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### A Crisis in Student Government.

This afternoon the Student council will assemble for the purpose of adopting, within the group, a new constitution. Members of the constitutional committee have been engaged in violent controversies since the subject was first initiated. The committee will lay its decisions before the council and stand by for a fusillade of verbal shrapnel.

Some may wonder why the council is having such a bad time in the formulation of a guiding document. The reason is quite simple.

First, if the council is to increase its powers it must find some powers to adopt. In doing this it treads heavily on the toes of the A. W. S. board, for that worthy group must sacrifice some of its hard earned authority to the supreme student congress.

If members of the A. W. S. board were interested in the welfare of the Student council they would be less jealous of their modest collection of privileges. Their president is a member of the council, but she acts more as a special representative of the A. W. S. board than as a delegate from the student body. She champions with feminine ferocity the A. W. S. cause.

We sympathize with Miss Gaylord, but fear that her loyalty will be of no avail. The Student council must prosper, even at the expense of the eod senate.

Then Alan Williams, father of the nonfraternity movement, is Johnny-on-the-spot to see that the Barb council loses none of its prestige to the Student council. Like Miss Gaylord, he is more interested in his own organization than in the council, of which he is also a member.

Lest these valiant warriors be condemned too bounteously for their defensive actions, we must admit that the Student council has shown little ability to handle its affairs so far in the university's history. Whereas the A. W. S. board is well established in its realm and has shown itself fully capable of handling its own business, the Student council is a floundering child. The Barb council, though a comparatively youthful group, has managed its affairs quite efficiently, making a success of university parties where the Student council failed.

The Nebraska is interested in the Student council, but aware of the A. W. S. board and the Barb council. We hope that the smoke of today's battle will clear away without any serious physical casualties and with a new Student council constitution ready for ratification by the student body and the administration. We mourn generously for the organizations which lose.

Many college editors are commenting on the unemployment situation. They should know!

### Soup and Fish With Raspberries!

Since local clothiers have shouted the praises of tailcoats, white waistcoats and silk hats, some innocent students are weeping salty tears because they are being exploited. Many letters, ranging in temperature from freezing to boiling, have been thrown at the editor in condemnation of Nebraska's attempt to ape Paris.

Why the hulloballoo? Strictly formal attire is not demanded for university parties. Those who boast the tailcoats and accessories will be in the minority. Dame fashion has not passed an iron bound decree that the intelligent university man must bend under the weight of an opera lid; the matter is entirely up to the tastes of individuals.

Those who believe that tailcoats should be worn have the privilege of wearing them, but there is no need for the juvenile howl that has been raised. The Nebraska is not interested in student opinions on the matter, since our knowledge of style is deplorable.

Yesterday our friend John Bentley quoted The Nebraska's editorial on rah-rahism in his "I May Be Wrong" spurge. Some day Brother Bentley may forget that the editor slipped far enough to write a play, but he will never forget that college editors are "boys." Pure and simple; particularly the latter.

After all the essay contests are over we might have an S. A. contest.

The University of Kansas is thinking about starting a course for firemen, open to those who are willing to start at the bottom of the ladder and work up.

### Suspicious of Messy Buildings.

A belated reply to The Nebraska's editorial assertion that campus beauty is often over-estimated in the modern college system appears in the Morning Mail column today. Nebraska's awkward, rundown, homely landscape will turn fond dreams into architectural nightmares in the opinion of H. H.

Another student letter, censored by the editor because of its lambasting of the state legislature, supposes that Nebraska will have a decent looking campus when free lunch stands and 2 o'clock nights are instituted. Its author suspects that the new state capitol drained the state's resources to such an extent that new buildings will never reach the University of Nebraska campus.

Most of us are too willing to shut our eyes and swing ferociously at the nearest obstacle in the way of campus improvement. We ignore the practical aspects of construction and swear vividly at the administration, the legislature, the regents or anyone else connected with the institution. After years of unsuccessful wondering and futile advising, it is natural that we resort to primitive methods of persuasion.

This university deserves a better looking campus. That contention is beyond rebuttal; we should not, however, cut our own throats and behave in accordance with our shabby surroundings.

Oh, dear! Some blightah slammed his cah daw on mah new tail coat.

Oh for the life of a policeman! But there's a law against taking it.

### MORNING MAIL

**Campus Beauty.**  
 TO THE EDITOR:  
 In one of Tuesday's editorials there appeared the sentence, "Stone walls do not a prison make, nor beautiful scenery a college." Literally this may be so; but doesn't beautiful scenery make a good college a better college? Doubtless just as good children can be reared in a home with unpainted exterior and yard devoid of grass and shrubbery as can be reared in a home having a beautiful exterior, but is it the usual case? Beauty has a wider influence on us than we in our rush realize. Regardless of our consciousness of it, the influence remains. Environment has a great deal to

do with our character. Students entering college are still in a very impressionable age. The poise and charm of maturer years are gained during the years a normal young person spends in college. Send a student to a college with a beautiful and quiet campus, "placid lakes, grassy hills, and ivy covered halls of learning," and the surroundings cannot help but leave their stamp of culture upon him.

The quiet beauty of his surroundings becomes inherent in him and he goes out into the world with a consciousness of what is in good taste and what is crude. On the other hand, send a student to a campus such as ours. What is there here that will add to his appreciation of beauty? A noisy campus, crowded in between the railway tracks and business section,

### Social Calendar

**Friday.**  
 Military ball coliseum.  
**Saturday, Dec. 6.**  
 Pi Kappa Alpha formal dance, Lincoln hotel.  
 Theta Chi formal dance, Lincoln hotel.  
 Zeta Tau Alpha formal dance, Cornhusker hotel.  
 Delta Gamma freshman house dance.  
 Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Gamma Delta house party.  
 Delta Zeta house party.  
 Agricultural engineers mixer in Student Activities building.  
 Delta Tau Delta pledge house party.

### RULE BY STUDENT IS QUESTION FOR FORUM DISCUSSION

Prof. C. H. Oldfather will be the speaker at the regular World Forum meeting this noon in the Temple cafeteria. He will review the unfavorable aspects of student government and give a resume of the points against it.

This is the first of a series of three meetings planned by the university Y. M. C. A. on student government. The second of these meetings will be held next Wednesday noon when David Feliman will defend student government and describe its favorable points. Feliman is the father of the proportional representation plan now in use for election of members of the student council.

The third meeting will be held the following week and will be in the nature of an open discussion with both of the previous speakers on hand to answer questions.

### VOTERS LEAGUE GROUP TO MEET THIS AFTERNOON

The meeting of the Efficiency in Government group of the League of Women Voters which usually takes place on Thursday at four o'clock will meet this week on Wednesday at four o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall. The speaker of the afternoon will be Miss Berenice Hoffman, prominent in student affairs, who has not announced her topic for discussion. Leone Ketterer, leader of the group, will introduce the speaker and make other announcements. Refreshments will be served.

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with buildings located with about as much plan as a patch of mushrooms, landscaping entirely lacking, and with as queer a jumble of architecture as was ever gathered together in one place, is not going to be much of an aid.

Of course, the appearance of the campus may not affect to a very considerable extent the quality of the knowledge dispensed within the buildings; yet, we are always suspicious of anything ramshackle. Fond memories of this campus could be nothing less than a nightmare.

The students of this college may be a success in later life, but it would be a safe venture that the success is more material than anything else. A beautiful campus helps to make a good education broader.

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