roseville.
Xi Delta Tea for Freshman Women at Ellen Smith Hall.

Twenty Years Ago

The Nebraska baseball team defeated the University of Colorado 9 to 1 in an almost errorless game despite the heavy wind and the muddy field. The Nebraska squad left that night for three day trip to play at Des Moines and Ames.

Much interest was being shown in track. The men were working every day, rain or shine. In bad weather the hurdlers practiced outside the fence on R street, the sprinters on the lawn and the distance men worked out on either the B & M or the Northwestern tracks.

Through the influence of several young ladies whose religious principles were opposed to dancing, the third dancing party to be given by the girls of the University Woman's building was called off.

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Notices

All notices for this column must be written out and handed in at the editorial office, U Hall 10, by 4:00 the afternoon previous to their publication

Math Club
The Math Club will hold its last indoor meeting Thursday at 7:30 in the physics lecture room. Professor S. D. Swezey will give an illustrated lecture on "Mathematics for Astronomers."

Sigma Tau
Meeting of the Sigma Tau in the Mechanical Engineering building Thursday at 7:30.
Sigma Tau banquet in the Chinese room of the Lincoln Hotel Saturday at 6 o'clock.

Faculty and Seniors
Caps and gowns are now being ordered at the College Book Store. Everyone who is going to wear the cap and gown in June should order this week.

if any member of the faculty desires a hood it is very necessary that the order be placed at once, because due to the scarcity a late order makes it almost impossible to get the hood.

Delian
Open meeting of the Delian Friday at 8:15 in Temple 202.

Scabbard and Blade
Scabbard and Blade will meet Thursday at 7:30 in Nebraska hall 205.

Mothers' Day Cards
at
Latsch Brothers
1118 O St.

Interfrat Baseball
Fraternity baseball teams should turn in a score by innings and batteries of each first round game at the office of The Daily Nebraskan.

Theta Sigma Pi
Meeting of the Theta Sigma Pi Thursday at 7:15 in Ellen Smith hall.

Vesper Choir
Vesper Choir practice Thursday noon at Ellen Smith hall.

Junior League of Women Voters
The last meeting of the Junior League of Women Voters will be held at the home of Mrs. C. A. Sorenson, 2451 Park, at 7:30 Thursday evening. Ruth Comstock, a delegate

to the convention in Virginia will speak.

Xi Delta
There will be a meeting of Xi Delta tonight at 7:15.

the College Gossip says --

EVERY day is some one's birthday. Every day there is some friend to whom you should mail a pretty card. Remember, your friends like to receive cards as well as you do. They are glad to know you are thinking of them. You'll find cards for all occasions at Rudge & Guenzel's Stationery Department. Have you bought that card to send Mother, May 10th? Do so at once.

Baptist Young People
Baptist young people and members of the Baptist Student Club will have a May day supper and party at the First Baptist church Friday at 6:30.

There will be a meeting of Xi Delta tonight at 7:15.

Sweet things!
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