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PLAYING FAIR.

NEXT Tuesday the students of the university will be given the opportunity to vote upon a proposition which is of fundamental importance to the future of student self-government on this campus. They will be privileged to decide whether or not the scheme of representation on the Student council should be so altered as to permit minority representation. They will have a chance to demonstrate that brand of progressive, enlightened spirit which has characterized this state since its inception.

Proportional representation is premised upon one fundamental principle: fairness. Many people have the mistaken notion that fairness and sportsmanship have no place in politics. It is just because of this curious attitude of many that politics is in its deplorable condition of disrepute today. It is just because of this near-sighted point of view that Big Bill Thompsons are able to control large cities and run them to the ground.

A student council to be really a council of the students must represent all the students. If it does not—and so far in the history of Nebraska it has not—then it is not a students' council. Nor is it a council in the full sense of the term, for it has not attained the maximum degree of its effectiveness unless it commands the undivided loyalty of all the students.

THOSE who are acquainted with the members of the present council and with their work can attest to their high caliber. In every decision that they have made these men and women have evidenced honesty, courage, and an ability to think a matter through from its sources to its consequences. The idea of proportional representation is not contemplated to cast any aspersions upon this group. It would merely add to this group a few more students of similar character, representing other student attitudes, so that the prestige and capacities of the whole will be enhanced.

A concrete picture of the existing conditions is gained from a consideration of what happened in the student elections last spring. At that election, the students were split into two definite groups. One group polled two thousand votes, the other six hundred. The former group carried every place on the council, and the latter got nothing.

Those six hundred voted in vain. There isn't a single representative of that large group on the council to present their point of view. Proportional representation will simply give this small minority group a number of members on the council in proportion to its voting strength.

A STUDENT letter yesterday complained of the fact that there is little student self-government on the campus. He stated that the "recommendation of the Student council receive little more consideration than would a letter written by any student, addressed to the faculty committee on student organizations."

The number of times the faculty committee has recently ignored the recommendations of the Student council seems to indicate that there is a great deal of validity to the charge made that the council has but a small voice on this campus.

One of the primary reasons for this situation lies in the makeup of the council. Whom does it represent? About half of the student body! It therefore has, according to plain mathematics, about one half of the influence it ought to have. The need for some sort of proportional representation has never been more acute than at the present time.

If The Daily Nebraskan hadn't unearthed the Ivy day orator's election he might have been an extemporaneous speaker.

FACULTY RESPONSIBILITY.

TODAY Dean T. J. Thompson, chairman of the faculty committee on student organizations, explains that the action of that committee in failing to abolish minor class offices simply left the entire matter up to the students.

With due respect to Dean Thompson who always has shown himself to be a friendly adviser and counsellor on student subjects, this explanation seems quite inadequate in view of the fact that it was the Student council, representative student organization, which unanimously asked that these useless positions be ruled out of campus life once and for all.

In other words, the matter has been up to the students for a long time. Their representatives have voted to oust these minor class officers. Why should it still be regarded as "up to the students?" For years they have mutely ratified the stand recently taken by the council by failing to appear at class meetings. This year between a dozen and twenty attended meetings of all classes except the freshman which held no meeting.

Dean Thompson suggests that if students do not wish to elect minor officers at these meetings they need not do so. But the few who are always on hand when the class president calls the group together are pets of politicians, brought there for the purpose of electing a factional slate. These few, but only these few, want these sinecure positions to continue, want them to exist as a form of political dole. A president elected by a faction is politically bound to call a meeting. Doing so means selecting a squad of worthless officers who appear

before the student body only in the pages of the Cornhusker.

The Nebraskan cannot see how the faculty committee felt justified in tabling the council's proposal. By this action, characteristic of the faculty committee, it perpetuated an insipid tradition that should have been removed several years ago.

THAT taking away minor class office might be considered abolishing too much in the extracurricular realm is hardly a valid argument. If students—and that means students in general, not the political bevy always on hand when any office is to be passed out—do not want minor class offices, why have them?

