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Are The Innocents Reorganizing?

WITH the customary lull after the storm pervading the campus, a studied reflection of what is actually taking place in the reorganization of the Innocents society reveals several interesting items.

Jack Rasmusson

Campus sentiment, unfortunately, is apparently looking upon the proposed changes with some degree of skepticism. Discounting the usual amount of sour grapes and natural inclinations to doubt any reform movement, there remains sufficient evidence to provoke questioning thoughts.

Examination of the reorganization program reveals, at best, only a few major changes from the system now in operation.

At the outset, the "fusion committee" proposes a general election when all men students of junior and senior standing may vote for representative junior men. The high twenty-five are considered for membership. This item, while unquestionably democratic in its appeal, is in reality nothing more than a superfluous addition to an already overworked student ballot box. The major justification for this unwieldy procedure is convenience in eliminating at least two-thirds of the junior class men wither not qualified or uninterested in making a bid for membership within the ranks of the Innocents society. The other third are considered for membership. It is to be seriously questioned whether a representative student vote could be gained from this election. If membership in the senior honorary society is to be removed from the field of politics, the election proviso should not be retained mainly on the score that it throws selections more directly into the quagmire of political machinations. And lastly, it must be perfectly clear to the more gullible, that an election would not drastically change the personnel of candidates from the which the members of the society would be chosen. There would be, of course, an occasional exception.

In one respect the faculty committee affords three convenient loopholes through which may slip the type of men the entire program is designed to eliminate. The faculty committee may recommend any man for membership not fulfilling the requirements if it so chooses to do. It must be admitted that in practice it may not work out in this manner. In many instances, we suspect, these appeals would be turned down. This section of the reorganization plan is a most effective check and at the same time a most convenient target.

The provision to make the membership in the society fluctuating should eliminate much of the present dissatisfaction. But here too, we find machinery set up for a practice which will probably never be followed. It is hard for us to conceive a self perpetuating body fluctuating its membership to meet the conditions of a given year when fewer or more than thirteen juniors are qualified for membership. This point may be open to considerable speculation. There is nothing to discourage belief in the fact that membership will fluctuate. There is also nothing to encourage this belief.

Most of the campus has the jitters over the kind of a point system to be drawn up by the fusion committee. Perhaps there is sufficient justification for this feeling, however, for the success of the plan depends largely upon the fairness of evaluating the relative worth of activity organizations. The Nebraskan has no solution to this problem. Neither has any one else, apparently, for the reorganization committee has been wrangling over this issue for some time.

It seems rather pitiable when men's activities must be put upon a point system basis. It seems unfortunate that the process of selecting men to membership in our senior honorary society must be governed by the cumbersome machinery of a point system in order to insure at least a small degree of fairness. But such is evidently the case for the Innocents society has frequently been exposed to much adverse student criticism purely on this score.

It is for this reason that the Innocents and insurgents should attach more than ordinary significance to the formation of a point system. When adopted it would be to their further advantage to let its contents be generally known. Much rather this, than numberless idle rumors filled with inaccuracies.

The Innocents society must realize that their position is at best unsteady. They should forget for the moment illustions of "glorious tradition." They should in addition put fraternity politics and selfish motives in the background. In short, they should face the issues squarely.

And well should they do this for they will discover eventually that university students refuse to be swashbuckled into believing something which is not actually taking place. Blustering phrases and insincere gestures are not particularly in order, for too many students know how to say, "Oh, yeah." Others will say, "Balderdash."

Campus Politics

Not To Be Abolished!

THANKS to William Randolph Hearst's Omaha Bee News, university students may quiet their fears. While most of us were wondering whether politics were going to be abolished on the Nebraska campus,

an editorial in Friday's issue of the Omaha paper informs us quite seriously that "Politics on the campus are not likely to be abolished." This is encouraging, for it has been the source of wonderment to many students just where all this "political upheaval" was going to wind up.

Being a bit skeptical we aren't entirely satisfied with this sage advice from our elders. In fact, the Nebraskan takes considerable exception to the Bee News' comment. In spite of the probable well meaning intentions which provoked the editor's thoughts, a perusal of the editorial indicates a rather ridiculous-almost nauseating, ignorance of the

We quote: "Insurgents recently overwhelmed the 'Green Togas,' supposed to represent the 'Greeks,' or organized societies, capturing practically all the places contended for at the election. Now more votes are to be taken, and it is proposed to eliminate politics and carry on a simon pure contest.

