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Who is O. V. B.? "He's a Nebraska man!" we answer, with all the vim of a cheerleader.

Judging by the amount of interest shown, and the various cunning attempts being made by certain celebrated politicians to discover the identity of The Nebraskan's well-informed contributor, a few people have lost some sleep over the mystery. Others are dead sure that they know; but, as at a magician's show, those who are most positive with their assertions are often farthest off the track.

But what difference does it make whether O. V. B. is a barb or a Greek, a member of your faction or the other faction, a sour grape or an Innocent, an alumnus or a faculty member?

The only issue which is of concern is whether he is right or wrong. O. V. B. is a "Nebraska man" in the finest sense of that term. He is doing more to boom business for The Bonfire Builders, Inc., than any other man on the campus.

As yet, his charges are unanswered. If the accused cannot respond now, they will be forced on to Ivy Day. Perhaps we shall be compelled to print his letter again—but if no answer comes, we shall publish such assertions, not as probabilities, but as facts. The exclamations of glee which lie between the lines of his letter today may be premature; but time will settle that question.

Glen Buck was elected president of the student council at a meeting attended by one more than half of the total membership. Mr. Buck will be remembered for his failure to find something for his junior class to do, and his success with the Farmers' Fair and the Cornhusker Countryman. Next year, as president of the council, he will face the most perplexing and important problem of his busy undergraduate activity career.

We wish him success. The student council ought to be something more than a stepping stone to an honorary society, which, to say the least, is under a shadow. The council should be the most influential group on the campus. Membership on it ought to be a greater honor than that in the Innocents.

But such is not the case. The Innocents are the goal of most really competent men, and several rather incompetent persons. The first-raters, to be sure, scorn both the Innocents and the council. The second-raters worship the Innocents. The third-raters run for the student council. And the fourth-raters don't know what it's all about.

We are speaking in general terms, of course, and do not mean to charge any particular person with being other than a first-rater. Nearly all of the Innocents, council members, and outsiders are fine fellows personally. But when they get together have elections, become confused by pretty names, drink a little political hot-air, and lose their senses, they are even more ridiculous than a musical comedy drunkard.

One of the reasons why the Innocents, despite their advertised tendencies, retain an exalted position, is the power which they have successfully grabbed. A reliable authority has provided these extracts for publication in The Nebraskan from one of the society's documents: "At a regular meeting held October 2, 1923, the Innocents gave due consideration to their traditional activities which were initiated and perpetuated by the Innocent society, and with the advice and help of Brothers....., the society went on record in their minutes as definitely intending to take charge both now and in the future of the following university activities, as they have heretofore done:

"1. The freshman initiation..... (which, by the way, was inaugurated by the student council, but taken away from it by the Innocents, when it proved to be successful.) "2..... (to 11 are omitted—they are uninteresting.) "12. AND ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT MAY REGULARLY COME BEFORE THE INNOCENTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN AN EXECUTIVE CAPACITY. "The Innocents unanimously

A Friend of Youth

(The Lincoln Star) Professor Miller M. Fogg was a great educator.

He was a remarkable teacher because he understood youth, sympathized with youth, battled for youth and gloried in its successes and its achievements.

Few men there are who can pass through the grinding, crushing experiences of a quarter of a century in the college classroom and emerge from it with the same fine enthusiasm and the same burning zeal to lead young men and women from out of the valleys to the hilltops. And yet, Prof. Fogg did that. The spirit which led him on and on, through years of prodigious toil and labor, never faltered. It was centered upon the work, which to him was life, upon the young men from whom he drew inspiration and who in turn were fired with determination to go forth and prove that his confidence and his faith in their abilities had not been misplaced.

The closing weeks of Professor Fogg's life brought pain and suffering. A tired and worn body could not go on although the mind still urged it to fresh endeavors. It was typical of Prof. Fogg that while confined to the hospital his thoughts should be constantly upon the classes which he directed, the affairs of the various organizations which came under his supervision, and upon the young men and young women who invariably looked to him for unfailingly friendly and helpful advice.

Few men, who have elected to give their lives to education, have been able to crowd more of actual achievement in the short span of a little over a quarter of a century than Professor Fogg.

He came to Nebraska, fresh from the halls of Brown University, a friend of the late Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, and started upon the career which was to leave a definite impression upon the thought and life of the University of Nebraska.

