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UTTER INCOMPETENCY.

Incumbency of the Student Publication board to select staff members for university journals was widely advertised in its recent selection of a working personnel for the 1931 Cornhusker, announcement of which was made last Sunday. Reliable and unmistakable support for this assertion is shamelessly brandished in one particular instance. In the selection of two managing editors for the student annual, the board displayed its inexcusable ignorance of factional and fraternity politics; further, it flaunted its inability to recognize and reward merit, labor and scholastic accomplishment.

Students who are in contact with publications have recognized the error made by this bungling group. A man who surpassed his rivals by almost twenty points in scholarship and who has, admittedly, worked as diligently on that publication, was brazenly dropped from the staff.

Factional and fraternity politics cannot be blamed entirely for this startling faux pas. Students are naturally inclined to be partial in their judgment. Their decisions are instinctively colored by personal likes and dislikes, whereas actual merit should be the basis of evaluation.

Faculty members of the board should temper the partisan judgments of student representatives. They should be sufficiently acquainted with campus political machinery to question the opinions offered by their contemporary electors. That they are blind to this matter is too evident.

ARE FACULTY members of the board acquainted with the publications over which they hold a mighty stick? One faculty man of the group is conscious of developments; the others scarcely recognize the existence of publications except during meetings of that inefficient group.

Perhaps it is impossible to choose faculty men who are cognizant of conditions. If so, the reigning judges might realize the importance of their positions and attempt to brush up on the fine points of publication management. They are, with one exception, as ignorant of their responsibilities as the recently deposed minor class officers.

RETURNING to the student representatives. The Nebraskaan submits this information: five of six appointments were given to men who had fraternity brothers on the board. Three of these were voting members, while two were staff heads who sat with the illustrious body and made recommendations to it. Inferences drawn from these facts may or may not be correct. Faculty men, however, should have investigated this and heeded recommendations more carefully.

Some drastic change is imperative. Recently elected student members of the board are not qualified to judge the men who make application for positions. They will undoubtedly allow factional and fraternity affiliations to shade their reflections, for none has had experience on any student newspaper or yearbook. It is regrettable that their faculty cohorts will be no more eligible and no better qualified to shade the destinies of deserving applicants.

OBVIOUSLY PARTISAN? EMERGING from a drift of student communications, The Nebraskaan stands firmly on the ground taken in yesterday's editorial column concerning the Student council election of officers.

THAT HE is unable to recognize any motive other than factional advancement for The Nebraskaan's stand on the election is confessed by "R. T." He cannot comprehend an honest, open minded, expression of belief.

It is unnecessary to split hairs over the constitutionality of the attempt to elect a sophomore to Student council presidency. Did the yellow jackets and barbs sincerely believe their man better qualified for the position? Despite sweeping statements to the contrary, The Nebraskaan would have endorsed the overthrow of precedence to secure the best man. Politicians made no attempt, however, to present that man's qualifications, for they refused to nominate him from the floor.

the students financial problems, and the need of merchandise at times when cash is not always available. Unless a student has a low rating, he is assured of the best treatment at nearly all stores.

Credit is not a thing that should be disregarded in the belief that it is the merchants lookout to get the money. Credit rating is an indication of ones responsibility and dependability. To disregard it is a mark not only of poor business tactics, but of improper recognition of duty.

Before leaving for the summer all bills should be either paid or definite arrangements made to take care of them before fall. To the greater portion of students such a suggestion is unnecessary, and it is these who suffer for those who neglect their accounts and lower the reputation for honesty among college men and women.

FAVORABLE PUBLICITY. Publicity in this day and age has become an essential element in the development of every great institution. Large corporations have their publicity departments, the purpose of which is to create good will for the institutions and to get free advertising in the form of publicity.

Educational institutions, very properly, are recognizing the value of favorable publicity. Most of them have a regular publicity service which supplies the press of the state with news, features and pictures depicting events and developments in the institution. Chancellor Burnett, in telling of his work as administrative head of the university in a news story in The Daily Nebraskaan recently, stressed the fact that he must act as a public relations man.

The University of Nebraska has been getting its fair share of news space in the newspapers of the state through the channels of the University Service, press associations and special correspondents. But there is one type of favorable publicity that it is not getting and that is in regard to its instructional staff and its rating as an educational institution. This kind of publicity cannot be gained through the columns of a newspaper. It must originate through a realization of Nebraska's prestige by the students themselves.

Nebraska is not losing all or even a small portion of its outstanding professors, Anton Jensen, The Fire and Sword and gossip, to the contrary notwithstanding. Nebraska is a first rate university both in the quality of its students and the quality of its instructional staff.

One of the most encouraging aspects of the whole situation is that Nebraska has so many outstanding young men on the faculty. Their work is being recognized all over the nation. To mention a few of them would be doing an injustice to the others. The graduate college is increasing in size and that is an encouraging sign.

Just as football veterans like to boast of the "good ol' days" of Cornhusker football, so are others prone to make unfair comparisons of the university today and the university of several years ago. Students are too close to some of Nebraska's outstanding professors to recognize their real merit while they are worshipful of professors who have been here and departed. In fact, it seems that a faculty member must be called to another institution to be fully appreciated.

