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Rumblings from The Councilmen.

NEWS that the Student council had suspended eight organizations for failure to register their constitutions with the student governing body was a refreshing change from the usual run of things.

Action taken by councilmen Wednesday indicates, after a fashion, what the council might accomplish during the course of a school year.

The suspension which we understand to be only temporary actually represents a revival of council investigations into the constitutions of student organizations which started last fall with the Corn Cob debacle. Steps taken by the council reveal rather subtly two significant issues of importance to the campus.

The first indicates rather plainly that many student organizations existing superficially at Nebraska haven't a vestige of usefulness. For the most part they are carry overs from the gay twenties when students reveled in the idea of belonging to an infinite number of organizations. Many such "affairs" died soon after their making. Others rather obviously have continued to function on the strength of collecting membership fees and holding an occasional meeting for a few faithfuls. Aside from this they are practically non-existent.

The council's action represents a small part of a movement started by the depression. Students could not afford membership privileges in organizations whose benefits were none and fees many. Indeed student participation in activities has dropped off considerably as a result of the decline in influence of this superfluous autocracy. Thinking students evidently realize that many of these so called organizations have nothing to offer but a worthless membership card.

This reactionary movement is a worthy one. Its support by the Student council is highly commendable. Greater benefits might be derived, however, by completely eliminating many student organizations, eventually leaving only those which have a definite purpose to fulfill. Obviously this operation would require an infinite amount of legislation. As such, we feel that an examination and revision of student organization constitutions is worth while.

The council's stir to action during the past few weeks, however, may bolster up the argument offered by its members that the student governing body should have more senior representation than is provided for at the present time. Sufficient evidence may be gathered to support this contention. In fact, each year the council is apparently most active during the second semester. This may indicate that junior members fail to realize their immediate responsibilities earlier in the year.

Viewed in this manner, the council's actions toward reorganization may be justified. At least it recognized the need of taking the council out of the hands of activity-climbing juniors and placing the responsibility for better student government in the hands of senior men and women.

It is recognized that any changes in the Student council constitution must be a deliberate and somewhat reflective process. The council, however, should carefully guard against the ever present possibility of allowing the movement to die in the hands of a disinterested committee.

The Basketball Season Closes.

NEBRASKA'S varsity basketball team played their last game of the season Thursday at the Coliseum with St. Louis university.

Examination of Nebraska's record this year reveals a none too successful season. The losses outnumbered the wins by a conclusive margin. But this is not an unusual situation. Nebraska's basketball teams have enjoyed the cellar position or near cellar position in Big Six circles for a number of years. This year, however, we note that Nebraska rests in fourth place in the conference. This should indicate improvement.

It may account, to a large extent, for the increased student interest in basketball. Such an increase is noteworthy for it is commonly known that basketball has not enjoyed student support for several years.

It is encouraging to note, however, that Nebraska's basketball teams, since Harold Browne assumed coaching duties, have consistently improved from year to year. As a matter of record, they have landed a little higher in the conference standings each year. Prospects for a better showing in the future, we understand, are more than promising, for Coach Browne has a nucleus of four letter men around which he may build his team. Student basketball fans may look forward to a better season next year, if they believe in predictions.

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 May Interest a Few.

TO THE EDITOR:

The iron heel has descended! The Student council has asserted its authority by ousting eight organizations because they refused to comply with the council's request that they turn in their respective constitutions to be approved by that governing body. The Student council has acted. Now what?

According to all indications around the campus Thursday, heads of those suspended groups are laughing off the banning move with an accompanying shrug of the shoulders. They see no possibility of an actual snuffing out of their organizations. They feel that their organizations can go right on functioning regardless of the Student council's ban. All in all it is the general consensus of opinion that the action taken Wednesday afternoon was merely a sweeping gesture of much flourish but little importance.

As affairs stand now the council has merely made a logical, and certainly sensible, move in the game of campus activities. It has no ultimate power of jurisdiction or government unless the board of regents and faculty senate concur in action taken. Therefore the next development must be either action on the part of one or both of these two bodies sanctioning Wednesday's move, or compliance on the part of the effected organizations to the Student council demands.

