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A PLEASANT DEATH NOTICE

Six lower class honorary societies are seriously ill today as a result of the meeting of the Student Council yesterday afternoon. All six honoraries are not expected to live through the day, and The Daily Nebraskan earnestly hopes they will all die this afternoon in the meeting of the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations.

Those on the verge of death are:
Vikings
Silver Serpents
Iron Sphinx
Xi Delta
Green Gobblins
Mystic Fish

The fate of the honoraries lies in the hands of this faculty committee, just as the acts of Congress go before the President for approval or veto. But when the Student Council, which is considered the voice of the student body, makes such a definite decision about student affairs, there should be little opposition from a faculty committee, which is attempting to give the students what they want as long as it is justifiable.

Certainly no action could be more justifiable in the eyes of this committee than that which takes useless activity machinery out of the University's conglomerate of societies and clubs, leaving only two honorary societies at the top for the more ambitious students to strive for.

Ample reasons for the Student Council's action are given in the report of the Council committee, headed by George Healey, the full report of which appears in this issue. There was little justification for these societies which had existed solely because certain ambitious men and women students wished to have important sounding club names placed among their achievements in college activities.

Only the fraternity and sorority people of the campus had a voice in the societies; yet over two thirds of the student body belonged to no Greek letter organizations. Barbs had little chance of entrance but they were just as much entitled to as their Greek brothers.

Unfairness and uselessness have been the main charges which The Daily Nebraskan has been making all semester against the honoraries, although other people have charged this paper with ulterior motives in backing this campaign. One anonymous "Soap Box" charged "that the editor merely wished to do something, and that what he did had nothing to do with the question". Others believed the Student Council was acting against its wishes merely because of "outside forces".

But everyone cannot be pleased with the outcome of such a prominent issue. This paper firmly believes that when the Student Council unanimously approved the action it was because it felt the majority of the student body was behind it. Especially should the Council be congratulated considering that the majority of members belong to one or more of the honoraries which they voted to abolish, showing that they placed their school's welfare ahead of their personal whims.

Now that the question is settled for the student body, it remains to be seen what will be the outcome of the honorary housecleaning. One political faction dropped out from the men's honoraries several months ago, but no importance or honor can be attached to that because the move was purely a selfish one (the side dropping out having a minority in each of the three organizations). It closely resembled the actions of a five-year-old child who either wanted to be boss or "else he wouldn't play".

But now that the "bad rubbish" is gone and there needs to be no more political quibbling about the matter, the Student Council, the student body in general, and The Daily Nebraskan in particular will join in singing this morning an ode to the defunct honoraries—"Goodbye Forever".

"Nineteen students at Yale Arrested" reads a headline in yesterday's papers. Each time a college student is arrested, the newspapers eat it up. But before long the practice will be so common, that the newspaper publicity will fall off, just like Lita Chaplin's and Red Grange's.

The Return of the Prodigal Son

"Where there's a will there's a way" reached rock bottom at Syracuse, New York, where the athletic board was unable to enforce its rules abolishing eight minor sports from the University.

could not take away varsity competition in minor sports without consulting those who participated, the students themselves.

A letter from a Syracuse student explains the praiseworthy action of the student body:

"The student body was so incensed that a referendum was brought before the students, and it was most emphatically brought out that minor sports were very much desired here and that the campus was thoroughly in discord with the action taken by the athletic governing board. Now our sports are being returned.

"A total of 582 ballots was cast in the referendum. Of this number 543 voted in favor of question 5, stating, 'I do not approve the action of the Athletic Governing Board abolishing the eight minor sports'.

"Only 23 votes were in favor of question 1, stating, 'I approve of the action of the Athletic Governing Board in abolishing eight minor sports and suggesting an intramural sports program as a substitute'.

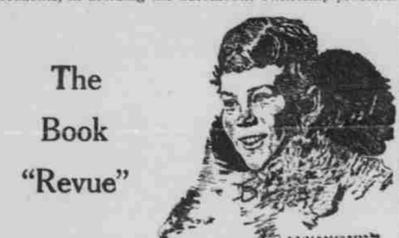
"Sixteen ballots were not checked for either proposition.

