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Haw, haw, haw! We're still laughing over the explosion of Mr. Black of the student council in an interview published yesterday in The Nebraskan.

"The All-University party committee is not representative of the entire student body and does not have the power to select its successor. That power belongs to the student council and it will be exercised," declared Mr. Black, the most worthy president of the most worthless student council the University ever had.

It seems that the party committee has named members of the committee for next year itself, rather than leave the matter to the student council. The committee appointed Mr. Hoagland chairman. (Need we explain what political faction he is with?) The student council doesn't like it. Of course, there's a reason.

And, their first blow is to charge the committee with attempting to make itself a self-perpetuating, unrepresentative group. Well, what's wrong with that?

The innocents are not selected by the students, and they have an almost complete monopoly on the bonfire building. The Iron Sphinx are not elected by the students, and they have absolute power in respect to Green Caps. The Nebraskan editors are not elected by the students, and by common consent they handle all publicity work for silly societies. The Vikings are not elected by the students, and they reap the most undeserved honors of any group on the campus.

Why shouldn't the All-University party committee be self-perpetuating? Give it a pretty name and call it an honorary society. Make up a crazy ritual and have secret initiations. Such an organization would at least have something to do—namely, give All-University parties.

Well, kind readers, there is a reason why the committee shouldn't be self-perpetuating. The student council wants a finger in the pie. And their desire is strongly suggestive of certain political squabbles. Petty politics is the reason.

That's not the only reason why the student council is tearing its hair, but also the reason why the student council doesn't amount to a hill of beans, and the reason why there isn't a single genuinely legitimate, democratic, representative body on the campus.

The council's accusation is weakened by the sins of the council itself. And the council is sinful for the simple reason that all men with real skill and ambition are trying to become innocents rather than council members—therefore, the council is composed of second-raters, who have now made the terrible, terrible blunder, of letting a political squabble break out into the open. Such things, according to the perverted ethics of the fraternity politician, should be kept secret.

Not long ago, the student council was asked to take a poll of the student body on the proposals to modify or repeal the prohibition law. The request came from the National Student Federation, a liberal representative organization of just such groups throughout the country as the student council should be here.

The members of this University's council were scared to say anything about it. They didn't even have brains enough to figure up a good reason (and there are many) why a poll should not be taken.

Such is the quality of the group that now pretends to be fighting for democracy!

But the present squabble will be amusing, and The Nebraskan is prepared to enjoy the antics of the clowns. The situation demands an answer from Mr. Hoagland or some member of his committee, and some explanation from the retiring members of the All-University party committee. The council will meet today and, we hope, hurl another rock at someone.

The thing promises to be almost as amusing as the Ivy Day tapping circus.

But, while speaking of the innocents, it is only fair that we mention their reluctance to act on a recent proposal. The business manager of the University Players addressed a

Fraternity Leaders Disagree On Best Methods of Pledging

The president of Lambda Chi Alpha, Mr. E. J. C. Fischer of Philadelphia, declares in a letter which follows that second semester pledging is more desirable because it prevents "square pegs in round holes." The supreme archon of Pi Kappa Phi, Mr. George D. Driver of Omaha, on the other hand, sees little to be gained by delayed pledging and endorses the present practice at Nebraska. Please read both letters.

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA May 8, 1926.

The Daily Nebraskan, Lincoln, Nebraska, Dear Mr. Torrey:

Your solicitation as to my personal views on pledging and initiating students into fraternities received. Probably pages could be devoted to these two extremely important phases of college fraternities, and moreover probably when boiled down the general trend would be in the same direction.

The present day resume of past experiences leads one almost to a common conclusion. Perhaps this may be a personal opinion but it comes from discussing these very same points with others in similar positions.

Many chapters and of different colleges and fraternities can not see it as they have not had the opportunity to look back over past years but see only the present day of 'competition.' A little retrospection should however point out to them that these facts in most instances are true. Second semester rushing is by far more successful, because it covers three important objections. First of all both the freshmen and the fraternity have had their opportunity to look each other over, and select according to their individual ideals.

This prevents what is termed in business 'Square pegs in round holes.' It isn't right to rush a man off his feet at the station and run him into an organization, even though he might be the finest kind of a chap, and the chapter may have the highest ideals and make up, but both incompatible. Both suffer under such a condition. The second important feature is that chapters are just so strong as they are able to graduate their members. Second term rushing usually results in less 'mortality' from scholastic work, and here again the chapter benefits. While the third reason is just as important as all the rest put together. Many upper classmen in fraternities are asked to take a semester recess until the next class catches up with them, for failure to pay the same amount of attention to the main purposes of attending college, as he has to rushing the incoming class for membership. The freshman comes to the university only tested by entrance examinations. His attendance or continuation hinges greatly on how he passes the first semester examinations. Under the present heavy college attendance throughout the land there is a tendency on the part of the authorities to use the mid-years as a sifting process, and by placing too much stress on first semester rushing we play right into their hands, rather than foster the spirit of keeping the men we consider good material to take into fraternities by placing rushing in the first semester. I hope that I have made that clear but feel that you will get a like summary and perhaps more forcibly expressed from others.

