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Letterip

Mr. Richard Schleusener, chairman

Referring to your letter of February 24th in which you suggest that the Judiciary Committee is meeting to consider a compromise on representation on the Student Council, may I say that such a move is most commendable, but it will not get at the hub of the problem that now confronts the student body of this University.

Something must be done to protect and guarantee to each student his rights and privileges of an opportunity in activities without his cringing before or kowtowing to any individual, group, or sordid undercover faction. You as a member of the Student Council know as well or better than I do what I refer.

The answer to the situation does not lie in the affiliated or un-affiliated make-up of the Student Council, the Innocents Society, the Mortar Board, the Independent Student Association, etc. But rather it comes down to the answer to the question: Is the Student Council going to put a stop to the intimidation tactics that have been practiced against individuals and groups by an undercover student organization?

A change in the political alignment would give little promise of accomplishing the desired results. The result will depend upon the realization by student leaders that conditions exist which are most undemocratic and sordid, and which will eventually result in the demoralization of all activities; this the University cannot tolerate.

This factional activity has been in evidence for many years, but never has it been so blatant as during the school year of 1947-48. As examples I refer to the following: The evidence is clear, that last spring prior to the election, one of the managing editors of The Daily Nebraskan and the editor agreed to publish a news story calling attention to the factional tactics. Sometime between the time the story was written and after it had gone to print, the editor permitted the factional representatives to coerce and convince him that this should not be done. He killed the story over the protest of his then managing editor even though it had already been set in type and proof copy run. Whether the editor or his fraternity were threatened with reprisals, I cannot say, but I do know that reprisals have been exercised in other cases.

A further example of attempted intimidation occurred last spring at the time the president of the Student Council was to be elected. As told to me by students, a large factional group attended this particular Council meeting and they together with factional members of the Council demanded a roll call vote in order, of course, so that the faction could know of the opposition's identity and hence exercise reprisals against said individuals and the groups they represented. Thanks to the courage of the Judiciary Committee backed by the Faculty Sponsors of the Council, a non-faction president was elected. The faction then appealed the decision to the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations and Social Functions which as a matter of course sustained the election of the president.

During the years I have served the University I have heard many complaints because the Student Council was not given the authority to carry out more self-governing activities. I believe that in relating the following incident I can tell why. About 30 years ago I was called to Chancellor Avery's office and asked to do a certain piece of administrative work. Being a young instructor and knowing that some of the faculty members with whom I was to work were twice my age I asked what authority I would have. Whereupon Dr. Avery very sagely said, "You will have all the authority you show you can use." I have never forgotten that wise piece of advice. It has served me well through the years. So it will be with the Student Council. For if the Council shows it can use authority wisely, I am sure authority will be granted by the faculty and the administration; but when it fails to exercise its authority wisely it can expect to have the authority withdrawn.

The present situation is squarely in the hands of the Student Council and the student leaders of the campus. It is at once a challenge, a tough job, and a great opportunity for a demonstration of real student government.

Sincerely,

T. J. Thompson, Dean

P. S. Since this sets out very briefly my thoughts concerning the matter, I am sending a copy to Mr. Leger, the Editor of the Nebraskan, hoping that he may print the same in the Nebraskan.



QUEEN FOR A NIGHT! Laughing, not crying, is pretty Lois Brown, latest addition to the campus society of queens. "Brownie" was presented as "Delta Sweetheart" Friday at the chapter formal.

As I Was Saying...

By Pat Nordin

Another campus queen was born Friday night when vivacious Lois Brown took up her reign over the Delta Tau Delta formal at the Lincoln hotel.

Date Phil Neff beamed and Tom McVay sang the sweetheart song as "Brownie" was presented. She wore a red taffeta off the shoulder gown complete with a bustle effect and carried red roses. The final election was held Thursday.

A brightly lighted Delt pin was the only ballroom decoration. At a dinner preceding the dance, each girl was presented with a bronze, engraved cup. Jerry Mayburn and his orchestra provided the music, which evidently had a mellow effect on Donna Allison and Jim Ward who made use of the atmosphere to announce their engagement.

