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Is the Student Council Representative?

In the Sunday issue of the Daily Nebraskan we suggested through the editorial columns that the Student council system of representation be changed. As pointed out in the indictment we stated: "The Student council cannot be called a representative organization." To support the Nebraska's contention we invite students of the university to examine the results of the spring election in 1933.

This election was reported to be the heaviest election on the university campus in recent years. It would not be assuming too much to query: What was the record breaking vote? What percent of the campus population did it constitute? Did the students voting represent 75 percent of the population?

As a matter of fact, only 23.3 percent of the university population participated in the heavy vote cast last spring. Slightly less than one-fourth of the student body found it worth while to vote on candidates for the Student council.

Delving into a mass of figures on the spring election we found some of the following results. Of the 4,724 students enrolled in the university only 1,101 exercised their voting franchise.

Investigation into the individual colleges on the campus revealed the following:

In the college of Arts and Sciences 28.3 percent voted. Of the 1,446 students enrolled 410 cast their ballots for council representatives. The vote was heaviest in this college.

In the college of Agriculture 408 students were enrolled the second semester of last year. Of these 146 exercised their voting franchise, or 33.3 percent.

The college of Business Administration's representatives on the Student council were elected by 28.2 percent of the total college enrollment. Out of 562 students, 169 went to the polls.

Of the 526 students enrolled in the college of Engineering, 128, or 24.3 percent, exercised their right to the ballot.

The lowest percent of student voting was recorded in Graduate college. One and four-tenths percent, or 8 of the 556 eligible, voted in this election.

Twelve Dental college students, or 13.3 percent of the total enrollment, exercised their voting franchise.

By far the highest percent was recorded at Law college, where 95 of 152 eligible students voted. This represents 62.4 percent.

In Teachers college 119 student ballots were cast from a possible 935, or 12.9 percent. Pharmacy college, with 10 students from among a possible 50 voting, represented 28 percent of its total enrollment.

These figures point to only one conclusion: The Student council is not a representative body. In only one instance, Law college, did the elected candidate truly represent his constituency.

Praise for the Extension Department.

IN spite of numerous epithets such as the "new deal," the "forgotten man" and others, one often hears the expression "unsung hero" connected with the name of some person who performs a noble deed—perhaps several—and yet receives no recognition. In the same manner can the term "unsung department" be appended to certain divisions of the university, which conduct their work quietly without any bursts of enthusiasm, yet are progressing rapidly in their particular fields.

The University of Nebraska extension division is one such department. Established in 1896 and re-organized in 1909, this particular department has enjoyed material growth until it has now taken its place among the leading branches of the university. Through its various undertakings it has proved its worth not only to the university but to the state as a whole.

The most recent enterprise of this department was the supervision and establishment, in connection with the state government, of the CWA study centers. The project, hailed by many as the first enterprise of its kind, required a vast amount of preparation and detailed work before workable plans were finally realized. Through the generous co-operation of this department of the university many unemployed men and women of college age were given the opportunity to enjoy a college education with little expense.

Aside from this work, the division is constantly keeping in touch with the high schools of the state through its bulletins. Information concerning the various activities sponsored by the university is conveyed to the high schools in this manner. The extension department is also in charge of the university's night classes. This phase of the university has attracted many young men and women to study university courses who would otherwise be unable to enjoy its benefits.

In conducting its work through correspondence courses, the division has also shown its worth. Since the advent of the radio, a special service of carrying lectures and entertainments to the state and adjacent territory has been put into regular practice. Its appeal is wide—rural, grade and high school teachers who cannot avail themselves of resident instruction, young people preparing themselves for college or who are unable to pursue continuous resident study, all the professions from ministers to professional and business men—all find the offerings of this department of intrinsic value.

Regardless of the seeming lack of boisterous praises and commendations, the fact remains that the record of the division in itself bears out the valuable part it plays in our scheme of education.

We have finally discovered a professor who really posts grades.