Hopes of class spirit ideally expressed by Dean Thompson are in vain. With each year the feeling of class consciousness about the university becomes less and less apparent. Certainly there is more of a bond of unity between the freshman and senior in law college than two sophomores, one in pharmacy, the other in agriculture. The classes are too monstrous for class spirit. There is no incentive to hold regular meetings, no reason for any activity if they should meet.

Doing away with such offices does not detract in any way from rich traditions which make a university more than a mere institution. Rather, keeping them perpetuates a tradition which has become general laughing stock.

Class officers do no good. They do not tend to unify a class. They create no class spirit. Holding minor class offices carries no honor, who is branded as a politician by virtue of the fact that he is such an officer. In view of these recognized facts it seems peculiar that the committee did not see fit to follow the recommendation of the council.

Of course no great and momentous issue was before the faculty tribunal when it considered the minor class officers question. Defeat of the recommendation by tabling it will have little effect on the university in fact. It is the general spirit which henceforth will exist more strongly than ever in the Student council which is most unfortunate and which is directly due to the action of the faculty committee.

THE STEP to abolish minor class officers seemed to council members one thing above all others that would not meet faculty objection. It also seemed to them quite a laudable enterprise to move for their abolition. When such a proposal won't meet faculty approval council members are justified in wondering what will. It is this attitude which will prevail in the council, this feeling that "It's no use trying." Feeling that the faculty committee has the council directly under its thumb is not conducive to constructive legislation or consideration of the part of members of this representative student group.

The stand of The Nebraskan is neither bitter nor based on harsh invective. Its criticism of the faculty committee's action is not of a vituperative nature but one which seeks to point out the mistake in failing to consider student sentiment and opinion where it should have been recognized.

That some faculty supervision or executive control is necessary in council affairs is unquestioned. Students, filled with youthful exuberance, are all too willing to legislate through the council but unwilling to carry on the administrative work of enforcing that legislation. In matters where administration is needed the faculty committee should be consulted and should be a final tribunal.

Their negative action then would be justified to some degree. But when students are taking a

for step in self government and representation by seeking a council member on the counting board at the May queen election, and when they move to do away completely with a tradition that is only flapdoodle in the eyes of the campus, then the faculty committee should be bound to respect their wishes.

THE LAST STAND.

It cannot be without a certain degree of humorous reflection that male students of the University of Nebraska read of the last stand taken by the University of Virginia student body against the invasion of coeds on the campus which has been urged by the presence of Panhellenic councils, formalas, daurines, calls for corsages, etc., etc., since the days of its founder, Thomas Jefferson.

Reports state that a measure is very likely to be passed in the next session of the Virginia legislature which will allow the "ladies" to enter the hitherto sacred precincts of masculinity supreme. In opposition to the movement, Virginia students have risen up almost unanimously in rebellion with immense mass meetings and resolutions of all kinds.

The battle of coeducation was considered all over when "Awxfawd" and Cambridge actually allowed women to enroll there. Now it is discovered that there still are men among us who retain a certain amount of pugnacity. Power to them!

+ The Student Pulse +

Signed contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department. Opinions submitted should be brief and concise.

ON COLLEGE MEN—AN ANSWER.

To the editor:

We wonder why college men demand a certain standard of sophistication of us and their razz us because we attain it. If college girls conform to a type, how is it that they get that way? Simply because they find that they don't "get by" on high school tactics. A coed has her first date in college. Let us suppose that she is naturally quiet and acts natural. Does he come back? No.

So she begins to analyze herself and study her associates. She knows how to dress. She can dance. She isn't hard to look at. Thus it must be a matter of conversation. She listens to others and formulates her line. It seems to help and so she develops it.

Then take the opposite sort of a girl who is bubbling over with pep. Usually she finds that she has to trim down her dialogue to conform to college standards. She doesn't dare yell at a basketball game because of the protests of her unambitious escort. And so it goes. If she doesn't smoke already, she learns to cover her boredom, and why shouldn't she be bored with the tiresome sameness of playing up to a universal type?