"That Syracuse students do not favor an intramural sports program and the abolition of the minor sports is also indicated by the fact that only 28 students would favor an intramural program if Syracuse had the proper facilities to carry out such a program.

"Over 209 votes, however, were cast for an intramural sports program in conjunction with the continuance of the intercollegiate competition of the minor sports teams."

That fight and spunk which characterized the uprising of the Syracuse student body is gratifying to those who wonder if students really take an active interest in college problems. Some students on this campus are not affected to any noticeable degree by the dictates of the authorities. Other more radical Cornhuskers "fly off the handle" two or three times a week, to even things up.

If such a situation ever arises on this campus the student body, let us hope, will follow Syracuse's example. A similar situation will probably not occur, however. Even the Regents are expected to accept the plans of the Interfraternity Council, representing the students, in deciding the automobile ownership problem.



The Book "Revue"

"If I had my way I would close all theatres and all movie houses on Sunday. I would make it a day apart. I would withhold all the ordinary amusements except outdoor sports. * * * There is no reason why the day should be dull for anyone. There are always good books. They are hobbies to be pursued. If the worst comes to the worst, why not sit at home and converse for an hour or two? It is surprising how intelligent people can be when you really get to know them. I would have all the art galleries and museums wide open. I would have classical music and high class concerts. * * * I do not suggest that this class of amusement is necessarily better, but it is different, and it is likely to open up in one's mind fresh ideas. * * * An unbroken routine in our amusements may be as bad as a steady grind in our labors."

Such is a bit of the homely philosophy as is found in a recent book—not by Edgar A. Guest, or an eminent preacher, but by George Arliss, "the most beloved Englishman in America". His book, "Up the Years from Bloomsbury" (Little, Brown & Co.) is written as though the actor were talking to a group of friends rather than to an audience. That, after all, is the way George Arliss talks to you from the stage, both in his plays and in his delightful little curtain speeches. Would that more autobiographies could be written like this!

You probably haven't twelve and a half dollars to invest, and if you did have it would go elsewhere, but if you have read Ariel (which we scarcely need remind you, is a life of Shelley in semi-novel form) you may find it interesting to go to the library and delve into Walter Edwin Peck's two volumes of "Shelley: His Life and Work" (Houghton Mifflin Co., \$12.50). Allow us to quote Percy Hutchinson, who writes of the book in the New York Times:

"In this massive study . . . the poet emerges as a man of highly unstable intellectual and emotional balance; a man strangely compounded of humanitarianism, generosity, egotism and cruelty; a man who wrote a deal of verse that is second rate and some golden poetry that is probably immortal."

From the horde of novels depicting post-war youth, the best yet, in every way, is from the pen of a young German, Frank Thiess, "The Gateway of Life" (Knopf, \$3). That the characters are German youth, just at the age when youngsters are setting out to remake an unsatisfactory universe, need not hinder the Anglo-Saxon reader from a sympathetic appreciation. In fact, it is a splendid opportunity to get the Teutonic point of view. And above all it is an excellent tale.

For those who found pleasure in "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" or "Blood and Sand" there is a new volume by the same author, Ibanez, quite fittingly entitled "The Mob". There seems also to be a new Ibanez, very much removed from the smooth, fame-seeking individual who mad our acquaintance chiefly from the screen. He has swerved suddenly to a bitter recital of life's despair. With a consuming vengeance he cries out at the misery and poverty of the mob. His medium is a young orphan, the son of a bricklayer, who struggles blindly through life, not seeing even his own soul until he becomes the father of an illegitimate son. The mother dies at the birth of the child—but that is the story. You will enjoy reading it for yourself.

merely a recognition of the fact that initiations in those organizations are regulated by other bodies while initiations in professional and honorary societies on the campus have not been regulated.

