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HARMONY

THIS week the faculty committee on student affairs is due to hold one of its occasional meetings, the Student council will listen to reports on rallies and the election of future May Queens, the Innocents society will be considering possible changes in methods of selecting its members, while Mortar Boards, undoubtedly, will be pulling over their nominees for Ivy day masquing.

The significance of the meetings of these groups is greater than it appears to be. After a period of unrest and agitation for change, it seems that the cogs are moving to bring about some alteration in manifestations of student life at Nebraska.

Now is the time for a general reconstruction of the modus operandi of student government. Already much has been done. Proportional representation goes into effect at the spring election of the Student council. The council will undoubtedly have a hand in conducting the election of the next May Queen. Innocents are really considering ways of democratizing the election of members of their society.

The faculty committee this week cannot fail to take cognizance in some way of the recent action of the Student council which abolished minor class offices without seeking faculty sanction. This act was the first the council has taken on its own in many a moon.

BUT all of these organizations—Student council, Innocents, Mortar Board and faculty committee—are proceeding with the relationship between them indefinite and vague. Heretofore each has feared that codifying student activities might bring a loss of power. Each has guarded the part it played in university affairs jealously, realizing that any limitation on its functions would impair the prestige of the organization. Each has wanted to be supreme in its respective field.

The difficulty lies in the fact that the field is unfenced and occupied by all. Each organization grazes where it chooses. Sometimes the entire range is covered. More often large patches go untouched.

The Student council at its last meeting appointed a committee to determine its limitations of power and what authority the faculty committee on student affairs has over the council. At its meeting this week, the faculty committee probably will put a similar committee into operation to work with the council's committee.

This gives the council an opportunity to go one step farther. It has a chance to invite representatives from the Innocents and Mortar Board to join its committee in an attempt to codify definitely powers, purposes and limitations of student government after a thorough study of the situation. Certainly the senior honoraries should be happy to cooperate in any such enterprise.

SOME such codification and organization is inevitable sooner or later if a wholesome spirit of school loyalty and an active participation in campus affairs by the best of the student body is desired. This involves scrapping the present constitution of the council and introducing a new one that covers more than mere rules for student elections, as does the constitution in effect today.

It must be a constitution that deals with more than organization of the Student council. It must state the relationship of other groups, i. e., the faculty committee on student affairs, the Mortar Board chapter, and the Innocents society, to each other and to the council. It must set forth the real powers of the council, where faculty interference is justified and where it is unnecessary.

When harmony, peace, and correlation of activities—far from unattainable—are found to reign among campus organizations, between faculty and students, and within influential student groups, then the university will be ready to deal effectively with problems that arise therein.

A WILL AND A WAY

STUDENTS in colleges and universities over this nation earn an aggregate of \$26,000,000 a year while going to school, according to a national survey of student employment just completed. An investigation into the local situation reveals that several hundred of the 6,500 students at the University of Nebraska are working their way through college.

The real significance of this is that any person, regardless of financial status, can get an education if he wants it. If a young man or woman is willing to work while obtaining an education, he will find numerous persons and institutions ready to cooperate with him.

Fellowships, student loan plans and free tuition scholarships, besides the numerous positions of employment are only a few of the various channels open to the student with a will. The new era in which youth is given work so that he may continue his search for knowledge completely expels the old worn-out phrase, "he never had a chance." The chance is waiting—it is the student's job to take advantage of it.

Conditions at the University of Nebraska are especially favorable for student employment. Lincoln is large enough so that the scarcity of jobs to be found in smaller localities give no cause for worry. Many of her industries are of a nature which permit the employing of student help. Students in this way derive a benefit over a smaller town which would not have facilities to offer employment to students. Nebraskans are also at an advantage over students in larger cities where few besides technical workers can find employment.

The democracy of Nebraska in comparison to other institutions of a like nature is marked when it comes to the attitude students here assume towards those who are compelled to work. Rather than assuming a superior snobbish air, most young men and women enrolled at the University of Nebraska feel that those who work are just as good as those who do not.