These would be men of the world would do well to remember that old song, "Give us the old-time fellow, we'll give you the old-time girl" before they stoop to such harsh criticism as that which appeared in yesterday's column.

—F. K. H.

MORE ON WOMEN.

To the editor:

The discussion by E. W. in Thursday's Nebraskan is one which should give every college woman considerable food for thought. E. W. was

prone to criticize those women living in sororities or dormitories for their tendencies to be led by convention, to be swept away by the maelstrom of habit and of custom. We agree quite largely with everything that E. W. said in criticism of the college woman, but we do not believe that he has gone far enough.

If every man and woman in the world could live absolutely alone and apart from all the others, we would have a race of entities of individuals. Such a condition would be advantageous in some ways, but it would be socially and economically bad. However, it seems that there should be some way in which we can live together and still be natural.

E. W. has described the sororities and dormitories as the cause for this lack of individuality. To some degree we believe that he is right. A person, either man or woman, can usually be classified by the associations that he or she makes. One of the well known campus "cakes" said this morning

that he could tell in a few minutes, by conversation and actions, just what social organizations a girl was affiliated with. That is no doubt a broad statement, but it has its merits, too.

College life has been both condoned and condemned for being a matrimonial bureau. It is said that girls come to college solely to get a husband. How many college men want to marry a type? If a man merely wants a X sorority type, he could just as well take any girl in the X sorority, as to marry Miss A, who happens to be one of the members. At the present rate of solidifying of ideals, the only difference between Miss A and Miss B will soon come to be personal beauty, which any man will say is a very shallow test for a good girl.

Girls, we men want you to be different. Most of all we want you to honestly try to be yourselves. Every woman inherently has a few ideas of her own. She develops others by her research and study into the mysteries of life. Why not forget about convention for awhile and try to develop a little initiative and a little individualism?

—L. P. S.

and technical positions in the departmental service and different entrance salaries.

In the civil service commission the duties include the preparation of examination questions and the rating of examination papers.

MEDICAL COLLEGE ACTIVITY

PAUL C. PLATT, Editor.

Dr. C. M. Poynter Chosen Dean.

De. C. M. Poynter, acting dean of the Nebraska University school of medicine was named dean of the college and superintendent of the hospital at a board of regents meeting February 8. Dr. Poynter has been acting dean since Sept. 1. Dr. Poynter is succeeded by Dr. Jay J. Keegan who resigned last summer.

Dr. Poynter joined the university faculty in 1905 as professor of anatomy, and became chairman of the department of anatomy in 1919 after having served as acting dean during the war.

The state of Nebraska and the school of medicine should feel proud over the choice of the new dean. In choosing this man they have obtained a leader, an organizer and a person with foresight and ideals that are ever striving to make doctors who are truly worthy of their calling. As head of the department of anatomy Dr. Poynter has exerted a great influence on many a freshman in medicine that has been very beneficial to him throughout his career in medicine.

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The Medical School Mixer.

Considerable comment has been made the past month in regard to a medical school mixer. Last year such an affair was held which was a great success and it seems that such an all school party should be held again this year. The party last year was held as a subscription dance, the money being used by the Caduceus, medical school annual. There should be such a party held again this year so why not get busy on voicing our opinions on such a party.

Basket Ball Games.

The second round of the basket ball tournament will be played next Thursday night in the Technical High School gymnasium. The games that night will be played by the Phi Chi's and the non-fraternity team, and the Nu Sigma Nu's and Phi Beta's.

Washington Birthday Dinner.

The committee on arrangements for the Washington Birthday dinner in honor of faculty of the university of Nebraska met for luncheon Wednesday to perfect their plans. Those present were Mrs. John Allen, chairman; Mrs. J. J. Keegan, Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. A. K. Detwiler, and Mrs. C. W. Pollard.

The dinner will be held at Conkling hall, Saturday, February 22. Since 1922 this has been an outstanding event of the year for this group of professional men and their wives. Some entertainment of special merit is provided for the evening. This year Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Baird and George Wahl will sing several songs. A surprise is planned for the remainder of the entertainment.

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