

Other Opinions

A Tapping Oligarchy

To the Editor: I'm still dazed. Along with hundreds of other undergraduates, I always looked up to and revered the Innocents. I supposed that the society existed primarily as a real honor society, and that to be made an Innocent was the reward that came to those men who had shown themselves to be the real leaders in intellectual pursuits, in activities, and in athletics. I supposed, of course, that elections to the society were made solely on the basis of merit. And then, along comes this O. V. B. person.

Say, that fellow certainly laid the cards on the table. "There you are, take it or leave it," says he to the Innocents.

But to get back to the subject. I really didn't believe it all at first. I asked some of my more experienced friends. They laughed. "Why everyone knows that the Innocents have been running on this six-seven split for years," they said. It seems that the only point that O. V. B. missed is that they have been selecting men on that basis for three or four years longer than he thought.

Now it wouldn't be so bad if the Innocents were only what they proclaim to be—an honor society—and confined their activities to "honoring" their members. Even the out and out crookedness could be overlooked. The appalling fact, Mr. Editor—at least the fact that appalled me when I took the trouble to find out a few things the other day—is that here in this supposedly democratic university of a democratic state COMPLETE CONTROL OVER ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES is vested in a close corporation, a self-perpetuating organization, whose members are elected not necessarily according to merit but by manipulations of two rival fraternity political machines—for such an organization is the Innocents fact.

It is a well-known fact that the Innocents, evidently mistrusting representative government, have forced the Student Council to its present ineffective position and, with the knowledge of administrative officers, have silenced ambitious Council presidents, telling them that only the Innocents have complete power to regulate student activities. I wonder if the Faculty committee on student organizations gave that power to the Innocents?

On the whole, things are in a bad way. The student body of the University of Nebraska should demand a show-down, for to tolerate such a condition as the recently exposed facts indicate, is to compromise with those ideals which a University should hold the highest.

Ivy Day this year will be one of the most tragically comic events in the history of the University. In the first place, of course, there isn't

a thing about the ceremony that is any more symbolic of the real Nebraska than are dill pickles. But there, under the shading elms, etc., thirteen young men will be "tapped" according to tradition. Two thousand or so students will be looking on. They will be smiling, most of them. For the two thousand will know beforehand just who will be tapped; they will know that, whatever the merits of the men selected, the prime requisite for membership is the support of a Greek-letter fraternity faction; they will know that the society which those thirteen young men are joining is an oligarchy which, by its actions, has shown itself to be fundamentally opposed to the exercising in student affairs of the support of the American people—the right of democratic, representative government.

P. S.—While it is hardly to be denied that the present emblem of a devil's head is quite appropriate, why doesn't someone suggest to the Innocents that they could better carry out the idea of the six-seven split, in spirit, as in truth, if they would use for their insignia a numeral 7 superimposed on a 6.

Innocent Fun
To the Editor:— This is a very amusing thing you have shown us—the Innocents, a

EAT

at
The Little Sunshine Cafe
Meals, Sandwiches and Lunches
QUICK SERVICE
First Door East of Temple

THE GREEN LANTERN



self-perpetuating aristocracy of cheerleaders whose membership is determined every year by a system that is farcically obvious in its crookedness, deciding to take charge of any activities they want control of, and regarding any interference with this policy as 'opposed to the best interests of the University.'

It is amusing that thirteen men who are selected because they happen to belong to the right fraternities, because they have been errand-boys to the athletic department, or because they have played politics in 'honorary' organizations should say that they are able to define 'the best interests of the University.' It would not be funnier if they were chosen because they part their hair in the center. But the most comic thing about the whole spectacle is that they should take themselves quite seriously.

If they had handed down this dic-

SERVICE for TEACHERS

PLACING Teachers is our only Business. TRY US.
"Calls" coming every day from Superintendents and Boards of Education
YOU need us. We need YOU. Let us help you.
FREE Registration
Discriminative SERVICE
Nebraska School Service and Teacher's Exchange
1105 "O" Street, Lincoln
Rooms 1-4 over Harley's Drug Store.



Straw Hats

A complete line of the season's most popular weaves and shapes

Featuring the New Sennets, Splits, Panamas, Yeddos, Etc.

1⁶⁹ to 6⁰⁰

Make an Early selection and get a full season's wear.

Peterson-Ryan Clothing Co.
Twelve-Twelve "O"

tum as a joke on the school, then the laugh would have been on the students. As it is..... But why tell them what asses they make of themselves? Let them go on providing fun for us; they may some day acquire a sense of humor themselves.

