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Political Situation.

AN ALUMNUS of the university formerly actively affiliated with campus politics was commenting the other day on the apparent disintegration of the political situation on the campus. It was mentioned that the peanut politicians are showing a decided tendency to work at cross purposes this year. "In the good old days," the alignments used to be fast and sacred, and things went off according to prearranged plans.

As examples of this year's disorganization the situation of the various women's honorary offices was mentioned. Four girls filed for honorary colonel, the smallest number in years. One was ineligible. Four girls filed from Prom Girl. One withdrew. Nine girls filed for Nebraska Sweetheart, all of whom were dismayed when the filings were announced and the field was found to be so crowded.

We know, of course, that women on the campus never engaged in politics, but it was curious how it used to happen that women's honorary positions were likely to be rather well distributed. The same sorority seldom if ever filed a candidate for more than one of the honorary positions. And always there was a sufficiency of candidates. Something is missed from this year's situation besides student interest. Maybe the women lack a Mussolini.

MEN'S politics have also been more quiet and disorganized this year. The removal of certain sinecure offices from the political plum tree has no doubt had an effect upon the amount of struggling and striving which formerly characterized the battles for campus prestige. But even in cases where positions have been available, there has been a noticeable falling off in enthusiasm. Aspirants for various jobs have been pretty largely certain "logical" candidates being groomed for future recognition. Outside this sacred circle of "comers" there have been few who have had the timidity to make a bid for political preferment.

In view of the fact that there has been less domination and prearrangement of the political scenery than hitherto, it is really surprising that there has been this lack of interest and initiative. Not for several years has the opportunity been so good for those without pull to make themselves a place in campus activities. Especially is this true in regard to jobs on student publications.

No doubt certain things have been fixed in some cases. But for the most part there has been a general disorganization and absence of political bossism which in turn means greater opportunity for the ambitious "outsider." can be found to direct affairs and

FORMER peanut political bosses may wag their heads sadly

over the sad pass to which student deal out patronage, so to speak. But in reality the condition is much healthier now than under the conditions where campus politics worked with clocklike precision. Students who have the desire to work in extracurricular activities need not feel so cynical about the chances to break in on a closed corporation without pull. There is less justification for the feeling of: "Oh well, what's the use. I'll only get chiseled by somebody who belongs to the right group."

Why, then, has there been such a lack of student interest?

Perhaps the lack of interest in student affairs this year is simply a hangover of feeling from the time when conditions were such that pull was essential. If that is the reason for the student lethargy it is time to call attention to the fact that Horatio Alger was right, so far as campus affairs are concerned. Given a reasonable amount of ability, a large amount of ambition and perseverance, it is merely a case of starting out from the bottom and working up.

We hope conditions will remain that way, and continue to improve in the direction of providing equal opportunity for all.

Mr. Page's "Coup."

You may recall that Kirby Page addressed a meeting on this campus recently, sponsored by the student forum commission. In return for his services, the commission wished to help defray part of Mr. Page's expenses. Mr. Page, however, refused the money personally but instead applied the money on a number of subscriptions to the magazine, "The World Tomorrow" of which he is an editor. The magazine is to be sent to the university and distributed about the campus in the various libraries.

If the magazine is read, it would be interesting to hear some of the reactions to its contents. There are articles in it which may cause some people to see red. But whether you like it or not, look it up. Its worth reading merely to see how you react to some of its editorial opinions.

Deeding Away The White Elephants.

AS a result of an investigation conducted by the Daily Cardinal, Wisconsin student paper, showing that fraternity and sorority property valuations had been "jumped" by the city of Madison, in order to realize greater tax revenues from this property, a Wisconsin alumnus suggests that the Greek property be deeded to the state. In return for the deed the state would give a long time lease of the property to the various groups.

This system is now in use at Indiana and Northwestern universities. The organizations pay to the state only enough to cover the mortgage interest and principal, and nominal costs. The entire tax burden is lifted.

The applicability of the scheme will no doubt suggest itself to the barassed fraternal organizations at other universities. Here at Nebraska groups who are finding it difficult to keep on top of their obligations and find taxes a large item in the column of red ink figures might be inclined to give serious consideration to the proposal to avoid these taxes.

WHETHER the state would consent to accept the property thus countenancing avoidance of taxation is of course another question. But in view of the fact that fraternal organizations supply the facilities of dormitories in Lincoln, without which facilities the student housing problem would be a serious one, it would not be difficult for the state to justify ownership of fraternal property.

From the point of view fraternities and sororities there would be little to lose by adopting this course of action. The state, thru the university, already exercises considerable control over Greek letter organizations. What control

it does not exercise, it can exercise if it so desires. There would hardly be a tendency to adopt a policy of rigid supervision simply because a technical change in ownership had taken place.

