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The elaborate system of constitutional regulations for the election of new members, which the Innocents submitted for the examination of Daily Nebraskan readers yesterday, was rather convincing evidence that even the members of the society are suspicious of themselves.
 It is truly astounding that the highest of honorary societies should be composed of men who must be surrounded by an elaborate detective machine if the selection of reasonably good errand boys is to be assured.

But the machine does some good. The report that a second election was held this year has now reached The Nebraskan office from so many sources that we need no longer hesitate to publish it.

The first election was evidently unacceptable even to the advisors who have permitted a six-seven split to continue for five years; and it is said that the advisors stepped in after examining a chart of the results and demanded that the members vote a second time and vote honestly. Such action is certainly to be commended.

But we reserve judgment as to the merit of the final selections until the tapping has been done this afternoon.

If the Innocents were a purely honorary society, having no errands to run or rallies to stage, the membership would probably be quite different. Regardless of whether the six-seven split is maintained this afternoon, the new members tapped will probably be men who are thoroughly capable to serve on an athletic boosting committee.

The Nebraskan wishes that there were some means of honoring students who have really done something more for the institution than cheering in the Stadium. It is unfortunate that unless a deserving student also possesses the qualities of a Rotarian he will not be tapped for the senior honorary.

If a society such as was recommended in this column last Sunday were actually in existence at Nebraska, we imagine that the first man tapped would be the junior with the highest scholastic average. That individual, whoever he may be, will not, we venture to assert, be among the chosen this afternoon.

Douglass Orr's excellent work as chairman of the undergraduate committee to evaluate the Arts College and his numerous other attempts to promote student thinking would undoubtedly win him recognition in a first-class honorary; but to use O. V. B.'s expression, he is not "safe" for the Innocents.

Ellsworth DuTeau, who bubbles over with the best Nebraska spirit, would also be a likely candidate for admission to such a society. He attempted to put into practice the high ideals of the boosters by waging an anti-Rent-a-Ford campaign almost unassisted and without thought of personal gain.

Another candidate would be Edward Morrow, who was editor of The Daily Nebraskan last semester and who is now editor of The Awgwan. Mr. Morrow is a member of the Student Council and Kosmet Klub; but much to his credit, he did not care enough about membership in the Innocents to spend a half hour's time fulfilling one of the requirements.

Glen Buck, who pulled the Cornhusker Countryman out of the rut, and who is now, we hope, going to make the Student Council worth its salt, would be another.

And Macklin Thomas' excellent work as editor of The Awgwan last semester might entitle him to such an honor. He raised the magazine from a publication of sheer vulgarity to one of some literary merit, and is himself an excellent scholar and writer. But Thomas is a barb; and, therefore, ineligible for the Innocents.

Lloyd Marti, an outstanding law student and skillful debater, would also deserve recognition. Victor Hackler, who has managed the news columns of The Nebraskan for a year with impartiality and fairness, might also be included. Others who

Education?

JENNIE LIND

(From The Freshman Scrapbook)

'Twas the night of exam week, when all through the house
 Every co-ed was cramming, ruffled up like a grouse,
 Her papers thrown down in a fit of despair,
 And her mud-stained galoshes kicked off on the stair.
 Her brain settled down for some thoughts of the test,
 With the hope that no day-dream her mind would molest;
 But out of her book there arose such a smatter
 O' jumbled-up clauses — "My stars, what's the matter!
 Charles I is to marry the Infant of Spain,
 Behold her sour face with a grimace of pain;
 Marconi, a food that is hard to digest;
 An ancient inventor was Edgar A. Guest;
 Lord Lister, the maker of our Listerine,
 Said, 'Don't halitose us, but keep your mouth clean.'
 Moliere was a swordsman of fame and renown;
 Mother Goose was famed for her eider-down gown;
 Napoleon III was a marvelous steed,
 Who beat even Spark Plug when it came to great speed;
 New Jersey's a tight kind of sweater, you know,
 And Magna the Charta was a famous young beau."
 Then into her mind with nary a rest
 Crept her swaggering sheik on some dubious quest;
 And what to her wondering brain should appear,
 But a tumbled-down Ford with a lamp in the rear,
 And a cake-eater driver, who, by his bright car,
 She knew in a jiffy was young Lochinvar.
 He drove with both arms, but he drove all alone;
 He stopped by the curb, and he grabbed up a stone;
 And he beat a tattoo on his fair steady's door:
 "Come out, oh do come, my most lovely Lenore!"
 Quoth the maiden, weak and weary,
 As she grabbed her pony, bleak and bleary,
 "I will cram nevermore, nevermore!"

come to mind are William Gejnar, Richard Brown, and Fred Ekstrom.