If those eight organizations play the game of student activities squarely and are looking out for the best interests of the extra-curricular life of the campus, they will submit their constitutions to the Student council for approval. Such a gesture would indicate good sportsmanship, and would complete another technical move in organizing campus activities in a logical pattern, one involving centralization which is very necessary, both for the faculty supervisors' convenience, and the students' convenience.

If those eight groups submit their documents for approval they will save the board of regents and faculty senate from a lot of trouble, in that way doing a good thing for student activities.

The council is moving in the right direction. With co-operation of university organizations they will develop what is now chaos into order. M. B.

Contemporary Comment

Are Student Activities Doomed?

A noticeable trend within the last few years has been the local deterioration of interest in honorary and professional organizations.

The increasing indifference has not been due to the lack of sufficient number of organizations. Groups have been organized to further interest in everything from bugs to fiddles, membership being based on initiation fees, specialized accomplishment, or political affiliations. In the much distant past, the extra-curricular student barged from meeting to meeting, paying various and sundry dues and voicing lengthy opinions in superfluous parliamentary procedure. This individual was an organization man and proud of it. He believed it a mark of leadership and versatility to belong on a large scale; he subtly boasted accordingly.

Conditions have changed, however. The organization man is looked upon as little more than a glibble goof who has the wrong slant on the worth of his activity. Meetings are sorry affairs if the secretary succeeds in getting together a group at all. Exceptions are to be found, of course, in organizations that fulfill definite purposes, but these are in the minority.

The cause of the dilemma seems to be in the latter assumption that extra-curricular activity is weak in its cellar structure. Probably the greatest fault is the over-expansion of organizations. Societies and staffs have been formed to promote interest where there is little or nothing in which to be interested. Honoraries have been set up whose standards are so low that it is no honor to belong. These have served to drag down the worthy organizations to put all in disrepute.

Initiation fees have remained high when pocketbook contents have gone at least a bit lower. "How much?" is frequently the paramount question and only question of an individual being asked to join an honorary. The really worthy individuals are all too often men who have absolutely no interest in extra-curricular affairs.

An optimistic assumption might be that the present evolution is toward less but better organizations, both from a standpoint of personnel and work accomplished. We hope that this optimism will not prove to be unfounded.—Missouri Student.

A Patriot

Blows His Horn.

In a recent address before the convention of the National Education association's department of superintendence at Cleveland, President William Lowe Bryan declared that if people of our nation have the will to live and to live victoriously they will surrender their hard won liberty to no dictator. "We shall live," President Bryan said, "through Valley Forge and Gettysburg and whatever may befall to maintain a state wherein good order and liberty unite—a democratic state made safe for the world. Good order and justice with liberty—that is the religion of democracy."

President Bryan sees a hopeful future for the United States despite the depression and the fact that since the great war the world has moved from democracy toward autocracy. The salvation of our country, he says, lies in what the people, the youth in particular, believe. If they are firm in their faith in democracy, democracy will survive.

The fate of the United States after it has weathered the great social revolution predicted by the educators at their Cleveland convention lies with what the youth of the nation believe and with what they are taught by the educators of today. We are facing without doubt the question put forth by Lincoln in his Gettysburg address, "Whether our nation or any nation dedicated to liberty can long survive." Other great democracies of history have failed because their people lost faith. We of the troubled days of the twentieth century must not lose faith in the democracy which is our great heritage.—Indiana Daily Student.

Ag College

By Carlyle Hodgkin

ILL-FATED ORGANIZATIONS.

AG college students awoke Thursday morning to find that two perfectly good organizations had passed into oblivion. The two were Tri-K club and Ag executive board. They were banished because they had failed to submit their constitutions to the Student council for that august body's approval.

Were Ag college students shocked to learn such news? Well, just think for a moment what the consequences might have been. Suppose there was no Ag executive board. Then there would be no one to get paid for standing around in the way at every Ag mixer. That would mean that the sponsors of the mixer would make an exorbitant profit—not having to pay the board for its services—and every group on the campus would be wanting to have a mixer every week.

