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A BARB CONSTITUTION.

MORE disagreement between the Barb council and Student council looms as a result of the Student council's action Wednesday afternoon which gives the nonfraternity group the choice of being suspended or of submitting a constitution acceptable to the Student council.
There are a number of technical difficulties in the squabble between these two organizations—most of them of a very petty nature. A brief review of the causes of the skirmish should clarify the situation in student eyes.
When the Barb council, after prolonged dilly-dallying, finally submitted its constitution to the Student council, that body found it unsatisfactory in several details and returned it to the barbs. The barbs reconsidered but made few changes and sent the constitution over the road to the Student council again.
The Student council still was not satisfied, first, with the name, Barb council, which it insisted should be changed to Barb Executive board, and second with the method of electing the barb organization members. So the council changed the constitution and sent it on to the faculty committee without giving the Barb council another chance to discuss it. A faculty subcommittee investigated the constitution, with noted changes, and recommended that the general committee on student affairs approve it, which it did.
The Barb council charges the Student council with irregular proceedings in changing the constitution without its sanction. It declares that all students—not only nonfraternity people—may vote for Barb board members under the revamped constitution. It fears, without grounds however, that the fraternity people will try to control the elections of the barbs.
Claims of the Student council that it has the power to change student organization constitutions may be valid. But certainly the barbs should have had an opportunity of seeing what kind of a document they were to work under before it was imposed on them. Their wrath, therefore, is not unexpected nor unjustified.

THE BARBS, however, have had ample time to protest formally to the faculty committee or to the Student council. Instead they have openly defied both organizations by holding their election last Saturday and carrying on as though the Barb council was a recognized student society. This attitude is unwholesome for the university and causes more animosity than ever between barbs and Greeks.

This nonfraternity group has continually failed to show a willingness to co-operate with the Student council, which it seemed to fear was out after the scalps of every nonfraternity man and woman at Nebraska. That the Student council has the interests of the entire university at heart is shown in its action in sponsoring the proportional representation plan which will enable all political groups to have council representatives.
The dispute has taken such a turn that the whole affair must be tackled afresh. It will be useless to quibble over former irregularities. What is desired, and desired at once, is a cleanup of the entire affair. There is no reason why representatives of both groups cannot get together and amicably settle what has become an obnoxious dispute because of its sheer pettiness.
Plainly the Barb council cannot expect to exist as an outlaw organization. It is not for the best interests of the council nor the university that such a thing should come to pass. There is a mighty broad gap in the field of university organizations that is left for such a barb organization to cover. It will operate on a par with the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils. But all three must be under the guidance of the Student council, which even today is more representative than any other group on the campus and which will become even more so under proportional representation when that scheme goes into effect this spring.
This constitution fracas should be settled—and without delay.

REGARDING READERS.

THIS CONTROVERSIAL subject of readers has made its semestral debut in The Nebraska's Pulse column with pro and con comments by several student contributors. Whenever an underclassman gets a paper back that he thinks has not been graded justly, he sets up a howl about the reader.
He thinks that everything the reader does is crooked and that politics influences the grade he gives and probably got him his job. It is impossible to believe that readers are chosen other than on a basis of merit at Nebraska. And it is impossible that the vast majority of readers let personal feelings influence the grades they dole out.
The lad who is disgruntled with his reader should not be too sure that the instructor himself could do any better. Even the most eminent professors, in reading papers in senior division courses, do not pretend that the grades they give are absolutely equitable. They try conscientiously—and the reader tries likewise. Errors they may make are only natural in view of the large number of papers they are compelled to read.
The student who contributes thoughts on the matter today presents a sane view of the reader situation in general. He is wrong, however, in his contention about returning papers. The reader's first job—above student activities and the like—is to get the students' papers back to them. They may be excused in part because of the enormous amount of work heaped on them due to financial handicaps. But that fact does not remove the need of getting papers back within a reasonable time after they have been handed in.

TO THE RESCUE.

SOMETHING must be said in defense of the editorial which was a comment on Doctor Alexander's address of last Monday, in view of the fact that the editorial is vigorously panned in the Student Pulse column today by a contributor who signs his name—Bickerstaff.
Whether or not The Nebraska editorially misquoted Doctor Alexander, Bickerstaff misinter-

preted The Nebraska editorial and the attitude taken in it. Let it be known once and for all that The Nebraska has the highest regard for Doctor Alexander and believes him to be one of the foremost philosophers of today. The editorial remarks on his address were not in the nature of a criticism but were justified comments which any editor has the legitimate privilege of making if he chooses.
Just because Nebraska is host to a distinguished guest is no reason why this student newspaper is bound to agree with the things he says. The difference in Doctor Alexander's case was one of point of view and not of the general tenor of his address which was ennobling and inspiring to the three or four hundred students who took enough time to hear him.