Young men and women the world over no longer need to stand afar and regard the university with envious eyes as above their grasp. The old adage, "Where there's a will there's a way," still holds when it comes to getting a university education.

WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE?

"WHAT'S the matter with the university?" R. B. Mullins of Fremont asks pointedly in an article in the Sunday State Journal. His concern is over curriculum requirements and dismissing students from school to be sent home disgraced.

Mr. Mullins is quite bothered about the idea of having a state university that demands students to learn foreign languages, a requirement in which he sees no good. He thinks a young man or woman should be able to enter a business the day after commencement as its lord and master without having whiled away a couple of years browsing over French or Latin. First, he has a very shallow conception of what a university purports to be. Second, he doesn't know what he's talking about when he declares students are sent home disgraced because they can't get passing marks in foreign languages.

From the tenor of his article, Mr. Mullins doesn't comprehend what a university purports to be. What he wants is a technical vocational school. He implies that the university has no vocational training as now constituted. Obviously he is one of the species that gets up and waves his flag without having given any serious thought to the true make-up of this institution, or without having made any sort of an investigation. If Mr. Mullins thinks he has thought about it, he simply can't think.

Students who have a grasp of the fundamentals of a university know that foreign language study is imperative if one is to progress very far on his chosen field. They know that other subjects, not directly germane to their picked vocations, are necessary to form a background. They realize that it is well to know a little more about what life offers than the rudiments of some business or profession. They recognize the cultural values afforded through the university curriculum. Because some students would not choose some of these important cultural foundation stones, but would pick an easy path to follow, they were made requirements. And they shall be kept as such despite the bickering of Tax payer Mullins.

As figures released from the office of the dean of student affairs show in a news story in this issue, Mr. Mullins' lament about dismissed and disgraced students is one that deserves no sympathy. Young men and women who get their walking papers from this institution get them, not because they can't learn the required subjects, but because they won't learn them. There are a number of others allowed to remain as dead weights in this institution who should be home at work instead of raising one continual round of whoopee here.

There is more merit in trying to figure out a way to eliminate some of the worthless fun-chasers who persist in hanging around the university in search of a big time than in trying to keep them in. They should go back home. And Mr. Mullins—well, Mr. Mullins might go to Halifax.

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.

CHAINED FREEDOM

To the editor: "Man is born free and he is everywhere in chains."

Thus do anonymous writers borrow a phrase from Rousseau to preface their publication, "With Fire and Sword."

It seems paradoxical to me that they should wave the banner of freedom in making their accusations against responsible persons and organizations on the university campus. By the very act of publishing their paper they are limiting freedom on our campus.

What do we mean by freedom? Is it wholly the lack of exterior restraint that constitutes the freedom for which civilized man is ever seeking? When Rousseau made his classic utterance he was thinking of the struggles of mankind against kings, dictators and governmental tyrants. But persons in authority are not the only ones that can limit the freedom of individuals.

Oftentimes irresponsible and despicable persons can limit the freedom of free citizens. In a state of freedom every man has a right to an unblemished reputation so long as he does nothing to impair it. He has the right to be considered an honest man and if any charge of corruption is made against him the state demands that it shall be proved or else the one who made the charge shall be punished.

Do we have freedom on our campus when cowardly writers accuse administrative officers of corruption, impute in them dishonesty and bring them into disrepute? Are they not entitled to some freedom in respect to reputation?

Is there any freedom on our campus when unknown persons charge the staff of a student publication with corruption without giving any actual evidence? Don't the editor and business manager of that publication have any right which free citizens are obliged to respect?

I accuse the editors of "With Fire and Sword" of being cowardly and contemptible and of transgressing the freedom of free citizens on the University of Nebraska campus. A FREE CITIZEN.

CURIOS

To the editor: The appearance, perhaps timely of that startling pamphlet not inappropriately called "With Fire and Sword," was greeted with avid curiosity by some students, with amusement by some, and with serious concern by others. It is an indisputable fact that the reason for such outland journals can be ascertained by an examination into the conditions that give them birth.

