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Good Luck To the Seniors.

UNNOTICED was the mid-year graduation of seniors of the university several days ago. Graduation of the comparatively small number of men and women is slighted in recognition from the remainder of students because it does come at an undesirable time of the year.

University life is too much pre-occupied by the routine of attending classes and participation in outside activities during this time of the year to attach significance to graduation. There is no spirit that portends the conclusion of a college career. The formal rites which drench the student in false sentimentalism, are omitted. They have, on the other hand, been reduced to a few routine duties.

The one hundred and thirty-six degrees that were granted from the various colleges of the University a few days ago were no less important than those which will be granted in the spring. To these graduates they will mean just as much.

PARTICULARLY fortunate, however, is the senior graduating at mid-year. He escapes the profuse overflow of sentimental gushing voiced by inspired commencement speakers, the plaudits of commencement-goers, and superficial well-wishings for graduates. For all these ceremonies tend only to over-rate the value of graduation. Its ultimate reaction on the graduate is to place the diploma in the light of being an end in itself.

This is an unhealthy condition. No longer, on the other hand, can the college graduate look back over his four year career in the university and point with pride in his major subject and say that he has mastered it. Neither can he any longer accept the dictums of text books and professors without challenging them on the basis of later beliefs and findings. As such, the college graduate should not hitch ambition to a degree in the guise of a star.

Whatever bigoted conceit the college degree may instill in the minds of the university senior might well be dropped. To rigidly adhere, in a world of rapidly changing social values, to dictums of the classroom and venerable university pedagogues would be to flout the banner of stupidity.

Maybe we are waiting for the earth to shift a little before we build a student union building. It may also be said: Where there is a pull there is a way.

A Convocation Or an Absurdity?

SOME twenty odd students were attracted to the Y. M. C. A. rooms in the Temple Building yesterday morning to hear one Mr. Ralph Johnson, exchange student from the University of Hawaii, expound his ideas about the "Youth Movement of the World."

The convocation accomplished only one thing: It re-emphasized the crying need for an adequate convocation program at Nebraska.

Held under private auspices this affair, much the same as the other "convocations" held during the present school year, is not a part of the regular university convocation series. The first such affair sponsored by the University will be held next month. The other one, which completes the program, will be held in March.

Yesterday's convocation was typical, for the most part, of the usual run of mediocrity that characterizes the present convocation programs at Nebraska. The speaker discussed the youth problem, which, incidentally, has become a popular topic for convocation speakers. A question whether there is a "youth movement" in the world today, and if there be one, where it is to be found.

A series of lectures or convocations programs can be of value and scores of important educational institutions over the country recognize this portion of the student's extra curricular life as a vital and necessary feature. The calibre of speakers engaged at neighboring midwestern schools is consistently good, while at Nebraska there have been none at all.

The University fathers would be wise in restoring this important item to the students. All too little opportunity is given students to catch a glimpse of world affairs as it can be visualized by informed convocation speakers.

Yesterday's convocation attendance indicated clearly that Nebraska students refuse to be continually exposed to mediocre convocation talent.

Contemporary Comment

Cleaning Up The Muck.

MILLENNIUMS occasionally present themselves upon the scene of activity, despite oft repeated statements to the contrary, and the millennium of campus politics is finally at hand for the enjoyment of the associated students.

Little Jack Horners with their thumbs in the political pie, master minds of campus intrigue, and stuffed shirt candidates who are the champions of this or that campus, are the usual lot when election days come to this campus. The non-political, uninterested student usually refuses to cast his ballot with either the political mongers or "gravy-grabbers" who seek his vote for glory and the grab of Mu Mu Mu's.

Politics have been cleaned up to a great extent this year despite the efforts of a group of sleek-mannered, Eshleman step-sitting, pseudo-politicians who have been buying votes with smiles and big, red, rosy apples ever since they entered the univer-

sity. Ignoring the big-chested dictates of this group, a nominating committee of senior activity heads selected four candidates for the office of junior men's representative. The election will be held Monday. The nominees were selected for their activities, their scholastic abilities, their personalities and their interest in the campus. Meanwhile this and that political machine is afraid to choose a champion from the four, since this one election is untainted and the candidates are non-receptive toward purchasing a block of votes with promises of "gravy." The word "caucus" has become outlawed and candidates have reformed. Caucuses are now called "meetings." The customary steaming up of the gravy train preparatory to election day is noticeably absent. This coming election promises to be the first untroubled, unquestioned contest sponsored by the class of 1935.

—Daily Californian.

We Suspect At Nebraska Too.