+ 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.

A TACK ON THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

To the editor:
The Daily Nebraska of April 8, 1930, bore a lead editorial entitled "New Worlds." Those who read it will probably recall it; those who did not should spare themselves the trouble, I think. This one-third of a column was preoccupied with making comments upon the Monday convocation speech of Dr. H. B. Alexander. I presume that Dr. Alexander appreciates the writer's kindness shown by interpreting to the students the substance of his address, though I for one was able to get the point before reading the exposition in The Daily Nebraska and must confess that I was not particularly enlightened further after I did read it. I suppose also that Dr. Alexander was pleased to be informed that he had not said anything new, and that the writer of the editorial had known it all along, but had just not got time to say it.
Now, many times the effectiveness of an artistic effort rests not upon its novelty, but rather on its manner of presentation. I reckon that The Daily Nebraska could carry editorials of this caliber every day for the next twenty-five years and make less of an impression than did Dr. Alexander the other day in twenty-five minutes.
Again, the writer busies himself with setting Dr. Alexander right by stating: "Doctor Alexander excluded the field of the scientist in emphasizing the importance of this spiritual concept."
Unless I am mistaken, Dr. Alexander only quoted the opinion of a friend in regard to the possibilities of the field of physics being completely explored, and then proceeded to say that he hoped it were true, in order that more complete exploration in the field of metaphysics might begin. Thus, through the frequent phenomenon of mis-quotation, the statement of our benevolent editorialist is just a bit "haywire."
So I think we shall be obliged to discount the next statement in the editorial, which says, "This clash on the philosophical and scientific points of view was noted in Dr. Alexander's address." It must have been the writer himself who heard the clash, because I do not think that anybody else did.
In closing, I should like finally to remark that, after all is said and done, a host does not usually put himself out to edify his guests with criticism. Nebraska has been host to Dr. Alexander.
—BICKERSTAFF.

IN MEMORIAM.

To the editor:
In behalf of those unfortunate, even though conscientious, individuals known as readers, I offer this bit of wisdom, in order that the reading public shall not form a biased opinion.
First, it is wisdom to criticize readers in such sweeping terms, when by really looking into the matter, one finds that many of our present instructors were at one time readers; instructors in the embryo.
Secondly, as to the prompt return of papers; the reason cannot justly be classed as one of negligence, for in the majority of cases, it is an honest attempt to give a fair, and unprejudiced grade to the student, since the reader usually has only the written work handed in to him in making his grade estimates. These men or women are many times engaged in other lines of work, or activities; and, as other students, carry as many if not more hours than the average student. One could return papers the very next meeting of the class in all subjects, by merely making a brief cursory review of the paper; but this would obviously be undesirable.
Thirdly, to compare with every example of unfair grading, I do not believe it would be exaggerating to suggest that a goodly third of the students never even read the notations on their papers, but hastily draw a conclusion after glancing at the grade on the outside of the paper. Also consider the example of the students, low in intellectual student activity, who try to raise their grade by delivering a few heart breaking tales of woe to unsuspecting professors, which if coupled with a dinner invitation, and possibly a party bid in many cases brings surprising results. Consider the man who sits up till three, four or five in the morning, trying to give fair estimates of knowledge.
In conclusion, a mere grade is just the best possible way of rating the various students; it is not final but merely indicative; it is not exact, it is merely an estimate. Many are the examples of mediocre students who make notable achievements in later life, and to balance the scale, the opposite is many times true.

THE PRISONER AT THE BAR.

LET 'EM SMOKE.
To the editor:
What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If smoking rooms should be established for the coeds who wish to inhale why should the male students be allowed to clutter up the campus and generally make themselves obnoxious by puffing cigarets continuously?
This double standard system is all the bosh. If the pleasure of smoking for men outweighs the harmful effects, then why should anyone object to women smoking? I believe that the Nebraska coeds should be commended in that no more of them are reaching for the cigaret instead.
If the coeds wish to smoke for heaven's sake let them. Don't force them to hide themselves in a closet or crawl out on the fire escape when they wish to indulge.
Even I, as narrow minded and puritanical as I am, would much rather have the girls smoke at the entrances of Social Sciences, in Ellen Smith hall or any of the other sanctified places. I believe that the idea of smoking rooms is a good one. But if the coeds should be shooed into seclusion for the purpose of smoking, then I say herd the male population which wishes to smoke off the campus and into a smoking room too.

