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THE PUBLICATION BOARD

WITHIN THE next three weeks the Student Publication board will meet to pick the staffs of The Daily Nebraskan for next semester and the Cornhusker for next year.

Given 5-3 representation, five faculty members to three students, it is very possible for these students to exert considerable influence in the field of publications.

First, the usual student elected to the board has little or no interest in publications and is unqualified to judge candidates seeking promotion and position besides lacking the journalistic background necessary to discuss intelligent matters of policy.

Second, election to the publication board is based on politics, which means that positions doled out by the board often are influenced by student politics rather than by capability and previous work.

To get impartial members and at the same time students who know what is going on in university publications is the solution to the difficult problem presented here.

The need of student members on the board is apparent. Its work is devoted chiefly to choosing the staffs of The Nebraskan and the Cornhusker, though it also considers matters pertaining to publication policies.

Two journalism instructors on the board can know the potentialities of the candidates but can not know how much work they have been doing in student publications nor how they are regarded in the eyes of their fellow students.

ON THE OTHER hand, putting in political members defeats the very purpose of having students on the board. In the past, these members have fallen, generally speaking, into two categories: the full fledged politician who wants to put his faction slate through, and the popular man-about-campus, elected by his faction to the board solely on the basis of personality or achievement in some other field, but not giving a hang what happens on the board once he is chosen.

Qualifications are necessary to mellow the sting of these generalities. Sometimes politics go by the boards, but usually only when an individual's merit is so evident that a negative vote would seem too raw. The student members, however, are not to be blamed for supporting their faction. They are elected through factional politics and are bound to make an effort to pay back some of the honor which has been bestowed upon them through their selection.

The need of a new plan of student representation on the board seems very apparent. The following scheme, The Nebraskan believes would be a vast improvement that would give students on the board real authority and that would eliminate factional politics to a very great extent.

1. The editors of The Nebraskan and the Cornhusker, and the business managers of both publications would constitute the student members of the publication board.

2. The outgoing editors and business managers would recommend and vote on their successors along with the five faculty members on the board.

REASONS FOR this proposal should be evident. First, the men actually working on these publications know what various individuals are doing, keep in close touch with staff workers, and realize the problems which confront the publications.

Second, factional politics would be eliminated to a large extent. No editor or business manager who has worked through a semester or a year with staff members is going to be unjust in his recommendations, is going to harken to the call of politics over real ability in applicants.

Editors and business managers come to regard their responsibility too keenly to let politics interfere.

Forward steps in this direction already have been taken. A year ago the editors of The Nebraskan and the Cornhusker were permitted to sit with the board in discussing editorial applicants while the business managers were on hand to tell the board what they knew of applicants in their departments.

The move which The Nebraskan now sponsors is a continuance in this direction. No change would be attempted for spring elections to staff positions, and a new publication board. There is, however, a need for alteration in the election of student members that is inevitable if the present trend continues.

If students want authority in directing their own destinies about this university, if students are seeking justice and fair play in the field of publications from which politics should be entirely eschewed, they will support a plan to do away with the student elected members of the publication board and to substitute staff heads whose capability and integrity are usually above dispute.

CONSULTANT ON CAREERS. AT HARVARD university, one full time instructor, well schooled in vocational work and understanding of student problems, has been appointed as consultant of careers. All of his time will be spent in conferences with individual students who are unable to decide what kind of life work to follow, who are perplexed about what course to pursue, who are confused in the maze of facts that surrounds the modern university.

In as large a school as Nebraska one such person would be inadequate if many students took advantage of the opportunity extended to them through the conference plan. If optional, however, a very limited number of students would interview a consultant of careers at Nebraska.

In fact today in the department of vocational education at the teachers college, students may go to secure advice regarding lines of work for them to follow if they care to do so. Remarkably few outside the teachers college know anything about this department and fewer still have ever used it.

Students, it would seem, should be interested in their personal welfare sufficiently to make every effort to get the best advice on such matters. They are no longer children, but approaching manhood and womanhood.

A state university, however, must take certain responsibilities that seem quite unnecessary to

many. It must regulate the personal conduct for students, plan course requirements for graduation and set rules in any number of things.

Students seem to delight in being non-chalant. They want the world to think they don't care about their future. Their real interests and desires are hidden underneath this sham front. That is why a staff of consultants on careers who would have to be interviewed by the entire student body once a year would be a worthwhile addition to the university.

