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Wrangling Over a New Constitution.

Conflicting opinions on the subject of student government by the Student Council were expressed freely in the council's special constitution session yesterday afternoon.

How may this be accomplished? It is no simple matter, as the council found, to draft and accept a constitution. Most important in the new charter will be the definition of powers.

Paternalistic government has been tried and it has failed. Perhaps it was tried only as a regrettable alternative, but the administration has continued to govern student conduct without student support.

If conduct is to be regulated and controlled, those who are being ruled must have a hand in the formulation of the laws. Students have had the principles of democratic government massaged into their skulls too many times to miss this point.

How may the Student Council go about this matter of strengthening its powers? We believe that it will receive the cooperation of the administration, for that group is not wittingly unreasonable.

Assuming, then, that it will not be thrown for a loss by the administration, where will it find opposition to its attempted creation of powers? The answer is found in the opinions of members of certain student organizations.

The Student Council, if it expects to succeed in its present endeavor, must not be too considerate of these groups. It may retain them as desirable subjects, but not as parallel rulers.

Another question which calls forth heated comment in council chambers concerns the degree of student control. Some believe that Nebraska should copy universities wherein all matters of undergraduate conduct are handled by a student council.

We caution the council in this regard. Revolutions are nasty, bloody affairs but they often bring about desirable conditions. An entire revamping of the council's constitution and a drastic change in the body's powers might call forth violent mud-slinging, but perhaps it would accomplish something valuable and necessary.

Can the council go half way in its remodeling? We fear that such a semi-effective move would terminate in a state of affairs identical to the present. A half-hearted change would mean that the council, feeling uncomfortable and unnecessary in its former position, had grieved, squirmed, and settled back in the same place.

The matter is hanging fire. We hope that interested students outside the council make known their opinions in the coming week, so that the council members may go into a final huddle with a fair idea of student sentiment.

Money, Money, Money—Always Outward Bound.

College life seems to be a tricky game of hide-and-seek, with scapers of every sort attempting to find and extract student money. Downtown firms are constantly battering away at the undergraduates' spines resistance and attempting to force bargains down their mildly unwilling throats.

apparently so essential that they, too, provide a potent pressure on the student purse.

Since human nature is so constructed that individuals are forever on the lookout for opportunities to snare a little lucre, any control or temperance of expenditures must come from those who constitute the buying public.

Little attempt is made to encourage students to be cautious in their purchases. On the one hand we have high pressure salesmen exhibiting handsome wares to the student and scoffing at the idea of paying for them.

University of Nebraska students find this condition greatly accentuated. The campus, being shoved awkwardly against the business section of the city, provides a fertile field for many downtown firms.

Dating and caking, too, are expensive pastimes. The gallant young man who entertains members of the opposite sex on the slightest provocation is bound to spend an annoying amount of money.

Money is scarce in this section of the country. At least most university students feel an uncomfortable pressure. Sensible buying and the sacrifice of certain luxuries may give the student a less flashy appearance, but it will ease many pangs of conscience at the end of the month.

Courses which have been found to be simple are scratched down in the undergraduate dictionary as "pipes." Each semester a flock of students scrambles to get into these courses, having been informed that they require little work.

Naturally, the first impulse of one actually interested in education would be to brand these courses as useless offshoots of the instructional system. Close inspection, however, may reveal them as the courses most conducive to thought and most valuable from a cultural standpoint.

When an instructor considers his students as mature individuals, enrolled in the university for the purpose of accumulating knowledge, he is wont to give them a long rope. His assignments may be indefinite and may allow room for original work and the stimulation of mental faculties.

These leeches are present in any educational institution, unfortunately. They make it extremely difficult for a professor to conduct his classes in a manner which would be most profitable for the thinkers. It is necessary to compromise, then, and season the courses with examinations and quizzes to check up on the undesirables.

The attitude of the University toward such a proposal is set forth by President L. D. Coffman in a letter to Governor Theodore Christianson, the gist of which is as follows:

"Our athletic department has planned for the use of its funds. The carrying out of these plans will add to the constructive development of the university and they furnish some relief for the unemployment situation. But if the money which will be used in this way can be used more to advantage when placed in other hands, the university will be the first to respond to a call that it make such contribution from its athletic receipts as the situation will permit."

"The Big Ten already has a rule prohibiting the playing of post season games. It has been the consensus of opinion that this rule should be upheld. In Mr. Crisler's suggestion, it seems, is an excellent opportunity for the Big Ten conference to stick by its guns and at the same time take the lead in a worthy project that will bring it recognition and praise from the entire nation."

Should the university senate grant these powers to the council, it would then be the supreme governing body of the campus. All other organizations, governing bodies, and extra-curricular groups would be responsible to the Student Council and would have only such powers as might be granted them by the council, with this provision:

Provided the university administration does not deny the council jurisdiction over certain powers and actions of the subsidiary groups.

