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Of Thee We Sing!

TODAY the Daily Nebraskan presents an indictment of the Student Council.

This organization, commonly known as the student governing body, functions only on the strength of over-ripe tradition. Indeed, the student council can under no conceivable stretch of the imagination be considered representative of the best interests of the University. Firmly clutched in painful lethargy, the council exists from year to year doing little and accomplishing less. Real action is unknown to its members. Tribal taboos are maintained only so long as they have a supposed function; but the student body has instituted and maintained a council that has not even a vestigial usefulness.

There are those who will assert, and sincerely so, that this dead-end organization of sleeping beauties fulfill the functions set down in its constitution. To those individuals we say: "Balderdash."

But this indictment is not against the individuals in the organization but against the system itself and the general inadequacy of its members to express student opinion.

The Nebraskan makes these assertions guardedly, but these facts to appear in a series of editorials, seem to fully support the statements.

1. The student council, from any conceivable point of view, cannot be called a representative organization. Its members do not represent the students of the university or their best interests. To admit, under any circumstance, that the student council is representative would be to tolerate bias and ignorance.

2. The council is supposed to represent the factions that elected its members. This is not true. The council does not represent any influence whatever, be it in the guise of political factions. The council, in fact, is not representative of the few who participate in elections. It represents, we think, only tradition.

3. Student council members, with few exceptions, are arrogantly indifferent to their own enterprise. Fortunate is the president of this organization who is able to gather a quorum. It has happened this year. It has happened every year. Innumerable cases might be cited to justify the charge that council members are councilmen in name only.

4. Frequently the student council has failed to perform duties that it has assumed or appointed itself to execute. We cite the unfortunate mismanagement of the activity tax campaign carried on by that body last semester.

5. The Council has been given the right to supervise elections and should continue to do so. But after each election cries of "graft," "politics," "stuffed ballot boxes"—and nausea—is raised. Each year the council sits by complacently until the storm blows over. The bad reputation and indelible stains left on student activities, in and outside the University by such practices has shown up the council in its true light.

6. In addition, but extremely improbable, an alarming situation would arise should the council attempt to become the spokesmen for a student body they fail utterly in representing.

These points of criticism of the student council are offered in the friendliest manner. The Daily Nebraskan believes that the system of student government should be changed. As a substitute proposal the Nebraskan suggests a council composed of heads of the various major student organizations. This council would truly be a representative body. It would function much more smoothly and efficiently than the present set-up, and execute the few powers of the organization in shorter and more conclusive manner. This will be explained more fully later.

As for the present council, if they enjoy each others company, we suggest something equal to their pace—something which has as its major purpose dull discussion, little action, and an impressive title—The Nebraska University all-council literary club.

Wallace Makes A Prediction.

HENRY A. WALLACE, secretary of agriculture, has amplified his earlier statement that "America has never had a youth movement worthy of the name." Just recently the much publicized secretary of the Roosevelt cabinet predicted that a vital youth movement of some kind would arise as a definite part of the New Deal.

But Mr. Wallace, in addition to being an admirable statesman, backs up his statement with worthwhile arguments.

He said: "It seems to me that youth instinctively believes in the doctrine of the New Deal as against special privilege. The depression of the past three years should create a genuine youth movement. Hundreds of thousands of boys and girls who thought they were going to slide through college on father's money now know that either they will have to work their way through college or they can't go at all. Thousands of students who have recently been graduated can't get jobs.

"Of necessity, therefore, hundreds of thousands of young people are asking these questions: 'Why should this grief have to come to us? What has suddenly gone wrong with civilization? What can we do to fix it up?'"

"A true youth movement must be a new, vital, adventurous approach to the potentialities of coming of age. There has never been anything of this sort in the United States, because hitherto our youth have seen fit to disagree with their elders only on superficialities."

MR. Wallace's prediction in a measure, can be regarded as the hope of every thinking individual. Whether this hope will be realized is questionable.

It goes without saying that the secretary of agriculture did not have in mind the kind of youth movement now evidenced in Germany and Cuba. Youths gaily attired in purple boy scout uniforms parading up and down the camp of the nation were probably not included in the secretary's dream vision.

Neither was Mr. Wallace referring to the perennial "youth movements" that move in from the sticks to a central convention in Montreal and New York, pass a resolution condemning war, and move back into the sticks again. For that round trip is usually the extent of their movement.