Perhaps they could not advise the individual in his particular field, once it was discovered. But they could refer him to other professors who are acknowledged leaders in the various lines of learning. And these men could provide this valuable advice.

The Nebraskan has proposed that some such conference system be held in connection with registration—the logical time for consultation on careers. In addition the standing consultation bureau would be available for conferences throughout the year.

Such a bureau and such a system of conference as The Nebraskan proposes would not tend to vocationalize the university but would aid students in seeing the value of a well rounded education in preference to one based purely on specialization in a localized field.

THE BAD SIDE OUT. YOUTH REVELS in displaying its naughty side to the world. It rejoices in leading sedate and puritanical parents to believe it is headed straight for the bow-wows. It wishes it could do even more to prick the consciences of shocked papas and mammas.

Throughout college this fact is very apparent. Men delight in telling of their murky pasts, but are rather ashamed to admit they studied six hours one night, to ruefully admit they got to church every Sunday.

Of course the world is eager to pick up this information. It gets a certain satisfaction in thinking young folks are much worse than when its old fogies were young. It is quick to misinterpret any situation, fond of disbelieving in the integrity of youth, happy to read garbled accounts of magnified college scandals which flaunt the front pages of sensational newspapers.

The point is that youth isn't half as bad as it purports to be. It is laboring under the very false idea that it is necessary to reap a pretty fair acreage of wild oats to be respected and looked up to by one's friends. In fact these oats seem quite unnecessary in the well rounded college curriculum.

Petty sins are magnified and discussed with bravado. Worthwhile achievements that the great majority of young people accomplish in university go unheralded, are not even mentioned.

This insane idea should be dispelled. Students should remember that they are selling themselves to the world. The non-chalant impression they give, while not indicative of their true character, does not serve to promote their best interests among business and professional leaders who tomorrow will be seeking men for responsible positions.

BIG BUSINESS AFIELD. AS COMMENCEMENT day grows nearer there is a steadily increasing number of personnel and employment managers of large corporations visiting the campus and interviewing graduating seniors.

It is not that university men are so much in demand as it is that these large business concerns are anxious to recruit some of the most promising young men and women who are about to enter the business world.

Business representatives have no difficulty in hiring capable students because most of them are anxious to get jobs in the field of their chosen work. Moreover students, ordinarily will evince a willingness to start at the bottom of the business ladder with the prospect of advancing to more important and more lucrative positions.

The unfortunate thing is that they are often too willing to fall for the propositions of these large corporations. Why should a supposedly intelligent, cultured, and enlightened university graduate willingly and knowingly barter away his independence with such alacrity?

They often start at starvation wages, they frequently put in inhuman hours and are forced to acquiesce to the payment of meager wages. They must not object to the inane methods of controlling the employees used by the corporations.

In college, students should be developing high ideals to guide their conduct. They should also cultivate a broad understanding of sympathy for humanity. The world looks to them for enlightened leadership—leadership that will make the world better for all classes of people to live in.

To many of them are permitting the great material forces of the outside world to crush their fine ideals. They are willing to let industrial monsters use them as tools in bringing about economic imperialism. It is unfortunate that for financial reasons the fine spirit of individualism should be sacrificed on the altar of capitalistic enterprise.

FOR THE FUTURE. LIVE NOW bu. plan for the future." This signal statement of Richard T. Ely, Chicago public utilities tycoon, was made in a recent address before the Northwestern university student body.

The exhortation to "live now" obviously is not to be applied in a hedonistic sense. Life is to be a progressive thing, enjoyed from day to day to be sure, but planned so all the happiness of living will not be cramped into one youthful orgy of debauchery.

The future must be remembered. The idea of planning for possible hardships and days of decline ahead is inherent in modern civilization, is the product of bitter experience in the past. Famines, destitution, poverty nationwide in extent resulted in ancient times because the people did not learn to save their food, because they forgot to think of the future.

Now we look at financial measures that provide for the future as fundamental and a matter of course. Insurance and savings accounts are almost requirements in American life today. Citizens guard their bank accounts but forget to guard their personalities, their minds, their souls.

An individual's life is the capital or principal which he starts. Properly invested the interest that will accrue will allow him all the satisfactions of the moment and will provide more in the way of new ideals and new purposes to add to that principal so that a life abounding in intellectual spirituality may be passed on to inspire others engaged in the business of living. Detracting from the principal always results in an impoverished spirit and a worthless life.