"Argument is that elections as heretofore held do not reflect the scholarly spirit of the campus, but rather tend to degrade its intellectual character. ". . . the livelier the politics, so long as the con-

tests are clean, the better it would be for the school. Scholastic honors are settled in another fashion, but political places belong to politics."

We should not care to take exception to the soul satisfying philosophy, if it did not indicate a gross mispresentation of the fact - he first instance, the campus is not attemp ander any stretch of the imagination to displace politics with scholarly endeavor. In the second place, another student vote will not be held to "carry on a simon pure contest." And lastly, in no case, have campus politics been held out as degrading the intellectual character of the campus.

One of the essential prerequisites of newspaper work, we understand, is accuracy in editorial content. While we are in no position to give advice to our superiors, we offer this virtue of the profession as an apparently much needed suggestion.

It is with some amusement, then, that we reflect upon the observations of the campus political situation as seen by the Bee News. While we are tempted to brand the item as a trifle stupid, our curiosity is satisfied with the remote possibility that for his statistic pills. How glibly he writes: "We the editorial may have been the result of a possible have let us say an onion. The onion represents . . ." "slip-up" somewhere along the line.

Scholarship Honoring Takes Place Wednesday.

HONORING students who have attained high scholarship, the University will hold its sixth annual Honors Convocation next Wednesday morning at 10:15 o'clock in the University Coliseum.

The Administration will recognize students because they have proven their superior scholarship. They are selected on a basis of merit shown during the past two semesters. Recognition comes as the reward with "superior scholarship" rating for the upper three percent and "high scholarship" for the top ten percent in all classes. Scholastic honors from all the various campus organizations will be revealed at that time.

Dr. Norman Foerster, recognized educator and author from Iowa University will deliver the main address to the assembly, and an appropriate program has been scheduled for the meeting.

Next Wednesday's convocation should be the greatest and most deserving of all Cornhusker traditions. Founded for the purpose of recognizing high scholarship, the ultimate aim of every university, and the promotion of higher learning through that recognition, the convocation merits support of the entire student body.

No other official convocation attempts to accomplish this task. But previous to the honors assembly other honorary groups inscribe upon their rolls the names of students deemed deserving of their 7 Wednesday. At 7:30 the meethonors. Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Sigma Tau, ing will adjourn for a joint meet-Beta Gamma Sigma and others have already as- ing with the Y. M. C. A. cabinet sembled and have passed out their keys to those apparently deserving the honor. The joint announcement of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi neva. April 6 to 8. quickens the pulse of many, as do the approaching 'key hangings" of other honoraries. By the time GEOGRAPHY STUDENT honors convocation arrives there remains but a small part of scholastic recognition to be done.

The university encounters some expense at the time of the annual assembly. Its purposes merit greater appreciation and student support than they actually receive. All in the interest of scholarship it seems logical that all scholastic honors might well be recognized in this one general honors convocation-that first, second, third and fourth classmen alike, deserving of honorable mention, be hailed for their accomplishments.

Such a plan, once worked out, would unquestionably be a more comprehensive occasion. Withholding names of the national society honorees until such time as the university chooses to make public its honored students would certainly add distinction and dignity to the event. Not to mention that the amount of expenditure for scholarship recognition would also be more equitable.

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.

Bring On

The Point System.

TO THE EDITOR: Wednesday, midst a glaring display of red headlines and an imposing array of intended reforms, the Innocents finally "jumped the traces" and came out with their long-awaited reorganization program. At first glance one is temped to believe their efforts may accomplish the badly-needed cleanup in campus politics they are supposed to correct. A closer survey of the plan, however, reveals so many loopholes for every intended rstriction, that I question seriously ultimate achievements of bene-

ficial results through the scheme. In the first place, where is the point system? Certainly evaluation of every campus activity is a delicate and time-consuming task but it should not take three or four weeks and then still be deadlocked. Quibblings and incessant delays as to whether this or that activity shall receive enough points to insure an aspiring brother's election to the society only arouse further skepticism as to the society's sincere intentions of reform. What's hold-