The detailed report of the committee follows: WHEREAS there has been complaint for several years from faculty alumni and students of the University of Nebraska concerning the honorary societies existing on the Nebraska Campus (more recently termed "class societies");

WHEREAS no action has ever been taken in regard to these com-

plaints by any duly constituted authorities;

WHEREAS it is the function of the Student Council as representative of the entire student body to make representations concerning matters affecting student interest this committee has been authorized to investigate the present status of these organizations.

Notices

Thursday, January 12

Meeting of A. S. C. E. in M. A. 106 this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Election of new president.

American Society of Civil Engineers The Student branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers will meet Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 o'clock at A. M. 108 for an illustrated lecture by C. E. Mickey.

Math Club Meeting The Math Club will hold a meeting Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 o'clock in the Social Sciences 101. Short talks will be given and initiation of new members will also be held.

Dramatic Club Meeting The Dramatic Club picture will be taken at 12:00 Thursday noon, at the campus studio.

Friday, January 13 Physical Education Club The Physical Education Club will meet Friday noon, Jan. 13 at the campus studio for the picture for the Cornhusker.

W. A. A. Every W. A. A. member is requested to report to the studio in street clothes, Friday noon Jan. 13 for the picture for the Cornhusker.

Women's Hockey Teams The members of the Women's Hockey teams are requested to see the W. A. A. Bulletin Board for a list of members who have earned privilege of appearing in the W. A. A. section of the Cornhusker. The Hockey picture will be taken Friday noon, Jan. 13, at the Campus studio, for the Cornhusker.

Women's Soccer Teams The Cornhusker picture of the soccer team will be taken Friday noon Jan. 13, at the Campus studio. The members are to dress in sport clothes.

Delta Literary Society The Delta Literary Society will hold an open meeting with program and entertainment, Friday evening, Jan. 13, at the Temple, 202. All University students are invited.

W. A. A. All "N" girls be sure to have their pictures taken in their "N" sweaters. If you have not had it done so this week.

Hiking A report of the names of the girls who have hiked up to January 10, the number of miles hiked, and the number of miles needed to complete 40 miles in order to get points is posted on the bulletin board. Look it over and try to finish your 40 miles.

Spanish Club The Spanish Club will meet Friday at 4 o'clock at Temple 204. All Spanish students are invited.

Saturday, January 14

Komenky Club The Komenky Club will have a dance at the Knights of Pythias Hall 1210 P Street, Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock. All Greeks are invited.

1. Improper selection of members. 2. Inactivity. 3. In the case of many—rough initiations bordering on the brutal.

In this report the committee feels that consideration need be given only to the so-called "class societies," except that it recommends that rough initiations be prohibited all student honorary organizations on the following grounds:

1. In the case of honoraries rough initiation is not an indication of the qualification of the students for membership.

2. As conducted in some organizations it borders on brutality and there is real danger of serious injury being inflicted at some time.

3. Different from the case with social fraternities there is often lacking a careful interest in the extent of the initiation, increasing the danger of injury.

4. No honorary organizations claim any advantage either to the organization or to the members of the organization though the medium of rough initiations.

In the case of the "class societies" besides the three general objections previously mentioned, the following objections have been voiced:

1. They are unnecessary as other ready means can be found for fulfilling the few duties they execute.

2. Their selection is not representative of the student body, causing ill-will towards the organization and bad feeling among other students in many cases.

3. They cause a needless and wasteful expenditure of time and money, and dissipation of time and energy among the students.

4. Irresponsibility of the organizations due to their unsubstantial and changing personnel.

The "class societies," however, have not been without their defenders. The following general claims have been made in an attempt to justify their continued existence:

1. They have been instrumental in carrying out work necessary for the proper development of Nebraska spirit.

2. They fulfill functions which could not readily be fulfilled by other organizations.

3. They furnish a valuable meeting ground for students, in an institution whose size necessarily makes such contacts difficult.