Without knowing any of the difficulties or obstacles involved in such procedure, we can only say that it is interesting to realize that there is possibility of lightening the burden of costs which fraternities and sororities are puzzling over. If the pressure becomes much greater, some such solution may be worthy of investigation.

FORMER HUSKER FOOTBALL CAPTAIN NAMED TO POST IN ROOSEVELT CABINET.

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workmen's compensation act, a state income tax and corrupt practices law during his two terms as governor.

During the last presidential election, he turned over his governorship toga to a successor and took the stump for Mr. Roosevelt, carrying Utah for the New Yorker.

When on March 4 he takes over the biggest job of his career as civilian head of the United States army forces, this former Nebraskan can still be classed as a "Nebraska farmer," for he owns three farms near Fremont where he was born in 1872 and attended elementary school.

He opposed the building of Boulder (Hoover) dam on the old democratic theory that the Colorado river belongs to the states thru which it runs and not the United States. Altho by his own claim an "individualist," he says the depression was caused, not by too much interference by government in business, but by over-much letting alone. He favors further regulation.

Campus Was Very Different.

It was a far different picture the Nebraska campus of Mr. Dern's collegiate days presented than the far-flung plant of today's great educational institution. All university buildings were located in the two blocks between 10th and 12th streets and were surrounded by a high iron fence. The football stadium was a wooden grand-stand seating a few hundred people. The year's schedule included games with Doane, Butler, Denver athletic club, Missouri, Kansas and Iowa. Nebraska wound up a victorious season by defeating Iowa 20 to 18 in Omaha on Thanksgiving day. Former Governor Arthur J. Weaver was manager of the team.

James H. Canfield was chancellor of the university and his daughter, now Dorothy Canfield Fisher, collaborated with Willa Cather in writing the prize-winning story of the year which was published in the Sombra, "annual" published by the senior class every three years.

Among the faculty members were Charles E. Bessey, from whom Bessey hall takes its name; Ellery Davis, Lincoln architect; the late Laurence Fossier; Dr. Fred M. Fling, Dr. E. H. Barbour, C. A. Robbins, Dr. A. L. Candy and Miss Clara Conklin, present faculty members; Dr. L. A. Sherman, who died a few days ago; J. H. Broady, present Lincoln judge; and William Langworthy Taylor, "Lieutenant" John J. Pershing, now retired chief of staff of the United States army, was commandant of the R. O. T. C. regiment, while Col. W. H. Oury, present commandant, played in the line on the football team Mr. Dern captained.

Ray Ramsay Acts as Banquet Toastmaster

Ray Ramsay, alumni secretary of the University of Nebraska, acted as toastmaster at the annual banquet of the Nebraska Federation of Postoffice Clerks, Women's auxiliary and Nebraska Association of Supervisors which was held at the Cornhusker Wednesday evening.

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Marjorie Quivey, Prom Girl Candidate, Proves Artistic Ability on Awgwan

Marjorie Quivey, prom girl candidate, has proved her artistic talent as art editor on the Cornhusker staff and associate art editor of the Awgwan staff. Her work has appeared several times on the cover of the latter publication.

"Marjorie has a strong sense of responsibility and argumentative ability. She would argue with a congressman and uphold a tin standard if she could find the congressman who would argue on that point," offers one of Marjorie's friends. "She excels in the art of conversing and enjoys a good talker."

According to another friend Marjorie would much prefer to hear the friendly whine of a stray dog than to listen to a child say his first word. She has a "weakness for cats and dogs and can't resist stooping down to pick up or pat one when one of them passes her. She has a habit of speaking her secret thought aloud in German.

Marjorie has no definite plan as to what she will do when she is out of school but says she is open to suggestions. Having no definite plan for the future may explain why Marjorie would like so much to have her fortune told by "a really good fortune teller."

Someone suggested that she was an upholder of stoicism since she always let herself be governed solely by reason.

When asked her views on marriage Miss Quivey said they were still very very vague as yet. She is affiliated with Alpha Phi sorority of which she is president.

FACULTY EXTENDS DANCING DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL PARTY

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be informal, although formal dress will also be permitted.

Mel Snyder and his Gold Coast orchestra, who have been engaged to play for the affair, will arrive in Lincoln Friday afternoon, coming from an engagement at the Muehlebach hotel in Kansas City. The Owens Sisters, popular singing trio, who will also entertain during the evening, will accompany them.

As a measure of economy, decorations have also been omitted. Several sororities are planning on dinner parties before the affair, according to members of Mortar Board.

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