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Dead and Gone— Almost Forgotten

Intensive search with a high powered magnifying glass failed to reveal any clues.

Where is that once-powerful governing body, the Student Council, keeping itself? Is it, or is it not now an obsolete activity on the campus? Has the war brought about the complete disintegration of an organization that has hitherto ranked high in the aspirations of many an activity man and woman, that has brought about prestige and authority to those in office, that has occasionally brought something of real importance to the foreground and accomplished valuable deeds?

For a major activity on the campus, the student council is incomprehensively silent this fall. It has been inactive for a longer time than most members, if there are such life, would care to admit. Last year it's mission on the campus was purely a political one. It furnished points for junior activity men and women. Points are now out of date in the case of women, and there aren't many activity men left. Does that mean that the Student Council is going to cease functioning?

There is a definite need on this campus for a governing body composed of students. Now as ever coeds and men should have a say in what goes on, should have some method of control over all the other organizations on this campus. The Council has many prerogatives along this line. It has a good deal of responsibility towards the whole school. And even the fact that it offers an excellent, and perhaps one of the only, places in school where a student can get a great deal of actual experience in parliamentary procedure and government is enough to make its continuance worthwhile, even during wartime.

The first sign that it would become a definitely inactive group was the fact that no regular election was held last spring to elect new members. A new proportional representation system was set up for hold-over elections, we understand. Well and good. But something else is needed besides holdover members.

The excuse offered for not having an election was, perhaps, a plausible one, that it was impossible to ascertain who would be back in school. Plans could have been actually made for holding an election this fall, however, and so far no such plans have presented themselves.

We advocate holding an election as soon as possible, to bring the Council back to life again, to make it once more one of the main activities on the campus, political as well as essential. But if this isn't done, we hope action is taken to make it lawfully inactive, that some measure is passed declaring it nil until the war is ended.

Who wants a Council that both is and isn't?

War Must Go On

The collapse of Italy is only a step nearer the termination of the war. It is of great importance, but it is far from being a deciding factor.

The powerful German army still is to be whipped. This, probably, is the last time, in many years, that the Germans will be in position to wage war. Twice within a quarter of a century the Germans have plunged the world into war in the hope of becoming overlords of all peoples.

The Allied nations must see to it, this time, that her military might is broken and her sources of weapons of war absolutely destroyed.

The German leaders know the meaning of the words "unconditional surrender" and will fight as long as they can keep their own people in hand and there seems the slightest hope of winning, or, at least, prolonging the inevitable end.

There is certain to be heavier fighting than any the British and Americans yet have encountered. There will be increasing toll of our forces which will call for greater effort and more determination to see it through as quickly as possible. The United States of America has been actively taking part for two years, and those qualified to express opinions insist we may be at it for as much longer.

The folks at home can shorten the period and help deliver the knockout blow by supporting President Roosevelt and our military-naval leaders as they lead us to victory.

The least all of us can do is to buy War Bonds and then more bonds.

—from the Army and Navy Register.

V... — Mail Clippings

Pat Chamberlin, Censor

With the Nebraska-Minnesota grid game threatening the immediate future, Cornhuskers are wistfully thinking of their former varsity heroes who are now in the Navy playing for rival schools. Halfback HOWIE DEBUS and End DEAN GELWICK are at Doane in Navy V-12. Quarterback JOE PARTINGTON and Halfback HANK REICHEL are playing for Northwestern and the Navy, while Halfback AL ZIKMUND is squadron commander at the Columbia University Navy unit in NYC.

Also at Doane College in Crete, Neb., are MADISON BURKMANN and GLEN ELOE of last year.

CLAYTON HEDGES walked "all the way across Sicily and back" with his 15th infantry division, which incidentally has three battle stars to its credit. He is presently "resting" with his division somewhere in Sicily.

DALE BABCOCK, Jr., of last year, has been stationed at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Tex., as an air corps cadet, and is now convalescing in an army "horsepistol" with a "park bench arm." For the uninitiated, it isn't what you think!

RANDY PRATT, Farm House Innocent last year, is freezing to death on fall maneuvers near Bend, Oregon. A private, Randy is in charge of the service battery for the 51st field artillery battalion of Fort Lewis.

Apprentice Seaman BILL IRWIN, Sig Ep, is in Naval V-7, Washburn College, in Topeka, Kans. He writes he's living in a frat house but can't discover which fraternity.

Michael

Just Were Wondering.

This past summer a strong and earnest attempt was made by the alumni of the fraternities on the campus to come to some decision as to the conduct of fraternities during this war period. Whatever was decided was done too late to benefit the houses successfully this fall. We think that the houses would be more than rewarded if they could organize a joint council of both alums and actives.

It is impossible for the alumni group to act with a full knowledge of conditions as they exist on the campus. On the other side, undergrads can't be expected to act with the wisdom of the gods. With action from both ends of the line it would at least be certain that messes like the past week could be avoided. The lack of any type of formal rush week was almost disastrous to three or four houses. While there were around 300 freshmen men, to date approximately 80 or 85 have pledged. And at that one house got much better than one-third of that number.

Another thing that might be examined is why one co-op boarding house had a complete list of the men entering school. If such a list was available, why weren't the frats informed? If it was not, how could one co-op obtain it? The answer certainly could be partially found in that the active chapters, altho unstable and changing constantly, had practically no voice in their destiny.

The reason the rushing season turned out so unsatisfactorily is because no one knew they could rush. It was a pretty humorous situation to say the least. Thirty or forty years of work by actives in chapters before this time was not meant to be lost simply because present-day actives don't stick together. With unified action during this year pledging can continue and we can have an orderly rush week next fall. What's wrong with an Interfraternity Council?
Michael.



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