There is a great need of correlating the present life to the future. This task is one of the greatest confronting the university today as it furnishes thought food for the nation's youth.

BETWEEN THE LINES

By LASELLE GILMAN.

Our Very Own Ivy Day Poem. Submitted to the Judges and Immediately Rejected.

Mother, dear, won't you tell me, pray, Why the hullohaloo on Ivy Day? Why all the planting, the singing, the Queen?

Why do they wallop that boy on the bean? And why blindfold that dame? Hush, my pretty, tradition must rule

In any conservative, worth while school; All dogs have their day, though the day be spent In pounding an Innocent Innocent

Or masking some gal to fame. But mother why does that guy up there Holler and signal and tear his hair?

Who is the lady all dressed in white? Who walks and smiles with all her might? And what's it all about?

Child, that's the Ivy Day Orator Who's reciting "The Face on the Barroom Floor." And the lady is only the queen of the May

For you know the rule is, that the woman must pay. Of this there is no doubt.

So sit very quietly; blow your nose; Keep your eyes open and pull up your hose; Be sweet and persuasive and some spring day

If you work and pull strings, you'll be Queen of the May.

What a nice month May is, Ivy Day over, we aren't bothered or worried over who will be the May Queen, who will be tapped or masked, and who will win the poetry contest. School is out in four weeks—four and a half, rather. A month. Thirty-two days. Seven hundred and sixty-eight hours. All we have to do is drift along on a dream, as it were, and struggle a bit now and then to keep in the current. Everything's over.

Why, oh why, go to Commencement? A professor told us the other day that Commencement was primarily a show for the parents of Johnny who had stuck up the shekels for his four years education. They want to see something for their money. So Johnny puts on his cap and gown and he walks around in a daze in the coliseum and someone shoves a piece of sheepskin into his hand and everyone smiles and says: "I just knew Johnny would graduate some day if he just kept at it."

But we are firmly convinced that the ten buck fee we have to pay to dodge the pageantry is quite worth it. The red tape one goes through in order to take one's degree in absentia is almost worse than going to the big show, however.

It won't be long now, we reflect. Then all the seniors will be graduates, out in the crowd, cool world, struggling desperately to make a living. During the four years that we have attended college we have had this one thing dinned into us again and again until we are nigh unto nauseated.

"Get your degree. The young man can't get along without it in these modern times. Be prepared. Then get out there and fight! Take out insurance, go into the bond business, work and slave and save, open bank accounts, marry the right girl (never forgetting that her old man must be worth at least \$50,000) and win for yourself a safe, respectable, conservative place in your community. Join the Elks. Join the Rotary club. Get into the Chamber of Commerce. Ten years hence you'll be fat and prosperous, complacent and influential, a made man with the little home and the little family."

But no one says to the graduating senior: "Pay no attention to this drive! Never forget your wildest and most romantic dreams. Forget that American fame is now based on influence, conservatism and wealth. Be a hobo if you want to be a hobo. If you dreamed of the Isles of the Sea, go to them. If you want romance and adventure, don't throw it over in order to be a credit in your community. No, you never hear anyone say that."

The University of Nebraska is here now because there were some men back east who, despite the horror expressed by the old home towners, got into their covered wagons and trekked across a thousand miles of prairie, fighting Indians and plagues and hunger and thirst, and made their homes in a "god forsaken" country. But their grandson's are graduating from the university this June and some of them are going into the grocery business and the rest are

going to marry Phyllis and sell insurance.

The ones who smile tolerantly at this sort of thing and say: "Enticing life for the youngster still with his ideals, but hardly practical," are the ones who had dreamed the same things when they were a few years younger, but they've lost their ideals and now they're jealous.

Dr. Alexander said that the physical frontiers are gone, but he's wrong. There are plenty of them left. In view of the fact that our ancestor was a Norman sea-farer, and our grand-dad raised cattle in the Great American desert despite hell and high water, and our father ran a weekly paper in opposition to rather turbulent cow-punchers on a Dakota reservation, we'll have to carry on the tradition and find some more frontiers to squat on, even though, to be considered sane and practical, we should join the Kiwanians and "settle down."

Crazy? Sure! But won't it be a relief to be fanning the breezes out in Kalgoolie, or Timbuctu, or Samarcand, and know that back on the old campus they are still wrangling endlessly over graft and favoritism and dirty politics? Dunt Esk!