ing up the parade? Bring on the point system! Aside from the point system, we have among the reforms the election of Innocents nominees by all men juniors or above. But if a man is not included in the charmed list of twenty-five which are to be considered, he may appeal to the faculty committee to have his name included. The faculty may recommend until doom's day but what good would it do in the final balloting where they are powerless? The ballot box is just taking another beating, and the society will probably choose whom it likes best

despite the campus vote. The whole idea is farcical. What of the other reforms? The minimum aver-

grades are not included, 78 is pretty low anyway, and then, even if a candidate is below 78, he may present a pitiful tale to the faculty committee, and find himself once more an eligible candidate for the mighty thirteen.

Fluctuating membership as planned is an absurdity. Why limit the number to thirteen or less? The campus has grown and will grow more, and times will comes when there are more than thirteen eserving men just as now there are probably less than thirteen who deserve the honor. The reduction provision only gives the "ins" a chance to wreak vengeance.

Success of the whole system revolves about an equitable evaluation of the point system. There is an appeal available from every other restriction. The faculty committee seems to be more or less a figurehead; its hands are tied. The threat of a rival honorary seems past. Now it remains to be seen if the Innocents' move was but an empty gesture occasioned by competition, or a truly sincere and worthwhile reform effort. Ivy Day is but three weeks away and by that time all reform revisions should have had an opportunity to go into effect. The results should be interesting.

-M. M. M.

Browsing Books

Maurice Johnson

STUART CHASE has outlined plan after plan for saving the world. He is the best known of liberal economists, and his "Mexico," "Your Money's Worth," "A New Deal," were popular sellers. Mr. Chase presents another plan in his "Economy of Abundance," just off the press, and in it he lists eighteen "imperatives" to be followed. He uses illustration and dramatization as a sugar-coating

A murder story which is more than a murder story has been written by Dashiell Hammett, and is called "The Thin Man." This novel serves the reader with a slice of American life—not a pleasant slice, but one well done. Mr. Hammett, who used to be a Pinkerton detective, is a member of the hard-boiled school of writers-the three minute eggs who are becoming more numerous as each publisher's list appears. This book makes nice before-breakfast reading: "She swung her arm and

age of 78 provision means nothing. Freshman let the skillet go at his head. It missed, crashing into the wall. Grease and egg-yolks made fresher stains on wall, floor, and furniture . . . The woman had picked up a paring knife."

> When Norman Foerster addresses university students here next Wednesday, he may deny that humanists are academic, un-American, Puritanic. Near the hub of the humanist wheel Mr. Foerster's name is associated with that of Paul Elmer More, T. S. Eliot, and P. H. Frye. In his symposium, "Humanism and America," he writes of humanism: ". . . today its great foe is this worldliness, obsession with physical things, and the instincts that bind us to the animal order . . ."

Personal nominations: The most exotic book: Henry Hudson's "Green Mansions." The most horrible book: Leonid Andreyev's "The Red Laugh." The most amusing book: Max Beerbohm's "Zuleika Dobson." The most meaningless book: Ernest Hemingmay's "The Sun Also Rises."

The swashbuckling-tale-of-the-sea-wolf motif has been taken out of mothballs by Charles Nordhoff and James Norman Hall, and has been quite convincingly revived. "Mutiny on the Bounty" had wide sale and commendation. "Men Against the Sea," which followed, is an even better book, in structure at least. Hall is writing further into the legend in his Atlantic Monthly series: "From Med to Mum."

Julius Meier-Graefe's "Vincent Van Gogh" is a biography of that amazing artist who cut off his ear and sent it to a friend. Van Gogh was a tragic ear and sent it to a friend. Van Gogn was a tragic streaming train the passenger station at the ed contours, forms flattened into violent silhouettes, distorted forms writhing in pain, the pain of his own soul." He died by suicide, shooting himself in the stomach. Meier-Graefe's life of him, based on exhibition in various points over his letters, is interpretative, steeped in the mood of United States. Over a million peohis impending madness.

Miss Ruth Odell, English instructor in the university, is writing a biography of Helen Hunt Jackson, Rocky Mountain author of "Romona." In the Books and Authors section of the New York Times for March 25, Miss Odell asked for any new material concerning her subject.

