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Warranted Stalling.

Seemingly in answer to continual charges of procrastination, the student council has made preparation for immediate action on the matter of proportional representation in that body. The meeting time of the group has been changed to Wednesday evening this week so that the originator of the plan will be able to attend and explain phases which need clarification.

The vigor with which the council is investigating this new plan is entirely commendable, but the tendency toward haste is deplorable. In its eagerness to do something promptly, the council is running a risk of picking upon a project which requires, more than any other, a large amount of careful consideration and deliberation.

That thoroughness is desirable is indicated by the council in its changing of the meeting time, wholly for the accommodation of the author of the plan. But in the determination to act immediately, the council in a way contradicts itself.

That the plan is radical is an obvious truth, and by that we do not mean that it is in any way objectionable. But the proportional representation system would bring about an entirely new departure in the matter of university policies. From one party control, the council would be revolutionized into a body representative of all the students.

The council now occupies a position of importance in the matter of student government. With the introduction of the new system, it may become more important, or it may not. That is an issue for the council to decide, and it is an issue which cannot be decided blindly. Here is one instance where "poking along" is justifiable.

The Crying Need.

Fifty men, representing fraternities on the university campus and several nonfraternity men, struck the keynote to a crying need when a discussion was held last week concerning the remodeling of the Y. M. C. A. club rooms to accommodate more Nebraska men.

Behind the times in this respect, the University of Nebraska has no Student Union building, and maintains only a place where the women students may congregate. The present Y. M. C. A. club rooms accommodate very few students and generally only those who are nonfraternity men.

The fraternity men, who at this meeting were interested enough in fraternal betterment, decided to back the Y. M. C. A. finance drive which is now under way, in an effort to accomplish that which has heretofore been impossible. The Daily Nebraskan heartily endorses the action of this august group in attempting to raise this money to elevate the standards of campus fraternal relationship. Concurred effort and allegiance among fraternities cannot be denied as being a factor in the magnitude of campus relations. Members of Greek groups on this campus do like to "get together," talk over their common problems, discuss rushing rules and carry on such business as will be necessary for the organizations.

Universities throughout the country are completing magnificent Student Union buildings devoted to the students, their meetings and their campus relations. This institution has a greater need for a new library, and several other buildings as outlined in the proposed campus development plan.

Nebraska men do not ask unreasonably of their fellow students when they voice their appeal for enlargement of the Y. M. C. A. club rooms. This organization does noble work in the university among young men. Freshmen find solace and understanding in discussions provided by the Y. M. C. A. and the type of work carried on by this national group cannot be rivaled by individual teachings. It truly is deserving of all the help it can get.

Music—and music alone—hath charms to calm the savage breast. When three volleys of rifle fire in memory of the university's honored dead Saturday failed to stop the Cornhuskers in their process of warming up, the blowing to taps finally brought a momentary pause.

We wonder if the announcement regarding the discarding of green caps is not a bit behind time. It seems that most of them have been discarded for a long time.

Ridiculously simple, yet completely effective, was the action of the W. A. A. in "decorating" the apples sold at the game Saturday. The lower seats in the stadium are now safe from bombardment. Thanks.

Echoes of the Campus.

A Good Suggestion.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan: Investigation of the duties, if any, of class officers at the university is being undertaken by a committee appointed by the student council. Whether the investigation is being carried on with serious intent or is a mere gesture to allay temporarily unfavorable criticism cannot be ascertained as yet.

The idea behind the move is an excellent one. Class honoraries were dumped into the discard when it became all too obvious that they served no worthwhile purpose on the campus. If minor class officers can be shown to be an equally useless and obsolete tradition, they, too, should go the way of the honoraries.

If, on the other hand, holders of these positions perform certain offices, hitherto unknown to the university at large, it cannot be denied that these duties should be brought to light so that the criticism may be henceforth silenced. Go to it, council! The student body as a whole will watch with interest the results of the investigation.

H. N. A.

A New One at Nebraska.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

A reporter of The Daily Nebraskan staff comes out with the announcement of a newly invented, all university game, easily played on the Nebraska campus. He calls it "splash and swallow." He says it may be enjoyed most in the mud hole between Bessie hall or Social Sciences hall, although the drill field, with its encinder paths, furnishes an excellent substitute for the mentioned mud hole. It is a simple game in which an unlimited number of students may participate without loss of its effectiveness.

Each spring and fall for the past several years, students at dear old Nebraska U have experienced the same difficulties during the "rainy season." Mud, mire, and miniature swimming holes have found places on the most traversed walks of the campus. Notable among such examples was the crossing just south of Chemistry hall. That evil has now been remedied, but it will be long remembered for the disaster it brought to daintily shod maidens and flowing trousered youths.

Editors have campaigned in vain for improvements to the walks of the campus. Students have complained, as well as rained hundreds of dollars worth of apparel. Apparently they are assuming a new attitude toward the situation and are making a game of it. They are accepting it as one of the inevitables of college life, along with examinations and cram sessions.

M. M. O.

Board Walks and Cowpaths.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

Sighed the freshman, as he paused, one foot ankle deep in mud, the other precariously sliding along a teetering plank: "I quit the farm for a college education, but I guess board walks and cowpaths are my natural environment."

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors sigh, too, as they leave the sidewalk and plunge into the uncharted wastes of mud which lie between Teachers College building and Andrews hall. That space resembles nothing so much as a plowed field and what was in blimier days a cinder walk, is now a cowpath.