Hundreds of students will be forced to leave the campus in February because of insufficient funds. The departments of the University, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A. and other places of employment have been flooded with applications for jobs and loans, but there are no jobs and no loans to be given out. Most of the unemployed students will return to their home towns jobless; many will apply to their local relief organization for employment; some will become transients; others will drift into the great unknown.

The members of Cosmograma, an open forum group, believe that this condition may be remedied. This organization is planning to ask for funds from the Civil Works Administration to be used for University projects on which students may be employed. The rules of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration have been studied, and students are assured that relief can be administered without any changes in present regulations. Statistics on the University unemployment situation have been compiled and they show that relief for students is necessary immediately.

Monday and other days next week a petition will be circulated, asking for student relief from this administration. This petition will be circulated among the President of the University, Dean V. I. Moore, all members of the administration and faculty, and the student body.

Needy students will sign because of selfish reasons; others should sign in order to back up those less fortunate.

Thus far, this plan has been greeted with enthusiasm by government officials and members of the faculty. But it is up to the students to show that relief is truly needed and desired. Your signature on the petition will indicate this.

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 excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters accepted do not necessarily indicate the editorial policy of this paper.

This Business Of Petitions.

TO THE EDITOR: This afternoon the Student Council goes through its annual routine of selecting the Junior-Senior Prom committee. Five men and six women from the junior class will be chosen for the committee, supposedly on the basis of merit and after due consideration by the council, although the committee's personnel is probably pretty much decided at the time of this writing. Judging from campus gossip, the prom committee selections this year have assumed greater importance than in the past. Shades of Ivy Day and the senior honoraries have been called forth by the persistent and even ugly rumors which abound on the campus, while political "fixers" are preparing to have their hands shown when the committee is appointed.

In the midst of all this speculation and politics, three petitions are being circulated among the student body, calling not only for reform in the prom committee but in all campus elections. The move is a surprising one, coming too late to affect selection of this year's committee, because of a council ruling requiring consideration over a period of three weeks of any such change. The revisions asked for in the petitions are meritorious ones however, and could be expediently adopted by the council. The petitions ask first a prom committee of not juniors alone, but of an even number of juniors and seniors. Secondly, the elimination of council members from prom appointments is asked. The third, and what seems to me the most important change suggested, is the appointment of a standing faculty committee to have complete charge and supervision of all campus elections, honorary or otherwise. Taken all in all, the three proposals constitute a continuation of the demand for reform in student organizations which has already borne fruit in the revision of the Interfraternity Council and Corn Cobs, and would merit the council's immediate attention.

In contrast, however, to the merit of the proposed changes, the circumstances under which they have made their appearance smacks of politics and a last-minute partisan move. The belated efforts to secure reform in the prom committee seem to serve a dual purpose, for although steeped in the essence of improved student administration, they at the same time constitute a clever (?) political machination against certain individuals. In any event, despite the political taint, the proposals are good, and might well be in effect for today's election.

Unquestionably, the prom committee appointments are to be hotly contested this year; they are the last vestige of the political plums that once were the very foundation for Innocency. With the Interfraternity council offices and membership of its ball committee definitely reserved to the seniors, the prom committee has become the court of last resort for several hopefuls. In sheer desperation, the Innocents have turned to the prom committee to bolster up the fragile claim of their underdog status to future society membership. The first move saw the junior class president shorn of his most important duty. The next move will probably be the appointment of the Innocent-recommended slate of prom committee nominees this afternoon. Women are supposed to be independent of politics but if feminine members of the council do not respond to promised support in the spring election in exchange for a vote today, the writer will make his quietus. Stated in plain words, the student council is itself so enmeshed in the slimy coils of politics, the very evil it has sought to remove from other campus groups, that it is in need of immediate reform and reorganization. The revisions recommended in the petitions being circulated cannot be adopted in time to affect today's selections, but the principles advocated could easily be followed. The council has an excellent chance today to prove that it is sincere in its efforts of campus reformation, and not a clearing house for "small change" campus politics.

F. R. J.

Ag College

By CARLYLE HODGKIN

A. Z. MEN AT WORK.

Alpha Zeta, Ag college honorary fraternity, met Tuesday night for the initial session of the semester. The important features of the meeting were two. First, announcement of a new ruling to drop members from the roll if they are absent three times in one semester without a written excuse approved by the organization's chancellor.

Second, a discussion of pneumatic tires for tractors by Orrin Webster, farm machinery major. Webster worked for the engineering department a part of last summer, and helped to conduct some of the actual tests.

