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When the evil sirens attempt to lure an editor, especially an inexperienced one, away from the straight and narrow path of boosting, they beguile him into thinking that he should give advice. There is no surer way to ruin an editorial column than to fill it with unrequested suggestions and constructive criticism (meaning, by this phrase, criticism which is not criticism). But the temptation to tell others how to lead their lives and do their work is so great, that a weak individual is certainly entitled to forgiveness should he wreck his newspaper craft on the rocks which lie in the course of all advice-giving crusaders.

Advice can be either offered in time to be accepted, or too late to be of concern. The latter time is always preferable, because the advised parties need not give reasons for refusing to accept it. They can simply say, "Why didn't you speak sooner?"—and forget all about it, leaving the advising editor free to sail to other seas unscathed.

Because of our firm belief in this theory, we have previously refrained from telling The Cornhusker staff how to put out a better annual. But yesterday's paper announced that the book is now entirely printed, so we no longer hesitate to discuss the foibles and beauties of college year books.

We have not seen this year's volume, but assume that it is very similar to preceding editions. Pictures have been taken of all the usual weirdly named and poorly named societies. And the business staff, like a veteran publicity man, is taking advantage of a petty squabble over vulgarity in the student life section to secure greater circulation.

The Cornhusker as it has been issued during the past few years has been too much of a vanity book. It is little more than \$4.50 worth of flattery for undergraduate societies the majority of which should have been thrown over the transom long ago. Besides pictures and disgustingly complimentary write-ups of these groups (which pay for the space), it contains some excellent examples of ad writer's prose; and a student life section which usually attempts to poke fun at those in the spot-light without exposing the silliness of their fake glamor and superficial glory.

In addition to these flattery sections, The Cornhusker contains a few pictures and a few articles dealing with subjects (campus events, school parties, and social fraternities) which warrant the praise bestowed.

The ideal year book would contain a full page photograph of every loved and widely-known teacher, and smaller pictures of those faculty members whose acquaintance is enjoyed by only a few. The Cornhusker last year contained pictures of the deans and some other instructors, but we do not find in it photographs of such friends as Professor Virtue, Doctor Jones, Miss Conklin, Professor Staff, Doctor Alexander, Professor Fossler, and Miss Pound.

The editors publish beautiful pictures of the buildings and campus, but too few pictures of the persons whose presence makes the buildings significant and the four years of college work precious.

There are too many "blahy" advertisements for societies which never meet, and too few tributes to the men and women who keep the University an educational institution in the face of keen competition from the Stadium.

The athletic section in most college year books is about the size and importance which the place of sports in the school world necessitates. There are always excellent pictures of the coaches, the stars, and exciting moments in the big games. This section is nearly perfect.

The military section presents a greater problem. The R. O. T. C. does occupy a conspicuous place in undergraduate life, but we question the fairness of giving free publicity to military activities and referring it to the economics department, the political science department, and the English department.

Perhaps, however, the military men are the distinction. They make their work so interesting that they extend their influence to

Sophomore Pledging Reflects On Success of Whole System

Arthur H. Priest, executive secretary of Phi Delta Theta, favors second-semester pledging in large institutions and first-semester pledging in smaller schools. He declares that if pledging is delayed until the sophomore year, however, a reflection is cast on the success of the entire fraternity system.

His letter follows:

PHI DELTA THETA
 May 16, 1926.

The Daily Nebraskan,
 University of Nebraska,
 Lincoln, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:—
 Your letter addressed to President Brewer of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity has been forwarded to me for reply.

If fraternities are living up to their principles then it must follow that the sooner a man may be pledged to a fraternity the better. This must be done, however, after a sufficient length of time has elapsed for the man to become acquainted with the groups and the group to become acquainted with the man, so that there may be no mistake in understanding each other. Experience seems to point out that in the larger institutions it requires a semester's time to insure proper acquaintance. In a smaller institution where the student body is drawn from a comparatively restricted area and men know each other either through family records or through actual acquaintanceship prior to coming to the institution, two week's time may be ample.

Sophomore pledging is a frank recognition of the fact that non-curricular activities, if economics and political science were taught so well and made so alive and appealing that those departments could dominate student life outside the classroom as well as within, they too would probably receive much attention.

The possibilities in a student life section have been barely scratched in Nebraska annuals. Publicity regarding forbidden articles, a second examination by censors, etc., will undoubtedly help sell copies, but the staff should hang its head in shame at the reflection which the very existence of censors casts upon it.

There is little that is vulgar or obscene in actual student life. And none but a perverted mind would think of using such copy in a division named "Student Life."

