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CONDEMNS SCHOOL FOR SNOBBISHNESS

ONLY FAVORED FEW ARE ENCOURAGED TO WORK

Imogene McCaig Declares University Crushes Spirit Out of Students—Frats to Blame

Imogene McCaig, '11, now connected with the advertising department of a large wholesale store in Omaha, has written Miss Annie Chaikin, alumna secretary, strongly condemning the University of Nebraska for its lack of democratic spirit, and for its influence upon the non-fraternity or non-sorority member. The letter contains much food for thought and consideration, and should provoke some discussion that may result in good for the university. Miss McCaig's remarks will be found interesting, whether or not the reader agrees with what is said.

Only parts of the letter relating to the university and its function, are quoted:

"The reason for this letter lies in a question which you ask. You wish to know why two men to one woman respond to appeals to subscribe to the Journal or to do work for the Alumni association.

"I believe that I know the reason, at least I can assign my own reason for never having subscribed, and for not caring particularly to do any boosting work for the University of Nebraska. It is just this: That the university did not demonstrate to me the need for loyal students while I was there.

Snobbishness Exists

"You know the snobbishness that exists at the University of Nebraska. It seems to me a peculiar outgrowth of our so-called democratic system of education, that so very crude a form of social snobbishness as the Greek letter society should run rampant in our state universities. I can only speak for myself and would not say that this is the reason for all, but if I had never seen the system in operation, I should consider it madness on the part of the heads of a great state institution to allow such an organization of the school's social system. Having seen it, I can only marvel; I do not believe that anything could be said to justify it.

"Please let me explain why I feel so deeply on the subject and why, have

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Why the Student Council Will Work

The arguments for a Student Council are met by the allegations that it will not succeed. This is true, it is contended for two main reasons. It is said that the method of selecting the members of the council precludes the possibility of getting good men in office, and that the size of the body, after its selection, makes it unwieldy.

The ideal system is the one that will succeed; that is, the one that will always do the best that could be done under the circumstances. As yet, no legislative body has ever been known to do this. We must compare the proposed system with others of which we know, rather than with the ideal, therefore,

The members of the council would, as a rule, be selected by a system of local elections; that is, each school would select its own representatives, rather than a selection by the students at large. It would be in no sense an election at large, therefore. After a man has spent two or more years in a certain college or school, he is fairly well known. That school has a desire to see its interests properly represented, and, knowing its members, will not conduct the election with the reckless abandon that is demonstrated in some of the class elections. While there might be bet-

ter men in each college than the one chosen, the selection will never be so poor as to make the system a failure.

Now as to the second argument. The council will be composed of from twelve to twenty members. They will have many different branches to take up. No four or five students can do the work and remain students. The council will divide into standing committees, each responsible to the council at large. These committees will have time to do their council work without damage to the studies of the members. Thus we have efficiency in the size of the committees, and representation in the responsibility to the council as a whole.

These refutations would be idle words if they were not supported by the results of the system in other schools. While we do not contend that the councils of other schools do not make mistakes, we do contend that the fact that this system is the most widely prevalent proves that it will be the most successful at Nebraska. Other schools have tried the system, some for a century, others for a few years only. It still prevails.

Again, we must ask, as we did in the case of the Single Tax, what is there peculiar to the student body at Nebraska that will make the system a failure here?

9 FILE FOR PLACES ON ATHLETIC BOARD

FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TRACK, WRESTLING AND GYMNASIUM MEN APPLY

Hugg and Otoupalik Seek Re-election—New Team Captains Would Be on the Board

ATHLETIC BOARD CANDIDATES

Adrian Brian, Henry W. Campbell, Harold Corey, Clyde J. Drawing, Ed Hugg, Hugo Otoupalik, G. R. Owen, P. W. Proctor, R. L. Thiesen.

Nine candidates had filed for positions as student members of the university athletic board when the time for filings closed yesterday afternoon. The list as approved by the athletic board, and from which five men will be elected next Monday, is given above. Any male student who has completed twelve hours of work, and is successfully carrying his studies at the present time, is eligible to vote.

The Candidates

Adrian Brian, a sophomore, was a member of the university wrestling team in the lightweight division this spring.

Harry W. Campbell, a junior, is captain-elect of the basketball team. He has played two years on Cornhusker varsity basketball teams.

Harold Corey, a junior, is the 1916 captain of the Cornhusker eleven. He is also a member of the university track team, representing Nebraska in the weight events.

Clyde J. Drawing is captain of this year's gymnastic team and captain-elect of the team for 1917. He has represented Nebraska three times in the middle-west intercollegiate gymnastic association meets, winning third place in the all-around events at Minneapolis the first week in April of this year.

Ed Hugg, three year basketball man and captain of last year's Missouri Valley champion five, is a junior. He is now managing the Arts and Sciences college baseball team. He is a present member of the athletic board.

Hugo Otoupalik, also a member of the athletic board who seeks re-election, is captain of the wrestling team and played fullback on last year's Cornhusker eleven.

G. R. Owen, sophomore, is a sprinter on the track team. He has won distinction as a quarter-mile and 220-yard dash man.

P. W. Proctor played halfback on the football team last fall. He is a sophomore.

R. L. Thiesen, a junior, has been a member of the basketball team for the past two years, playing forward.

KOMENSKY KLUB TO PICNIC AT CRETE, MAY 6

Final plans have been completed for the Komenisky Klub picnic at Crete next Saturday, May 6. The committee has secured a special coach, which will leave Lincoln at 12:30 p. m., and returning, leave Crete at 10:58 p. m., over the Burlington. Exclusive use of the picnic grounds has been secured. Those who wish to go and have not yet notified the committee should do so at once.