4. They have fulfilled all tasks assigned them satisfactorily.

2. Sell subscriptions to student publications. 3. Help promote class spirit. VIKINGS—Junior Men.

1. Were originally founded as a social organization only for the chief function of an annual dinner dance.

2. Handled tickets for "Dad's Day" luncheon. 3. Co-operate with Silver Serpents in managing Junior-Senior Prom.

4. Handle mailing of "Dad's Day" papers. SILVER SERPENTS—Junior women.

1. Luncheon and Hobo Party given for all junior women. 2. Subscriptions sold for student publications.

3. Skits were presented for University Night, Co-ed Follies, and for the Girls' Cornhusker Party. 4. Luncheon was given for alumnae Serpents.

5. Junior-Senior Prom managed in co-operation with Vikings. 6. Banquet for newly chosen, retiring, and alumnae members.

7. Had charge of green button enforcement. 8. Assisted at Miss Heppner's tea and A. W. S. Board tea.

INNOCENTS—Senior men. 1. Freshmen initiation handled. 2. Handle sale of green caps.

3. Major rallies prior to football game. 4. Arrange "Dad's Day" program. 5. Promote Olympics.

6. Welcome all visiting teams. 7. Select and sponsor cheer leaders. 8. Arrange Homecoming program.

9. Promote Cornhusker banquet. 10. Entertain and find quarters for visitors during state basketball tournament.

11. Developed rooster's section in stadium. 12. Enforce Nebraska traditions. 13. Handle publicity for athletic meets.

14. Many minor activities. MORTAR BOARD—Senior women.

1. Help with Freshman initiation. (Initiate freshman women.) 2. Arrange for distribution and furnishing of green button to freshman women.

3. Sponsor concessions for Cornhusker party for women. 4. Conduct, sponsor, and have complete charge of all Ivy Day ceremonies.

5. Help support city personnel work. 6. Enforce and cultivate Nebraska traditions.

7. Sponsor "Big Sister" movement. 8. Pick new members on a basis of service, leadership, and collegiate scholarship and activity.

In view of the activities of these organizations in mind, the Committee furnishes the following discussion and representations:

In the case of the senior societies—Innocent and Mortar Board—their services for the general benefit of the school have been distinct and numerous; they have found tasks which needed to be done and have carried out the necessary work, and even if their activities were limited the existence of senior honorary societies to mark deserving students is justified where it might not be in the case of honorary organizations in other classes. Therefore this Committee recommends the approval of the present status of Innocents and Mortar Board.

Analysing the activities of Green Gobblins this Committee feels that they have been unsuccessful in promoting freshman class spirit due to the ill-feeling arising from their selection; that they are not necessary to organize for the Olympics as this function could be handled by committees appointed by the class president, and that social functions are not sufficient justification for their existence. Therefore this committee recommends the abolition of Green Gobblins.

In analyzing the activities of Mystic Fish this Committee feels that they are not necessary for the function of serving teas; that they have not been any particular aid in promoting class spirit, that there are plenty of other organizations to put on stunts and that social functions are not of sufficient justification for their existence. However, their service in selling subscriptions to student publications has been valuable, and some means should be provided for replacing them in the execution of this function if they are abolished.

Concerning the selling of subscriptions for student publications a matter which applies not only here but also in the case of Xi Delta and Silver Serpents, this Committee finds that competition in subscription drives was formerly furnished by permitting sororities to sell. The exact cause for the change is not readily determinable. Two reasons have been presented to the Committee: 1. Sorority selling was so intensive as to be injurious to the women; 2. the change was made in an attempt to furnish duties to these organizations. In regard to the first it should not be considered sufficient warrant for the change since the selling could be fully as hard on the women under one method as under another. We have seen that this is not sufficient justification for their existence.

Therefore the Committee makes these recommendations: 1. That sororities again be permitted to engage in subscription drives for student publications, and, 2. That Mystic Fish be abolished.

ANALYZING THE ACTIVITIES OF IRON SPHINX—Sophomore men. 1. Help organize for Olympics. 2. Sell tickets for freshman caps. 3. Hold Freshman Barbecue. 4. Enforce green cap rule. 5. Generally have a party.

