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Exercise More Care.

AFTER thinking the matter over for a week, M. T. W. steps forward with his idea concerning campus politics. It seems from his statements printed this morning in the Echoes of the Campus department that he didn't exactly appreciate what the editor had to say on "political plums" and therefore wishes to give him a slap or two.

In this particular instance, however, it is not a case of disagreeing with the views of the present Nebraskan regime. It is merely a case of the wrong interpretation on the part of M. T. W. In his editorial last Friday, the editor made no mention whatever of student elections; he was not referring to this specific aspect of campus life when he suggested more care in the selection of leaders.

What The Nebraskan had reference to at the time was the dominance of politics in the appointments made by the various councils and boards on the campus. We were trying to show by specific examples what damages can come from mismanagement of responsible position by undergraduates whose qualifications apparently were sublimated to the background at the time of their appointment with more attention being paid to their connections and popularity.

We realize that if the present system of electing members to some of these bodies is retained, and we see no way out of it in a school as large as Nebraska, politics must be present. Yes, there must be politics in popular elections, but, to be sure, a much better brand than has been prevalent on this campus to date.

It would be impractical, as M. T. W. points out, to leave students to their own devices in elections. Likewise it would be inadvisable to suggest the taking away of the election power from students and vesting it in the faculty entirely.

The University of Nebraska, with its student council, student publication board and other student organizations and enterprises, has always, theoretically, at least, been operated on a democratic plan. Nothing would be more distasteful to the student body of this institution than to have a system which would gradually work into an autocracy. The students simply would not tolerate faculty dominance in their government.

A true democracy, with at least two competing groups in the field, can exist at the Nebraska school. Yet if the students exercise no more discretion in coming elections than they have in the past when egg throwing and similar practices were in evidence, the inevitable outcome will be the loss of that highly prized possession—self government.

Familiarity breeds fraternity pins.

'Dear Old Nebraska U.'

Now that we've initiated the freshmen into the spirit of Nebraska U. Our thoughts can turn to Bible's men. The squad that will win for you. They work, train and fight for the school. Until the time comes when they must leave.

The institution that has taught them to rule As God's chosen few—but they grieve To think that days are spent and happiness too When they were fighting Huskers on Bible's crew.

Well, anyway, the freshmen Thursday got to see those Innocents and Mortar Boards they heard so much about last week.

Several fellows about the campus call their girls vitaphones because they're all talkers.

Echoes of the Campus.

Letters from readers are cordially welcomed in this department, and will be printed in all cases subject to the common newspaper practice of keeping out of all libelous matter and attacks against individuals and religions. For the benefit of readers a limit of 250 words has been set. The name of the author must accompany each letter, but the full name will not be published unless so desired by the contributor.

Politics—Indispensable.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: Your recent editorial based upon "political plums" voiced the opinion of many fair-minded students. Fair-minded students who see only the conditions existing on the surface and ignore the complications that might arise upon abolition of such affairs.

Campus politics are unjust and superfluous. That much I am willing to concede. But are not the nation's politics often equally unjust and apparently superfluous? This condition in regard to our national government, however, has seldom brought forth a demand for abolition of politics from the thinking public.

In a university of seven thousand students politics are inevitable. Suppose the political machines were broken up, the traditions shattered and each fraternity, sorority or non-fraternity organization compelled to go its political way without alliances, would it be admirable?

Imagine for a moment that the plan was successful, in that there were no combinations effected. What would be the result? It is granted that activities on the campus, entrance into which is gained by election, are beneficial to fraternities. Then would not the fraternities desire to put their own men up for election? Certainly, with the result that each fraternity would be a political combine with the election going to the strongest, or largest.

This would not happen, however, for fraternities would soon combine secretly. I conclude, then that politics are inevitable. The task of The Daily Nebraskan editor should be to improve the machine and the election rather than attempt extermination.—M. T. W.


ENGLISH DEBATERS WILL APPEAR HERE

(Continued From Page 1.) men are often chosen from those whose university course has closed. Two of the speakers this year are already graduates of some college at Oxford.

Trials Announced. Trials to select the Nebraska team have been announced for Thursday evening, Oct. 17. After the negative team is selected, the three men will engage in intensive training as a part of the regular work of the course in intercollegiate debating, English 96, at the university. This for years has been known among debaters as the "think shop" course. All men in the university beyond the freshman year are eligible to try for the intercollegiate debate teams. Since the jury subject is to be used among many colleges this season for intercollegiate debates, it is likely that other contests on this topic will be arranged later.

Another subject to be used this season will be the proposition chosen by Pi Kappa Delta, one of the national forensic societies. Nebraska debates each year with several Pi Kappa Delta institutions, and so the official subject will be used in these in the coming year.

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