The people of the state should know the truth. Mr. Jensen is correct in this assertion. The truth is that Nebraska is a first class educational institution with an excellent instructional staff.

The Student Pulse

Signed contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department. Opinions submitted should be brief and concrete.

To the editor: Your editorial in yesterday's Daily Nebraskaan on "Dirty Politics" has stirred up so much comment on the campus, that it may well be subjected to further discussion, in these columns. I think that your condemnation of the methods which were employed by one group of members of the council to get a man elected to the presidency of the Student council is a valid criticism. It was very stupid of them to resort to ridiculously covert methods to attain an end which could have been striven for, with even greater chances for ultimate success, in a manner open and above board.

On the other hand, I am prone to question the soundness of your premise which holds that the custom of electing one of the holdover members of the council to the presidency is an absolute one, from which no deviation is to be permitted. There is nothing in the constitution of the council which decrees that the president must be chosen from one of the holdovers, although as a matter of policy it is conceivable that it is generally wise to choose him from among those who have been on the council before.

Finally, I want to say that I can't see how the occurrences in Wednesday's council meeting cast any aspersion upon the efficacy of the proportional representation plan. The purpose of the plan was to give each student group a voice in their only representative and elective body. That there is a difference of opinion in the council, that there is no longer a docile unanimity of opinion, is not to be imputed to the discredit of the plan. That was the purpose of the plan, to give each group a chance to express itself. The more the merrier.

DAVID FELLMAN. To the editor: It is to be regretted that the editorial printed in The Nebraskaan on Thursday, May 22, relative to the election of Student council officers so far betrayed its partisanship as to relate only one side of the affair. The unfair insinuations cast upon certain members of the council and the scheme of proportional representation are unwarranted by the actual situation.

In the first place let it be clearly understood that the actions taken by the members of the council criticized in the article were in no particular meth-

ods unauthorized by parliamentary law or the constitution of the Student council. As far as the writer knows there has been no allegation of such illegal tactics. The main objection seems to center around the fact that an attempt was made to depart from the precedent of electing holdover members to office, such attempt being engendered by the division of the council membership into factions through proportional representation.

In the opinion of the writer the blunder of the members seeking to depart from the practice was in not nominating their candidate from the floor but merely in writing in his name on the ballot. Their method while perfectly legitimate laid them open for biased and partisan attacks.

That a shadow has been cast upon the success of proportional representation through the display of differences would seem to be a point of view which does not comprehend the aims of proportional representation. The reason for the institution of proportional representation was to give every considerable group on the campus a voice in the council. The entire idea of the innovation would come to naught if the majority group on the council could steamroller the lesser groups into blindly following the precedents set during the palmy days of the majority's unopposed reign in the council. It is indeed regrettable if precedent has such a strong hold upon the council that it would be followed in any event. It is entirely conceivable that at some time the holdover members will be of a caliber high enough to hold office. At such a time as this adherence to precedent would work irreparable damage. Fortunately this situation did not pertain yesterday. However if members of the council are consistently discouraged from expressing their individual feelings and departing from the usual, nothing better than a stereotyped domination of the council by a few members can be expected.

TRUE COLORS. To the editor: Congratulations, Mr. Editor, on the best example of unmitigated, unreasoned, and all together unjustified factionalism ever perpetrated on our dear old campus. Your editorial, "Dirty Politics," was the best defense of the waning blue shirt cause for many a moon. But why did you mince words so needlessly?

Why not, Little Boy Blue, say that the chagrin of yourself and Raikes over the blue shirt loss was of such a nature that you could no longer resist the impulse to use the channels of your paper (and it is your's you know for a semester—unfortunately) to give vent to your ire. (We wonder, parenthetically, if you have the moral courage to print

of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, of Phi Beta Kappa, and was president of the American Philosophical Society in 1916. Dr. Shorey has held professorships in Bryn Mawr from 1885 to 1892, in Johns Hopkins in 1912, and in the University of Berlin from 1913 to 1914. He has been with the University of Chicago since then.

The baccalaureate sermon will be given Sunday, June 1, at 4 o'clock in Saint Paul's Methodist Episcopal church at Twelfth and M streets. Bishop Frederick D. Leete of the Methodist church, who resides in Omaha will be the speaker. Candidates for graduation are asked to assemble not later than 3:30 o'clock on baccalaureate Sunday in the Epworth league room of the church at the south door. Caps and gowns must be worn. Students who intend to attend are asked to notify the registrar's office, room 3 Administration hall not later than Wednesday, May 28.

MILESTONES AT NEBRASKA. MAY 23, 1915. Prof. Lawrence Bruner, head of the entomology department, was elected president of the Nebraska academy of sciences. 1910. The Dramatic club presented "Arms and the Men" at the Temple. Members of the track squad left for the Missouri Valley meet at Des Moines. The university decided to give a full holiday for Memorial day. 1905. The feature of the Ivy day exercises was the presentation to the university by the senior class of the pictures of the six chancellors who had been at the head of the university since its founding.

