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The DAILY NEBRASKAN purposes to be the free voice of student sentiment; to be fair; to be impartial; to seek advice as well as offer it; to truthfully picture college life; to go further than the mere printing of news by standing for the highest ideals of the University; in short, to serve the University of Nebraska.

Tuesday, March 31, 1914

AN UNWARRANTED CRITICISM

In an article signed "An Engineer, T. W.," the University Night committee is unfairly criticised and unjustly accused. The nub of the whole is this: (1) There were too few organizations represented to make up a true all-University Night; (2) Several organizations were refused the right to participate; (3) The committee should be appointed by the class presidents, not the Y. M. C. A. These are the causes for complaint. In presenting his argument, "T. W." did not hesitate to accuse the committee of unfairness, of favoritism, of incompetency. Let us see what are the grounds for complaint.

University Night can of necessity give a place on its program to but a limited number of acts. This is self-apparent. The committee issued an open invitation, even an exhortation, to all organizations to submit to them written sketches of proposed acts. Many, including the engineers, turned in their sketches. But there were many more than could be used. The only thing that could be done was to accept the best, and refuse the rest. This is exactly what the committee did. All could not be accommodated. Is it unfairness, is it favoritism to give places to those acts which most merited them?

The engineers, we admit, were refused the privilege of presenting their act. But they were among those whom the committee believed to be less worthy than those presented. Instead of being unfair to the engineers, the committee was most considerate. Mr. Charlesworth notified them that they would be expected to present an act, even before the committee was definitely named. He told them to get to work and submit a sketch. The engineers didn't get busy. The College of Agriculture started to work much later, but they presented, in the opinion of the committee, a better act than did the engineers. So they were given a place on the limited program, and the engineers were not. Does this

sound like unfairness to you? It certainly does not to us. Does this sound like inefficiency? We believe it was just good ordinary common sense. What do you think?

"T. W." believes that the class presidents, not the Y. M. C. A., should appoint the committee. This suggestion would set much better if it were in other surroundings. What the NEBRASKAN would advocate is to turn this entirely over to the student council. But for the present we are satisfied with the committee which managed the recent University Night. They were not unfair, they were not guilty of favoritism, they were efficient. What more could you ask?

We are afraid, after investigating the facts, that "T. W." et al. are suffering from an acute case of "sour grapes." The engineers submitted a play which failed to come up to the standard required. They were refused permission to put on an inferior act. They at once accuse the committee of unfairness. What would you think of a freshman who tried out for the Dramatic Club, put on an inferior piece of work, was not elected to membership, and who then solicited sympathy by accusations of unfairness and partiality? Engineers, write a good act next year and you will find the committee ready and eager to have you present it. But please don't accuse unjustly this year's committee further.

And still the Cornhusker football team is without a captain. Perhaps this is a good thing, but we can't see it that way. We want a captain. How about you?

GET BUSY, CLASSES

The Innocents, Black Masques and Girls' Club have put the student council question squarely up to the classes. Each class is to elect members to a constitutional convention, which will draw up a constitution to be presented to the entire school for a vote. So far only the senior class has acted in any way, and they have turned the whole matter over to their president, who as yet has made no appointments.

We can't understand why the classes have not gone ahead with their business. The student council has great possibilities for Nebraska. The whole matter has been gone over by the organizations which investigated the proposal and has been found worthy of consideration. Why all the delay?

It will take this convention some little time after they have been elected to formulate a definite plan to be submitted to the students. This must be done at once if it is to come to a vote this spring and be put into effect next fall. The constitution should be drafted by May first, only a month away. There should be at least a week of discussion before the election be held, and then at least a week before the membership of the council, provided it was passed, be made up. This would put the final election dangerously near the end of the school year.

The time to act is now. If this plan is to be attempted this year it must be done at once. What is the matter with the classes? Why haven't they elected their members to the convention? It is clearly the duty of the various presidents—senior excepted—to call meetings for this purpose and call them before the week is out. This demands immediate attention. The students want an opportunity to de-

cide whether or not they will have a council. It is up to the class organizations to give them this opportunity, and to do it at once. LET'S HAVE A LITTLE ACTION, CLASSES.