The Palladian girls will have charge of the program at the Palladian meeting in their hall Friday night.

LAST NUMBER BLUE PRINT

The fourth and last number of the Blue Print is off the press and will be ready for distribution Thursday, in the basement of Mechanics Art hall.

Among the articles of interest are: "The New Agricultural Building," by Professor Chase; "Cable Station Equipment for Stream Gauging," by George J. Lyon; "A Recent Incandescent Lamp Development," by E. H. Haughton, '95, general manager of Brian-Marsh Co., of Chicago; "The Asphalt Industry in Trinidad," by George Blackstone; "Marketing of Electric Current," by Frank D. Burr, '02; Engineering society news items and personal notes complete the issue.

This year the Blue Print management has made arrangements to exchange with the Purdue Engineering Review, one of the strongest engineering periodicals in the country, and copies will be distributed free of charge to paid subscribers of the Blue Print.

ALUMNI RUN FOR STATE LEGISLATURE

TWENTY-TWO ARE CANDIDATES IN COMING ELECTION

Graduates from Classes of 1896 to 1912 Enter Field of Politics in Both Parties

Twenty-two University of Nebraska alumni are candidates for either the state senate or house of representatives at the election of November 7, this fall.

The republican candidates according to their districts, are as follows:

For State Senate: District 1, Richard Neal, '96, of Auburn; District 13, C. J. Warner, '99, of Waverly; District 14, Adam H. McMullen, '96, of Wymore.

For State Representatives: District 8, Edwin Zimmerer, '06, of Nebraska City; District 11, J. H. Miller, '06, of Lincoln; District 30, C. P. Peterson, '09, of Lincoln; District 30, Leonard Flansburg, '04, of Lincoln; District 30, J. E. Lowe, '08, of Lincoln; District 30, Ralph Moseley, '12, of Lincoln; District 47, Fred G. Johnson, '03, of Oxford; District 48, Leo Stuhr, '01, of Grand Island; District 76, W. L. Bates, '12, of Lodge Pole.

The democratic candidates are as follows:

For the State Senate: District 4, John Moriarty, '01, of Omaha; District 13, Clark Oberlies, '95, '99, of Lincoln; C. W. Beal, '99, of Broken Bow.

For State Representatives: District 2, J. T. Swan, '13, of Lincoln; District 30, Paul Goss, '09, of Lincoln; District 30, Roy Bickford, '94, of Lincoln; District 38, J. N. Norton, '03, of Polk; District 41, H. A. Swanson, '03, of Clay Center; District 53, C. A. Anderson, '11, of Bristol; District 72, James Lloyd Thomas, '09, of Lincoln.

IVY DAY AFTERNOON FUN BEGINS AT 1:30 P. M.

Dancing in the new pavilion and games, under the supervision of different school organizations, will start promptly at 1:30 o'clock at Electric park the afternoon of Ivy Day, and will last until 3:30 o'clock, when time will be given over to tapping the innocents and choosing the Black Masques. The committee has ordered 1,500 box lunches, with provision for securing as many more as are needed, to be distributed at 05:30 o'clock. The University of Nebraska cadet band will give an open air concert during the lunch hour.

SILVER SERPENTS CHOOSE MEMBERS

Name Seventeen Girls for Honorary Junior Society

Silver Serpents, the honorary junior girls' sorority, has chosen seventeen members from the sophomore class, who will form the organization for next year. The society will continue next year the work that it has done this year in having a university tag day at Christmas time for charity, in helping in the social life of the undergraduate girls, and promoting goodfellowship among the co-eds.

The new members are: Kate Helzer, Helen Hasbrook, Jean Burroughs, Marjorie Graham, Marian Sheldon, Dorothy Rhode, Evelyn Caldwell, Lucile Wilcox, Ermine Carmean, Marian Reeder, Milrae Judkins, Georgia Boggs, Winifred Moran, Hannah McCorkindale, Mildred Holtz, Vesta Mawe and Edith Youngblut.

Miss Mary Hicks, of Stanton, was the guest Friday and Saturday of her cousin, Miss Ethel Chace, at the Alpha Omega house.

"Plotting Pearl" Wins Goup For Bedford, Food for Herself

Graft, in its ugliest form, has entered the holy of holies, the "Rag" office! A couple of weeks ago, the managing editor offered to "feed" the person who saw the first straw hat on the campus, and wrote a story about it.

That is the reason that the staff has been sitting on the benches more than usual lately—they have all been watching for the straw hat. But no hat appeared—until yesterday.

One of the girls on the staff whose healthy appetite might drive her to commit the crookedest of crimes, took the newest reporter, Hugh Bedford, aside, and using her most persuasive powers, inveigled him into wearing the hat. A "goup" was the reward for

the unprecedented bravery, but it was worth it.

"Straw hat" was taken from the bottom of a trunk at the Silver Lynx house, and, disguised in many thicknesses of paper, it was hidden in one of the dusty cupboards along with old copies of the paper, in the office.

Last night, about a quarter to six, the most desolate hour on the campus, Bedford, wearing a nice stiff straw hat, bravely walked around the triangle south of "The Nebraskan" office, and won his "goup." "Managing Editor" chewed his fingernails in deep chagrin, while "Plotting Pearl" rubbed her hands in high glee.

The hat was worn; the story is nearly written; those were the two requirements; but the food is yet to come.