A third matter coming to the attention of the men at the meeting was the honor system campaign initiated last year by Alpha Zeta's chancellor, Albert Ebers. Some sort of a code for the conduct of examinations the organization set up last year and submitted it to the faculty for consideration. Nothing more, according to Chancellor Arthur Peterson, has been heard from that code since.

Peterson appointed Edmund Anderson, Ag senior, chairman of the committee to look up the ill-fated honor code and see what might be done toward renewing effort in that direction.

Concerning membership, Chancellor Peterson pointed out that any organization is rendered ineffective by the absence of its own members. Outlining a program of activity for the organization this semester, Peterson pointed out that no program could be worked out effectively without cooperation of the organization.

The new ruling, he said, will work hardship on no one. For if absence is necessary, an excuse from meeting can be obtained.

Best joke about the new ruling: Gerald Mott, Alpha Zeta's Scribe, sent out a letter quoting the new ruling to members on the attendance border-line. The tylist left out the "three meetings," made the letter read simply "absent during the semester." If followed that an absence would drop a man from the organization. The attendance Tuesday night was 100 percent.

Two things about the pneumatic tire tests made at the college last summer were particularly noteworthy, Webster told the group. One was the results obtained and the other was the constant effort to verify the accuracy of the test.

They put rubber tires on the tractors and tried them out on the college tractor testing field. Then the question popped up: Would results obtained on the testing field agree with results in actual farm operations? So they took their tractors, rubber tires, plows, drills, hay sweeps, cultivators and went out to the farm.

Accuracy was further checked by using two tractors for every test possible, and changing from rubber tires to steel wheels during the process of the test. When results obtained with the two tractors failed to check, the work of each tractor was considered as a separate test.

The tests in general, according to Webster, showed that rubber tire equipped tractors will do more work, cover more acres per hour and use less fuel per acre. In not all instances, however, was that general conclusion true. On grass sod, for example, if the sod proved to be tough and the grass wet and slick, the tractor would slip so badly that more fuel would be required per acre.

During the course of the summer the Ag engineering department tested rubber tires for plowing, corn cultivating, hay sweeping, drilling grain, combining and other farm jobs. It was usually found that the rubber tires made it possible to travel faster. In most instances Webster said, if the tractor would take the load in low with steel wheels, it would take it in second gear or high with rubber tires.

Two points concerning rubber tired tractors Webster stressed particularly: One, that once overloaded, rubber tires lose all their advantages because they slip so badly; and two, that, at any given gear speed, a tractor will travel slower with rubber tires than with steel wheels because the tires flatten out as the tractor pulls, making the diameter of the wheel less, and hence the distance traveled per revolution less.

It is best then, Webster said, to have a tractor with adjustable speeds if rubber tires are to be used. And it is very important not to overload with rubber tires. The big handicap to using rubber tires now, he said, is the cost. Most new tractors, however, are equipped with them.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Corn Cobs.

Corn Cobs will meet at 7:30 Thursday evening in the Temple building. Spring party plans will be discussed. All members must be present. Corn Cobs wishing emblems may purchase them at Lawlor's sporting goods store for \$1.40.

Orchesis.

There will be a meeting of both junior and senior members of Orchesis at 7 o'clock in Grant Memorial this evening. It is important that everyone be present as final plans for the annual spring festival will be made.

Daily Nebraskan.

Any freshman, sophomore, or junior interested in working for a position on the Daily Nebraskan business staff, please see the business manager in the Nebraskan office today between 3 and 5 o'clock.

Bernard Jennings, Business Manager.

ASK FOR CHANGE IN JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM COMMITTEE

(Continued from Page 1.) ever the office or honorary position being voted upon.

In circulating the petition asking for the council revision Young said, "Rumors of graft, corruption and bad practice have followed every election on the campus this year and a body is needed to give definite answer to these rumors, a body which is above reproach." "The amendment will do much," in the opinion of "Duke" Ross, Ag college senior, referring to the measures concerning the council committee, "toward remedying evils existing in this particular activity." "The value of a faculty committee is obvious," according to Pat Miller, junior, "as to the prom committee the name alone implies the joint work of both classes."

This idea is the belief of Richard Moran, senior and member of the Innocents Society, stating, "A split committee seems necessary with the name. Either the name or the committee should be changed."

Opposition to the proposition is voiced by Gretchen Schrag, junior and managing editor of the Cornhusker, who says that "The number of strictly junior activities is so rapidly decreasing that this one should be preserved."

"I favor the joint committee because it gives more senior interest in activities," Leslie Rood, senior. "The office is merely political for juniors but seniors would be selected upon the basis of the work they would be willing to do." Lawrence Ely, senior, also expressed this idea with the addition that the trend of politics on the campus is in that direction.

