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AFTERMATH

WITH yellow jackets radiantly happy, blue shirts a trifle chagrined and barbs, ferociously objecting to "politics," clinging to the tail end position as usual, election day propaganda ceases to be a factor of the moment. Factions now will lie outwardly dormant until the next election in May which is the major political event of the entire school year.

Despite attempts to prevent corruption, some skeptical watchers in the counting room have pointed out numerous chances to make the election a fiasco. Others discussed and considered challenging a score of agricultural college votes claimed to have been marked the same and similarly folded. Later in counting it was found that a Student council member had folded them together in pulling them from the ballot box and investigation of final results showed that whether they were ruled valid or not the election would not have been changed.

Leading the van to change the present election system is Alan Williams, barb organizer. He seeks to install the national election plan at the University of Nebraska and to end any chance of corruption. That his scheme would work honestly cannot be questioned in light of national practice. Some, however, wonder if it is necessary to install such complicated election machinery at the University of Nebraska.

With all ballots kept after counting, and with a careful check and recheck of counted votes, probability of fraudulent proceedings in the counting room seem improbable. Williams asserts that shrewd politicians handling the ballots could readily slip a bunch in their pocket. If factions are interested and supply watchers at the polls they can prevent this thing. If Williams wishes it, every suspect could be searched before leaving the counting room.

To take legitimate measures of precaution to avoid dishonesty in elections is well. To have a rankling feeling of distrust at every possible turn is going a little too far. Under present conditions with no funds to employ counting boards which would have to work until late at night to complete their task, Williams' idea is not feasible. A simpler plan with less red tape and with almost equal honesty is now in operation.

Beneath the nose of a faculty adviser, vigilant watchers of various factions and Student council members, it would be risking too much for the cleverest lad to divert votes from the counting board to a convenient pocket. People are required to have no small amount of faith in the officials they elected. Let a little of that faith be shown in election day.

Blue shirts had an easy time personifying their faction name by wearing indigo garments election day. Yellow jackets seemed to find difficulty in locating jaundiced sweaters. And we didn't see any thorns or similar emblems on the barbs either.

TO PRINT OR NOT TO PRINT

WILLING to give the matter of sorority party publicity careful attention, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, chairman of the University Panhellenic council, has promised to discuss the problem at the council meeting March 3 and with Mrs. Irving Brown, national president of the Panhellenic association. Mrs. Brown will be in Lincoln the first week of March after attending the national convention of the Panhellenic association in Denver.

As a result of these two conferences and considerate deliberation on the matter by the local Panhellenic advisory board, it is within the range of possibility to expect Nebraska rules may be altered to permit a reasonable amount of news to be published in connection with sorority parties.

The Nebraskan, in calling to the attention of the Panhellenic council what it regards as unwarranted suppression of legitimate campus news, found eighteen of twenty-one sorority presidents quite in sympathy with a move to change the regulations. Opinions of other campus leaders including several members of the Panhellenic council all were in favor of news stories on such events.

By this method The Nebraskan sought to convey to the Panhellenic council the representative attitude of university students. It asked for and found not a valid argument for pursuing the plan now in operation which allows no newspaper accounts of sorority social functions to which men are invited. If the Panhellenic council is democratic and representative of the students behind it, certainly it cannot fail to recognize the bent of student sentiment and direct legislation to support it.

Where was the Voters Intelligence league to pass out sample ballots designating political factions this year?

GREEK PROBLEMS

FRATERNITY and sorority pledge lists published in Sunday's Nebraskan included names of all who have affiliated with a social organization since rush week last fall. Considering that fact it is somewhat surprising that the combined lists of both fraternity and sorority neophytes totalled less than 200. Shrinkage due to students dropping out of school at the end of the semester or flunking out earlier in the year brings the number in Greek letter organizations somewhat lower than in September.

Fraternalties and sororities on the Nebraska campus are facing a peculiar situation at the present time. During the past six or seven years there has been a building campaign, almost a building race, to provide fine homes for these organizations.