He had few equals as a lecturer in the classroom. He had a capacity for catching and gripping the imagination of youth, for making the dull and uninteresting vivid and appealing, for driving home the facts which he sought to convey with irresistible, sledge-hammer force.

He organized debating work at the University of Nebraska, and established the "Think Shop" which became famed through the Central West and the nation. For a score of years Nebraska has maintained its enviable record of leadership in debate in this section of the country, meeting and defeating the greatest educational institutions. It was the genius of Prof. Fogg which made this possible. He was a master teacher of argumentation and de-

adopted the above activities and will regard any interference with the same by any other organizations as opposed to the best interests of the University."

The editor of The Nebraskan is betraying no confidence in publishing this, and prints it because the last sentence is of vital importance to every person interested in student self-government. The blanket clause, "any other activities," followed by such an arrogant claim as the last paragraph, may help to explain the present decadence of the student council.

Take the information for what it is worth, and draw such conclusions from these facts and the allegations of O. V. B. as you think are warranted. If you say O. V. B.'s suggestions can be ignored, read again these extracts from the document of a self-perpetuating governmental oligarchy, and think again.

Ivy Day promises to be very, very interesting.

Other Opinions

The Daily Nebraskan assumes no responsibility for the sentiments expressed by correspondents and reserves the right to exclude any communications whose publication may for any reason seem undesirable. In all cases the editor must know the identity of the contributor.

The Dilemma

To the Editor: Because of the facts disclosed in our discussions of the Innocents society, it appears as though there are but two or three courses of action open to that organization from now on. Their choice must lead to destruction in any case. What can the Innocents do?

The Innocents can go ahead, in spite of all the revelations we have made, and select thirteen successors maintaining the seven-six balance. If they do that, however, they flout themselves in the faces of all students who desire the Innocents to be an honorary society composed of representative men. They also prove, if they go ahead, that my statements have for the most part been true. They indicate that the "air-tight" preferential balloting system is a farce. They prove further that as an organization they have the "public be damned" attitude, that they intend to proceed in spite of public knowledge of their corruption. In

hate, without a rival in the entire country. From the university he turned his attention to the high schools of the state. He organized the Nebraska High School Debating League, and steered it through the early years. It grew from a membership of a mere handful until it embraced more than a hundred high schools and became a definite factor and influence in the life and thought of the young people who attended them. He developed the first courses in journalism at the university, founded the school, and imparted so much vitality to it that shortly it became one of the most important departments in the institution. He directed the affairs of the publications as chairman of the publication board and through his kindly aid brought dignity and merit to their pages.

His untimely death leaves a gap at the University of Nebraska which cannot be filled.

His courses and his work will go on but the magnetic personality, which was so much a part of them, cannot be replaced. He will be sadly missed in the classroom and by those hundreds of students who had come to rely upon him as a comforting ark, upon which they could pour out their troubles and their problems, knowing that he would not fail them.

A gruff and brusque exterior hid a gallant, generous and kindly heart. He was just in his judgments. He could never compromise his sense of duty and responsibility with slovenly, indifferently performed work and he never failed to speak his mind fairly and honestly and honorably. But his fine conception of justice led him to quick, hearty and ringing appreciation of the well-turned job in the same measure that he condemned the careless and lazily-performed task. He was a charming friend and companion.

For hundreds and hundreds of young men and young women who have gone forth from the University of Nebraska, and who have scattered over Nebraska and in other states of the union, the memory of Miller M. Fogg is very real and very precious. He had sent them forth to conquer. He had awakened the slumbering mind to new beauties and new meanings, had created in them the strong desire and ambition to serve their fellows more usefully. They see him now as he stood before his classes, hair slightly rumpled, eyes flashing, voice clear and vibrant, pounding home the lessons which he sought to impart.

Their hearts are filled with gratitude that it was their privilege to have shared in his friendship and his instruction. 'Tis a heavy loss which the University has suffered.

any event, however, the Innocents become a discredited organization. Their descent from the pedestal of glory, their fall from grace, should be hard, sudden, and complete. In any other decade, they would be disgraced.