When Mr. Wallace predicted an upturn in American youth movement he had one thing in mind: A revival of interest in better government. For government, to Mr. Wallace and other liberals, is all inclusive. Interest in government is interest in all things.

The expansion of government into all fields of human endeavor has made it imperative, more now than ever before that it be intelligent. As such, the fundamental basis for the so-called youth movements Mr. Wallace speaks about is interest in government. Whether the college student of today will scrutinize critically and act intelligently upon the problems of our government is only probable.

If students avail themselves of the opportunity to study government at its present ebb, it would not be too presumptuous to say that youth will bring intelligence to government.

It would be, at least, a youth movement worthy of the name.

Contemporary Comment

CWA Funds Well Spent.

Chancellor E. H. Lindley of the University of Kansas, formerly a member of the Indiana university faculty and Commencement speaker here last year, has formally proposed to the Federal government that it use part of the CWA funds to give financial aid to needy students. The plan, presented by Dr. Lindley after a special trip to Washington, D. C., is similar to the program worked out by George F. Zook, commissioner of education, which now is being considered by Harold Hopkins, relief administrator. It provides for the expenditure of \$2,000,000 a month in CWA funds from February to June with the view of assisting 100,000 needy students.

Dr. Lindley's plan is in four parts: (1) Aid for students who could earn their money for schooling by manual and clerical work on the campus; (2) Aid to graduate and advanced students by paying them for doing research work; (3) Aid for faculty members lacking funds to complete partly completed research; (4) Aid for equipment and buildings needed by the university. A \$200,000 proposal was presented by Dr. Lindley to build a ward Medical school.

He estimates that the college enrollment in building and dispensary for Negroes at the Kansas Kansas is approximately 20,000, while there are 50,000 unemployed persons who would go to college if they were afforded the financial aid. The cost of keeping a student in school is estimated to be between \$15 and \$20 a month, which is only about one-sixth the amount necessary to maintain those unemployed in the CCC camps. For many self-supporting students the battle to remain in school is now a constant torment. No quiz or experiment is as hard for them as the problem of how they're going to pay next week's room rent.

To be the complete success its sponsors would like it to be, the CWA program not only must put money into circulation and provide employment, but it also must create something of lasting worth. Certainly there is no sounder investment in a nation's future than the education of the men and women soon to assume the burden of government. Such proposals as that of Dr. Lindley.

This should cause officials to consider seriously Indiana Daily Student.

A New Slant on The New Deal.

Dr. Hu Shih, in speaking of the world crisis said, "the best thing for all the nations to do now, is to enter into a period of self-examination." This is one theory which has not been advanced in all the "talk" about recovering from the depression. Other theories have ranged all the way from coining silver to greater economy and household thrift. This one presents an entirely different point of view. It is not as fantastic nor as romantic as some of the other pet theories which have been presented. Neither is it as satisfying, for it does not absolve the individual from any share of responsibility in getting the world back to normal. The theory would naturally be different from those with which the western world is familiar, for the author is Chinese. If this period of self-examination is taken seriously, and everyone acts sensibly and sincerely, and in accordance with the spirit of the theory, it is possible that it may present "a way out."

If periods of depression are instrumental in making the citizens of the world take themselves more seriously, and to accept a theory, such as the one advanced by the eminent Chinese philosopher, then that advice, as well as the depression, will have served humanity well.

To relieve one class of all responsibility is not a reliable nor logical manner of restoring prosperity to the world. Dr. Hu Shih's theory does not do this, as it places full responsibility on the people and the nations of the world. Things equal to the same are equal to each other. The adage still holds good.

—Daily Trojan.

Brother, Can You Spare a P. H. D.?

If the present craze for advanced degrees continues, it may soon be necessary to be a Doctor of Philosophy to be eligible for a job at a highway gas station.

But education is wonderful. Such ambition is wonderful. With the universities spewing forth tens of thousands of super-intellects every year, we may find that America will become an entirely different place.

Street corners will be cluttered with Doctors of Philosophy calmly discussing Aquinas or the minor eighteenth century poets, instead of being crowded with a bunch of moronic toughs, i. e., ordinary college graduates, talking about football or business. Moving pictures will be closed, and replaced with encyclopedia stores. Newspapers will no longer be published, as no one will read anything that is not at least 100 years old.

—Stanford Daily.

