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The biggest joke on the campus yesterday was the handful of people who thought that there had been cheating in the recent student council election. Now, The Daily Nebraskan has positive proof that no one was given a rotten deal, because no human being would sink to dirty work unless something were to be gained thereby.

If the winners cheated, they gained nothing but membership in a dead organization—an asset which, in the opinion of persons smart enough to cheat and not get caught, is no asset at all. And if the losers cheated, they lost membership in a dead organization—which a man wise enough to cheat and get away with it, would surely know is no loss at all. Therefore, there was no cheating.

But, you will ask, will the council be a dead number next year? Well, it's not only hard but foolish to make predictions, but there are some indications.

One can say without fear of successful contradiction that people too busy to work and too concerned with other organizations will never bring a dead body to life.

New, it took 49 lines of type to name the other activities of the newly elected members in The Daily Nebraskan yesterday. Most of the lines were filled with such fantastic words as Iron Sphinx, Mystic Fish, Ag Club, Corn Cobs, Art Club, Vikings, Green Goblin, etc., etc.

Judge for yourself how much spare time the new members will have in which to make the student council a bigger and better vehicle for the transportation of student thought.

In the case of the publication board, those of us who were appointed by that body and responsible to it, can only hope. It is unfair to state, however, that during the time in which the present editor of The Nebraskan has worked under the direction of that board, the faculty members have been more interested, shown a greater desire to cooperate, and been of more assistance, than the student members.

If the men elected Tuesday are conscientious in the exercise of their duties, they will begin at once to study the methods of management and operation of the various publications controlled by the board. They will make the personal acquaintance of candidates for positions on those publications. And they will serve as representatives of the students, as all persons interested in student publications desire that they should, rather than as so much dead weight.

A bit of information and a piece of an editorial are contained in this extract from a former Nebraska student now at Harvard:

"You will be interested to know that Paul Elmer More, former editor of The Nation, and lecturer in philosophy now at Harvard, recently addressed a joint meeting of the Classical club and the Modern Language association, and that he mentioned among those who had learned Greek by themselves, 'Prosser Hall Frye, professor of English at Nebraska, whose work on tragedy I regard as the most profound literary study written by any living man.'"

"I don't see why this shouldn't be made an item for The Daily Nebraskan. The students ought to have the importance of the faculty flung in their faces occasionally, I think."

The Tulane Hullahaloo (that's the name of a newspaper published in New Orleans) contains this very interesting news item:

"For a period of six weeks all men at the University of Nebraska were allowed to let their beards grow unshorn. The campus resembled a rendezvous of horse-thieves, grandpas, and other wild men. At the end of the period, the man with the longest and most wide-spread bush received a silver cup. We'll bet it was a shaving cup."

The Daily Nebraskan heard nothing of this particular contest, but believes it a splendid idea. There are several persons who refuse to believe that University students are beyond the kindergarten stage until they are shown.

But that proposal raises the pertinent question: What could the women do to prove their age and compe-

**The Liberal Arts College**

**VII. MORE OF WHAT'S WRONG**

In yesterday's article it was pointed out that, because the arts college does not have a clearly defined purpose and a well-organized curriculum, many students become aimless wanderers. Many students come to the college seeking that abstract thing, "a college education," and obtain only a number of little packets of information, each nicely tied and separated from all others. Because the college has no aims and relatively low standards, it attracts many who admittedly desire the social and athletic "benefits" of the institution. Other colleges are professional, most of them having stiffer requirements and higher standards of work; the arts college is left a depository for those who don't know what to do or who do not care for professional work.

"These students must be taken care of," is the cry. Perhaps so, and if they were treated as "pass men" and not made the chief concern of the college, they might be tolerated; but they usurp the attention of the college so that it fails to develop the best. If there is no need for thinkers, philosophers, fully developed men and women, all very well. Having a unique purpose, however, the arts college should assert its right to achieve it, taking—or at least concerning itself with—only students who are suited to its purpose and its work.

Not only the haven for wandering students, the college is made to care for the pre-professional groups. Pre-law, pre-medica, and others overflow its courses. Professors are forced to meet the needs of pre-professional and arts students in the same classes. It rarely can be done. Usually the purposes, the standards, the unique aims of the arts college are lost.

If professional colleges wish their students to have a liberal education, the arts college should be glad to welcome their students; but the work taken should be arts college work, students should realize that their work is liberal, not pre-professional. Although, of course, students going into medicine would specialize in chemistry and biology, yet those courses should be designed to meet the needs of arts college students; or, in any case, first importance should be given the courses for arts students. The present attempted compromise between arts college and pre-professional work is injurious to all students concerned.

The system by which students are launched into their college courses after from five to fifteen minutes frantic talk with "advisors" is another result of a curriculum that is too free. A more rigid curriculum for students in the first two years would eliminate the advisor system, or make the working of it more certain. Now, the advice given is likely to be ineffective because the time allotted each student is too short, because there is no definition of the aims of the college by which advisors can guide their students, and because the students will not take hard courses when they can elect easy ones (and most students are well advised in this respect by their undergraduate friends). Since the contact between student and advisor is so superficial and since the student too often disregards the advice given or the advisor is not capable of giving intelligent advice, the student as a freshman starts on his wandering way and never is checked. A well-defined purpose for the college to guide students and professors, intelligent education and "orientation" in the high schools and the college, advisors with the common background of a liberal education and a common aim—these things might solve the problem. This article has suggested several more defects that must be eliminated in the creation of an "ideal college". Others will follow.

tence? One of the office cynics remarks, however, that the women students can still prove that they are grown up by their wearing apparel.

With boys of five and six running around in long pants, the men cannot point to a certain stage in their lives when they ceased to be kids and became gentlemen. But the little girls of five and six wear skirts of the customary lengths.

Tonight, by the way, is Engineers' Night. Laboratories and machine shops of the engineering college will be open for public inspection and an attempt will be made to give others some ideas of the methods and aims of the college. Such occasions are of tremendous value. They tend to prevent the narrowness of specialization, and broaden the interests and vision of the student body. Engineers' night, like Pharmacy Night, and the Farmers' Fair, is a tradition worth continuing.

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—Any Nebraska farmer knows what Forty is—a section of his land—40 acres.

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—Sleepy folks often take forty winks and call it a brief nap.

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—Down in Australia there's a bird known as the shrike, nick-named the 'Forty-spot,' because of its forty various spots upon its spangled plumage. In American slang "Fbry Spots," would mean \$40, and \$40 is going to buy much worthwhile merchandise during Rudge & Guenzel's 40th Anniversary Sale.

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—It is the rough part of the Atlantic Ocean between 40 and 50 degrees, North latitude. Remember this when you go across.

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**"The Roaring Forties"—on Land**

—In New York City, it is that district between 40th and 50th Streets in the Times Square and theatrical district.

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—Way back in English history was the old time cure court which held once every 40 days, under the Charter of the Forest.

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—In Biblical times we have the Forty Days which is the interval between Easter Day and Ascension Sunday.

—Also there are the Forty Days which are the days between the resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus.

—Then there were the Forty years that Moses spent in the Wilderness with the twelve tribes of Israel.

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—Speaking of wedding anniversaries the symbol stone for the Fortieth year is the Ruby.

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