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 News Editor

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

In an effort to make clear to the student body its plans and its policies for the year, the student council is calling the heads of all organizations for a meeting next Sunday afternoon. At this time the council will enlighten the representatives who are present as to the functions and powers of the student governing body.

The meeting, it is understood, will also give opportunity for the expression of student opinion on certain movements the council is considering. It has already unselfishly indicated a desire to learn the attitude and the feeling of its constituents before proceeding with decisions which will materially affect student life. The meeting Sunday afternoon is the first of a series of proposed mass meetings in which the council hopes to sound out student sentiment.

Students welcome the announcement of the council. They are anxious to know what it is doing, what its duties and functions are and just what jurisdiction it will have in the matter of student government. The actions of the council are of pertinent concern to all students. Its members are elected by student votes to an organization which is thoroughly representative of the student body.

The student council is the one organization of the school which works entirely for the interests of students and of the university. There are other groups which represent certain factions of the school but aside from their own selfish interests and an occasional plunge into some student activity, they do little to promote the highest interests of the school or help in the solution of its problems.

The student council is yet an experiment at the University of Nebraska. It needs the support of students and it has a right to ask it because it is the body which they have chosen to represent them. At the same time, students have the right to demand that the council act with intelligent vision and not violate the trust which has not been imposed upon it.

A MENTAL CRUTCH

Too many students use their notebooks as a mental crutch. Instruction in some classes has come to mean an attentive ear and a freely flowing fountain pen rather than a careful consideration and weighing of the facts and theories presented. It is so easy to become a sort of a stenographer and to translate ideas into words into a notebook without thought. Then when examination time comes, a few hours cramming place them into the mind long enough that they may again be transcribed into a quiz book and then straightway forgotten.

To get the real value out of a lecture or class discussion is to listen with the mind as well as with the ear, examining and concluding, and writing into the notebook just enough to start the same process of thinking again when the mind is confronted with the notations taken. The best notebook is merely a shorthand report of what has been recorded in the mind.—The Daily Kansan.

THE MAKE BELIEVE MAN

One of the sorry spectacles that we are sometimes compelled to look upon is the would-be college man who cannot get down to business.

He is the four-flusher in college life. He may have the requisite dimensions and the avoidpoups of a real man and may even imagine himself to be one; but his lack of stamina and will power argue otherwise; and sooner or later we come to look upon him as a make-believe man—a false alarm.

This does not in the least imply that social pleasures are to be excluded from our programs. The truth is that nothing wins our admiration and esteem so quickly and completely as a sane balance between work and play in college life. But the man who is out to make it all play, and who refuses to face squarely and honestly the work in his college program, is to be set down here just as he would anywhere else; that is, a mere loafer.

At the present moment, however, he needs to be examined in another light; for the fact is that in his relations to others, he is inclined to become a real nuisance. He will not work, which is bad enough; but what is far worse, he will not let others work. He either does not understand or else he willfully disregards the first principle of democracy; viz., that his right and privileges come to a sudden and abrupt end at the point where they begin to interfere with the rights and best interests of others. Instead, he seems to think he has a perfect right to invite, persuade, urge, or even to pull others away from their work at any time that suit his whim or fancy, which is by way of being all the time.

Perhaps he ought not to be looked upon as a man among men since he is unable to take a man's view of life and unwilling to assume a man's responsibilities or to perform a man's work. The charitable part may require that we merely pity him for his childish weakness. He might be decorated with a special pin or badge of a nursing bottle in white enamel. Still, the fact remains that no stretch of charity can make of him a useful member of college society. We wish it were otherwise for he is often, in fact usually, a likeable fellow. We regret to lose him; but since he allows himself to get in the way of others, he must sooner or later vanish from among us.—Iowa State Student.

Society

Friday, October 31

Freshman Hallowe'en party — Armory.

Beta Theta Pi—Freshman party—Rosewilde.

Bushnell Guild—Hallowe'en party.

Alpha Phi—Hallowe'en party.

Delta Chi—House dance.

Alpha Chi Omega—Fall party—Commercial club.

Xi Psi Phi—House dance.

Alpha Xi Delta—House dance.

Kappa Alpha Theta—House dance.

Saturday, November 1.

Silver Lynx—House dance.

Phi Kappa Psi—House dance.

Alpha Theta Chi—Informal—Lincoln Hotel.

Kappa Kappa Gamma—House dance.

Delta Zeta—Fall party—Knights of Phi Gamma Delta—House dance.

Columbus hall.

Pi Kappa Phi—House dance.

Farm House—House dance.

Alpha Omicron Pi—House dance.

Achoth—House dance.

Gamma Phi Beta—Freshman house dance.

Alpha Delta Phi—House dance.

PERSONALS

Stuart Gould, '14, of Omaha, is a guest at the Delta Chi house.

Lonnie Farrow, ex-'22, of Sutton, is spending a few days at the Delta Tau Delta house.

Alice Welsh, '20, and Hazel McDonald, '20, left Thursday for Hamburg, Iowa, where they will attend the funeral of Mildred Murray, ex-'21.

Harold Noble, '14, spent the early part of the week at the Alpha Tau Omega house.

Dr. D. W. Edgar, '19, of Edgar, is a visitor at the Xi Psi Phi house.

Mr. T. J. Mills of Sheridan, Wyoming, visited his daughter, Beulah Mills, Thursday, at the Delta Zeta house.

Joe Reavis, '21, was called to his home in Falls City, Thursday, because of illness in the family.

Lester G. Bratton, '11, of Omaha, is a guest of Alpha Tau Omega.

Willard Green, '21, will leave Friday for his home in Omaha, where he will spend the week end.

Al P. Coleman, '14, left Thursday for Seattle, Washington, where he expects to remain for some time.

Acacia announces the pledging of Charles J. Fulk, '21, of Bloomfield, Indiana.

HALLOWE'EN NIGHT A RELIC OF OLD IRISH MYTHOLOGY

If a questionnaire were to be circulated among the student body at the university, asking how many students were aware of the origin of Hallowe'en doubtlessly very few would have any ideas upon the subject.

According to mythology, it was the belief in Ireland, hundreds of years ago, that at this particular time of the year supernatural spirits in many different ghostly forms would go walking about through the world. Doing all manner of mischief when there was opportunity. And it was thought to be the wise thing to stay in-doors on this particular evening, lest "the goblins get you if you don't watch out!" To keep the spirits from doing personal harm, and to while away the long evening, people would play all manner of games and tricks.

In this way the custom has come down to the present day of setting aside this last evening in October as a time for get-togethers. Just as our great-great-grandparents used to duck for apples, tell fortunes, manipulate the Ouija board, and incidentally wind up the evening with seasonal good things to eat, so today Hallowe'en parties reflect this same spirit.

Incidentally with the outgrowing in believing in spirits that walk the earth, spirits of many different natures, but in human form, have come to dominate the out-of-doors. The sight of white, moving objects on the street is sometimes rather ghostly, but small boys, and occasionally larger ones too, seem to be able to more than equal ambitious spirits canned up in the most fertile imaginations. In fact, so great has been the mischief of these "human spirits" that it has appeared necessary to departments of law enforcement, which apparently are unable to appreciate pranks of ghosts and goblins other than spiritual, to take strenuous efforts to make certain that pranks on Hallowe'en night are confined in actuality to the spirits.

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