THE CAMPUS CRAB.

CLUB RELEASES TITLE OF NEXT PRODUCTION

'Alice in Wonderland' to Be Given by Dramatic Organization.

'Alice in Wonderland' has been selected by the Dramatic club for their Children's theater production. The play will be presented by members of the organization under the direction of Dorothy Weaver, final casting to be made Thursday.
All members are requested to attend a very important business meeting Thursday at 7:30 o'clock in the Dramatic club rooms in place of the regular Wednesday meeting. Those who cannot be present are asked to present a written excuse to Mildred Bickley, secretary, before the meeting.
Final plans for the club picnic, April 16, are to be announced Thursday. No program will be presented as rehearsals will follow the meeting.

MILESTONES AT NEBRASKA

- April 10, 1925. Spring vacation; no paper.
1920. Miss Pfeiffer spoke at Vespers on "Why Girls Should be Interested in Politics."
C. S. Holcombe, '17, wrote from Kantara, Egypt, describing his experiences.
The Devereux Players of New York City appeared at the Temple, 1915.
Nebraska took first place in wrestling, second in fencing, and fourth in gymnastics at the annual Western Intercollegiate Gymnastic association meet at the Armory.
The glee club gave an entertainment in the Temple.
The editor described petty thieving, 1910.
Spring football continued, the squad being augmented to over a dozen.
The Engineering society held its eighth annual banquet at the Lindell.
Saloon workers circulated propaganda, hoping to line up the students, 1905.
The mysterious order of Koppa Kap, composed presumably of sophomores, forbade the freshmen to wear class caps.
Mr. Prince, zoological department artist, completed fifteen brain charts for the department of psychology.
Sixteen students of the class of agriculture accompanied Dr. Condra to Roosa.

EAVESDROPPING

MOST STUDENTS HIRAMS.
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Madison—One out of every ten students in the freshman class at the University of Wisconsin comes from the farm, one out of every four comes from the family of a tradesman, and one out of every seven is the child of a worker in manufacturing or mechanical industries, according to a report completed by Miss A. K. Kirch, university statistician.
About 156 different occupations are numbered among those of the parents of the 1,825 members in the class, indicating that college education knows no class lines and no social barriers.
From homes of thirty varieties of professional men come 16.5 percent of the freshmen. The children of skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled workers are only 1 percent less in number than those of farmers. Next come children of retail dealers, 11.8 percent, followed by the farmer group, 10 percent. Occupations of other parents, in order, are personal and domestic, transportation, officials of organizations, bankers and brokers, officials of manufacturing and mechanical industries, public service, and clerical.
Among freshmen there are more children of carpenters, of grocers, of mechanics than of bankers, more children of unskilled workers than of industrial officials, and more children of farmers than a combined total of bankers, brokers, physicians, surgeons, lawyers, and manufacturers.
Exactly half of the freshmen of this university come from homes of farmers, workers in industries, or retail and miscellaneous tradesmen.

PROFANITY WINS.

When you start to get ready for a formal party and find your young son on the floor scribbling his name all over the stiff front of your best shirt, what should you do? Utter a good healthy "Damn" and free your chest? Or take it out on your wife the rest of the evening in the form of dirty digs?
Or, is profanity justifiable?
"Not only justifiable, but frequently necessary," says Associate Professor Joseph E. Harrison of the English department of the University. "There are forceful situations that call forth forceful emotions. If they are not given vent to in some form of profanity they are sure to creep out

MEDICAL COLLEGE ACTIVITY

PAUL C. PLATT, Editor.

Alpha Kappa Entertain.
The Alpha Kappa Kappa fraternity entertained as dinner guests last Wednesday evening three members of the faculty of the medical school. The guests were Dr. C. M. Foytner, dean of the school, Dr. John Latta, head of the embryology department and Dr. W. A. Willard, head of the neurology department. Dr. Foytner talked after the dinner.

Phi Rho Party.
Phi Rho fraternity had a house party Saturday night at their home at Forty-second and Dewey streets. The party was an informal affair.

in some meager and less honest way.

MANY OPINIONS GIVEN.