But there is much that is ridiculous, silly, and laughable on the campus. There are at least a half-dozen good jokes about every honorary, a dozen about every "big man," a score about every election, and a thousand about every publication. A beginning in this direction was made last year, but the field is inexhaustible.

The student council is an even

reflection on the success of the fraternity system in any institution where it may have been found necessary. The right leadership in a fraternity can inspire and help a freshman to advantage. If it is found necessary to protect the freshman from the influence of fraternities, then the fraternities are plainly not doing their work.

The only way in which the most serious objectionable features of a probation week, or any probationary period, may be removed is by building up among the fraternities a fine spirit of respect of each other. If fraternity men cannot be trusted to keep their word on matters of rushing, then again I must say that such a confession is a very serious reflection upon fraternity influence. There are institutions in the country where this trust in each other's integrity is implicit and where a violation is a rare occurrence, and leads quickly to ostracism.

Trusting that your survey may lead to something profitable for Nebraska and the men and women of the university, I remain,

Yours very truly,
 ARTHUR H. PRIEST.

more exposed target for wit than the United States Congress. The class honoraries are as funny as the Follies. The publications can be ridiculed more than The New York Times. And the Innocents and "big

men' who circus politics have left no longer innocent, are perfect clowns.

Some day, a second Will Rogers will come in from the farms of Cherry county, and laugh the school's corruption out of existence; but if there is a Rogers on the campus this year, he hasn't mustered up courage enough to face the pop guns of a mob of Rover boys.

Other Opinions

The Daily Nebraskan assumes no responsibility for the sentiments expressed by correspondents and reserves the right to exclude any communications whose publication may for any reason seem undesirable. In all cases the editor must know the identity of the contributor.

A Real Solution

To the Editor:—
 In all of O. V. B.'s letters regarding various kinds of corruption in the Innocents society, I find hint of no method whereby those estimable but misguided young men can accomplish reform. This, I feel, is manifestly unfair. It is apparent on the face of things that the Innocents will not be able to help themselves, however much some of them may desire it. As one who is soon to leave the institution, happily or unhappily, I take the liberty of at least offering a suggestion.

My suggestion is that some means be devised through which the self-perpetuating idea is entirely removed from the organization. It cannot be denied that in this manner the very heart of the fester would be done away with. The Innocents, I believe, could easily be chosen by a committee of say, ten, five of which could

be students, and five faculty members; the committee to be chosen by the chancellor, the executive dean, or some responsible person in no way connected with the Innocents by former membership. I think that will do the trick, and it seems absurdly simple. The athletic department should be barred from control however. They have had fingers in the pie long enough.

While I am making suggestions let me make another. That is that the Innocents be deprived of every vestige of control of anything. Let the organization be purely "honorary." It is possible, may probable, that under such circumstances the society might be recognized as worthy of effort. Under present circumstances the more intelligent members of the group willingly admit that their honor is indeed hollow. How any "loyal Cornhusker" with a true sense of the honor of the university, can accept membership in the Innocents under prevailing conditions, is more than your correspondent can understand.

If they are deprived of campus duties their prestige will undoubtedly rise. There will be no dearth of men available for the glorified office-boy work they now accomplish.

I intend my suggestions seriously. I doubt if they will be so considered. I doubt if the Innocents will do anything toward brightening their tarnished reputation. Nothing

O. V. B. has written has been unknown to many on the campus. But there is always the consolation that next year's freshmen will, when they ask of the Innocents, receive the astonishing information that they really do not represent the school and that their activities, their control, are of inconsequential nature.

My sincere hope is, however, that

the society will not be whitewashed by any freak and complicated election system as was done the last time. Let it be thorough.

While the initials signed to this letter are not my own, I use them only to avoid notoriety. Anyone wishing to learn the authorship of this note may do so upon application to the editor of The Daily Nebraskan.
 L. E. A.

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 SMART WEAR FOR WOMEN
 1222-1224 O STREET

1926

IMPRESSIVE COAT SALE

For Friday and Saturday

Coats

AT

1 1/2

Price

- 24.50 Coats 12.25
- 34.50 Coats 17.25
- 49.50 Coats 24.75
- 59.59 Coats 29.75
- 69.50 Coats 34.75

TWILLS AND TWEEDS

Silk Coats at 1-3 off



Coats

AT

1 1/2

Price

- 75.00 Coats 37.50
- 79.50 Coats 39.75
- 85.00 Coats 42.50
- 89.50 Coats 44.75
- 95.00 Coats 47.50
- 119.50 Coat 59.75

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