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Thursday, April 30, 1914.

**THE STUDENT COUNCIL CONVENTION.**

It seems quite evident that the representatives of the various classes chosen to frame a constitution for a student council have taken the law into their own hands and have decided that there is no demand for a student council in Nebraska. This is the wrong spirit on their part. It should be of no matter to these people whether or not their plan would be adopted. They have been delegated to do a definite work. They should do that work regardless of all circumstances.

But perhaps the way in which things are working themselves out is, after all, not far from a good solution of the problem. If no one cares enough about the council to raise his voice in protest against such indefensible delay and inefficiency of those in charge of the movement, then certainly we are not ready for self-government. If no one cares enough about it to demand the action which is so necessary to the movement, then if adopted we could hope for little real self-government.

We are in favor of self-government of every intelligent body. We believe that self-government would be a good thing for Nebraska. But it is so palpably evident that the greater part of the school either thinks the other way, or else does not think at all, that we have grave fears whether or not self-government could be successfully attempted here.

We believe the only way to start a council at Nebraska would be to band together several supporters of the plan, have them draft a proposed constitution, have them give it the necessary publicity, and then submit it to the students. It will be accepted as a matter of course. Then may it become a real Nebraska institution through use and through custom. Its possibilities can only be realized through experience. We have found out that the one way to "put one over"—be it a candidate or a student council—is to band together a group of men whose interest is sufficient to guarantee their earnest work. Such a body is the only one that will succeed. The sense of duty is sadly lacking in the average University student. They have not the slightest idea of the meaning of the term. See how they accept their duty on the convention. If, instead of elected representatives of classes, we had a body of men vitally interested in seeing a council "put across" at Nebraska, we would have action and have it at once. You can not escape it. The fact is that personal interest will accomplish what it sets out to do; class repre-

sentatives seldom if ever do. What the school wanted was a draft of a constitution to vote upon. Men who wanted to see a council had enough to work hard for it would submit the best possible constitution because they were so anxious to have it adopted. What do we care who frames it? What we have wanted is action. Under the present system we have not had it. We are forced to await the advent of the other.

**ENGINEER INSPECTION**  
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Lincoln Traction Company's Plant—  
3:00 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.

The trip through the Havelock shops is limited to twenty men, but the other trips will be open to all men going on the inspection. A break will be made in the group when the inspection of the Lincoln Traction Company's plant is made for there are many divisions in enterprise.

Chairman Hollister said that any young man interested in the trip can make arrangements to accompany the engineers by seeing him.

**FIRST ANNUAL ALL-UNIVERSITY PICNIC**  
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one not satisfied therewith will be refunded his or her money.

At about two o'clock in the afternoon will commence the athletic events, and several good stunts have already been arranged, assuring lots of fun. After that will come the Spike-Iron Sphinx baseball game. Last year rumor had it that the purse was a keg, but Dame Rumor has it this year that there are no drinking players on either team; anyway, they have all taken the pledge.

After the game the Masques will be placed on the lucky juniors with appropriate ceremonies. In regard to this event considerable more interest than usual is being taken, as it is rumored that a new and fairer system of election of members has been adopted.

The tapping of the Innocent who will guide the destinies of the University for the following year will then follow. Here, too, a change is already noticeable over recent years, as not the slightest inkling as to who the fortunate men will be has been allowed to leak out, and some of those who know say that there will be no leaks this year. The juniors will all have to take their chances and those who do not feel the tap on the shoulder will have to show to the crowd how well they can take their medicine.

In the evening after the lunch has been disposed of will come the band concert. Nothing need be said in regard to this, as we all know what the band can do, and Director Cornell has promised that the best program of the year will be given on this occasion.

**JOURNALISTIC CONVENTION**

Merrill Reed Departs to Attend the Annual Convention of Sigma Delta Chi.

Merrill Reed left last night for Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he will attend the second annual convention of Sigma Delta Chi, the journalistic fraternity. The convention will be held Friday and Saturday.

Although the Nebraska chapter has been but recently organized, she will be well represented.

**TO ATTEND DEANS' MEETING**

Dean Davis Will Meet With North Central College Deans at Missouri.

Dean Davis will attend a meeting of deans from the North Central colleges at the University of Missouri on Thursday and Friday of this week. He will also speak before the Missouri University Scientific Society and the Missouri teachers of mathematics and science.

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