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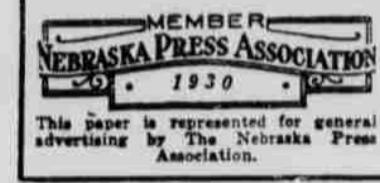
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## Wrangling Over a New Constitution.

Conflicting opinions on the subject of student government by the Student council were expressed freely in the council's special constitution session yesterday afternoon. Realizing that its position on this campus is somewhat ridiculous, the representative body is taking steps to legalize and justify its existence. Its antiquated constitution, with broad and meaningless phrases, is about to be scrapped and replaced by a logical and definite one.

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. In this respect the council has always been inadequate, its powers being purely of an advisory nature with the faculty or administration wielding the big stick.

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. It has shown little anxiety about the spinelessness of the students.

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. The power of recommendation, which has been so generously given to the Student council in the past few years, is a farce. Nebraska needs sound student government and unless it is instituted soon, undergraduate affairs will be on the rocks.

How may the Student council go about this matter of strengthening its powers? We believe that it will receive the co-operation of the administration, for that group is not wittingly unreasonable. It is simply blind to the fine points of student control. Friction between students and faculty in the past has not generally been caused by the faculty's attempt to coerce the student body, but by its lack of reason. An excellent example of this is found in the segregation farce on the Kansas special.

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 Associated Women Students board, a self-governing organization for women, is jealous of its strength. It would be pleased to co-operate with the council, but objects to direct submission to the body. Other organizations may protest when they find the Student council attired in its new regalia and wielding a heavy club over them.

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. Others maintain that the new move should be a cautious step, taken mildly and with the assistance of the administration.

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 scalpers of every sort attempting to find and extract student money. Downtown firms are constantly battering away at the undergraduates' sales resistance and attempting to force bargains down their mildly unwilling throats. Overpaying is encouraged; credit accounts are strenuously invited. Social affairs are so numerous and

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. In this case, students must summon up a fair amount of self control and gauge their desires in accordance with the fullness of their pocket books.

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. "Charge it," they reply to the innocent students' questions. The only opposing force which might discourage thoughtless expenditures is the very limited state of finance. But when charge accounts are waved in the face of an undergraduate, he is tempted to forget that even bills must be paid eventually.

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. Lincoln boosters have certain statistics regarding the thousands of dollars spent annually by university students. It is a fine drawing card for the city, but tough on the average undergraduate whose finances are too limited to allow unwise expenses. And it is almost a tragedy to the parents of these spenders.

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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.

Pipes  
And Culture.

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. Such courses, however, give the sluggard a fine opportunity to stuff and get by with a meager amount of labor.

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. If professors would be more conscientious in their weeding out of the scrubs, education would be a more significant operation. Pipes would not hold such charms for the parasites.

## MORNING MAIL

## To Open Pastures.

TO THE EDITOR:

Bronchos need a breaking-in to make them useful, and children require a strong hand to correct their faults.

The country's hopefuls get trained to their harness from infancy through high or preparatory school. Those who haven't learned how to conduct themselves by the time they enter college will, in all probability, remain refractory.

The man who will derive real benefit from college life studies with purpose. He has attained to man's estate and envisages the responsibilities attached thereto. Universities exist for such as he.

Few students have talents so matched that the same amount of time and effort will suffice for each assignment. Deciding how to spend his time is a student's chief problem, and he can best arrange his life himself.

The fault of the modern education, and of the Nebraska education, is the absolute standardization of it all. Not enough of the bad citizens are sent away, and none of those commendable receive the rewards due them.

Many fine universities have a roster—sometimes called the "Demi's List"—of all students who maintain a certain scholastic standard. These men are practically on their own resources, and need only attend class when they so desire, as long as they continue to enjoy the proper standing.

Secondary school aims to prepare men for college, and a university is intended to prepare men for life. How could our university do this better than by throwing those who prove to be ripe on their own initiative? A "Dean's List" at Nebraska would be among the richest of the "opportunities of the golden west."

## 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 in on 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 folly of full formal dress with silk tops, etc., which formal dress requires. The tuxedo is informal dress and is quite beyond

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 apparel 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 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 9 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.

## TODAY'S SPECIAL

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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

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