Overheard at Kings:—"Everytime I turn around I run in to my deep, dark past"—"Perks" Perkins. While in another smokey corner, Johnny Anderson listened with fascination to these whispered words in round, pear-shaped tones, "How obnoxious can we get?"

A formal tea in honor of their province president, Mrs. Harold Conrad, was held Friday, 3 to 5 p.m., by the active and alum chapters of Alpha Chi Omega at their chapter house. Mrs. Dwight McVicker and Mrs. R. O. Johnson poured.

Enter, the villain! Paul Anderson and Bob Cappel have been in seclusion for a questionable period of time training moustaches for the Gay Nineties party Saturday.

The boys denied all accusations as to the falsity of the handle bars. Dates Nancy Clark and Wimp Washington were attired in ancient garb and balloon sleeves, "just the size for filching trophies."

Meet The Council

Arts and Sciences, the largest of the several colleges, has 13 Student Council representatives. Representation is divided between its major departments.

Barbara Speer is one of the Arts and Science Council members. She is serving her second year on the Council.



Barb Speer

Miss Speer is a member of the judiciary committee. This committee passes on the constitutionality of Council provisions. It is currently considering the revision of the Constitution which was proposed at Wednesday's Council meeting.

In addition to her membership on the Council, Miss Speer is a former president of YWCA. She wears the black and gold of Mortar Board and is a member of Delta Delta Delta.

Rex Hoffmeister is an Arts and Science junior. He is serving his first term on the Council.



Rex Hoffmeister

Hoffmeister is a member of the traffic survey committee. This group is a continuation of the traffic committee which planned the present parking system. Its function is to discover and correct traffic tie-ups before they occur.

He is also a member of Corn Cobs, Red Cross board, and a past president of Kappa Sigma.

From the Front Page

By Bruce Kennedy

AID TO BRITAIN in the form of the second installment of the Marshall plan was under close scrutiny by Senate leaders. Secretary Dean Acheson urged the continuance of the Marshall aid to the English, but the Senate voted to re-examine the allotment to see if the British really need the money.

THE COST of living index dropped for the fourth straight month and so did prices and wages. General Motors cut their prices from \$10 to \$40 on all G.M. cars and trucks. A wage reduction of 2 cents an hour was estimated to save the corporation nine million dollars annually.

MOTHER GOOSE had a story about a cow that jumped over the moon but it was nothing compared to the story that an Oklahoma farmer has. It seems an enraged cow made a lunge at Bill Mach, missed him, kept on going, and ended up in the silo. How she got in, well, nobody knows. The only opening measures 17 by 25 1/2 inches. You figure it out.

LOSSES in the blizzard that swept the western states this winter has caused a death toll of 200 thousand cattle, it was reported Saturday. Other losses, such as disease and unborn young, will hurt livestock production "for many months to come."

Unanimous

In Crisfield, Md., as A. Wellington Tawes, speaking in the high school auditorium, finished making a motion to float a \$1,500,000 bond issue for school repairs, the ceiling in the next room fell down, and the audience unanimously seconded the motion.

NU Bulletin Board

Monday

Girls selling Coed Follies tickets should turn in money and unsold tickets at Ellen Smith hall from 4 to 6 p.m.

Candidates who have not been interviewed for AWS Board will be interviewed in Ellen Smith hall from 2-3 p.m.

Ushers for Co-ed Follies will meet at 5 p.m. in 313 Union.

Tuesday

Corn Cobs will hold a dinner meeting, Parlor A of Union, 6:30 p.m. Sweaters are required.

All men who have not had physical examinations for spring sports please report Thursday, March 3, at the Field House at 7 p.m.

Flying Kernels will meet at 7:30 p.m., Room 316 Union. Movies will be shown.

Lancaster county Young Republican's club will meet at Cornhusker hotel at 8 p.m.

Wednesday

Alpha Kappa Psi will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Union.

Nu-Med will meet at 7:30 p.m. Parlors Y and Z, Union. Dr. Horace Munger will speak on "Socialized Medicine."

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