If the Innocents do not wish to elect according to the old six-seven balance, the schedule that we predict, it is open to them to destroy the balance. The "six" side might be given an extra man or two, in order to save the face of the society. Yet, it is to be doubted that the "seven" would consent to such an arrangement—probably they would rather walk out and disrupt the organization completely than to lose their balance of power. On the other hand, the "six" side might consent to an eight-five, or nine-four balance, but this is as unlikely as the other. The organization probably would perish first. The situation is critical, it must be confessed.

The alumni and faculty members might step in to force a change, but to what would they change? They might allow each faction to have seven men, but then we would witness the comic opera spectacle of each side maneuvering not to have the president, since the president only votes in case of a tie, and there never would be a tie and the one having the president would be in the minority. The alumni and the faculty members might devise a new "air-tight" scheme for selections, but they would have to outdo themselves. Furthermore, this would require time, and there is little enough time before Ivy Day. I trust that the Innocents see their way out of this difficulty; power to them in working out their destinies!

O. V. B.

The Red Cockatoo

To P. R. and Kwei Chen:

If the girl of "The Red Cockatoo" is cowardly, does that character hurt the didactic purpose of the play—to show the degraded state of the sorority.

It seems to me that the only moral criticism of the play should be that of the moral purpose of it, for the girl is not tragic; she is a comic part of a comic sorority and university. The criticism of the goodness or badness of "The Red Cockatoo" would be whether or not the sorority is shamed or praised justly. My impression is that the comedy in the scenes of the sorority house and the professor's office is good satire. VIRGINIA READ.

Grand President Says Student Politics Based on Real Merit

Philip H. McGrath, grand president of Tau Kappa Epsilon, in a letter to The Nebraskan regarding pledging systems and probation practices, argues that "in the great and preponderant majority of cases those who are selected to positions of trust and responsibility among the students of our American educational institutions are selected, and are concurrently supported in their selection, because of personal merit rather than because of their possession of any political mechanism developed through and by fraternity membership. And I believe furthermore that the great and preponderant majority of those who are so selected, usually in their junior and senior years, are those who have had the advantages of fraternity contact from the beginning of their college days."

His letter follows:

TAU KAPPA EPSILON The Daily Nebraskan, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

My Dear Sir:— In response to your request of April 29, I shall divulge my views as briefly and as convincingly as possible, as follows:

It would be an interesting thing to have an actual survey of the fraternity men at your great institution to find out the percentage who really had their minds made up as to their fraternity before they were pledged. And it would further be an interesting thing to determine just how many of the leaders among the fraternities, and indeed among the whole student body of the university of Nebraska, who were initiated into their fraternities during the freshman year as compared to those leaders who were not initiated until after those fine, glowing, fresh days of the freshman year had passed. It has been my observation that fraternity training is as much if not more responsible for the development of undergraduate leadership than those mere political advantages which are so often erroneously attributed to fraternity membership.

I believe that in the great and preponderant majority of cases those who are selected to positions of trust and responsibility among the students of our American educational institutions are selected, and are concurrently supported in such selection because of personal merit rather than because of their possession of any political mechanism developed through and by fraternal membership. And I believe furthermore that the great and preponderant majority of those who are so selected, usually in their Junior and Senior years, are those who have had the advantages of fraternity contact from the beginning of their college days. If therefore it is the business of the college and its adjunct, the fraternity to train and to fit men for places of trust and responsibility—leadership—in the work of the world, and if those who achieve such places among the students themselves are those who have had the advantage of fraternity training for the longest possible period of time, it seems to me to be at least inconsistent, if not actually dangerous to deprive the freshman of the friendship, of the training which logically follows such practice of friendship and fellowship, until after he becomes further advanced in his college career. And further if the preponderant majority of the membership of your fraternities, and that percentage is becoming larger and larger every year, had their minds made up as to the fraternity of their choice when they entered college, it seems to me that the contention that they need protection against themselves in the possibility

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Victor Krause is general chairman of the Carnival Committee. He is assisted by an alumni committee consisting of the following: Thelma Sealock, Marie Rathburn, Col. F. F. Jewett, Carlisle Logan-Jones, Dick Westover, George Fawell, also a student committee of the following: Viola Forsell, Margaret Dunlap, Reginald Miller, Gerald Davis, Stanley Reiff, Ruth Godfrey, and Walter Wherry.

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