Building these beautiful structures takes money—lots of money. Without very powerful alumni backing or extremely wealthy active members the fraternity and sorority must get more active and pledges to fill the new houses or to maintain financial reserves in order that building may soon follow. Instead of erecting modest structures to fit their needs, ambitious undergraduates and proud alumni have planned enormous mansions that will awe campus visitors and glibbie rushees.

Most men who care to join fraternities do so; most girls who want sorority affiliations have pledged some Greek letter society. To be a fraternal man or a sorority girl is no longer any sign of distinction. Unless the individual is far from normal he will be grabbed up by some group if he is able and willing to live in the house.

RUSHING during the year comes to be more than a round of handshakes and a long sweat session. Fraternities and sororities are out to fill their houses. They must get pledges. A glance at the budget sheet shows this to be necessary.

During the same period that these tremendous building operations have been going on, the university enrollment has increased very little. The period of boom growth is over but apparently the boom in fraternity and sorority building drives continues. With no more available men and women willing to affiliate than formerly, each group is presented with the problem of filling its house. Rushing has to be extended throughout the year.

This situation is deplorable. Three days of rush week are enough. Two semesters of rushing campaigns have a derogatory effect on the members of any organization. Fraternity finances and fraternity problems occupy their minds when they should be devoting their serious thought to academic work.

Most old and well established fraternities and sororities do not find themselves in this predicament. They have a strong alumni backing and do not have to rush prospective members the entire year. Those groups, however, are not in the majority. It is the smaller and newer ones who bear the brunt of this extensive rushing program.

The problem is one that will not be entirely solved until the period of building is over and the burden of mortgages somewhat lightened. It could have been avoided if these organizations had recognized the sagacity of building modest and comfortable homes instead of imposing but expensive hotels.

Is this fellow Rudy any relation to sleepy valley?

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.

The identity of all who contribute to this column must be known to the editor, names of writers, whose opinions are welcome, will be kept secret and in strictest confidence.

"DISGUSTED RAVINGS."

To the editor: I read the discussion on college women in the Daily Nebraskan the other day and another discussion in the following paper. Believe me, it makes me plenty "hot" to hear or read such utterly disgusting ravings. You men ask us to be individual, and talk of spanking us—well, how about individualism in men? Suppose you back down for a minute and let someone else tell you a few reasons why a coed dares not express her individualism. I can name you any number of reasons, mostly ones you won't care to hear, let alone admit the truth of them.

You say you face your feminine friends and are appalled. Do you think we are any different in the emotions we experience when we face our male friends? They're all alike, and I don't mean perhaps! For instance: I've had only one date here who hasn't expected and put on a heavy necking party the first time I was with him. (The shock almost proved fatal.) They all expect you to smoke, and if you refuse, they come back with the remarks, "Are you afraid?" or "Don't try to kid me." One might as well do things as be accused of them.

Personally, I hate smoking—it utterly disgusts me to see a girl with a cigaret in her hand, worse, between her lips. I despise a girl who drinks, yet I've both smoked and drunk, and I'll tell you why. I have found that when a girl has a cigaret between her lips she can't very easily be kissed, and when a girl drinks it sort of eases the heartache, the disgust, and the discouragement that goes hand in hand with all this modern living up to a type.

Let a girl refuse to smoke, drink, and what not, and she's not a good sport—let her refuse to throw a necking party, and she's left entirely alone. You men who are always crying for an individual girl—why don't you practice what you preach and help us out a little in trying to keep our individuality? But no, let a girl show her disgust in such "modern" ideas, and she's immediately branded as a wet blanket. Yet, if she does as the rest of her college girl associates do, you yell about wanting an individual girl.

Being brutally frank—I don't care to be "man-handled," but I don't care to put on a wrestling match all evening either—so I "play safe" and smoke and drink. I'm not bored, just utterly disgusted—I'm not at all disillusioned, just tired of it all—tired of eternal pretense and sham.