Ag College

By CARLYLE HODGKIN

THE SECRET PASSAGE

For years Ag college students have trudged up and down the dairy building stairs. Those who happened to work there have climbed time and again from the basement, to the top floor. Probably not one ever dreamed that an elevator shaft runs directly up through the center of the building from the basement to attic.

Not even the faculty members, at least most of them, knew about the elevator shaft. The building was constructed, it appears, so that little stair climbing would be necessary. The elevator would be used instead. But no elevator was installed.

The workmen simply walled in the elevator, and the few who knew about it forgot that it was there. The elevator shaft remained sealed and empty until Prof. P. A. Downs remembered it one day, took an ax and knocked a hole in the wall—and a new and hitherto unused part of the building was opened for occupancy. PHOTOGRAPHER MORGAN.

At the bottom of that newly discovered elevator shaft today is the cleverest little photographic laboratory you ever imagined. Down there in that little laboratory a little man named Ray F. Morgan has his fun. His playmate down there is Prof. P. A. Downs. The place is equipped with cameras, microscopes, tanks, bottles, plates, enlarging devices, reflectors, etc.

Well known to many an Ag college student is Mr. Morgan's fair picture taking. Last year at Farmers' Fair he was on the job with his camera. On the night the Goddess of Agriculture and attendants were announced, he lugged camera and reflectors over to the activities building at ten o'clock at night to get a picture. Judging teams and groups of various sorts have often been lined up before his camera to be snapped.

Nor does Mr. Morgan's photographing stop there. He is an expert on cows. His cow laboratory is the green on the west edge of the campus, just below the nursery school.

The technique of photographing a cow—or better, a frisky young bull—is interesting to observe. There is a little mound out there on the green on which the animal's feet must be placed. That is because the picture is better with the animal's fore-end slightly raised. Each foot must be in precisely the right position: the feet on the side away from the camera slightly in front of the feet on the side next to the camera. Sometimes that order may be reversed, but the principle is followed to the letter. Every foot must show in the picture.

Then the "stretch" must be correct. If the animal's front feet are too far ahead of its hind feet, then its back will sag like the ridge pole of a 2,000-year old barn. And if the front and hind feet are too close together, the animal's back will be as humped as a camel's. So the position of the feet must be correct.

The position of the head must also be correct. The ears must be erect, the eye bright and intent upon some object ahead, the whole animal alert. The standard procedure is to send one man out in front of the animal to wave a red rag and make funny noises.

Minor details have to be attended to. The tail has to hang on the camera side—who would want to see a bob-tailed cow? The hair has to lay smooth and straight.

Then when all is set, when every foot is in proper place, when the animal is looking at the man waving the red rag and making funny noises, when the tail is in position and every hair is laying just right, then and not until then, Mr. Morgan snaps his picture. And every wall of every dairy office in the dairy building bears evidence of the excellence of his technique. Once the picture is snapped, he it cow or cove, down to his laboratory goes Mr. Morgan to produce the finished print. With the equipment in his laboratory he can make the picture about the size he chooses—he could even make a life-size picture of the tallest girl on the campus. Nor are all the pictures big. Photographers Morgan and Downs just for the sport, take pictures of bacteria, enlarge them to the size of cabbage heads.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH DOES NOT BRING SPIRITUAL RETURNS IS ON WAY BACK TO BRUTE, SAYS HARDWICK.

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because I have found them to be more sociable; they have developed a give-and-take philosophy which they apply to life. They are more able to see the other fellow's side of life and will give help more readily to a worthy cause. He smiled as he stated "Of all the athletes I have known, I have found but one whom I couldn't reach to show him his responsibility to the youth of the country in the position he held to influence them."

"One of the big troubles with the students and student athletes today," he stated, "is that they don't take time to pray."

"Most athletes are extroverts who live such active lives that they don't take time to think. The general student attitude toward religion, which I have observed in my contacts with them, is one of reaction to the strict or perhaps relaxed supervision at home. There are many," he added, "who would be more religious if they had the

courage. The time to be religious is now.

"You save time by praying. Things seem to come out better; you meet the right people at the right time; and you can study with a clearer mind if you start the day by 'tuning in,' and excluding all the selfish, unhappy thoughts, and talking with God."

PROFESSOR TO WISCONSIN

Dr. Reinmuth Gets Material For Writing of a Monograph.

