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Student Government? We're Laughing at You!

In a school of some 7,000 students there are bound to be certain problems which students alone are qualified to investigate and solve. The Nebraskan has brought up several topics of this nature—but where do we go from here? It has been the custom in past years to bring every matter of student interest before the student council. Here a handful of thinking representatives discussed the question for the benefit of the dreaming members. If the big-wigs of the council were agreed on the problem, some action was taken. This "action," lest one confuse it, consisted in recommending something to a faculty committee.

Let us hike back to last year when the 12:30 night question was flaunted before the student body. This issue was initiated by The Daily Nebraskan and presented to the student council. That body, being impotent, decided to bring the matter to a student vote. It was passed by an overwhelming majority, but that made little difference. The A. W. S. board had sole power to act and if it had chosen to ignore student desire, then the college public would be plowing into sorority houses at 12:15 this year.

What does this mean? It means that the student body in this institution is dead from the ankles up so far as any active self government is concerned. More than this, the faculty and administration are none to anxious to satisfy the demands made by students. The Nebraskan, for example, has opened its columns to discussion on certain pertinent problems. We have attempted to reason out matters of general student interest with the ultimate purpose of remedying existent evils and improving campus affairs. Now what can we do?

We believe that a certain eligibility rule is unfair and unwise. Student opinion has been sounded on the matter and it is generally conceded that a change is advisable. The administration ignores this student clamor and the discussion dies out. Smoking rooms were advocated by the university's sole newspaper and though they were not unanimously desired, the problem is one which merits some discussion outside the columns of this publication. Where would it be argued? The A. W. S. board is the sole self governing body on the campus and it is concerned only with a few incidental matters of coed conduct.

The Nebraskan devised a parking system of some merit, we believe. What happened? The operating superintendent dropped a few hints about it and the matter is fast on its way to oblivion. After interesting the student body in the idea of drawing valuable scholastic material into this university, The Nebraskan found that it had gone the limit. If the university condescends to take some action, all well and good. If it prefers to pigeonhole the topic, nothing can be done.

Since the student council is most evidently a farce, many would advocate its abolition. That, however, would be a step in the wrong direction. There has been too much of this scrapping in the past; instead of attempting to strengthen its student organizations, Nebraskans have consented spinelessly to their removal. Other universities have strong, constructive self governing bodies. Nebraska is content to waddle along under a faculty wing, taking its decrees without a murmur and making no attempt to institute changes which it considers desirable.

"What will be the result of this lifelessness on the part of students?" wonder some feebly interested Cornhuskers. We need not look to the future for a harvest of the present sowing. The result is here, filtering destructively through every organization and activity on this campus. Unless students summon up a semblance of interest and take a few matters into their own hands, this university may as well send up the white flag.

"Just a big sheep man from the shearing shection," explained the drunk in the stadium.

An Old Banished Custom

Those who sit on the benches and watch the mad rush of collegiate activity find a source of great concern in the behavior of students on special trains. Since Nebraskans are preparing to travel to Lawrence this week end, a certain amount of editorial caution might be offered. Some near-sighted critics of college life are

quite confident that immorality abounds on special trains and that even the drinking faucets drip gin and whisky. This is not the case. There is, to be sure, a great deal of hilarity and boisterousness on any college special, enroute to a football game, but this youthful enthusiasm is not all that it is cracked down to be. When a few hundred spirited youths, collegiate or otherwise, are thrown together on a special train the result is bound to be rather unconventional. Immorality and drunkenness need not be drawn into the picture. There may be a certain amount of alcoholic indulgence, but these special trips are not the bottle-throwing orgies that certain of our unsympathetic elders are prone to imagine.

Last year when the Nebraska student special steamed to Manhattan for the Kansas Aggie game, much criticism was hurled at the Cornhuskers for their behavior. Spoon swiping, hell-raising and dire misconduct were chalked against the Nebraska delegation by Manhattanites. Some of this was probably justified—much of it was unwarranted.

We do not mean to whip wash students in this university. We have our black sheep who bring the very devil at every opportunity and raise volleys of criticism on the school. Our appeal is to the decent, square-shooting students who are willing to co-operate with the university in its attempts at conduct.

This Kansas trip will provide opportunities for drinking and carousing. Will Nebraska students take advantage of these chances to revel in the freedom of a foreign campus? Will they give this university a blotched name in the eyes of Kansas people? We hope not.

Students may have a good time without staggering through a special train and blowing gin-smelling breath at every stranger. It is not necessary to steal silverware and break street lamps to celebrate a victory. This is not a moral lecture. Deceit and moderation are the qualities that must be encouraged. We hope that Nebraska students realize the importance of these things and behave in a commendable manner, to, from and at Lawrence.