Why don't you help us be individual, and why don't you try being that way yourselves? You have the advantage of us—you go out and get what you like—we take what comes and have to like it.

What have you to say to all this? You who seek these individual girls? Can you honestly say you are living up to what you believe? That's what you demand of us. Are you sure you are playing square when you say we are only a type of modern girl? How do you know what we really are underneath our pretense—a pretense acquired for the benefits of our "dates," to please them so they won't be so bored.

If you can truthfully answer all these questions and can say that you are a model man, one who is more than willing to back up his demands of an individual girl, then you have plenty of room to say such things as you have. But if you can't—then I'd be a little careful of my remarks about craving an individual girl, a girl who lives up to her real thoughts of life.

How about it? Can you do this? Don't be a hypocrite or a cynic. Give us a chance to show our real selves and we'll no doubt surprise you.

Life is funny that way. The ones who have room to talk are always the ones who never say a word against a person, even when he knows that person is not perfect and is not quite living up to the ideal he or she believes in. J. S.

Prof. Blood Gives Talk To Credit Association

Prof. F. C. Blood, professor of advertising and marketing, explained the need of co-operation between credit and sales promotion departments in building up a business in an address at the meeting of the Wholesale Credit Association at the Lincoln hotel Monday night.

A Student Looks at Public Affairs.

By DAVID FELLMAN.

THE debate in the senate, last week, on the confirmation of the appointment of Charles Evans Hughes to the chief justiceship of the supreme court, is one of the most striking in its history. For it was a debate on first principles. Where the judiciary committee recommended the acceptance of the president's nomination, it was generally felt that approval would be immediate and practically unanimous. But a spirited and well received statement by Senator Norris started something which, in four days of earnest argumentation, brought fear and consternation into the hearts of the republican leaders. In the final vote, the margin of safety was surprisingly and dangerously small.

THOSE who opposed the nomination—most of the insurgent republicans and an equal number of democrats—all admitted that Mr. Hughes is a man of consummate legal learning and of unimpeachable character. Their objections were in the broad realm of principle. First of all, they pointed to the fact that Mr. Hughes had been a member of the highest bench in the land, and had resigned in 1916 to run for a political office. The contention was that a man has a perfectly conscientious right to do this, but that, once having taken this step, it is immoral for the same political group which drafted him to put him back on the bench. Some maintained, further, that it tends to drag the court down to the level of partisan politics, to permit this course of action to be pursued.

THE most weighty objection to the appointment was based upon the proposition that the court is in great need of liberals, and that Mr. Hughes is far too conservative in his economic jurisprudence to fill that need. That Mr. Hughes is strongly conservative was reasoned from his record on the bench prior to 1916, and his record as an attorney for private interests after he left the cabinet. During the past five or six years, it was maintained, Mr. Hughes was counsel for some of the great oil companies, for Mr. Newberry of Illinois, and for other great special interests. The fact that as a private attorney he has represented only the great financial interests before the supreme court, in some fifty cases, it was insisted, renders him saturated with the philosophy of the interests he pleaded for.

THE non-conformists in this struggle took the stand that the supreme court, since the passage of the fourteenth amendment, has become "the economic dictator" of the nation. The court is being called upon to pass upon cases involving profound social and economic issues. The philosophy of each of the nine men who sit upon that bench is the factor which, in the final analysis, determines their stand on any given question. For example, the question of the evaluation of the property of public utilities, upon the basis of which their rates are to be fixed, is one which vitally affects the welfare of the people. Yet upon this matter there are two widely divergent views taken. One has been espoused by the conservative majority of the court, the other by the liberals, Holmes, Brandeis and Stone. Whether Mr. Hughes will be on one side of the fence or the other is a much more important matter than is commonly assumed.