After all, the thing was set forth pretty well on University Night in the comic-opera skit, 'Bigger and Better,' when the Chorus of the Innocents sang:
"On Ivy Day from the Junior class We manage to tap every thorough-

Remember your Sweet-heart Would Appreciate A Lifetime Pen and Pencil Set for a Graduation present

C. Edison Miller Co.
218 No. 12th
Phone B-2286

THE MILWAUKEE DELICATESSEN

1619 O St.
Everything for the Picnic Party and Dutch Lunch.
Open evenings and Sunday until Midnite

A Sure Method

The Kindy method of eyesight testing is built from a knowledge of an exact science. We guarantee satisfaction.
A thorough Kindy eye examination, glasses in Shell-less toxic lenses and our guarantee—complete at \$7.50
Other Glasses \$5.00 to \$25.00
KINDY OPTICAL CO.
1209 O Street
Open Saturday Evening Phone B-1153

U of N Pins

Seals, 1.00, 2.50, 3.50
Monogram, 1.50, 3.00, 6.50, 7.50
Senior, 2.50
Diamond shape, 3.00
Pearl set, 5.00, 6.50, 10.00, 15.00, 18.00
N plain 1.50, 2.50
Pearl set, 4.00, 10.00
Charms—Rings—Creasts

HALLETT

University Jeweler
Est. 1871. 117-119 So. 12th

our thumbs." I am, Sir, &c.,
CLAIRE MONTESREY.

KING SAXOPHONES and BAND INSTRUMENTS "BEST BY TEST"

EXCLUSIVE DISTRIBUTORS
SCHAEFER & SON
1210 O ST.

BOOMERS TEACHERS AGENCY.

TEACHERS needed now.

BRING US YOUR WATCH REPAIRS

We Have Expert Workmen, We Will Get It Out On Time

Boyd Jewelry Co.
Club Plan Jewelers
1042 O Across from Gold's

FOUNTAIN and LUNCH SERVICE

SODAS SUNDAES SANDWICHES SALADS
SPECIAL NOON LUNCHES
Pector's Pharmacy
C. E. BUCHHOLZ, Mgr.

JEWELRY MAKES AN APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE GRADUATION GIFT

IT LASTS FOREVER
FENTON B. FLEMING
1143 "O"

Lets Go!
to see
The Big Airplane Show
at the
NEW AVIATION FIELD,
ONE MILE SOUTH OF
STATE PENITENTIARY
commencing
Sunday, May 23rd
See The World's Smallest Airplane
It will fly for you piloted by Eyer Sloniger
Wanted 10,000 students to take THEIR INTRODUCTORY AIR-PLANE RIDE
\$1.00 — ONE DOLLAR — \$1.00
A long high ride over town\$2.50
A real stunt ride\$5.00
This show will open Sunday and the student ride offer at \$1.00 will last until June 1st. DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.
Lincoln Standard Aircraft Co.
Lincoln, Nebr.

They're Twins!! Sailors and Leghorns

Knox and Dobbs

You're sure of quality in this store — that's never questioned here.

We're in business to remain; that's why we must sell good goods.

STRAW HATS— If you appreciate the better things in Straw Hats—then here's the store for you. No doubt you'll be interested in our sennets, split sennets and novelty braids in cable or saw edges, now being featured here.

The Arrival of These Celebrated 'Straws' Opens the Season in Lincoln!

Much to our surprise "Dobbs" takes the lead like a "Derby" winner

DOBBS Crofut & Knapp, Dobbs Hats in bleached fancy straws with fancy bands are the talk of the town. \$4 - - \$5 \$6 - - \$7	KNOX Chine split flat foot sennet with easy fitting feature the Knox Comfit fits any head comfortably. Prices— \$5.00 AND UP.
--	--

Yeddo Hats Genuine Swiss Yeddo, lightweight Hat. Will fit any head immediately — indestructible — the most serviceable straw hat known. Wide brims—fancy and plain bands— \$3.00 to \$8.00	Genuine Italian Leghorns Sunken Creased Crowns, Snap Brims— \$3.50 to \$8.00	GENUINE PANAMAS Fancy bands, plain bands, Creased, Full Sunken Crowns—Snap brims—roll brims \$5 to \$10
China Split Straws row and row, all bleached and fancy bands— \$3.50 to \$5.00	MIKADO Plain and fancy bands—Full, and sunken crowns—Open curl and snap brims— \$4.00 and \$5.00	Soft Straw Hats Toyo Straw Hats—Creased and sunken crowns—Snap brims— \$3.00

MAYER BROS. CO.
ELI SHIRE, PRES.