The Student Pulse

Brief, concise, contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters accepted do not necessarily indicate the editorial policy of this paper.

TO THE EDITOR:

In the midst of numerous tirades against politics on the campus, more recently the Student council and prom committee in particular, the campus Y. W. C. A. recently installed its newly elected officers, without too much ado save a copious quantity of favorable and adverse publicity for several days before and after the event. The publicity reaches its climax with the recent announcement of the association's aims and purposes for the ensuing year.

Being a member of the male sex, perhaps I am treading on somewhat dangerous ground when I venture a criticism of this great and hallowed feminine organization of the campus, but what seems to me a lot of "hooy" in the association has so irked me that my feelings must find voice.

I had always supposed that a university Y. W. C. A. was for the purpose of aiding all university women to gain a better idea of religion, education, and life. That was before I came to Nebraska. Perhaps the local unit is accomplishing that purpose, and if so, all well and good, but the results of the recent election of Y. W. officers and the results of elections in past years, point more evidently to the manipulation of Y. W. C. A. activities as a major stepping stone to Mortar Board. I answer all dissenters with this: Look back over the records of Mortar Board selections each Ivy day and see how many of the newly-masked have not been active in Y. W. work. They are there but they are few. And look further and see the cases of those who have been prominent in other and not necessarily strictly feminine activities—the Daily Nebraskan, Student council, Cornhusker, and Awgwan—yet were left out of the select circle. I will venture that the Y. W. worker at no time puts forth more effort than the girl who faithfully and regularly works on a publication, yet the latter case and the Student council are usually subordinated to Y. W. work.

But, someone may reply, women's activities are supposed to be free of politics. That statement in my opinion fairly reeks of hypocrisy, and for answer I point to the well-taken-care-of succession of Mortar Boards which occurs so regularly from year to year in most houses, a few exceptions granted. The "in" Mortar Board cleverly pulls the strings and the up-and-coming M. B. finds one of the choice feminine activity plums in her lap nine times out of ten. Of these Y. W. officers are among the choicest morsels that may fall to one's lot.

Yes, women's activities are free from politics. Men's activities, the target for so much criticism, have been turned inside out during the past year in an effort to purge them of politics. Now, with that noble enterprise well along, it would be timely and expedient to thrust aside the veil of pretense and see the expert and well oiled machinery which functions on the other side of the fence in women's activities. I believe some past masters of the Innocents would hide their face with shame at their own amateurish efforts when placed beside those of their feminine contemporaries.

However, perhaps I am wrong in my implication of the campus Y. W. C. A. as a Mortar Board plumb. Perhaps the recently announced aims of the group are firmly and sincerely and deeply entrenched in the heart and soul of every good Y. W. officer and worker. And, if I am right, the Y. W. C. A. is still but one women's organization of many to which my belief as stated above, applies. Let's see what the girls have to say about it.

F. R. J.

Contemporary Comment

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."—Abraham Lincoln.

Clearing Up the Iowa-Trojan Melee.

Many an Iowan has left his native cornfield to come to Los Angeles. That is not news. It is history—one of the great migrations of the world, comparable with the movement of the kangaroos from Asia to Australia and the gray squirrels from New England to New York.

But when two athletes left the University of Iowa and arrived at U. S. C., that is news. More than news, it is an incident. It is an incident that still lies smoldering ready to break into flames at any minute, plunging this great nation of 130 million people into civil war.

Diplomatic negotiations have been opened up but they are still open. Iowa charged proselytizing, and in all athletics there is no more horrible word. U. S. C. was indignant; the fair honor of the university had been besmirched; the stars and balls (basketballs this time) had been blackened.

While the younger Trojan bloods called for war and an invasion of Iowa, the wiser heads held back. Diplomacy would be tried first. Iowa, burdened with corn, debts, and AAA experts, swallowed its pride and apologized to U. S. C.