Not to be outdone by the gibberish of Gertrude Stein and James Joyce, T. S. Eliot offers more of his verse in the style of his famous "Wasteland." In the Virginia Quarterly Review he writes: Still hills

Wait. Gates wait. Purple trees, White trees, wait, wait, Delay, decay.

Reading of prose and poetry will

form the program. Miss Margaret McPhee and Miss Mamie Jane

FIELD WORK TOUR

V. Calvon McKim has returned

from a tour of northeastern Ne-

the geography of the Pine Ridge region of Nebraska.

at the university, and Edward E.

Carstens of Grand Island high

school. One of the most compre

hensive lists of its kind, the out-

line records publications which tell

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braska where he has spent some

Meredith are assistant hostesses.

McKIM BACK FROM

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Phalanx Meeting.

Phalanx wil hold its first meeting Monday at 5 o'clock in Nebraska hall. Major John Crissy

AG Y. W.

Elaine Fontein will give a report on the international relations con-ference at Grinnell, before the Ag Y. W. C. A. Tuesday noon.

Cabinet Meetings.

The regular cabinet meeting of at the Temple, for a report by Elaine Fontein on the international relations conference held at Ge-

GOES TO HUNTSVILLE

George Schlesselman, now finteach geography during the sum-

VAN ROYEN SPEAKS

AT OPEN FORUM CLUB Dr. Willem Van Royen gave a

paper before the Open Forum club Wednesday evening with the sub-ject: The Significance of Population Trends in the United States. Dr. Van Royen is assistant professor of geography at the univer-

GIVES ILLUSTRATED TALK. Miss Marjorie Shanafelt of the university museum presented an illustrated lecture "Romance of the Rose" before the P. T. A. of the Saratoga school Tuesday after-

PLAYERS NAME MISS ALICEBETH NEW HEAD

Wesley Members Select Officers, Schedule Installation.

Election of officers was held by the Nebraska chapter of the Wesley Players, last Wednesday evetime in field work, checking and supplementing earlier data toward his doctor's thesis. Now a graduate ning in the Wesley foundation.

Miss Alicebeth, present vice
president of the National Council assistant in the geography depart-ment, Mr. McKim is interested in

of Wesley Players, was elected president. The other newly elected officers are: Esther L. Compton, J. Barnes, Lincoln, secretary, and Clare C. Wolf, Lincoln, business manager. Swanton, vice president; Helene C.

Installation of officers will be held two weeks from Wednesday at a regular dinner meeting of the Because of recent reducgroup. tion of dues at the recent national convention of the council the local chapter has made a substantial reduction in dues.

Article By Dr. Pound On Poe Is Published

Miss Louise Pound of the deishing his work toward his doc- partment of English contributed tor's degree in geography at the university, has been elected to City in the Sea" to the last issue choosing future work. of "American Literature," an issue mer session at Sam Houston of the periodical especially devoted Teachers college of Huntsville, to Poe. In the same number she Tex. He will instruct thru both has a review of M. M. Mathew's terms from early in June to Aug- "A Survey of English Dictionar-

Chi Delta Phi Meets At Miss Pound's Home

Chi Delta Phi, honorary club of undergraduate women writers, meets at the home of Miss Louise Pound Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m.

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INCOLN-(Mat. 15c-Nite 25c) Starting Monday: "MOULIN ROUGE" with Constance Bennett and Franchot Tone. Tullio Carminate and Rusa Columbo. Boswell Sisters. Extra Thrills with "ANIAKCHAK."

ORPHEUM-(Mat. 15c-Nite 25c) Starting Monday: "JOURNAL OF A CRIME" with Ruth Chafterton and Adolphe Menjou.

COLONIAL-(Mat. 100-Nite 18c) Starting Monday: "MURDER IN TRINIDAD" with Nigel Bruce, Heather Angel and Victor Jory. Extra Harry Langdon Comedy.

LIBERTY-(Mat. 15c-Nite 20c) Starting Monday: "SINS OF LOVE," a most unusual picture.

SUN-(Mat. 10c-Nite 15c) Starting Monday: Two Big Fea-tures — "BRING EM BACK ALIVE" and Spencer Tracy in "THIS MAD GAME."

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