One of the four year men still thinks the conservatory is a place where one learns how to save money.

So the Greek Walls Fall Around Our Ears.

A letter reached The Nebraskan office this morning which lamented the editor's interest in smoking rooms for coeds. Its illustrious author, signing himself as one interested in the university, intimated that the publicity given coed smoking through the editorial columns might result in the legislature's abolition of fraternities and sororities on this campus.

What would the secret commentator advise? This publication is not and will not be, during the present administration, a publicity organ for the university. Its purpose is not to fill the lopping ears of the state's citizenry with sweet nothings about the beauty and loveliness and wholesomeness of college life. We leave that to the public speakers.

We have no regard for the individuals who dub themselves "interested" and prefer to spread appeasement over institutional sores which arise from inner evils. Are we to convince the public that coeds do not smoke? If the legislators are so blind to the advantages and inevitability of fraternity life, then the staunch supporters of the Grecian system will have a tough fight. We are not employed by the Interfraternity council—our responsibility, to repeat a wornout phrase, is to the student body.

Promising young men don't have a chance. They get in too many breach suits.

Is a bush-whacker a fellow who is always beating around the bush?

MORNING MAIL

Dear Athletics.

TO THE EDITOR: Some time ago there was raised in these columns a modest amount of "stink" over the activities of the athletic department in securing the best jobs in Lincoln for their proteges. The athletic-minded group in the university responded vigorously, saying, among other things, that the football gate paid for an extensive intramural program, enabling every student to take advantage of the numerous facilities provided. Athletics, according to the department and the participants, paid for many things beneficial and helpful to the student body.

The Nebraskan suggested that a swimming pool might be a fine thing for this campus, considering the fact that our swimmers took the Big Six conference title, and seem in a fair way to do it again this year. A pool would also provide healthful and likeable exercise for men and women students alike.

So far, there has been no noticeable expenditure for anything except big-time athletics. It seems all the income is returned to the business. The band, it is true, gets transportation to one near-by game each year. Likewise, one cheer leader or possibly two make one trip per season, expenses paid. Intramurals pay for themselves, as each group entering pays a twenty-five dollar fee for the privilege. The Pittsburgh game was a sellout. There will be others. Where does the money go? To increase coaching staff salaries and provide better and more extensive athletic equipment for the team? Certainly the department guards the strong-box with an iron fist as far as any other suggested items are concerned. T. W. L.

Keep It Here.

TO THE EDITOR: One of the Omaha papers has started agitation through the editor's column of the sport page concerning the state basketball tournament held annually in Lincoln under the auspices of the university.

The Omaha paper is advocating either the abolishment of the tournament or its removal to Omaha. The University of Nebraska cannot afford

to lose this meet to Omaha or any other city. Any activity concerning the high school students concerns the university.

The students that come here for these games, several hundred including the supporters of the team, are prospective members of this institution. It is the one big chance to show them what the University of Nebraska is and stands for. It is the high school student's chance to see his university before he makes his decision as to the college he wishes to attend.

Due to the lowering of the number of teams allowed to participate in the tournament, Nebraska officials have lost sight of the tremendous value that it still has. From a financial standpoint, it is an expense that the school can

WISCONSIN U OFFERS AERONAUTICAL COURSE

Eight Branches Open to Air-Minded Engineer; Others Admitted.

Keeping pace with the aerial development, the University of Wisconsin this year is offering eight courses in aeronautical engineering for air-minded engineering students. A wide range of subjects, designed to give the mechanical engineering students an opportunity to study aeronautical engineering, is provided. It includes aerodynamics, airplane stress analysis, design of airplane parts, propeller theory, welding, airplane engines, aeronautical meteorology, and airplane engine testing. Students choosing to take the option in aeronautics will take these special courses in place of some of the mechanical engineering courses. They will, of course, be required to take the fundamental courses required of all engineering students, and will be graduated as mechanical engineers. Available to Others. The aeronautical subjects will be available to students in other courses than mechanical engineering, if they wish to elect them, members of the staff of the engineering school report.

The question of whether or not to follow the lead of certain other engineering schools and establish a complete course in aeronautical engineering was carefully considered by the faculty of the college last spring. A survey of the field that might absorb graduates of such a course did not offer justification for any greater specialization than that now being offered under the aeronautical option, it was felt.