People We Know.

Igernia Montgomery of Superior and Hattie Ogden of Genoa are visiting in the city.

Miss Carolyn Preston, the station artist at the State Farm, leaves tomorrow morning for Fort Collins, Colo., where she will make entomological drawings at the Colorado College of Agriculture. She expects to return next September.

Jones' Orchestra. Phone L-9666.

DR. BESSEY RETURNS

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all the vegetation for study purposes as near as possible. Dr. Bessey has pictures of some of the plants. He states that the plants are the ugliest, prickliest things he has ever seen. The cactuses were especially studied by the professor. One of the most surprising plants that was seen by Dr. Bessey was a prickly hackberry tree. Practically all plants growing on the desert are prickly. Over 90 per cent of the plants is water. It is remarkable where the plants get so much water where there is so little rainfall.

Although Dr. Bessey studied most of the time, he was called on to give several addresses before the university students of Arizona. On the 19th he talked to the botany class of the university. Professor Thornber, who is the head of the Botany department of the university, is a graduate of this University. He is highly respected throughout the whole region as a botanist. Charles E. Torrel, another graduate of this University, is also a member of the faculty there. He teaches the Spanish and French languages.

On the 23rd, Dr. Bessey was called on to give the Honor Day address. The Honor Day at Arizona University is similar to our P. B. K. Day, and it is a very formal affair. Three or four members of each class whose grades are the highest in their respective classes are selected and their names are read off at a general assembly of the students and faculty of the University. The program may be more closely compared with our graduating exercises. The faculty wear their caps and gowns at these exercises. As Dr. Bessey stated, they do things up right on this day. The topic of Dr. Bessey's address was "The Building of a Great University." The address received much favorable comment. The doctor was requested to attend several banquets while at Tucson which were given especially in his honor.

On his return trip Dr. Bessey stopped off at Phoenix. Here he became interested in a new American industry, i. e., date palm growing. The industry is under the supervision of the government and is fairly well established. The dates grown out there are as good as any grown elsewhere.

At Denver, Dr. Bessey was met by a delegation of Nebraska University graduates and former students. He was taken out for a fast ride by Charles Hendy, Jr., '98, who had no regard for speed limit ordinances. At noon about thirty old Nebraska men met at the Auditorium Hotel, where a banquet was held. Here Dr. Bessey was again called on for an address, which was all punctured by University yells. After the banquet another auto ride was taken and then Dr. Bessey resumed his journey to Lincoln, arriving here Saturday.

Dr. Bessey is scheduled to give lectures on his experiences and knowledge gained on this trip before the Nebraska Academy of Sciences and the Botany Seminar during the first

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week in May. The doctor states that he enjoyed the trip very much. The knowledge gained is invaluable and the entertainment feature of the trip was very pleasing.

Farm Convocation.

Convocation at State Farm this morning. Olive Johnston and Rebecca Shay, soloists; Jesse Clark, piano accompanist.

Mumps at State Farm.

The report comes from the State Farm that fifteen or twenty students are being confined to their rooms with the mumps. No severe cases are reported.

It has been called to the reporter's attention that this confinement must be particularly distressing during this fine, balmy "sprig wedder," when the rich red blood of farmer boys surges with ambition and "pep."

**LECTURE ON THE STARS
TODAY AT CONVOCATION**

Professor Swezey Will give an illustrated Lecture on "Nebulae" at 11:00 O'Clock.

Convocation today will be another illustrated lecture. This lecture will be on "Nebulae," by Professor Swezey of the department of astronomy. This lecture will be both interesting and instructive. This will be a splendid opportunity for the professional stargazers to learn something of the "heavens," scientifically.

"Back East" in Connecticut a girl saved herself by climbing out of a window on a rope made of stockings. It's a delicate subject, but we have always been under the impression that girls in this section of the country would have to be as light as a feather to duplicate her feat.—Ex.

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