Dr. O. W. Reinmuth, assistant professor of the classics at the university, was visiting the University of Wisconsin at Madison last week where he was getting material for a monograph which he hopes to write in the near future. This will be published in "Klio," outstanding German magazine, and will appear in English.

WRITE ARTICLES FOR EXTENSION BULLETIN

Educational Research Record Publishes Stories by Professors.

Several University of Nebraska teachers college professors have contributed to the recent bulletin published by the extension division which bears the title of "Educational Research Record, Vol. VI, No. 1." Dr. Stephen M. Corey, associate professor of history and principles of education, has written on "The Teachers College and the Individual." He discusses individualized work as against the "mass production" of graduates. Dean F. E. Henzlik has written the editorial, using the subject, "Vitalizing Present Classroom and Administration Procedures." Listed among the new articles on education is one by Dr. K. O. Broady, professor of school administration, which appeared in School Executive Magazine for December. His subject was "In Defense of the Small High School."

METHODIST STUDENTS SCHEDULE ADDRESSES

Council Also Arranges for Program of Parties And Activities.

WESLEY DINNER FEB. 9

A series of special addresses of appeal to student groups has been arranged by the Methodist Student Council to be given at the Wesley foundation starting Sunday, Feb. 17. They will begin at 3:30 p. m. and will be followed with refreshments. Dr. P. H. Murdick, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church and one of the lecturers for the summer schools of theology conducted by the Methodist church, will deliver the addresses. In addition a program bringing students together in several all-Methodist parties has been arranged.

A week day program of religious activity has also been arranged at the Wesley Foundation parlors under the direction of the pastor, Rev. W. C. Fawell and Mrs. Fawell. Co-operating with them will be the four Methodist student organizations, Kappa Phi, Phi Tau Theta, Methodist Student Council and the Wesley Players. The annual Wesley Foundation dinner will be held Feb. 9 at Epworth Methodist Episcopal church. The guest speaker will be Dr. H. D. Bollinger, national director of Wesley Foundation in the United States. Doctor Bollinger will also conduct the morning service Feb. 9 at the Grace Methodist church and will hold a student forum that afternoon at the foundation, 1417 R. st. He will speak at Elm Park Methodist Church in the evening.

Mexico Resident First To Sign 'Visitor Book'

As in the past, the university museum continues to keep open house in Merrill hall each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock. Hoping to find that visitors came in from many parts of the state, museum officials have begun a "visitor book" in which those who come to the museum may leave a record. The first name to be placed in the book when it was opened last Sunday was that of a resident of Mexico. The second signature gave the home town as Newcastle, Wyoming. Among the other persons signing from out of the state were visitors from Chicago, Washington, D. C., and St. Louis. In the state were listed Bladen, Seward, Omaha, Ceresco, Plymouth, Minden, Kearney, Sutton, Boelus, Beatrice, Exeter, and Wisner.

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STUDENT ACTIVITY TAX FINALLY WINS ON AMES CAMPUS

Students at Iowa State Will Pay Twelve Dollars Yearly Fee.

Agitation for a student activity tax similar to that which has recently been so prominent on the university campus, has finally brought results on the Iowa State university campus, according to the Iowa State Student, official student newspaper at Ames.

The final approval of the tax there, which came on Jan. 30 with the sanction of the administrative board, is the culmination of a long period of agitation starting back in 1913. The fee will be \$12 a year and includes athletic contests, student publications, concerts, class dues, and lectures and debates. The amount is payable quarterly, \$4 each quarter, and will be added to the registration fee. The new plan is to go into effect next fall.

Poll Favors Tax. A recent poll on the activities fee here showed 1,991 students voting with a majority of 1,225 to 736 in favor of the tax. Two items listed on the ballot were voted down, however. Awgwan, monthly humor magazine lost by a vote of 1,101 to 815, and the proposed student union fee also lost out. The Cornhusker, yearbook, also lost by a small margin. The adverse vote was attributed to confusion resulting over the four different plans providing for extra

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and group pictures for individual and group pictures. The council committee on the tax voted to accept the report and refer it to the university board of regents.

Two Nebraska Graduates Get Teaching Positions

Teaching positions in Nebraska schools were given to two former University of Nebraska students in the past few days, according to an announcement from the university department of educational service. Alice Wing of Lincoln will teach music and English at Aurora; while Elizabeth Webster, also of Lincoln, will be instructor in music and teacher to the fourth and fifth grades at Elk Creek.

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