Prof. Raymond J. Roark, who has general supervision of the new option, in visiting various factories and laboratories to get first hand information concerning the wisdom of encouraging students to specialize in aeronautical engineering. "It is clearly the belief of the engineers interviewed," reports Professor Roark, "that the best preparation is one that involves a thorough grounding in the fundamentals of mechanics and stress analysis, rather than necessarily more superficial instruction in subjects specifically aeronautical in nature."

"This viewpoint was well-considered and strongly held by several men, each of whom occupies a position in the industry that lends weight to his view," he added. A letter received by Professor Roark shows clearly the opinion of men who are pioneering in the air industry. An excerpt from that letter says: "The type of training which we prefer is that of a sound fundamental training in structural engineering—something which is given in civil engineering courses. Where aeronautical work is taken we prefer that it be taken as a post-graduate course."

"We feel that having the student conduct analyses on airplane structures is not nearly so valuable as having them spend the equivalent time on the fundamental mechanics behind it. A man with proper grounding can very readily be trained in the method of airplane analysis once he has joined some engineering force." Possibilities. There is a general agreement that the field of aeronautical engineering is at present overcrowded, according to Professor Roark. It appears that the field is strictly limited.

Prof. Roark believes that it is difficult to find grounds for believing that aeronautical engineering will ever offer professional opportunity to any great number of men of average ability. He feels that it does, however, hold attractive possibilities for a small number of graduates possessed of unusual scientific ability, originality, and decided interest in aviation.

The decision of the Wisconsin college of engineering to offer training in aeronautical engineering as an option to the course in mechanical engineering is believed to be in accord with the judgment of those familiar with conditions in the industry. Hitchcock County Soil Survey Near Completion Dean G. C. Condra announces that the soil survey of Hitchcock county will be completed this week. Many of the federal employees on the work will leave for assignments in other states, but a few, besides two state experts, will proceed at once to Dundee county, where they will carry on investigations, until inclement weather prohibits.

TEACHING IN SOUTH Miss Catharyn Lineman, a former graduate student working for a master's degree in botany, is now teaching in the North Carolina College for Women at Greensborough, N. C.

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When I sat down at the piano they all laughed... and left.

A letter from our Pittsburgh correspondent indicates that all is not well in the noisy, steel city. He claims that our boys "held out" on the Pittsburghers.

Back in the days when school spirits flowed more freely than in their wont nowadays the good old school was witness to much merry-making and good times. Education hadn't reached its present ethical stage. Men were men and the girls were all members of the W. A. A. You must realize that this was before the present generation which brought in the cool, or, if we may be permitted the liberty, the co-ed. But to get back to the first line. We ourselves don't recall, not having been around, any of those bygone exploits, but the campus has any number of the old gang who watched Nebraska kick Notre Dame from one end of the field to the other. Not to mention turning back Minnesota and Illinois.

Between halves the old spirit used to break out in the form of antics and pranks. Good old games between the Friars and the Cornhuskers, and stout farmer boys plucking feathers from the old Jay as we hope they'll do this coming Saturday. And when loyal Cornhuskers went away from home to play—what times! Dancing in the baggage car ahead, toasts (dry or buttered) songs, goo' ol' Nebraska songs, and every man out (most of the time) for a good time. We sigh. Repeat. Never more will such things happen. Gentlemen, civilization is upon us.

And now the cry is, "On to Kansas!" Personally we think Kansas is just a lot of Bausch. In spite of our opinion, however, you should make the trip. Travel is so broadening. One acquires so many things (towels, silverware, blankets, soap, etc.). Just to leave Lincoln ought to be incentive enough, although we must admit, all the little boys and girls heading for Mt. Oread should go prepared. To be a social success in the school of the Kaw you've got to be a "climber." (Mt. Oread, parties on the hill, social climber—do you get it, Oscar?) We suggest that each student take as a part of his equipment the following:

- 1 Alpine stock (for climbing).
1 pair of extra stout shoes (that is if you intend to dance).
1 copy of Emily Post on "Etiquette" (copy may be left in Kansas).
1 box of aspirin.
And as an afterthought be sure you possess your identification card. This will enable you to enjoy the privileges of the library while waiting for the game and in case you decide to stay over for Sunday.

SO THEY SAY. This rule is very easy to get around. —Dorothy Silvia And we thought Nebraska girls were just the bestest kind.

Nebraskans are not hicks. —Frances Holyoke We have no faith in such general statements.

The State is not ready for such a move. —Dean Amanda Heppner Whose move is it?

You're just a bunch of big, red-faced boys. —Coach Bible But oh, what a line!

Few students stop to consider that a Cornhusker is the only concrete evidence which students have to show their parents as an indication of what they are while in Nebraska. —Manager Edmonds Wherein we have more truth than poetry.

