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STUDENT GOVERNMENT IN THE BALANCE

Those interested in student self government in the University of Nebraska will watch with interest the results of the meeting Sunday afternoon where representatives of almost every student organization met, argued over a question and made a decision by a substantial majority. It marks the beginning, or the end, of the hope that the student council has really come to stay as a power at Nebraska and of the hope that Nebraska has at last recognized the advantages of student government.

The question decided is of indifferent importance, compared with the value of the method adopted to sound out sentiment in the college public. Thinking students will hope that the student council will follow this plan in many future matters and that the powers that be, and that have been for so many years in the university, will see the worth of the plan and the latent power of the system with which they experimented Sunday.

After all it matters very little whether the students dance on Tuesday night or Wednesday night or perhaps on any night. But it matters very much if, after a fair and careful sounding of opinion from seventy representative students, almost all upperclassmen and almost all from among those who are soon to take places in a world of self government and discipline, the student council fails to use its new power to put the will of that meeting into effect.

And it would be equally lamentable if faculty supervision should arbitrarily override this first action taken by the students and the student council which called the meeting. Those interested in self government for the University of Nebraska are watching closely the outcome of this meeting Sunday. It is natural that they should feel that no matter how trivial the decision may have been, that with its adoption student government is born, but that with its rejection student government has suffered a blow from which it may not recover.

BETTING ON THE TEAM

In former days the strength of a football team was largely judged by the willingness of its backers to bet their money on a victory. Betting was considered an essential part of the game and indulged in rather openly as good sportsmanship.

Gradually, the ethical side of betting was brought to the attention of sportsmen and it lost favor until the leaders for cleaner athletics denounced it as a moral wrong. At present students generally are accepting athletics as it is, without the artificial stimulus created by gambling on the outcome. The moral ban on betting now exercised, is tending towards better and cleaner athletics without decreasing any of the enthusiasm.—The Daily Kansan.

WHAT IS PRACTICAL?

Education has always received a pelt from some inadvertent stonethrower. In the old days even the three "R's" were condemned by the hard-handed wood-cutter and the sodden plowman. The high school came next, and some men who had scarcely mastered arithmetic themselves saw no need of a "higher learning" for their children. Then came the time when universities were considered elite and highbrow. It is interesting to trace the evolution in popular thought as regards to the value of education. More men are in college this year than ever before; the question of the day is the practicality of certain subjects.

It is amusing to note how shortsighted are most attitudes upon the matter of practicality. Interested in some certain line, anything outside of its limited area looks impractical to the enthusiast. A man may become so intent upon the details that are in the foreground of his chosen profession that he forgets the big background he needs. That, of course, is just what many subjects in general education give—background and balanced schooling for thought. And therein lies their practicality.

The questions, "What do I really enjoy? What sort of work can I do best?" cannot be answered adequately until many subjects or branches have been touched upon. Choosing a career too often rests upon a radical modification of these questions, such as, "How can I make money most easily?" or "Where have I got a pull?" And these latter ideals too often are used to determine the practical.

Specialization is a great thing; but it is apt to furnish only one tool that should become broken? The remedy is to have such other tools sharpened and ready for use.—The Michigan Daily.

PERSONALS

Glady's Blachert, of Fairbury, was a Sunday guest of Chi Omega.

M. N. Rohr, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, is spending a few days at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house.

Mary Rogers, of Gibbon, and Harriet Collmar, of Tekamah, spent Sunday at the Alpha Pi house.

Sigma Nu observed memorial day, Sunday, for the men of the fraternity, who lost their lives in the world war.

Mrs. J. C. Hinkley, of Farnam, and Mrs. R. D. Clinks of Cheyenne, Wyoming, are visitors at the Gamma Phi Beta house.

Helen Quinn, '18, of Aurora, Lon Howard, '17, of Omaha, Bernice Bata, of the University of Missouri, and Elizabeth Ridell, ex-'22, of Fremont, were week end guests at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

R. G. Triwilder, '22, spent Sunday at his home in Hastings.

Mrs. G. L. Griggs, of Alliance, is visiting her daughter, Mildred Griggs, at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Fred Klepser, ex-'19, of Weeping Water, is a guest at the Beta Theta Pi house.

Eloise Searle and Janet Wilmarth, of Omaha, were week end visitors at the Delta Gamma house.

Alfred Nye, '04, of Kearney, who is an instructor at the State Farm, is visiting at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house.

Philip Hockenberger, of Columbus, A. S. Axtell, of Schuyler, and A. H. Beck, of the University of Kansas, spent the week end at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

Zoe Schalek, '23, spent Sunday at her home in Omaha.

Mrs. E. H. Harrison, of Sidney, Iowa, is visiting her daughter, Marjorie Harrison, at the Alpha Omicron Pi house.

Lorin Caley, '17, and Wallace Spear, '18, of Omaha and Wilfred Miller, of North Platte, were week end guests of Alpha Theta Chi.

Lee Yocum, '22, spent the week end at his home in Ashland.