BOOKSTORE DIRECTORY UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA, Bloomington, Ind.—A directory of College bookstores has been published by Ward C. Biddle, manager of the University of Indiana bookstore and treasurer of the National College Bookstore association.

This directory gives a complete list of all college bookstores belonging to the national association, an article on what the association is doing by President Paul Hartenstein, of the University of Pennsylvania, and a discussion of the importance of the work of the association by Dr. George P. Winship, librarian of the Widener library of Harvard university.

The directory shows that the association now has a membership of 110.

TO HONOR MOTHERS UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore.—Plans for meetings, banquets and various other junior weekend entertainments are being made for the annual Mothers' Day to be held on the campus of the University of Oregon May 10 and 11 when mothers from all over the state will be guests of sons and daughters.

9% OF STUDENTS FAIL HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Mass.—Of the 703 men who took the general final examinations in 1928-29, 644, or 91.5 per cent, were successful, while 59, or 8.5 per cent, failed. Averaging this result with those of previous years shows that only 9.1 per cent of the candidates for degrees from this institution failed to get them.

RUSH RULES REVISED. University of Maryland: Revision of the fraternity rushing regulations proved to be the principal business of the interfraternity council of the University of Maryland at its recent meeting. Next year fraternity rushing will start with the opening of school and continue until the first Tuesday in November.

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MILESTONES AT NEBRASKA

May 7, 1920

The junior girls won the annual inter-class swimming meet at the high school pool.

Representatives of thirty-three colleges and universities met at the Commercial club for an inter-university banquet.

Delta Chi and Phi Kappa Psi were winners in interfraternity baseball games.

A packed house at the auditorium heard the New York Symphony, Walter Damrosch conducting.

Rain caused considerable disappointment among the cadets as they were unable to drill.

The editor commented upon the significance of Mothers' Day.

1910 Two sororities held their formals in the Temple because of the smallpox ban on downtown halls. It was announced that freshmen could wear their coveted blue caps

Ivy Day, in spite of their defeat in the Olympics.

Sixteen tracksters left for Sioux City for the first meet of the season.

1905 The baseball team defeated Washington university of St. Louis, 16 to 0, and Illinois college of Jacksonville, 36 to 3.

Prof. E. H. Barbour gave an interesting lantern slide lecture at convocation.

Both the varsity pole vault and hammer throw records were broken in the track try-outs.

SURF BOARDING. University of Oregon: Surf boarding will be one of the sports offered to students of the University of Oregon summer session, who take the Hawaiian cruise next summer. The Oregon students will have classes on the campus of the University of Hawaii, and will be allowed plenty of time for aquatic recreation.

Van Sant School of Business Day and Evening Schools Co-Educational—No Solicitors—No Contracts—No Pre-payments Summer session for teachers and students JA 5890 OMAHA Cor. 19th and Douglas Sts.

Advertisement for Rudge & Gwenzel Co. featuring a table setting illustration and the text: 'No Cover Charge Here!', '44th BIRTHDAY SALE', 'It ends Saturday!', 'Rudge & Gwenzel Co', '1120 P Street Always Open Motor Out Company'.

Advertisement for Sawyer's Rainwear featuring an illustration of a man in a raincoat and the text: 'SAWYER'S RAINWEAR', 'Ask your dealer to show you the very latest style in wet-weather garments.', 'The new model, style No. 510, is made of bal-lam-both, waterproofed by Sawyer's famous process and combines greatest strength with soft-ly weight light-ness.', 'This coat weighs only 20 ounces.', 'A great garment for summer wear.', 'H. M. SAWYER & SON East Cambridge 22 Mass.'

Advertisement for Coca-Cola featuring an illustration of a man lying on a bench drinking a Coca-Cola and the text: 'The pause that gives poise', 'the Pause that refreshes', 'Comes a time (as they say) every day when it's good to drop things—relax—and, calm, collected, cool, seek the hidden meaning of life.', 'Sign off for just a minute, now and then, and refresh yourself with an ice-cold Coca-Cola. Ready for you—anytime—around the corner from anywhere. Nine million times a day the Thinkers and Doers of the nation find the pause that refreshes is what keeps the world wagging.', 'The Coca-Cola Company, Atlanta, Ga.', '9 MILLION A DAY—IT HAD TO BE GOOD TO GET WHERE IT IS'