As a member on the Pittsburgh team said, "I was born in Pittsburgh, but I didn't see the light of day until we came west to play Nebraska." Hoorsay! Who knows, maybe this column has "Lagnappe."

Live Steam Connected With Bessey Lab Tables

Sterilizers and hot tables for drying in Bessey hall were connected with live steam during the summer at a cost of about \$250. The drying tables are useful for drying fungi and herbarium specimens in damp weather. The steam connections facilitate work in the department a great deal.

Salt Lake City police chief has warned Greeks they cannot duck goats (presumably pledges) in a reservoir in that city.

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300 ATTEND 'Y. W.' VESPERS TUESDAY

Girls Light Candles to Signify Membership in Society.

More than three hundred girls lighted their candles signifying membership in the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday at the candle lighting Vespers service held in Ellen Smith hall. This program, which always follows the annual membership drive in the Y. W., is said to be one of the most effective as well as the largest Vespers service of the year.

Following the singing of a professional while the vested choir took their places, Miss Bernice Miller, secretary of the university Y. M. C. A., discussed the opportunities open to members of the organization, and explained some of the principles upon which the "Y" is founded.

Light Candles. Each girl lighted her small candle from tall tapers held by Helen McAnulty, president, or Minnie Nemechek, vice president of the society. When every candle was lighted, the purpose of the Y. W. C. A. was read together, and the traditional professional of candle lighting services in Y. W., "The Hymn of the Lights," was sung by all.

During this ceremony, the candles were the only light in the hall. The Vesper choir continued singing "Hymn of the Lights" as the procession of girls, each with a lighted candle, filed out. The service was in charge of Minnie Nemechek, membership chairman of the "Y."

30 SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN STUDENTS AT TEXAS YEARLY

AUSTIN, Tex. — Approximately thirty scholarships are awarded to students of the University of Texas annually. The majority of these scholarships are maintained from interest on a number of scholarship endowments aggregating more than \$406,000. The active fund from which the scholarships are given, consisting of the interest on these endowments together with direct contributions amounts annually to over \$35,000.

In addition to the above scholarships given in money, university board of regents grants with certain conditions exemption of fees to students making the highest grades in certain high schools and junior colleges throughout Texas.

SCHOOL COLORS SUGGESTED FOR FRESHMEN CAPS

SEATTLE, Wash. — "The green hat is a badge of humiliation." These are the words of President M. Lyle Spencer, who recently suggested that freshmen caps be made of Washington's colors—purple and gold—instead of the traditional green. Dr. Spencer was strong in his acclaim for traditions. He believes that the work done this year by Oval club, student council and co-operating groups is worthy of much praise.

"Traditions will never go over well until student leaders start the year before to inform those who are to come," he said. "High school students should be informed that cords are not to be worn by undergraduates. We plan to have announcements of this placed in future university bulletins."

Cosmopolitan Club Will Meet Sunday Afternoon

Cosmopolitan Club will have a business meeting on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2:30 p. m. in Temple 205. Plans for future meetings are to be submitted and discussed, and a working program will be drawn up for the ensuing year. The president urges all members—active, associate, and honorary to attend the meeting and to remember that first semester dues are due to the general chapter by November 15.

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO BRING BACK THEATER

Miss Howell Tells of Move to Restore Show House to Old Popularity.

TICKET PRICE REDUCED

"There has been during the past and current year a very definite effort to restore the theater to the place it used to hold," stated Miss H. Alice Howell, director of the dramatics department in an interview recently. "Along with this movement definite steps have been taken to lower the price of theater tickets since this has been one of the causes of the theatrical decline," she added. The "talkies" which do provide excellent entertainment for a small cost have been another cause of the lack of interest shown in the theater of late, according to Miss Howell. Forty-five new stock companies besides the thirty that were playing last year are offering legitimate productions this year.

Large Decrease. Three years ago there were over 100 stock companies in the United States. This number decreased appallingly the following year to thirty, but the past year shows a noticeable increase, said Miss Howell.

Road shows have not been especially successful although Mrs. Fiske is planning a tour for this winter with five plays in the company's repertoire.

Following the example of the Theater guild, the Schubert theater and Eva LaGallienne's house, both in New York, are offering season tickets. This is one phase of the effort to lower and stabilize theater prices.

An agreement has just been settled upon, said Miss Howell, whereby no theater is to sell whole blocks of seats to brokers, and no agency, broker, hotel or telegraph company is to charge over 50 cents or 75 cents premium on tickets they handle. This ruling went into effect on Nov. 1 and includes most of the legitimate theaters in New York, according to the dramatic head.

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