"There is no need for a change in the committee operating the Junior-Senior Prom," according to Henry Kosman, junior and president of the Corn Cobs. "The administration of the prom has been well handled by the junior class and there is no apparent reason for changing the arrangements." "The idea is probably good," in the opinion of Byron Goulding, member of the Student Council, "but this is hardly the right time to bring the matter up as it is so near to the time of the Prom that there is not enough time left to make the changes. The proposed amendment to the Student Council is beside the point and is merely digging up old bones because there has been no trouble of that kind for several years."

YEARBOOK ASKS FOR SNAPSHOTS OF STUDENT LIFE

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ker. Anyone having such pictures are urged to bring them to the Cornhusker office for approval.

About fifteen openings for staff positions are now available on the Cornhusker. Several new positions have been instituted and vacancies of last semester offer opportunities for students with sufficient hours. Freshmen may receive experience in the office in preparation for higher positions when they are eligible to them in their sophomore year. All students who are desirous of doing work on the publication should apply any time this week, until 3 o'clock Friday afternoon.

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JOHNSON SPEAKS ON THE YOUTH OF VARIOUS NATIONS

Speaker Tells of Attitude And Part Young People Play in World.

TALKS AT AG COLLEGE

States That Display of Patriotism Is Seen In Japan.

At a special convocation held at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning in the Y. M. C. A. rooms in the Temple building Ralph Johnson, student lecturer and exchange student at the University of Hawaii, discussed young people of the various nations of the world, their attitudes, and the part they play in world affairs. Following his talk at the Temple, Mr. Johnson spoke at an Ag college convocation on the subject of the undeclared war in the Far East.

Starting with a description of the college people of Hawaii, Mr. Johnson dealt with students of China, Japan, India, Italy, Germany, Russia and France, and compared them with those of the United States, as far as attitudes and actions are concerned.

Attended Redlands College.

At the University of Hawaii are exchange students from eight universities and colleges in California. Mr. Johnson, who attended Redlands college in California, was awarded one of the Hawaii-California scholarships for 1932-1933 in recognition of academic and extra-curricular activities.

The purpose of an exchange student scholarship is to give the recipient a better insight into the racial and social problems facing nations bordering the Pacific. As a result of his special study of this phase of international relations Johnson discussed primarily Hawaii, Japan and China.

Predominant in Japanese school life is the display of patriotism on the part of all students. Japanese young people are raised with the belief in mind that the emperor is a descendant of the gods, and that he is above all other humans. They don't go in for styles as do the students of the United States, but wear uniforms at all the schools which they attend, according to Johnson. He pointed out several acts of heroism in backing up his statements concerning the super-patriotism of the Japanese.

Want Advancement.

In China, Johnson declared, there is no united attitude among the young people, but they long for advancement of their nation, although never doubting the possibilities of any kind of Chinese union. According to the convocation speaker they often admire and envy the young people of the United States.

Dealing chiefly with the Pacific

ocean nations, Johnson also mentioned the fascism of Italy, nazism of Germany, and communism of Russia, the kind of thought they develop in the youth of the respective nations, and the part young men and women play in the affairs of those powers.

He took a stand against one-leader and one-party governments when he stated that the danger of such an institution and organization lies in the fact that if the leader or the party makes a mistake there is no opponent or concurrent organization which can alleviate the effect of the error.

A world-wide idea concerning American young people, declared Johnson, is that they live thoughtless lives of ease, made up of a round of sorority and fraternity dances.

In conclusion, the speaker stated that university students throughout the country should take notice of the fact that they have their problems, and that students in other nations have to meet up with somewhat the same things.

UNIVERSITY SUMMER SESSION WILL HAVE EIGHT VISITING PROFESSORS FROM AS MANY DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.

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olds completes the advance roll of visiting instructors. He was formerly at the University of Wisconsin. He was a student of Professor Firenze, the distinguished medievalist of the University of Ghent.

As in past years, the university will offer both short and long session courses. From April 30 to May 5, university students who wish to continue studying during the summer will register for the term. On June 8 and until noon of June 9 the regular summer school registration will be held in the Coliseum. All classes begin on June 11, with the short session classes ending July 20, and the long session closing on August 3.

Summer courses are equivalent in method, character, and credit values to those offered during the regular school year, it was explained by university authorities. Teachers college high school will also offer school work during the summer session, permitting student teaching and observation, and the elementary education department will conduct a laboratory school at the Bancroft building during the short session.

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