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Appraising The Letters.

UNDERCURRENTS of confusion following in the wake of the Student Council's rejection of the Corn Cob constitution lead the Nebraskan to reprint in its Student Pulse columns today two samples of widely varying opinion. Charges contained in these letters may be objectionable if they are considered as statements thoroughly founded in fact, but by commenting on them, the Nebraskan hopes to clarify the Corn Cob situation, separating fact from fantasy to the best of its ability.

The Corn Cob setup, first of all, has been as an organization purposing to be representative of all men's organized groups. To lead in pep activities, together with Tassels and band, has been the avowed determination of the Corn Cobs. Secondary activities have been sales of football programs in the stadium, in order to raise money for a trip of the group to one out-of-town game, and a spring dinner dance, financed by an assessment in the form of a initiatio fee amounting to eight dollars. Members wear sweaters, which they pay for themselves.

Officers of the pep organization have been chosen in the fall, and the meetings at which elections occurred have been presided over by retiring officers, who have usually been Innocents. The implication that A. I. P. C. gives to this fact, however, is probably overestimated, inasmuch as the Innocents society itself has not been involved in the elections, that mistake having been made by individual members only. Election of Corn Cob officers in the spring, with no Innocents present at meetings might be of benefit in eliminating the basis for A. I. P. C.'s charge.

It must be remembered that the Innocents themselves are officially concerned with the Cobs only as an organization to help with rallies, which are under the direction of the society. The fact that individual members of the senior honorary may have interested themselves in Corn Cob elections is something for Innocents themselves to eradicate if they wish to keep the respect of the campus, and the Nebraskan believes sincere attempts have been and are being made with just those factors in view.

AS for the Student Council's Wednesday evening action, which finds so much disfavor in the eyes of the contributor styling himself "Jeff," there is every reason to believe that the action was motivated—not by a desire for publicity, as is suggested—but by a real desire to see the Corn Cobs put on a sounder basis.

Starting from the assumption that the Corn Cobs is a pep organization, the council brought two main charges against the present setup of the red-sweatered boys. The first was that Cobs were not fulfilling their obligations as pepsters to the best of their ability, is being maintained that sale of football programs interfered with the group's duty as nucleus (together with band and Tassels) for a student cheering section.

The second charge was that the present constitution did not prevent the Cobs from becoming the political organization which, the council declared, it has been. The word "political" remained undefined in the council's discussion. The fair interpretation would be that "political" means "activity-pushing," whereby individual houses choose men to be Corn Cobs not because of their potentialities as pepsters, but because of their potentialities as future powers in activities.

"Jeff's" protest, on the whole, is rendered rather ineffective because of the spiciness he allows himself to vent, but short of his harsh criticisms one thing does stand out as a valid objection—that

the student council itself needs reorganizing. The council recognizes that need, if previous announcement of intentions is a guide, and council reorganization is one of the things on the docket for its year's work. Unfortunately its present nature will allow for only one, or at the most two, big projects at once, so tolerance demands that the council be given a little time to progress.

SO much for the confusion of the Corn Cob ruckus, whose importance—as always—is greatly exaggerated in the eyes of the activities workers, past, present, and future, who see in it only an occasion for misconstruction of motives.

The Nebraskan has presented the case as clearly and accurately as is ever possible during the midst of any conflict, and suggests only that disagreements be brought to light in a manner approaching sincerity and fairness if they are to be brought to light at all. As in so many cases in undergraduate activities, the whole difficulty would never have arisen if youthful ambition had been subordinated to some sort of reasonable inspection of the whole university scene.

Campus activities, after all, are a matter of supreme indifference to everyone but the gory undergraduate participants, and altho it is flying in the face of human tendencies to suggest it, there would be no harm done if activity workers kept some such perspective in mind. That is probably an impossible thing to ask, but it is at any rate a valid plea, for it asks only some measure of balance—which is one of the aims of education.

What the immediate future of the pep squabble may be is a matter to be determined by the fortune teller and the student council committee in charge of making recommendations for reorganization of some male pep group. It may be the Corn Cobs on a reformed basis, or it may be an entirely new organization. That is a matter for speculation. The thing that does stand out, however, is that the council has taken definite action toward reformation of an organization that had long been under a fire of criticism.