Discussion, in the main, ranged about the powers clause. Opinion among council members was divided into two groups. Those who believed the powers clause should contain a series of expressly delegated provisions, and those who believed that the "blanket" scope of authority outlined in the first division of the powers clause would be sufficient to allow the

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Laugh—I Know I'll Die! TO THE EDITOR: So the college boys in the "oppressed middle west," according to local style authorities (the clothing stores), will be wearing full

evening dress this winter. Isn't it fine that when the rest of the country is feeling quite severe financial burdens at this time Lincoln follows Paris? Oh, shades of Will Rogers! Would that someone could protect us from the follies of the asinine minority. Last year Princeton suffered untold ridicule because some few fops decided that the rest of the campus was hopelessly old-fashioned; that the rest of the campus would see their point of view; so the "wise guys" broke out in "shorts." It took a long time to suppress such adverse publicity.

But shorts did not "sweep the country" as the style experts predicted they would. Nor will tasteful collegians be rightfully accused of the foppery of full formal dress with silk tuxedo, etc., which formal dress requires. The tuxedo is informal dress and is quite beyond

council unlimited freedom of action. Bill McCleery, member of the constitution committee, contended that an express delegation of authority was absolutely necessary unless the council wished to be placed in the same position of impotency which it now occupies. He pointed out that the council would automatically be denied any authority over such organizations as the A. W. S. board because its constitutional powers, already granted by the administration, would in all probability automatically be removed from the council's hands.

Claims Powers Necessary. "It is either necessary," asserted McCleery, "that we make all other organizations virtual committees of the council who must look to us for power and authority to act or it is necessary to organize some parallel group among the men which will correspond to the A. W. S. board. At present we have an incomplete triangle with the student council at the top, the A. W. S. association at one base, and nothing at the third corner." Edwin Faulkner, chairman of the constitutional committee, maintained that powers clause as presented in the tentative draft was self sufficient.

Calls Clause Unnecessary. "It appears to me," Faulkner indicated, "that the council is asking only that which it deserves by means of the all encompassing blanket clause which will give us complete jurisdiction, provided the administration does not enact too many denials of power. Our purpose is to co-operate with the administration to the greatest possible extent and we should naturally expect them to deny us authority on certain points which are as yet out of our sphere. I believe that we can expect a just consideration from administrative powers and with that in view a series of expressly delegated provisions will not be necessary."

Would Give No Power. Certain of the council members believed that the new constitution should give that body no power over the actions, conduct and regulations over women students, because those matters should be left to the A. W. S. board.

Says Plan Not Feasible. When the question of allowing the president of the A. W. S. board to become an automatic vice president of the council was presented by Esther Gaylord, present head of that group, the following reply was given by Alan Williams: "Automatic memberships to the council offices by virtue of positions in other campus groups are not feasible. Either the council must be the apex toward which all other groups look or else it has no place as a student government group. The Student Council should be allowed to appear as the sole governing body with complete authority to delegate certain powers to other campus bodies such as the A. W. S. board or it has no justification for its own existence. Its relation to other organizations should be analogous to the relation of our national governments to the states."

Points to Kansas. The situation extant at Kansas University was pointed out by Robert Kelly, president of the council. At that institution there is a men's council and a women's council, each with complete control over their respective sexes. He believed it only logical to grant all power to the Student Council or otherwise organize a men's governing group comparable to the A. W. S. board. "This would make possible a balance of power which would at least remedy the existing inequality," he declared.

Opposition to the granting of original and complete jurisdiction to the council was sponsored mainly by Kay Williams, vice president of the council, and Esther Gaylord, who believed that it should have no control over the actions of the A. W. S. board since it was a representative women's society with members elected by the vote of "women students."

So until further developments at least, the new constitution of the Student Council is in the controversial stage. To all appearances it is a contest for supremacy between it and the A. W. S. board. The question also exists as to whether the council should make sure of

its authority by a complete series of delegated powers or whether it should merely pass a blanket clause and trust to the co-operation and faith of the administration in asking for concessions.

A Vacationist's Dream. Spoof—What's your idea of an ideal place for a vacation? Piffle—A place where the fish bite and the mosquitoes do not, and where neither the bees nor the hotel keeper stings you!—Pathfinder.

MINNESOTA DAILY IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL
Paper Backs Idea for Big Ten to Give \$1,000,000 To Charity.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—In a front page editorial entitled "Tackling Unemployment," the Minnesota Daily, University of Minnesota school paper, gives its approval of the plan of its athletic director Herbert O. Crisler, that the Big Ten athletic conference donate \$1,000,000 to charity. Crisler suggested this instead of playing a post season game for charity.

The Minnesota Daily opposes post season games and at the same time believes that the Big Ten should do something to alleviate conditions of unemployed. Worthy of Consideration. "The suggestion by Athletic Director Herbert O. Crisler that the Big Ten donate \$1,000,000 to charity out of its regular season football receipts rather than play post season games to raise money is a proposal worth the weighty consideration of the powers that govern the conference," the daily declared.

"There could be no more sincere expression by Big Ten schools that they are whole heartedly in accord with contributing to the relief of the present unemployment crisis than an agreement by which each would dig down into its pocket and give a certain amount. Such a gesture would allow each institution to participate equally in the giving and each in turn would share equally in the prestige and recognition attendant with such generosity.