It would be absurd to suppose that any sagacious, wide-awake student is oblivious to the "weeds that grow in our university garden." It is still quite fresh in our minds that the first semester of this year brought an expose of various undesirable and unhealthy conditions. Certainly it is widely believed by many and notoriously known by a few that there are certain organizations on this campus that would be hard-put to justify their existence if it came to a showdown.

Impersonally, I believe that the Nebraska student body is beginning to see a bit more clearly through this pseudo-intellectual mist, which has served as camouflage for the operation of certain distorted forces and the existence of certain undesirable conditions. Until recently, the movement toward this enlightenment has proceeded slowly and clandestinely. But of late it has obviously gathered momentum.

It is idle to suppose that "With Fire and Sword" is an empty taunt. No man risks scholastic suicide for nothing. But on this point one must not be too free in his assertions lest he incur the displeasure of those lord-keepers of our individual rights.

It is rumored that a second number will quickly follow the one already released. It should be in the nature of a substantiation or a refutation of the drastic charges made in the first number. STANLEY J. MENGLER.

MILESTONES AT NEBRASKA

April 1, 1925. Dr. Lauro De Boeis of Rome, Italy, was a convocation speaker. The new Y. W. C. A. cabinet was installed at Ellen Smith hall. Twenty-five members of the Glee club left for their annual 10-day tour.

1920. The university chorus presented selections from Gounod's "Faust" at convocation.

A. N. Johnson of Chicago told engineering students that concrete was the best material for state roads.

1915. Dr. S. M. Hays explained the meaning of Easter at the Y. W. C. A. vespers.

1910. Vacation, no paper.

1905. Nine students were expelled for scholastic reasons. The editor wondered if everyone had heard the junior's red caps.

The sophomore class president appointed an Ivy day committee.

The sophomores attempted to break up a freshman class meeting by force, but were successfully repelled.

The Chicago National league baseball team defeated the Varsity, 9 to 4. Final tryouts for the debating team were held.

BETWEEN THE LINES

By LASELLE GILMAN. OUR NOBLE EXPERIMENT: NUMBER THREE.

HEREWITH we proceed to be egotistical. We are about to congratulate ourselves. We may be wrong but we think we're right. In short: a Thought has burrowed its way into our mind. We think to ourself—our Noble Experiment concerning the freedom of speech and press has brought about results astounding, startling, amazing, unbelievable, ad infinitum.

In short again, we refer to the mimeographed newspaper entitled "With Fire and Sword." (Perhaps we shouldn't say newspaper, but it was paper, and undoubtedly it was news, of a sort.) If you haven't heard, a sheet was distributed about the campus on that memorable day, Friday, March 28th, which demonstrated the principle of freedom of speech and press so vigorously and noisily that this colyum blushes for shame at its feeble efforts and tries to crawl back into its pigeon-hole.

NOW THIS is the reason we are feeling egotistical. We want to think that our campaign for the Experiment was at least an indirect cause of the appearance of the new sheet. We want to think that the minds of the editors of this paper were consciously or unconsciously influenced by our mild laboratory experiment. We want to think that our colyum is a power for good (or evil, which ever way you care to regard it.) Conscious or unconscious influence, it's all the same to us.

By the by, why all this "we" and "our" stuff? Feeling egotistical, let us say "I," "me," and "my." Therefore: I would like to think that MY colyum brought about, indirectly, the birth of a new and independent publication. In short a third time, the unknown editors were, I hope, influenced by ME. (All this "I" business is put in here primarily in order that someone can clip the colyum, mark red rings around all the "I's," "me's," and "my's," and send it to me.)

Now let me be explicit. I sit here reading "With Fire and Sword" and I find a great many glaring faults with it. It makes broad and general statements and gives no concrete illustrations (save for an illustration of a crossed torch and dagger.) Calling names is not polite. I doubt very much if the editors can back up everything they have said concerning the administration, the Student council, The Daily Nebraskan, et cetera. For one thing, I consider the attack on the athletic board unjust. But I don't know enough about the inner sanctums to express any definite opinions.