XI DELTA—Sophomore women. 1. Serve various teas. 2. Sell subscriptions to student publications. 3. Help promote class spirit. 4. Put on various stunts. 5. Generally hold a party, often in conjunction with the Green Gobblins.

Sphinx this Committee feels that committees appointed by the class president would be just as effective in helping organize for Olympics as Iron Sphinx, that the Freshman Barbecue as conducted by Iron Sphinx has been unsatisfactory, that enforcement of the green cap rule has been by tradition and spirit rather than by coercion of any organization, and that social activities are not justification for existence.

Two functions remain for consideration. Iron Sphinx are not necessary as a medium for selling tickets for freshman caps. This could be handled by the Corn Cobs. The Freshman Barbecue should be a desirable institution. As conducted by Iron Sphinx it would be better for it to be abolished. A sophomore group is, by its very nature, unfitted to handle such an affair, since its aims are persecution rather than the development of class and Nebraska spirit. The Barbecue could be handled by the Innocents with the assistance of the Corn Cobs.

Therefore this Committee makes the following representations: 1. That tickets for freshman caps be handled by the Corn Cobs. 2. That the Freshman Barbecue be handled by the Innocents assisted by the Corn Cobs, and

3. That Iron Sphinx be abolished. Analyzing the activities of Xi Delta this Committee feels they are not necessary to assist at teas; that they have not been particularly helpful in promoting class spirit, and in view of the recommendation to permit sororities to sell subscriptions for student publications, that there is little justification for their existence. Therefore this Committee recommends that Xi Delta be abolished.

Analysing the activities of Vikings this Committee feels that the tickets to the "Dad's Day" Luncheon could be handled by the Corn Cobs; that the Junior-Senior Prom could be just as effectively handled by a committee appointed by the junior president as was done last year as by a committee appointed by Vikings and Silver Serpents. Mailing of "Dad's Day" papers can be directed by the Innocents and carried out by fraternity freshmen as was largely the case this year. Although Vikings were originally founded as a social organization only, in view of the extent of social fraternities and social life on the campus this does not seem a sufficient justification for their existence. Therefore this Committee recommends the abolition of Vikings.

Analysing the activities of Silver Serpents this Committee feels that committees appointed by the junior president could have handled such functions as the luncheon and Hobo Party; that an abundance of organizations could be found to present skits; that the Junior-Senior Prom could be just as effectively managed by a committee appointed by the junior president as by the Vikings and Silver Serpents; that green button enforcement was a joke; that the organization is not necessary to assist at teas, and its social functions are not sufficient justification for its existence. Again recommending that

1. Rough initiation shall not be held by any organization other than social fraternities and sororities (social, in this case, including professional fraternities which maintain houses and otherwise function in a similar manner to general social fraternities since initiations in those organizations are regulated by other bodies; this prohibition to be effective immediately.

2. Innocents and Mortar Board are justifying their existence and should be permitted to continue.

3. The following societies should be abolished: Green Gobblins, Mystic Fish, Iron Sphinx, Xi Delta, Vikings, and Silver Serpents. It is the belief of the Committee that the present membership can do little harm and should be permitted to finish out the year. Therefore the Committee recommends the abolition of the societies effective June 1, 1928.

4. In view of the fact that the abolition of the above societies would remove the organizations which have sold subscriptions for student publications and furnished each other necessary competition to that end; and realizing the necessity of such competition in the absence of any general activity fee assessable against all students to cover such publications, this Committee recommends that sororities again be permitted to participate in student publication subscription drives.

Respectfully submitted by the Student Council Committee on Investigation of Honorary Societies this eleventh day of January, 1928, A. D.

Unanimously approved by the Student Council of the University of Nebraska this twelfth day of January, 1928, A. D. and recommended to the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations for action.

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STUDENT COUNCIL BANS HONORARIES

(Continued from Page 1.) due to the use of rough initiations by organizations other than those whose abolition was recommended. Prohibition of rough initiations was advocated for all except social fraternities and sororities in the belief that such organizations had no legitimate excuse for rough initiations. The Council's action was not an approval of rough initiation in social fraternities and sororities. It was

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