Now as to 'probation week', or any letter to the secretary of that honorable senior baker's dozen, asking that they pass a resolution urging students to attend the performance of "The Red Cockatoo." The society did not pass it.

Since the innocents are afraid or too busy to endorse the play, The Daily Nebraskan does so wholeheartedly. We believe that it will be a good show. We believe that the innocents will enjoy it if they have brains enough to see what it is all about. Two of them have confessed in personal conversations that they do not have the slightest idea what a "red cockatoo" is.

Well, neither have we.

other term that you might hear in various colleges for that period prior to the ritualistic work of the fraternities. Let me say that the general tendency the fraternity world over, is to eliminate this sort of 'stuff.' I for one will enjoy good fun, and will always be present when ever I can, but fail to see where anything is gained by what I term 'bully' work. It is nothing more than the 'Might makes Right' spirit or 'The end justifies the means' and I think any one giving these two principles serious consideration will not be in full accord. Why should we line up say ten men and treat them all alike for no particular offence except that they are 'green' or in the minority? Would it not be far more better to eliminate it or if punishment must be met out, by holding a series of pledge courts in the house, and deal out sentences commensurate with the offences? We have been successful in putting the majority of our chapters to put in the pledge court and when the pledge has violated some of the rules he is given some specific duty around the house, which may seem humiliating if that is necessary, but resulted in two very good things, namely benefited the chapter as a whole through some physical improvement of the chapter house or surroundings, and has made the incoming member appreciate the property that his fore-runners have spent much time, labor and effort to make possible for posterity. I surely disapprove of any outward form of 'rough-stuff' which cheapens the college man. He is supposed to be at least a little higher type of mentality and should not resort to something beneath his dignity nor that of one whom he expects to make a gentleman.

Any college community that has silly and foolish stunts flaunted before it each college year, sickens very quickly of the antics. They think less of the student body, and no longer look upon them as men, but as overgrown high school kids.

The whole trouble seems to be that there is no sophomore class willing to go on record and say, it shall stop this year, but rather they want to outdo the class before them, when they were sophomores. Once this traditional chain of animal like showing, can be stopped I think in four years, people in general will raise the estimation of a college student. Am I right in this thought?

Hoping that these tersely expressed opinions will meet with your student body's thought and even debate, I remain,

Sincerely yours, E. J. C. FISCHER, President Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

PI KAPPA PHI May 8, 1926.

The Daily Nebraskan, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, Dear Mr. Torrey:

This is in reply to your letter of April 29 in which you ask my opinion of the respective merits of second semester and sophomore pledging for fraternities. Due to the varying conditions of student life at different schools the same plan would probably not apply equally well at all institutions. As a generalization I would say that of the two plans you mention I favor second semester pledging. My reasons are the same as lead me to favor, over either of these, your present plan of early fall pledging.

With very few exceptions the environment and friendships of the particular fraternity with which a freshman affiliates during the first week or ten days he is in college, prove as happy and beneficial as would those of any other. I see

little to be gained by postponed pledging. At Nebraska I would anticipate an undesirable situation from extending the rushing season. It would be difficult to provide regulations which would prevent taking too much of the time of both the freshmen and the fraternity members. This was the reason given for the recent change from second semester to early fall pledging at another state university.

It seems to me that there is much the freshman can gain during his first semester by affiliation with a properly conducted fraternity. The realization there is today among the college authorities and fraternity officials and alumni of the advantages of fraternity membership when proper safeguards are provided against the weaknesses of the system, is producing a condition where most chapters can be classed as "properly conducted."

You also ask for my comment on the best method of eliminating the objectionable features of probation week. Probation week customs are of long standing and in many cases originated under conditions very different from those of today. National fraternity officials are almost without exception doing all they can to discourage the objectionable features of these practices. Two features of objectionable probation week practices which cannot be tolerated are interference with school work and the attraction of the attention of people outside the fraternity. Both of these conditions should be prevented at Nebraska by regulations which I understand were recently adopted by the Interfraternity Council there. Further disposal of this question can I think be safely left to the fraternities themselves.

Cordially yours, GEO. D. DRIVER, Supreme Archon.

WE SECOND THE MOTION!