Some of these men will probably be tapped this afternoon; others haven't a ghost of a chance. But even those who will be tapped, are being chosen not because of their most admirable qualities, but because of abilities which are purely secondary.

Please remember that these names have been picked from the student directory without the aid of rigid constitutional provisions or elaborate election machinery.

No athletes have been mentioned, because we are less competent to judge among them. Doubtless there are several men on the various athletic teams who possess such character and intelligence as would entitle them to membership. The "N" club is sufficient recognition for those few whose sturdy muscles are not guided by reasonably good intellects.

We regret that no member of our staff can make such selections from the leaders in sporting activities as have been made from those with which we are most familiar.

But why should the discussion be continued?

There is nothing to gain by criticism of political crookedness or of persons who admit that such corruption exists and are proud of their skill in such destructive arts, as long as the majority approve of them.

This newspaper has persistently refused to crusade for cleaner politics, because there is no demand for such a revolution. O. V. B. wrote some good letters, but he was attempting to do the impossible. Only when students realize the true folly, ridiculousness, and silliness of their petty cheating and wire pulling can improvement be effected. The Nebraskan has, therefore, merely attempted to show just how silly campus politics actually are.

The task of reforming the system remains for anyone who cares to tackle it. Nor would we seek to rob the individual who may someday cause such an improvement of one iota of the glory to which the achievement would entitle him, by claiming even a small measure of success in our own recent good-natured comment.

The Daily Nebraskan will say nothing more about the Innocents.

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College Press

"Activity Hogs" a Menace

One situation which counteracts student enthusiasm and injures good spirit and morale on the part of the great group of attendants at such an institution as the State College is the prevalence of too many "activity hogs".

Every year, on every campus, a few students are found, possessing lots of push, good judgment, attractive personalities, ability in many directions, and a great deal of sophistication. These persons are the cream of the students. They are indispensable and worthy of praise and honor. However, too frequently a few of these do what we might call "getting too good a start." They shoulder the responsibilities of several offices, each one of which is a good man's job. Whenever there is a vacancy in an official capacity, a committee, or other activities or student enterprise, some of these individuals are called upon.

This system has proved successful to a slight degree in the past. These competent students who are given positions go through with them to the best of their ability and work is usually done.

But such a practice has numerous disadvantages. The few who do all the work have limited time for each of their objectives. Others as capable, probably unknown to most of the college, remain in the background, wanting to enter the field of activities, but crowded out by he who has forged ahead. Then one loaded with activities neglects his student work, which must be conceded to be of more importance than the work of student organizations. But the worst effect of a few individuals working in several capacities is that the interest of those involved but not in touch with the affairs is not only absent but too frequently adverse.

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Persons cannot be expected to be interested in something in which they do not participate. It is true, that every student has the right to use initiative and ingenuity to put himself forward, but when he gets a slow start or no start at all in campus life, it is folly to expect him to spring to his feet in a student body meeting and oppose an issue, uphold some project, or make known his favorite candidate when officers are nominated.

For one man to go about with two or three different sets of pins for each vest is almost ridiculous, yet there are some students who appraise their college life by the number of honoraries with which they become affiliated. Anyone who belongs to a large number of organizations must necessarily spend a great deal of time in the department which each organization represents, and for one man to be a member of three or four would lead the public to believe that either his interests must be so greatly divided that he can't give his best to any one of them, or that his organizations do not amount to much.

In spreading activities over the campus and avoiding the bestowing of numerous titles and capacities on a few students, the present administration of A. S. C. W. is to be congratulated. "Activity hogs" have not been much in evidence this year to so great an extent as during any of the recent school years, and student activities this year have prospered.

This step has been a new one and its results are not, as yet, very evident, but the harmony that has been maintained within the student body this year is no doubt an outgrowth of this forward stride.

It might appear to those who do not follow the work of the students that there is a lack of leaders on the campus when a few students are not continually in the limelight, but a close view will reveal that there are now many leaders confining their efforts to narrower fields, that under present leadership student body meetings are better attended than in any previous year, and that far more persons are reaping the benefits to be attained through participation in student activities than in the average school year.—The Evergreen.

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Leading position in the current issue of The New Student, an independent student paper published in New York City, is given to a review of the recent production of "The Red Cockatoo", prize Nebraska play for 1926, which was written by Ruth Moore, '26.

Douglass Orr's articles on the College of Arts and Sciences, which appeared on the editorial page of The Daily Nebraskan, will be summarized in the next issue of The New Student an announcement says.



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