THE SHEET went beyond all my preachments. A radical student paper that tells the truth, backs it up, is independent, and vigorous in its denunciation of existing flaws is a good paper. But it should so be edited that the names of its editors may appear on its masthead. In this case, the editors outdid themselves. They undoubtedly wish to publish another issue, and consequently they keep themselves behind the screens and work the puppets before the audience. Though it must be admitted that we should be more interested in whether the puppets are true to

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life than in the names of the string pullers.

HOWEVER, I would like to shake aforementioned and hidden editors by the hand. (Come in, gentlemen. I'd like to shake you by the hand.) This first step is a poor one, and extremely shaky, for the foundations it stands upon are rotten, but it may prove to be something some day. Who knows? If the Powers do not promptly ferret out the anonymous scribblers and squelch them with a loud and squeaky sound, a new, independent and aboveboard student newspaper may develop. Therefore I say that I am not in favor of a paper such as this embryo "Fire and Sword," but I hope, though my hopes will probably be dashed, that out of it may grow a real paper. Competition for The Nebraskan would be the spice of life.

Thus one can see the reason for my egotism. My Noble Experiment had some influence with a few students, if they are students, at least. But I may be all wet. This "liberty" and "non-suppression" controversy has been raging for quite some time. Witness the front page of last Friday's Nebraskan.

ALL IN ALL, the new publication is but a spurge. The only nastiness in the entire ludicrous affair will be the possible attempt of the Powers to bound down a few undergraduates, post-graduates, faculty or alumni. Law students, poly sci students, English students, journalism students, and those young gentlemen working on official publications will probably be under suspicion. Most of the university considers it only as a ludicrous affair and nothing more, but the Powers have no sense of humor.

Herewith I tender my own defense: I don't know nothin' about the politics mentioned, and what's more important, I haven't got the vocabulary these unknown editors possess, though I wish I had. All anyone knows, as Will Rogers would say, is what they see by the papers.

AMES CHEMICAL INSPECTION TRIP

AMES, Ia.—Twenty-five seniors in chemical engineering at Iowa State college will leave tomorrow for Chicago on an annual one week inspection trip. They will make the trip by bus and will be accompanied by H. A. Webber, associate professor.

While in Chicago they will visit the Grasselli Chemical company, the By-Products Refinery corporation, the Natural Oxygen company, Corn Products Refinery company, and several other companies whose methods and products are of interest to the men.

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It had been a wild night. Prisoners had escaped but were caught and returned. Everything was quiet in San Menquin penitentiary, now, except for the drone of some half dozen's people's conversation. What a mess. How would it ever turn out? Why do people insist on getting themselves mixed up in such a manner?

"This has gone far enough. Mary, we shall leave at once." "But mother—"

A violent crash was heard outside. It was somewhere near. Someone groaned as though a knife had just been jabbed deep into his back.

"Did you hear that?" "What is it?"

Another crash—this time nearer. The sound of clinking chains and iron barred doors being hurriedly unlocked.

"Do you suppose we're safe?" "Don't be silly. Of course we are. They couldn't get through those doors."

A guard hurried in. "Take cover everybody. A prisoner has gotten loose and is shooting his way out."

"There what did I tell you?" "Aw rate, he'll probably not come here."

A face appeared behind the iron bars which enclosed the room. This was his way to freedom. It was the only way. Well, who would stop him.

"I've got a gun and the fellow who tries to stop me will hear from it."

"I'll fix that man. He's not the only one who has a gun." "Stop don't shoot. He's harmless." And proving what he had just said, Bob Young, one of Mr. Bible's flashing backs, in a new role of hero of "Bob Sister," Kosmet Klub spring musical comedy, walks up to the desperate escaping convict and . . . well, you'll have to see the show for the rest of it.

Players to Entertain Chamber of Commerce

The junior division of the Lincoln chamber of commerce will be entertained Tuesday noon by the University Players, who will present a play entitled "Poor Old Jim."

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