For the present, that is enough. If there is to be further discussion of the Corn Cob fate, the Nebraskan's Student Pulse column is open, as always, to reasoned remarks.

A Great Objective.

FORMATION of a campus committee devoted to the aims of peace indicates that the recent visit of Paul Harris, youth movement leader, was not without tangible results. Already, indeed, a laudable step has been taken toward making students "peace-conscious" in preparing an anti-war declaration for the approval of various young people's groups.

The declaration itself is representative of the highest ideals of civilization. It says in part: "We desire to live and live at peace. We desire to construct a world society providing freedom, equal opportunity and a sense of security. We desire to make possible for every human being full development of personality in terms of the highest human and spiritual values we know.

"We, therefore, in the light of these convictions that war does not settle disputes, that war means the destruction of the best of human culture, and that the mind of man is constructing adequate peace machinery if he will but use it, pledge ourselves to the eradication of war and to the organization of the world as a whole on a peace basis."

That is the foundation of the local committee on peace action. It is, very naturally, essentially a thing of high and shining idealism, for it is the cry of youth awakened to the hypocrisy of war. As such a reflection of idealism the declaration is to be commended, as well as the formation of the Nebraska committee itself.

BUT within the new organization, if it is to be more than the gesture so many such organizations prove to be, there ought to be a very thorough definition of specific aims and a complete realization of the pressure of prejudice and tradition which must be combatted. For centuries men have been allowing their innate tendencies to violence to assume control of their actions and that is a factor not to be overlooked.

Peace, in short, cannot be reached by declarations of intentions nor by blanket resolutions. The desire for peace can be effective only when it becomes such an organic part of an individual's philosophy that that individual will not under any circumstance allow himself to be forced into becoming a part of a war machine. And to instill such a determination into the hearts of his fellows is the biggest task with which man has been confronted in his long evolution.

The optimism of youth insists it can be done. And the insistence has given rise to the new committee on peace action on this campus. It is a heartening sign.

The Student Pulse

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which exclude all libelous and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

Appraising the Corn Cobs.

1. Council Action.

TO THE EDITOR: How great, how omnipotent the Student Council and its president must feel after its clever, even if unfounded, assertions crashed the headlines of the student daily. An uninformed reader of Thursday's edition would surely believe the Corncobs to be a biased, incompetent, spiritless group of a supposedly peppy nature. The writer is not a Corncob and is not a member of the Student Council, but I wish to uphold the Corncobs as an organization that is really trying to accomplish something, an organization that is, or rather has, occupied a permanent position in campus pep and has made such a position possible by achievements of which they deserve only praise.

The Student Council upon Nebraska's campus has been pushed in the background because of its lack of duties but an attempt by its president to bring it to the limelight by such a cheap publicity scheme as branding the Corncobs as a "political group" is plain laughable.

Its members are chosen from the groups they represent with political influences felt only when officers are selected, but is there any organization upon the campus that does not have its officers made up that organization? (May I include the Student Council within the category also?) Then why, of why, land all over the Corncobs for similar existing conditions?

I have read yesterday's story over time and time again trying to find a valid reason for the ousting of the Corncobs, and I'm still as much in the dark as ever. Assertions of the continuous trouble caused by the organization is unbiased; the council expresses its dissatisfaction with its conduct for some unknown reason; and how can the selling of programs at the games be logically branded as a nuisance within itself?

The president's assertion that "program selling is not a function of a pep group and has ruined the real purpose of the present student pep society on the campus" falls thru for the lack of any resemblance of a better suggestion. Mr. President, can your fertile brain concoct a more efficient method of selling the "Tales of the Cornhuskers" than by the Corncobs?

If you were working for a better campus organization of Corncobs, as you seem to want us to think, it is only logical that you would have a better setup in view before you tried to so cheaply tear down the one already existing. The Council's holdover member states "the Corncobs have failed to conduct a real rally this year, thus failing to live up to the real purpose of the organization."

