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Last May there was a movement on foot for a Student Council. There were only three weeks of school before the summer recess and when the matter was brought before the students for a vote, many who felt that the proposition was being rushed too hard, hesitated to vote for the Council without further knowledge of the plan.

Nevertheless, there was enough interest manifested to warrant a revival of the discussions and to bring final action on the matter.

A Student Council is a representative student organization having certain executive, legislative and judiciary powers. It is a plan for student control by the students. A Student Council would be created so that the students would be equally represented.

There are many arguments that will be brought against a Student Council, but one of the best tests for their soundness is the presence or absence of personal selfishness.

There are many universities and colleges in the country that find their Student Councils (or self-government associations), a great success. A constitution that would eliminate any entrance of politics, and that would make the organization respected by all, and helpful to the whole institution, would fill a long-felt need at Nebraska.

How many times have you changed it from 6 to 7, since January first?

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From time immemorial there have been prophets who foretold the most dreadful of futures. The witches and sorcerers, bending over boiling cauldrons, have prophesied the fate of many. And in like manner, the editor bending over a spotted green blotter, on the editorial desk, and grinding out the last editorial before the paper goes to press, foresees the fate of many. For, three weeks from today, exams begin, and for those who have not been 100 per cent efficient, there will be weeping and wailing and much midnight oil.

The wise ones who have done their work well and who have kept their record well above the danger mark, can sit back and laugh at their foolish neighbors who have wasted their time.

So, if you are one of the latter, get busy, these next three weeks and cheat Fate of her dues, if you can.

Alumnus Assails College System

One of our present University professors used to have in his classes a student with whom he frequently became involved in very lively debate, owing to differences in opinion on political and economic questions. The other day the said professor received from this former student, now a professor of economics in one of the well-known co-educational schools of the country, a letter discussing the character of the membership of the college of liberal arts, the one non-technical college of both his and our school.

The professor who received it finds that, as usual, he disagrees with most of the ideas of his former student, being himself a strong believer in both "practical" courses and co-education. The letter is so pointedly and entertainingly written, however, that he has felt unable to keep it to himself, and so has turned it over to The Nebraskan for publication. If it should stir up some of the "practical" men or some of the co-eds to the point of making a reply, he will probably be still more interested and entertained. The main parts of the letter run as follows:

"The student whose reading on serious subjects is confined to the Saturday Evening Post and the World's Work and similar journals comes quickly to the conclusion that 'theory' is all 'bunk.' A course in 'practical' economics is what he wants. It matters not what it deals with, whether dishwashing or bookkeeping or advertising; so long as it supplies many facts (the less digestible the better) and speaks learnedly of 'modern industry' and 'problem' it receives his approval. The western student is very independent. That makes him a delightful man to work with if he has any interest in the subject matter. But at present he is unable to conceive of the necessity for the analysis of fundamentals. Each 'problem' is to be solved in his view by reference to 'the facts' and by consulting

the experience of those who have experimented. Well, that is scientific method as far as it goes. But rigorous analysis and delving into the more remote causes is also necessary—for students.

College Man Not a Student

"But the modern college youth is not a student. He is an apprentice or a clubman. I do him an injustice; he is those things most of the time. He applies himself to the study of law or medicine or engineering with commendable zeal. But 'cultural' courses, those that some of us think train for two mightyly fundamental things—living with yourself and with your fellow men—receive either mildly expressed approval or open contempt. Here we often hear students and a few faculty men say that at least one-half of the benefits of a college course are derived from associations with fellow students and faculty outside the classroom. 'It's fifty-fifty,' is the way they put it. Of course those things are valuable—I mean the things, whatever they are, that you get by such associations. But I wonder whether it is worth while devoting over a million and a half a year and the time of 200 underpaid men to providing the environment for the acquisition of 'mixing ability' and a 'knowledge of men'?"

"Co-education complicates the problem. I don't think I do the average college woman in our bi-sexual institutions an injustice when I say that she regards college as a marriage market primarily. That is especially true of the daughters of the well-to-do. Many, of course, are preparing to teach or to do something else until the fairy prince in a Packard Twin Six comes along. And I suppose that for the attractive girl who lives in the small country town the college market is the best that can be had. Here again I must qualify. Many women students show genuine intellectual interest and some of the best that I have had in a relatively short teaching experience have been women students."

THE DAYS GONE BY

Five Years Ago Today

The first of the competitive shoots was won by H. B. Pearse, who led with a high score of 81 out of 100 points.

The "Amazons" was given by the Dramatic club.

Two Years Ago Today

The Cornhusker basketball team defeated the Company G team at Fort Dodge by a score of 31 to 20.

The University school of drama gave three Irish plays under the direction of Miss Alice Howell.

One Year Ago Today

Dr. E. J. Stewart was elected University coach, succeeding "Jumbo" Stiehm, who resigned to go to Indiana.

The Daily Nebraskan received a letter from Frank Hixenbaugh, who was in Europe with the Ford Peace party.

ALUMNI NEWS

"Pete" Harrison, '15, is county judge at Hebron.

Cloyd Stewart, '15, is county attorney of Clay county. Mr. Stewart is a member of Delta Upsilon.

Orville Chatt, '16, county attorney of Loup county, is seriously ill with typhoid fever. Mr. Chatt is a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

R. V. Hunkins, '14, now superintendent of schools at Essex, Ia., was a campus visitor Saturday, on his way back from a vacation visit to his home at Stratton, Neb.

C. G. Phillips, '12, who took his master of science in agriculture from Cornell last year, is now head of the department of horticulture in the Arkansas agricultural school.

Dr. Alfred W. Adson, B. S. '13, formerly an assistant in the zoology department, is now on the staff of the male clinic in Rochester, Minn. This is one of the most famous clinics in the country and a number of Nebraska men go there.



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Applications for the various positions on the Daily Nebraskan editorial and business staffs will be received at the office of student activities until 5 o'clock p. m., Friday, January 19, 1917. Blanks on which to fill out your application can be secured at the student activities office. T. A. Williams, Secretary.

Union Society

Unions—Special business meeting in Union hall at 7:15 tonight. Everybody out.

Sophomore Debate

All sophomores interested in the inter-class debates meet with the com-

mitted in U. 212, Tuesday at 11:30. We want at least twenty-five get for this. Frank Barnett, chairman.

Sigma Xi

Sigma Xi will meet Monday, January 8, in the Physics Lecture room. Dr. O'Gara will give an illustrated lecture.

UNI. CALENDAR

January 8

Sigma Xi. Annual address by Dr. P. J. O'Gara, Physics lecture room. Rabindranath Tagore, lecture at Oliver theatre on "The Cult of Nationalism."

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