Nine other English professors who were interviewed on the same subject gave opinions ranging all the way from positive condemnations to Biblical interpretations and literary appreciations of what are commonly known as "cuss words."
All but one admitted resorting to it on certain occasions whether they approved of it or not.
Edward Wagenknecht, associate in English, who disapproves but nevertheless indulges says, "When ever I indulge in profanity I kick myself around the lot afterwards because I haven't been able to tell my opponent what I think of him in some more original fashion."

SWEARING IS FINE ART.

But Mr. M. Donald Cornu says, "Of all the arts, proficiency in swearing is the finest of the fine arts. The best test is whether or not you have the ability to carry on a line of profanity for five minutes without repetition."
Though he didn't give the command, "Swear without ceasing," Associate Professor Herbert E. Childs gave profanity a scriptural interpretation, "A very present help in time of trouble."
"I have yet to see the man who can stand to hit his thumb with a hammer without a nouthurst of some kind," said Professor Edward C. Cox. "A man who never swears must be sowed the type whose wife makes him wash the dishes and dress the baby."

SUITED TO ICEMAN TYPE.

Professor E. Ayers Taylor, however, thinks that "profanity is appropriate only to certain climates." The iceman type can swear and get by with it, but not the college professor.
"There is nothing more amusing," Professor Taylor said, "than profanity coming from the mouth of a cultivated man. One with a good command of English should be able to think of better words to express himself."

DEPENDS ON MEANING.

Professor Dudley D. Griffith, head of the department, refused to state his opinion definitely. "It all depends on what you mean by profanity," he said.
"Well, profanity as is commonly understood."
"Commonly understood means not understood at all," he replied.
Dean Frederick H. Fadeloff evidently considers the subject a weighty one. He said he would need a week to think it over.

PENALTY FOR CARELESSNESS.

WASHINGTON—The sender of insufficiently addressed mail would be charged a fee of five cents, in addition to regular postage, for directory service by the postoffice department under a measure introduced Tuesday by Representative Kelly, Pennsylvania, a member of the postoffice committee. The measure provided, however, that delivery of the mail should not be delayed pending collection of the charge.

CHEMICAL DONATION.

Approximately \$300 worth of chemical apparatus has been donated to the chemistry department of Texas Christian university by officials of the United States helium plant, which was dismantled recently. Among the material donated was a McLeod pressure gauge, capable of measuring gases to one ten thousandth of a millimeter.

POPULAR MAN CONTEST.

TUCSON, Ariz.—(Special)—The annual contest for the most popular man at the University of Arizona will open soon. The contest is fostered by a campus book store. Only girls are eligible to vote and they may qualify by making a purchase at the store.

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MATH GROUP OFFERS PRIZES FOR PAPERS

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Pi Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics fraternity, is offering two prizes of ten dollars each for the best papers turned in in the two hour examinations in calculus and analytic geometry being given at 4 p. m. Thursday, April 17, in mechanics arts 307. All students taking the courses at the present time or who have finished the course during the current year are eligible for competition. The calculus prize will be a ten dollar gold piece.
The material covered in the examinations will be limited to the work covered by the present classes at that time. Questions are to be submitted by the various instructors of the mathematics department. The winners of the prizes will be announced on Honors day. Any student wishing to get further details may see M. R. Hestenes, Pi Mu Epsilon president, or some other analytics or calculus instructor.

BETWEEN THE LINES

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Spring Fever Holds Dangers for Study As Heat Increases

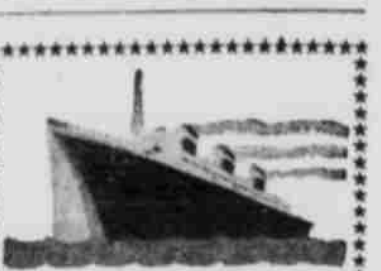
A serious epidemic of spring fever threatened the campus yesterday with no relief in sight for today when the mercury jumped to 85 at 2 p. m. yesterday with prospects of climbing still higher. Records at the United States weather bureau office on the university campus show it to be the warmest day so far this year.

Other days of excessive temperature in early April on record are in 1893 on the sixth when a temperature of 91 was recorded and last year on the fourth when the temperature reached 94.

The fact, according to H. G. Carter of the United States weather bureau, that the first week in April has been eight degrees above the seasonal normal accounts for the many dandelions, open roadsters, inter-society ball games and the spring schedule of R. O. T. C. parades that have made their sudden appearance this week.

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