In the next paragraph the council's president states that "this (conducting the rallies) power has been delegated to the Innocents Society." There you have it. Tying the dog to a post and then giving it the devil for not chasing the burglar out of the house! If anyone is to blame for poor rallies it is the Innocents and not the Corncobs. Further the Corncobs have met with opposition with every move they have tried to make. Stunts between halves were declared out because this time was reserved for the band. Similar cases can be easily stated. To the Corncobs—your determination to continue to function is admirable. To the Student Council—your cheap publicity scheme is understood all too clearly, and if you wish, as you say, to clean up campus politics clean your own house first and then, and only then, start on the other campus organizations, but use a little more discretion on your next attempt which you deem so noble in character. JEFF...

2. Corn Cob Mud.

TO THE EDITOR: Today I was confronted by a freshman with that old question, "What is the Corncob organization?" I answered, "It's the pep organization of our university." Afterward, after thinking about the matter, I decided that I had given the diplomatic answer but doubted the true validity of it.

The chapter of the national pep organization for males, Pi Epsilon Phi on this campus is called the Corncobs. I think they are pepsters in name only. Looking over their activities, individually and as a group, I find that they sell programs at the football games and take a trip to some out-of-town game with the money they make from selling such programs. They have a meeting now and then and some of them get around to their rallies. Individually they are very self-conscious when they have their sweaters on and if one of them should start leading a few songs in class before a football game the rest of the class would be so surprised that they'd let him stop after a few bars solo and he would be too unconcerned to try again, taking that attitude, "Well, I've done my part." It would be nice if they did fulfil the purpose they were founded for and create a little pep and enthusiasm around the campus.

Now that my opinion is expressed as to what the Corncob organization should be, I'll give you my opinion as to what it really is. Go back in history five or six years. We still find the Corncob organization selling programs and being peppy. But this club, whether it has a good or bad year selling programs, whether it draws the attention of some reformer or not, has officers and these officers are tapped Innocents in the spring after their term of office. At least the president is. Go back as far as you like in campus history. Look up the officers of the club, then see if they didn't turn out to be chosen as Innocents. I'll guarantee that you'll find a vast majority of them did.

So, I submit that the Corncob

manufacturing of Innocents. It is in the control of the Innocent's society.

This is how it's controlled. The past president and some of the officers, being Innocents, call a meeting of the new Corncob organization after they have selected the candidate whom they wish to be an Innocent through it's simple. New members and pledges of the Corncobs don't know what it's all about and the others are too dumb or too subdued by the sight of a red robe to object. The favored candidate, fitted for the office or not, usually not, is elected and another Innocent is selected a year before he is tapped.

I admit that this is an effective way for the Innocents to fill up their society with the men whom they want personally. But it looks to me as if this system has undermined the Corncob organization and taken away from the University of Nebraska a valuable asset to the building of school pride. A. I. P. C.

Suggest Proposal Of Consolidation For Iowa Colleges

Discontinuance of Iowa State colleges at Ames and consolidation of some of its departments under the state university was suggested by Representative Arch F. McFarlane for possible legislative consideration, according to an Associated Press dispatch. McFarlane, former lieutenant-governor, said the proposal was a means of supporting President Roosevelt's crop reduction plan.

"It looks foolish for the state of Iowa to spend huge sums each year to teach farmers to raise more hogs and more corn while the federal government is ordering the hogs slaughtered and sent to the tankage barrel and farmers are being ordered not raise so much corn," he declared.

Name Poynter as Medical Officer

Dr. C. W. M. Poynter, dean of the University of Nebraska medical college, was named vice-president of the Association of American Medical Colleges at the close of the association's convention held in Minneapolis.

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MISS LEE TALKS IN OMAHA

Brownell Hall Invites Head Of Phys Ed Department To Give Lecture.

Miss Mabel Lee, head of the women's physical education department, has been invited to speak at the 8:30 chapel of Brownell hall in Omaha, on the subject "Physical Education as a Vocation." She will leave early Friday morning and return in time to teach her afternoon classes.

Miss Lee plans to enumerate some of the requirements, qualifications and opportunities of physical education as a profession.

ENTERTAIN PICNIC GUESTS

Phys Ed Majors and Minors Are Honored at Shrine Shelter House.