But the mighty Trojan was not satisfied. War at any price, cried the warriors of the south. Millions for Jones but not one cent for Iowa, read the banners. Iowa had apologized but it was not the correct type of apology.

The diplomats have now arrived at an impasse. A resort to armed force is in the offing. Iowa is being blockaded on both oceans; and international diplomatic machinery has broken down—just another perfect example that the League of Nations won't work, and that free wheeling is the "forgotten mechanism" of 1934.

At last word, the yellow press was fanning the populace with atrocity tales; and the populace was fanning itself in the face to keep cool after listening to orators cry through the streets, "We have met the enemy, and the whites of their eyes are ours."

Frankly, we don't know whether U. S. C. "asked" the athletes to "go west," or whether the boys just suffered from an unhappy home life. Maybe it was wanderlust—new places, new faces, new people to do—we don't know.

But for any big-time college to make such a fuss over two athletes seems immensely amusing. Further, it is alarming. Diplomacy has ruined international affairs and now, being thwarted by the re-birth of nationalism, has invaded intercollegiate athletics.

After all, everyone remembers the Carnegie Report.—Stanford Daily.

Some intellectual giants in this university thought that the university players won from Oklahoma last week.

TILDEN HERE MONDAY NIGHT



Blaming It

On the Weather.

It could not be a fallacy to say that the average student is not unlike the average human being since the average student, the professional attitude notwithstanding, is a human being. With this in view it can further be said that the average student seeks excuses for his shortcomings and failures in a manner that is typical of humans.

So far there is no checkup on the number of course failures made during the recent examinations but for those students who did fail and are seeking to relieve their conscience or explain to the folks back home, there is a way out. Blame it on the weather. Of course, the idea is not new, but in its very triteness there is strength.

For years people have been talking about the weather, blaming things on the weather, writing books about the weather until the whole country has become weather conscious. It has become an integral part of our national pastime conversation, made inroads into our intellectual lives, and set up standards of good taste in our social society. Now instead of mumbling incoherent excuses to your Aunt Emma about your failure to show up at her week end party, you just point out to her the adversity of the weather and if she knows her social decorum, which she surely does being your Aunt Emma, an embarrassing situation will be safely passed.

Such it is with yourself and your folks back home. Merely point out in a firm manner that during the entire week set aside for the taking of examinations, the weather was at its most adverse in years. Further tell that your personality is such that bright, zipping days are the sort that bring out your intellectual qualities and that rainy, murky days have the opposite effect. Remind your folks of how when you were a child rainy weather had a depressing effect, and then launch off into a technical psychological discussion as to the reason for this. This latter move not only confuses the issue but offers an opportunity to display some of the points learned in Psychology 1, and if handled correctly, can even give yourself a feeling of importance.

Naturally the personality of the one to whom you are attempting to explain these failures should be considered. The proper approach, the proper amount of finesse, and the proper amount of out and out lying should be governed by these personalities. But after all that is the individual problem, each of which can be made to conform, however, to the general system of blaming it on the weather.—Daily Texan.

Ag College

By CARLYLE HODGKIN

VESPERS TODAY.

Miss Katherine B. Faulkner, instructor in drawing and painting in the fine arts department, will speak Tuesday noon at the Vespers meeting at Ag college. Elinor Price, home economics junior, will have charge at the meeting.

Hundreds of University of Wisconsin students are able to continue their education during the second semester of the current school year by making loan from the state not only for their incidental fees to the university, but also for partial maintenance, as a result of action taken recently by the special session of the state legislature at the request of the university and state officials.

The loans are being made from the fund of \$150,000 voted by the legislature last week in an effort to keep needy and deserving young men and women residents of Wisconsin in school, officials said. More than 600 state university students have already applied for loans, it was reported at the office of the university registrar.

Second Fund from State. Loans from the fund, which is the second to be appropriated by the state within the past year, are available to students of the state university and other institutions of life rank in Wisconsin. The fund originally set up a \$170,000 fund early last fall for loans to students only for tuition, incidental and other fees, industrial commission officials, who had charge of the fund, pointed out.