Charitable college authorities have tried to lessen the student pedestrians' difficulties by an approach to the field—two planks in width. This board is truly superb—while it lasts—but after sliding along it for about three yards, the student is forced, after all, to plunge into the sticky mire which was once a drill field.

It is true that some leisurely souls take the sidewalk detour one block east, but most students, fearful of a tardy mark, bravely coax their first foot and then the other out of the clinging clay, only to put it down again in a place still wetter and stickier.

I appeal to the authorities. What is the purpose of this university if not to remove the student from a rustic existence? Therefore, I say: "Down with board walks and cowpaths!"

An Unjust Accusation.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

The well meaning individual who so mercilessly flayed musicians in the editorial column of this paper Sunday should have availed himself of a few facts before launching his broadside in such a cocksure manner.

It is sure, in some measure, as he said, that drunken musicians have at times caused a somewhat disorderly atmosphere to prevail at house parties, but the gentleman who wrote the editorial should have qualified his statement to read that it has practically always been nonunion musicians and not members of the Lincoln Musicians' association who have conducted themselves thus.

Had the author of the editorial done a little investigating before making such a broad generalization, he would have learned that the Lincoln Musicians' association pays a certain official to do nothing but check up on orchestras at house parties, making sure that all union orchestras are hiring only members in good standing, and that their conduct while on the job is in perfect conformity with accepted decency and common courtesy.

Any union musician found to be disorderly or under the influence of liquor is promptly reported to the board of directors of the local union, and is subjected to the proper fine or other manner of punishment. If the offense has been of sufficient gravity, the member is expelled.

For this reason, it is very rare to find a union orchestra conducting themselves in an ungentlemanly manner. The offenders are nearly always nonunion musicians, usually amateurs who are not responsible to any higher up official for their conduct.

If the student council were to pass a rule that only union musicians could be hired for house parties, it would not have to worry about the "drunkenness and misbehavior" of orchestra members, and would eliminate an evil which undoubtedly is partly responsible for the criticism directed at fraternities and sororities and their parties.

M. X.

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Heads Coed Voters



Courtesy of The Lincoln Journal.
Miss Marie Herney Petersburg, recently elected president of the campus league of Women Voters. She is a member of Phi Mu sorority.

FORMER STUDENTS VISIT BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AID

During the recent meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers Association a large number of former Nebraska students and graduates visited the department of educational service, located in the teachers college.

Among the visitors were Don Lindell, Ansley; Mrs. Grace Amiot, Seward; Cornelia Rankin, Nebraska City; Hulda Pankonin, Helena Faulder, Superior; Ethel Hilton, Hastings; Harold Denby, Hebron; M. A. Massey, Fairmont; O. E. Sperry, Concordia; Kas; Harriet Davis, Curtis; R. M. Falk, Beaver Crossing; George Ross, Palisade; Clarence Walsh, Cozad; Geraldine Heikes, Norfolk; Margaret LaVelle, Omaha; Paul Reid, Syracuse; Conrad Jacobson, York; Helene Taler, Miller.

MANY ADULTS AND CHILDREN ATTEND MUSEUM PROGRAM

Approximately 300 children and 150 adults attended the regular program at Morrill hall last Sunday afternoon from 3:20 p. m. to 5 p. m.

A motion picture "School Pals" played by chimpanzees and a talk "Pieces of Eight" given by Miss Marjorie Shansfelt, curator of visual education in the University of Nebraska, comprised the adults' program. In addition to the motion picture a story by Mrs. Janeen, "Lady Jane" was read at the children's program.

Starting at 3 p. m. Mr. F. G. Collins, assistant curator, conducted lecture tours through the museum and galleries.

ENGINEERS' GROUP MAKES BROCKWAY NEXT PRESIDENT

At the annual convention of the American Society for Municipal Improvements, in Philadelphia Oct. 14-18, Paul M. Brockway, who received his professional degree in civil engineering from the University of Nebraska in 1927, was elected president for the coming year.

Mr. Brockway is at present city engineer at Wichita, Kan., a position which he has held for twelve years. The field of activities of the organization include all engineering work done by cities. Mr. Brockway received his first degree from the university in 1905.

WALLER SPEAKS ON PERSONALITY TO WOMEN DEANS

At a meeting of the Nebraska deans of women association held Friday morning in Ellen Smith hall, Dr. Willard Waller, assistant professor of sociology at this university, spoke on "A Sociological Interpretation of Personality."

Dean Amanda Heppner presided at the meeting where Miss Olive Pound, of Lincoln high, was elected president of the state association. Noon luncheon was served at the University club and the group then met in divisions for group discussions.

PHARMACY GRADS VISIT DEPARTMENT

Two graduates of the college of pharmacy, Millie Coler, '28, and Joseph G. Noh, '23, visited Dean Lynam of the pharmacy college Saturday while in Lincoln to attend the Kansas-Nebraska game. Miss Coler is practicing pharmacy in Norcur, Kas., having gone there after her graduation from the university last spring. Mr. Noh, after leaving Nebraska in 1923, taught pharmacy at the University of New Jersey in Newark for two years.

After that he was an instructor at Purdue university in Indiana for a year and for the past three years has been permanent secretary of the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical association. At present Mr. Noh is contact man for McKesson & Robbins, wholesale drug jobbers and importers, with his headquarters in Omaha.

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