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For This Issue
FORREST ESTES
 News Editor

By the way, Nebraska still has Syracuse to beat. It's going to be a hard fight and the team can't do it alone. It's going to take all the enthusiasm and support and fight that the rest of us can muster. Will we do it?

There is a common term which designates a professor as filling this or that chair of learning. There was a time when this expression might not have been entirely inappropriate,—if we may use it in deference to the teaching profession, for the nature of a professor's work might enable him to grow larger with advancing years. Nowadays it is becoming out of place. The average salary paid the professor wouldn't buy enough food to bring him to chair-filling size.

THE COUNCIL'S DELAY

More than half a semester has passed with but little accomplishment by the student council. Outside of regulating the price of admission to class and organization parties, the student governing body has achieved no definite program. A discussion on placing a ban on mid-week public dances was brought up by the council and placed before the university public. Representatives of all student organizations took action in the matter and voted to leave one night free of restrictions. The council has met in regular and special sessions since that time but no decision has been reached. Meanwhile students who elected a student council in the hope of self-government, are not governed at all. The council no doubt means well. But it is making a grave mistake in failing to take action on a matter concerning which the student body has decisively indicated its stand. Surely the council can not hope to gain in the esteem and confidence of the university public by delaying and postponing the settlement of an important question.

LEST THE OLD TRADITIONS FAIL

Democracy in the colleges has always been a tender subject with the editors of our large newspapers, and at regular intervals they are due to break out in a new controversy over the subject. Such has been the case with the New York Times last week, led on by an article in the Harvard Advocate. "There is something admirable, heroic, yet curiously tinged with melancholy," declares the Times editorial of October 26, "in the efforts which so many of our colleges are making to restore the ancient spirit of democracy." While as a general rule this dictum of the Times may be true, yet we believe that what is needed is not so much that the democratic tradition be restored, but that it be kept vigorous and intact. In the past this was an easy proposition, for as the Times says, "A century ago our colleges and our cities alike were small, and . . . classmates of necessity knew each other well."

This matter of knowing one another well has been at the root of the whole democracy question, and as our colleges grew various measures were adopted to preserve the unity of the undergraduate body, at institutions of higher learning. With the coming of recent years it was believed that college life could be "made to function" only by subdivision and intensive organization and as a result "at the opening of the present century many of our universities established Unions modeled upon Oxford." Yet these supposed strongholds of democracy have almost entirely failed of their purpose, and as our own Commons bears witness, "the real leaders of undergraduate life seldom darken their doors, though on occasions they foregather here admirably and heroically out of a sense of duty to college democracy." The institution of freshman dormitories has met with better success, but the "trouble with the freshman dormitories is that they are the end-all of the system. To be at all effective life in residential units has to be continued, as it is at Oxford, for three or four years."

It is to some such "ancient defect in organization, and not from any original sin" that the Times concludes must be the shortcomings of our colleges in democracy. This theory has been attacked by Dr. John Franklin Crowell, formerly president of Trinity College, Durham, North Carolina, in a letter in last Sunday's Times, who writes that this conclusion, in his belief "exculpates the undergraduate, in whose individual attitude I imagine that most, if not half, of the difficulty lies. How many members of each freshman class at Dartmouth or Yale—the two colleges which I have attended—actually make a point of calling upon each and every classmate once or more a year? How can democracy take deep and firm root where the soil of ordinary personal sociability is lacking?"—The Dartmouth.

Society

Friday, November 21
 Bushnell Guild—Thanksgiving party, Chapter house.
 Phi Gamma Delta—Informal, Lincoln Hotel.
 Delta Zeta—House dance.
 Ag Club—Informal, Rosewilde.
 Company E—Party, Commercial Club.
 Sigma Nu—House dance.
 Alpha Chi Omega—Pledge party, chapter house.
 Xi Psi Phi—Freshman house dance.
 Saturday, November 22
 Pi Kappa Phi—Informal, Lincoln Hotel.
 Delta Delta Delta—Informal Knights of Columbus Hall.
 Delta Gamma—Freshman party—Lincoln Hotel.
 Sophomore party—Armory.
 Chi Omega—House dance.

PERSONALS

Lucile Clarke, ex-'21, of Stella, who is attending the University of Illinois, this year, is a guest at the Delta Gamma house for a few days.
 Sarah Herrington Froyd, '12, of Spencer, Illinois, is visiting at the Alpha Omicron Pi house this week.
 Frank Parsons, ex-'22, of Omaha, will spend this week end at the Sigma Nu house.
 Margaret Farenson, of North Platte, will be a guest of Elizabeth Weir, for a few days at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.
 Dewey Swanson of Holdrege, is a visitor at the Xi Psi Phi house.
 Annis Bachman, of Crete, and James Cameron, of Manhattan, Kansas, will be visiting this week end at the Alpha Delta Pi house.
 Helen Doty, '19, who is teaching at Havelock this year, will be a guest at the Delta Gamma house this week end.
 Jessie Means, of Orleans, is visiting her sister, Olive Means, at the Alpha Xi Delta house.
 Guests at the Pi Beta Phi house this week are: Mrs. Grace Richards, and Mrs. F. H. Shepherd, of Fremont, who are visiting Grace Shepherd; Mr. D. E. Bradshaw, of Omaha, a guest of his daughter, Melba Bradshaw; and Mrs. C. W. Pearsall of Omaha, of Omaha, visiting her daughter, rsauet Pearsall.
 Jeanette Tegarden, '18, of Weeping Water, who has been a guest at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house for the past week, returned to her home Thursday.
 Tora Hockenberger, of Columbus, and Mary Brundage of Tecumseh, will be guests at the Delta Gamma house for this week end.
 The freshmen of Beta Theta Pi, and of Alpha Tau Omega will meet in a foot ball game Saturday.
 The alumni in Lincoln of Chi Omega entertained Mrs. Burmeister, of Washington, D. C., the visiting delegate, at a luncheon, Tuesday at the Commercial club.
 Katharyn Howey, '19, of Beatrice, will spend the week end at the Delta Gamma house.
 Omicron Nu announces the pledging of Anne Geigel, Florence Seabury, Bessie Gunn, and Margaret Tourlot.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

IMMERSION
 A man who is immersed in college activities all the week would better come up for a breath of air on Sunday.

PROGRAM THURSDAY AT CONVOCATION IS GIVEN BY THE BAND

"Sometimes the football team is defeated but the band never is" declared Professor Grumann yesterday morning as he was announcing the program of the band at convocation. The next half hour proved conclusively the truth of his statement.
 About forty members of the band assembled in Memorial hall at 11 o'clock and under the direction of Mr. Quick played to an appreciative though small audience. Careful work was shown by the fine rendition of the pieces and in the way Mr. Quick had solved the problem of presenting an indoor band concert. The music was impressive but was well modulated and at no time sounded harsh. The band gave the following program:
 March et Cortège, La Reine de Saba, Gounoud.
 Idyll, "The Mill in the Forrest," Lilenberg.
 Tulip Time, Stamper.
 Intermezzo, "Forget Me Not," Macbeth.
 Grand American Fantasia, "America Forever," Tobani.



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