WHO CALLED THEM RAH RAH'S? (Judge)

In principle the recommendation of the student council at Harvard that the university be subdivided into colleges on the Oxford model strikes us as excellent. Harvard is far from being the largest univer-

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sity in the land, but recently it has had to limit its freshmen class to 1,000. One thousand students are not a college, they're a mob, and in this case they form only one of four classes in the undergraduate unit. With units like this to deal with little wonder that our colleges have become factories, turning out graduates like Fords. There is no other way to handle a mob than by suppressing the individual.

If Harvard were divided into colleges numbering about 300 students apiece, individuality would get a chance to assert itself once more. Instruction would become personal, and intramural sports the main athletic activity. All without loss of the advantages of the larger center.

But why don't suggestions as good as this come from faculties? Of late at least, all the new ideas, all the suggested solutions, all the ferment of rebellion against goose-stepping conventions and sacred cows, affecting academic life in this country, have come from the students. Why worry about a younger generation that shows more intellectual and moral vitality than the whole procession of

dodos that has preceded it since the Civil War.

On The Air

University Studio, broadcasting over KFAB (840.7)

THURSDAY, MAY 13.

9:30 to 9:55 a. m. Weather report by Prof. T. A. Blair. Road report and announcements. (Other Periods Silent.)

University Chorus In Sunday Concert

The University Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Carrie B. Raymond, will present "The New Life" by Wolf-Ferrari at a concert Sunday afternoon, May 23, at Memorial Hall. Miss Harriet Cruze, soprano, and Mr. Hermann Decker, baritone, will sing the solo parts. The chorus will be presented with string, piano, and organ accompaniment.

Advertisement for Susie Smart shop featuring a woman's face and the text "Susie Smart -- our shop scout says!"

The Famous Changes its Fashion Spots Again!

—the style leopard of Lincoln is this smart shop of women's wear! Just now you'll find displayed here, the coats and frocks that indicate what is what in summer apparel that will appeal to the collegiate taste. Sport frocks there are, in the new light and bright silks; dresses that show clever sleeve treatment and color combinations. Among the coats, specially priced at \$15, \$19.75, and \$24.50 are those that cause many a stiff neck among male connoisseurs on campus!

Graduation Gifts Galore at Eastman Kodak Stores, Inc!

—a visit here, and the perplexing problem of "what to give" is solved once and for all — no matter what the length of your list! Probably the most appreciated remembrance to a degree — annexor would be a Kodak — and there is one to fit your particular gift budget at the Eastman Kodak Stores Inc. (formerly Lincoln Photo Supply Co., 1217 O.). Then there are leather writing portfolios, memory books, scrap books, line-a-day books, pottery, pictures, butterfly jewelry and many other items; things that you will be proud to give, and that the graduate will receive with delight.

Everybody's Getting a Permanent at Champe's Beauty Shop!

—it's the popular collegiate sport right now among wisecrack co-eds! Champe-waved heads bob in and out of every sorority house; his permanents bend over the most intricate problems in calculus; are at the other end of the latest dance steps. And why? Because they are successful — are put in by experts in exactly the right way. If you have the idea that a permanent wave is complicated — either in the event itself or its after care, come to Champe's Beauty Shop, watch one put in, and hear it explained. All its beauty and comfort may be yours for only \$10!

New Two Piece Sport Frocks will Fascinate You at Colton's!

—see them, and you'll decide that the balance of the school year will lack flavor without at least one of them in your wardrobe! Fashioned of crepes in luscious summer shades — ornamented with striking embroideries, pleatings, and other deft trimming touches. Frocks that say "New" in every line. Note also at Colton's — their adorable dancing frocks of pastel-hued Georgette. As attractive in price as they are goodlooking — just \$17.50!

Buy Shoe Quality at Sale Prices— Now—at Speier's!

—fancy being able to buy a late I. Miller shoe at a great reduction in price! And yet that is exactly what is possible in Speier's great stock reducing sale of women's fine footwear now in progress. They want to clear out their entire present stock before moving into their new store — hence the unusual price concessions. Particularly attractive to bargain seeking co-eds is Speier's group of shoes at \$2.85; models that formerly sold as high as \$12.50. Others in varying groups up to \$9.85 that formerly sold as high as \$15.

Advertisement for Magee's shoes featuring an illustration of a man and woman dancing and the text "I thought you didn't like to dance. I never did before—but wearing these Magee shoes just makes me want to keep stepping!"

Advertisement for Western Electric Company featuring an illustration of men in a laboratory and the text "Close harmony Don't think that a college 'sing' is the only place for close harmony. The electrical communication industry, too, has applied the big idea." Western Electric Company, Makers of the Nation's Telephones.

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