Has Good Points. "The proposal has many points in its favor. Every coach and every player knows that regular season football alone consumes enough time and energy of young men whose primary interest should be the getting of an education. The addition of another game to an already strenuous schedule would merely increase the burden which every player must carry. Then, this plan would guarantee to charity a definite amount while under the post season game arrangement the returns would be doubtful. The weather, interest in the game and promotion expense are all variable factors which cannot be predetermined. Furthermore, it would preclude any possibility that persons who bought tickets to a charity game might use this as an excuse to refrain from contributing to some other worthy charity venture."

"The plan is not illogical. Every Big Ten school regularly reaps profits from its football season. Under Mr. Crisler's plan the burden of this contribution could be distributed over a number of years on a deferred payment plan if institutions found that they were unable to give all of their share in a single year. University Will Aid. "The attitude of the University toward such a proposal is set forth by President L. D. Coffman in a letter to Governor Theodore Christianson, the gist of which is as follows: Our athletic department has planned for the use of its funds. The carrying out of these plans will add to the constructive development of the university and they furnish some relief for the unemployment situation. But if the money which will be used in this way can be used more to advantage when placed in other hands, the university will be the first to respond to a call that it make such contribution from its athletic receipts as the situation will permit."

the cause of aspersions by contemporary critics of modern college. Why all this wasted time on a subject so inconsequential to scholastic bent? Because most of us haven't the time to occupy ourselves with contemplations of tickling the ego, as it were, in anticipation of brilliant feathers; most of us will be dumbfounded to see formal dress without formal appearances (someone will say "how about formal appearances without formal dress?" but he won't see which appearances taste calls formal) and most of us will stop a minute and laugh. Why address this to a student publication? The Daily Nebraskan? Well, the old Awgwan (bow your heads) is where this belongs at least in subject matter, but the Rag still carries on!

Again cordially, MONSIEUR X.

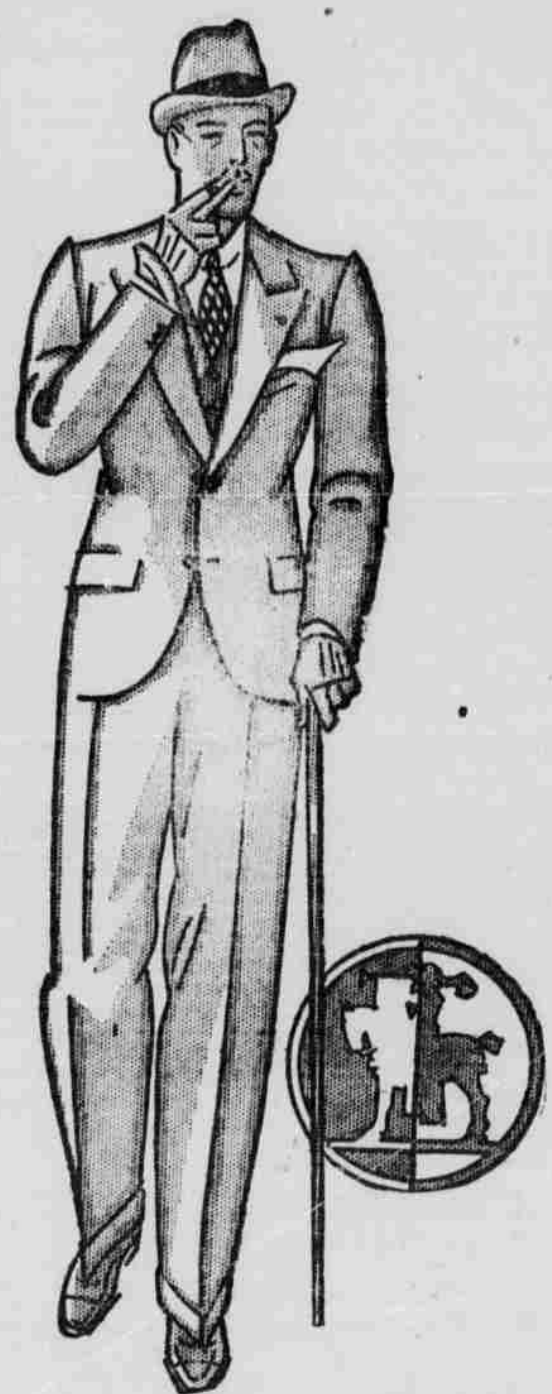
DEAN OF WOMEN GIVES ADDRESS ON ETIQUETTE
Dean Amanda Heppner spoke to the social staff of the Y. W. C. A. at Ellen Smith hall Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock on "The Etiquette of a Hostess." She stressed especially the work of a public hostess.

"Business ability," she declared, is one of the chief requisites of a public hostess. She must also be a good conversationalist, be a good mixer, and possess a great amount of tact." Miss Heppner speaks on this subject from personal experience as a hostess on a Mediterranean cruise. About twenty girls were in attendance at the meeting.

"There are two sides to every question." Yes, and there are two sides to a sheet of fly-paper, but it makes a big difference to the fly which side he chooses.—Montreal Star.

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