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MILITARY CHIVALRY. To the editor: Yesterday a little crippled girl fell down on the drill field. She lost both of her crutches, and was unable to get up. A company of R. O. T. C. men stood placidly by while she tried to rise. No one offered to help her, she lay where she had fallen until two girls who had seen her fall ran over from the far edge of the field and tried to lift her. They tried for several minutes before they were even able to get her on her crutches again. Meanwhile the nonchalant army lounged easily a few yards away, while they waited for drill to begin. Undoubtedly military science is a wonderful influence in training men to be gentlemen. Its beneficial effect on the chivalry of the men it trains can hardly be measured. But perhaps it should not be held to blame. Had seeds in good soil not make very good plants. A. W. O. L.

MANNERS NEEDED. To the editor: While the women's athletic instructors are teaching their proteges the rudiments of tennis it might not be a bad idea if they would teach them a few of the common courtesies of the game. For instance, they might point out to some of the fair coeds that it is rude to cross a court on which two other players are playing. Many of them seem to feel that the competitors can stop their game and await their pleasure while they stroll leisurely across the playing zone. Also it might not be out of place to instruct the dear maids that it is the custom of the game to return a ball to the court which it belongs if it should happen to come onto their court. In place of that many of them will calmly proceed with their game while their neighbors on some other court can retrieve their own ball at the best of their own ability, even though they may be too polite to go onto another court while play is in progress. G. E. M.

Mrs. Willebrandt Visits Ann Arbor; Says "Law Is Socialized Profession" "Law is a socialized profession," stated Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt on her recent visit to Ann Arbor to assist in the installation of the international legal sorority Phi Delta Delta. "If a lawyer is helpful to his clients, it is because he has earned the respect shown him in his community and has an ability to represent them in the community as well as in the courts. "A woman's success in politics," continued Mrs. Willebrandt, "depends on her individual self. It is entirely a problem of the particular woman to develop the essential qualities for success: good sportsmanship, understanding, business relations, and forgetfulness of self plus the particular opportunities that come her way. "Question Easier. "The question success is made easier for a man," she continued. "A man's success is much easier to win because the world doesn't turn a spotlight on his failures as it does on those of a woman. People say that a woman has failed because it is 'just like a woman.' Yet they have a tolerant attitude toward men. If a young man fails to win success at once they excuse him by saying, 'He is just a young man—he will do better next time.' Although a man's failure is often ascribed to his youth, Mrs. Willebrandt declares that a woman's failure is ascribed by the public to her sex. "Yes," continued Mrs. Willebrandt, "if a woman is successful, everyone says, 'well, she's an exception,' and are willing to offer her encouragement until they are sure she is making good. However, although a woman's representing her class in the legal profession is still in an early stage, it is making rapid steps forward and more and more she is treated like a lawyer rather than a woman to be shielded." Mrs. Willebrandt received her education in Park college and Ferris institute in Michigan, and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in the University of Southern California—The Michigan Daily. Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Brown, and Leigh universities. In 1880 he was admitted to the bar in Chicago. Dr. Shorey became professor of Greek in 1892. He is a member of the Educational Association of America and is a noted writer. Dr. Shorey is prominent because of his numerous translations of Greek and is an accepted authority on Plato. is Classical Author. He has written a number of critical essays and was the editor

commencement morning, Saturday, June 7. Each candidate will be given a name ticket and be grouped with their respective college to march to the Coliseum for the exercises. Name tickets must be turned in when the candidate enters the Coliseum. If rain prevents the march candidates will report to the east door of the Coliseum basement at 10 o'clock and take their places in the sections arranged for their respective colleges at the rehearsal. Any candidates who fails to appear will be obliged to pay the \$10 in an absence fee before the diploma will be made of the candidates on the campus and again at the Coliseum.

Must Give Notice. If for any reason a candidate cannot complete the requirements for his degree or is unable to be present at the commencement exercises he should inform the registrar's offices of the fact by Wednesday, May 28 or before. Dr. Paul Shorey, of the University of Chicago, prominent Greek scholar and professor of Greek literature will deliver the commencement address. He holds sixteen degrees from American and European universities, including Harvard, Leipzig, Bonn, American School of Classical Studies, Munich, Iowa, Missouri, John Hopkins, Colorado, Princeton.

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COMMENCEMENT PLANS OUTLINED BY DEAN UPSON (Continued from Page 1.) economics supervisor's certificates, \$1. Seniors will receive their diplomas after the exercises in the basement of the Coliseum, until 1 o'clock. The following week they may be secured at the office of the registrar. As the board of regents will not reissue diplomas, teacher certificates and like documents, graduates are urged to preserve their diplomas carefully, and use photographic copies when necessary.

Rehearsal Scheduled. A rehearsal will be held in the Coliseum at 11 o'clock Friday, June 6. All candidates for degrees are required to be present as this is absolutely necessary, the letter states, in order to carry out the exercises without confusion. The rehearsal will require about an hour and all students are requested to report promptly to the sections reserved for their colleges. The commencement procession will be formed east of Pharmacy hall and all candidates will assemble there at 9:30 sharp on

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