Physical education majors and minors were guests of the faculty of that department at a picnic held at the Shrine shelter house Thursday Nov. 2 from 5 o'clock to 8. About forty-five women attended. Time was spent in playing shuffle board, bull board, quoits, Chinese checkers, and solving puzzles.

The University of Michigan has increased the gym requirements from one to three semesters.

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VISITORS AT THE HOME EC DEPARTMENT

Teachers' convention this year was just like a miniature homecoming in the home economics department. It was good to see some of our former students back, and it took me back to earlier school days. Just to mention a few, there was Hazel Benson, who is teaching out at Ainsworth; Carolyn White, who was in from Exeter, and Eleanor Dixon, who is teaching out at Eagle.

Helen Myers, instructor at Chester, has the distinction of teaching both home economics and physical education. Carrol Durfee has a school at Randolph, and Catherine Christenson is teaching at Fairmont. Then I had a glimpse of Clarice Hads, Farr, formal queen last year, and Saxton. Both of the girls are teaching.

It would seem that the home economics department was entertaining friends and graduates of former days. Hester Chadderton, '24, made her annual visit this fall from Ames, Ia., where she is assistant professor in home economics education. Miss Grace Henderson, member of the same class, stopped to visit in the department on her way to Itaska, N. Y. She is connected with the extension department at Cornell university.

We were honored when Mrs. J. V. Wattle, acting head of the Nebraska home economics department in 1917-18, came here last month to call. Another of the more recent graduates, Miss Hildegrade Baumgartner, '29, also came to see us. This year Miss Baumgartner is staying at her home in Murdock.

TEA ON SUNDAY, Sunday, Nov. 5, the ag college

Y. W. C. A. is giving a tea in the home economics parlors for new members and for the down-town members. Valentine Klotz will have charge of fall arrangements.

AG COLLEGE AND THE CHURCHES.

One of the interests of the moment is university go to church Sunday. Probably more students will attend church this Sunday than any other time during the year, and probably every minister will make some effort to fit his day's program to the needs and interests of university students.

To think simultaneously of churches and ag college is bound to bring to mind the Warren and Epworth Methodist churches. By no means the only churches that minister to the needs of ag college students, these two churches undoubtedly play a larger role than any other two churches. They are particularly a part of ag college because of their proximity—one being a few blocks to the south and the other a few blocks to the west. They are located in the parts of the city where most ag college students live.

To Reverend J. J. Sheaff, many years pastor at the Epworth church, his work with Ag college students is one of the important functions of the church. When the building was built, he says, the officials deliberately put it close to Ag college in order to serve the needs of students. Doubtless the same consideration was in the minds of the men who planned the Warren church.

For University Sunday, Reverend Sheaff has announced that his sermon will be "Purposeful Living." It will be designed especially for young people, he says, and he will develop the ideas that "the need of every age is for men big enough to meet the problems of the age."

At Warren, Rev. W. L. Ruyke

will speak on "Things to be Proud Of," pointing out the high value of human character, and the part that both the university and the church can play in helping young people develop that quality. Affiliation of student-members in both churches will also be a part of the Go to Church Sunday service.

Ag college's close relation to these two churches is indicated by the number of faculty members and students who take active parts in the programs. Several years ago Mr. T. H. Godding, director of short courses built up a large Sunday school class at Warren. While he was away for two years, Dr. F. D. Keim, chief of the agronomy department, taught the class, went with the gang on picnics, parties, and took Mr. Godding's place in many ways. When Mr. Godding came back to Nebraska, he took over the class again, and the Warren Sunday school class is reputed today to be one of the largest in the city.

Then there is Prof. Carl E. Rosequist, botany department, who for two years has taught a large Sunday school class at Epworth. And before him Mr. H. K. Donthit, then director of short courses, taught the Epworth class.

Not only Ag college faculty but Ag college students as well are active in the two campus churches. At Warren, Roscoe Hill, Ag college junior, is president of the Sunday school class, and Miss Irene Leech, home economics sophomore, is class president at Epworth. For many a student, Go to Church Sunday is an unusual event. For these Ag Students who take regular parts in the work of the campus churches, it is only one more day of a pleasant and continuous experience.

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