Under the provisions of the law

Government Funds Enable Hundreds Wisconsin Students Continue Their Education During Second Semester

Editor's note: Sunday's Daily Nebraskan carried a story telling of the government's plan to help students through the Civil Works Administration. At present no definite arrangements have been made to help students on the Nebraska campus. The following article taken from the Wisconsin Press Bulletin indicates that students at the University of Wisconsin are receiving aid from the state by means of recent action of that state legislature.

Approximately \$100,000 in loans were made to 1,947 students for the first semester of this school year from the original appropriation of the state last fall. The remainder of this fund has already been exhausted by loans to students for the second semester. But with the additional \$150,000 now provided by the state for second semester loans for maintenance as well as tuition and fees, hundreds of students who would otherwise have to drop out of school and swell the ranks of the unemployed will not be able to continue their education, officials declared.

Students who have been or are unemployed, and whose parents are unable to aid them to continue in school, are eligible for the loans. Students desiring to obtain loans may get application blanks from the registration office of the school they desire to attend. Requests for the loans are then investigated by industrial commission workers, and if approved, the loans are made.

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tion and in administration. In both cases, only as strong, well trained individuals are developed, whether in the city or in the country, shall we have that rank and file of strong, capable, co-operative and yet independent personnel which has been the glory of American life in all the past.

HARDWICK SPEAKS TO THETA XI FRATERNITY

Y. M. Leader Has Traveled Over United States as Student Speaker.

HAS RELIGION AS TOPIC

"Jim" Hardwick delivered the eleventh lecture of his program to the Theta Xi fraternity last night in a series of lectures to fraternity houses and other student groups on the subject of a man's religion.

He will speak before the Sigma Chi fraternity today noon: Acacia at 6 p. m.; and the Beta Theta Pi pledges at 9 p. m. Thursday he speaks to Alpha Sigma Phi at 9 p. m. and to Phi Gamma Delta at 8; Friday to Delta Chi house at 6 p. m.

Hardwick has been traveling over the United States in connection with the Y. M. C. A. lecturing to students on the problem of religion.

Hardwick has delivered lectures to Alpha Gamma Rho, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Alpha Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Delta Upsilon, Farm House, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Chi Phi fraternity house.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

English-Classics 267. Roman Literature in Translation, will meet temporarily in Room 101, Andrews hall on Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1934.
O. W. REINMUTH.

Vesper Choir. Tryouts for membership in the Vesper choir will be held Thursday and Friday, Feb. 8 and 9, at 4 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

Interclub Council. There will be a meeting of the Interclub Council at 7:30 Monday night in Delian-Union hall.

Tassels. There will be a meeting of Tassels at Ellen Smith hall Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.
ANNE BUNTING, President.

Orchestra. Orchestra will meet at the dance studio in the Armory at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Barb Council. Barb Council meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in room 105, Social Sciences hall. Plans for the University party scheduled for Feb. 17 will be discussed.
BURTON MARVIN, Chairman.

Bible class. Bible class with Lutheran students will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Erk Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. in room 203 of the Temple building.

Student Council. There will be a meeting of the Student Council Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the council room in University hall. All members are urged to be present.
JOHN GEPSON, President.

Cornhusker. All fraternity and sorority pictures for the Cornhusker must be taken by 5 o'clock Saturday of this week at the Rhehardt and Marsden studios.

Since the World War, Dr. E. Guy Talbot, western secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War, has traveled a million miles studying the problems of war.

Intellectual bull sessions are proving popular at the North Dakota State college.

Two Wisconsin coeds recently advertised for Junior Prom dates in the classified section of the college paper. One generous girl wanted a fraternity man not less than five feet ten inches tall and offered to pay all expenses. The other woman offered to pay part of the expenses for a dark-haired lad.

Professors at Mills College, California, defend the slang of undergraduates as a technical college language.—Iowa State Student.

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