THIS debate has served an important function, in focusing the attention of the people upon the fact that our jurisprudence is not a mechanical process administered by judges who act with the precision of automatons. The law, especially in this age of the Rule of Reason, is a sensitive and flexible social standard. It may mean one thing to one judge, and something quite different to another. How a judge will rule on broad constitutional questions depends entirely upon his social philosophy, upon his training and early environment, his prejudices, his individual predilections. Judges do not think in vacuo; judicial attitudes are the result of a very complex social process.

GOVERNOR WEAVER has decided to call a special session of the legislature in the near future to cope with the crisis existing in our state guaranty fund. During the violent deflation period which followed the World War, when many state banking systems were in a precarious position and banks were going to the wall in droves, Nebraska sought to save her banking structure by establishing a special fund which would guarantee every dollar a depositor put in a state bank. The law sought to create a fund, for this purpose, to be raised by assessing each bank doing business under a state charter, in proportion to its size.

FOR various reasons, economic and administrative (depending upon the point of departure one adopts), the fund is now in arrears millions of dollars. Governor Weaver's plan, for the sanctioning of which he is summoning a special session of the legislature, proposes that the \$16,000,000 deficit in the guaranty fund be met in the following manner: Half of the deficit is to be made up out of public taxation; the other half will be met by a continuation of the present assessment system. This system is to be revamped, in several important features, in order to strengthen the entire system.

BETWEEN THE LINES

By LABELLE GILMAN.

As we warned our public, if any, this column was in danger of becoming poetical. It did. It won't last. The agony was too great. Herewith we present our collected works, with our prayers, hopes, doubts, et cetera.

HOT DOGGERELS. THERE was a time—O ancient days, When schooling was quite cheap; When education cost three bucks, And five for board and keep. But now the fee collectors take The lucre from us with a rake.

God bless you, merry gentlemen, Who go like grizzlies to your den, And stretch out leisurely in class And snooze and snore. Us guys don't daas.

I want just one thing And have no consolation; I want my degree Without nervous prostration.

OH, where are the classmates of yesterday? And where are my friends who have gone Out into the world from this campus dear? I heave a sigh—and a yawn. They're struggling on twenty a week, perhaps, While I am engaged in attending snaps.

The folks I would exterminate Are those who take twelve hours In Drama and Our Native Flowers And never want to graduate.

The instructors they tell us to buy all our texts, And they give us a list that is But textbooks and lab supplies Don't worry me—I'm flat.

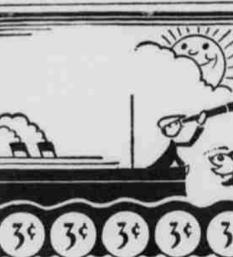
I WENT across the campus, It was a winters day, And all the little sparrows Were busily at play; And all the darling little squirrels Were busily eating nuts; And all the take-it-ensies Were busily taking cuts; And as I watched them skipping out I thought how nice 'twould be If all were conscientious And industrious, like me.

When springtime comes over the campus, I want to go down to the Pampas, Or off to Algeria, Or up to Siberia. But always there's something that hampahs.

When winter breaks and the morning dews Sparkle the tulips, the air does lose Its bitter tang, and we walk across The drillfield, through primordial ooze.

I'll pen a line to all the girls, Of females wild I sing, To all the frails with golden curls, Because I smell the spring.

YES, I am sure There is no cure For this cursed thing That men call spring.



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Yet I suppose, when spring has come With warmth and joy for man and dame. And all is bright and lovely—lo! We'll get five feet of ice and snow.

"You young folks face tomorrow," My dear instructor said, "When you will have to buckle down To earn your daily bread." But then it always seems quite clear "That we should really have no fear; "Tomorrow" isn't ever here, So let's go back to bed.

RICH man, poor man, beggarman, thief,

Doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief, Actor, painter, engineer, Teacher, dentist, overseer, Druggist, chemist, singer, judge, Bookworm, builder, salesman, drudge, These our school turns out each year. Each and all, his chosen sphere, But the most infernal Is the lousy journalist.

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