Leo Beckord, '21, spent Saturday and Sunday in York.

Belle Cook, '21, went to Omaha, Tuesday.

Truman Redfield, '22, spent Sunday at his home in Omaha.

Mildred Griggs, '23, is ill at the Kappa Alpha Theta house.

Mrs. Hinkley, of Farnam, is visiting her daughter, Blythe, at the Gamma Phi Beta house.

Wendolyn Damerell, of Hastings, was the guest of Davida VanGilder at the Gamma Phi Beta house for the weekend.

The Pi Phi Chi fraternity held a banquet for the new members at the fraternity house, Saturday evening. Dean Engberg, Drs. Lyman and Barker and Harry Kretzler, of Omaha were the speakers of the evening.

E. W. Blakeslee, Don Bodewell, G. J. Brodersem, H. F. Munson and Don Follette, members of the Iowa chapter of the Sigma Chi, at Ames, were guests of the local chapter at dinner Saturday evening.

Soils management journeyed to Central City in autos last Friday and Saturday to inspect the project carried on by the University to stop the blowing of sandy soils. This project is now under the supervision of Professors F. D. Keim and Paul Stewart.

Farm House announces the pledging of Arnold Fontz, '23, of Dillar, Nebraska.

Manager Boles of the Ames band, Francis W. Reich and Oliver Tow of Ames spent the week end at Alpha Gamma Rho house.

BELIAN INITIATES

Forty members of the Deltan literary society visited Robber's cave on Halloween for initiation of nineteen new members and a program of stunts ending with the time honored "Roast."

BET COKES AND CANDY; CONSCIENCE HURTS 'EM

Norman, Ok., Oct. 23. — Should wagers of chocolate bars and "cokes" on results of football games be classed as gambling?

That's a question worrying University of Oklahoma women a few of whom, it is alleged, have been guilty of such conduct.

The Y. W. C. A. will launch a campaign to stamp out the evil, Miss Helen Montgomery, secretary, has announced. All girls admit it is wrong to make such bets she said, but in the excitement of the sport, they forget themselves.

An effort also is being made to prevent all betting on university games. It violates the fundamental principles of economics and is entirely unethical, according to Prof. A. B. Adams, director of the school of public and private business.

"Money acquired without giving value received is poor finance," he said "and betting does not formulate habits of careful handling of money."

Miss Sparks Speaks at Vespers

Miss Helen Sparks, who did Salvation Army work at the embarkation camp at New York and is now a student in the university, will speak at vespers in Art Hall 5 o'clock Tuesday. The Y. W. C. A. committee in charge of the program thinks it will be well worth the time of every girl.

AVERAGE STUDENT SICKNESS IS LOW

Champaign, Ill., Oct. 26.—An average illness of less than two days for each student is the health record of the student body of the University of Illinois for the last year.

Out of more than five thousand students last year, there were only three cases of chickenpox, one case of whooping cough, one of scarlet fever, two of typhoid fever, two of rubella, six of measles, nineteen of diphtheria, twenty-four of mumps, and sixty-three of pneumonia.

9,715 Sick Days

The vigilance of the University Health Service held the number of sick days down to 9,715 for the entire student body.

The following summary gives a glimpse of the work of last year:

*Student visits	9777
Prescriptions	1391
Surgical dressings	1008
Advised to enter hospital	168
Referred to specialist	23
Sputa examinations	3
Diphtheria cultures	613
*Medical histories written	3319
*Complete physical examinations	3240
*Including Student Army Training Corps	

There was a total of 843 visits of employes in addition to the above.

Of the 9,972 student visits, 1,781 were in the month of September and 1,768 in October. The other months were more normal.

During the academic year, the University Health service did more toward immunizing the student body against communicable diseases, especially smallpox, than in all the years of its existence.

There were 3,817 students given the immunizing treatment for smallpox, 3,576 for typhoid, 313 for pneumonia, and 206 for influenza. Vaccine valued at approximately \$2,000 was used in carrying out this work.

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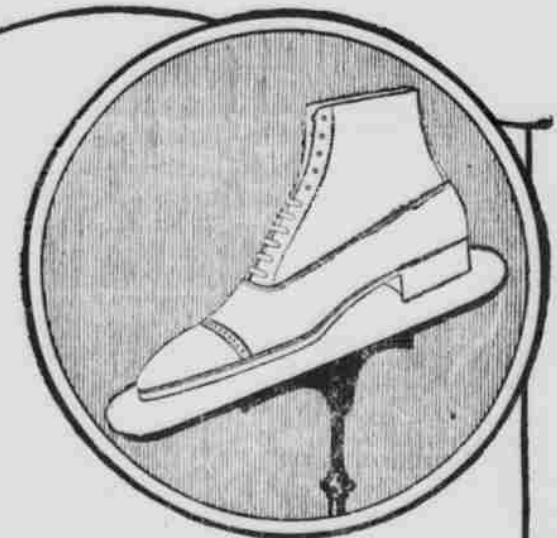
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