It would be even worse than that. There would be no one to dole out the dates to student organizations. The result would probably be that all the Ag organizations would go to war over which should have which night, and all friendship and co-operation on Ag campus would be destroyed for ever and ever.

Then there is the profound matter of positions. It is in the nature of things that some students must rise to positions of high honor and importance. If there were no such positions to rise to, it would simply mean that no one could rise. Ag executive board is the pinnacle of eminence to which one can rise on Ag campus. Moreover, it is the indispensable stepping stone to positions of still greater eminence on the city campus. The frightful consequences of that organization's passing into oblivion, therefore, are perfectly obvious.

Tri-K club also was banished. That would mean fewer meetings on Ag campus. And what could students possibly do if they couldn't go to meetings? There would be nothing left to do but sit at home and study. Students might degenerate to the point that they started reading references and looking up footnotes in text books. Some might even be driven to independent investigations of subjects that caught their interest before they came to college.

But, happily, no such dire consequences are likely to occur. The executive board had bowed at the feet of the high council and had been properly reinstated long before the day was over. Tri-K had not put in an appearance by evening Thursday. But

the agronomy boys were doubtless all busy sprouting oats or counting weed seeds all day, and will make all haste as soon as the day's work is done to get back into the good graces of the high council.

TYPICALLY AN AG COLLEGE AFFAIR.

THERE is something about the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben that makes it more characteristically Ag college, perhaps, than any other activity sponsored on the campus. It is a livestock show. Its whole theme is livestock. And livestock keynotes the agricultural activity of the state.

One of the thoughts most students associate with Ag college before they ever enter is the things they will learn there about livestock. They will learn to judge horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs. They will learn to feed all these kinds of animals. They will learn how to appreciate good animals for their beauty and excellence as well as their utility.

Courses in Ag college pivot pretty largely around the animal industry. Freshman courses for boys include general dairying, animal husbandry, and general poultry production. Then come the judging classes and the judging teams. And finally courses in animal feeding, breeding, and marketing.

The girls have their fling at studying animals. They take courses in meat cutting, cooking, and canning. They have a meats judging team. They take observation trips to the beef and dairy barns. Some of them take courses in dairy or poultry.

Studies of crop production keep a sharp eye to the value of the crops studied as feed for livestock. Studies in engineering are concerned largely with how to house and handle farm animals most efficiently. Courses in agricultural economics devote ample time to the economics of livestock marketing. And back of it all everyone in Ag college is constantly aware that all the produce from a very great number of Nebraska farms goes to market as livestock products—on the hoof, or in the egg basket or cream can.

So there is reason to feel that the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben strikes a real keynote in the life of Ag college. Attendance in past years has tended to shrink because the students in charge have thought of the activity more as a showmanship contest than as a livestock show that university students would enjoy. But the committee this year has awakened to the importance of its show. It has introduced a number of novel features, and it's a safe bet that the show Saturday night will be enjoyed by a surprisingly large number of both students and faculty people.

And immediately after the Ak-Sar-Ben stock show comes the Ak-Sar-Ben ball at the activities building.

Observatory.
The university observatory will hold open night for the public Friday night at 8.

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Seventeen Year Old Dog, University Neighbor, Follows Interesting Life

Students Perform Duty of Taking Animal for Daily Walks.

In the little house across the corner from the library lives Mrs. Allen and her dog, Betty Ann. Betty Ann is 17 years old, one of the oldest dogs in Lincoln, and leads an interesting life.

Mrs. Allen tells the story of her first meeting with Betty Ann. "I was walking along the street near the old dog pound one day seventeen years ago, when I heard a dog yelping pitifully. The cries were heart-rending, and as I have always been an ardent dog lover, I investigated. I found in a pen heaped with the bodies of dogs that had just been shot a small dog that seemed frenzied with fear. The keeper explained that he was not going to shoot her, as she had good blood, but he intended to sell her. I demanded that he release her, and he refused, pleading that she would run away, but I insisted. When she was released she came and laid her head against my feet and her eyes seemed to plead with me to save her."

Mrs. Allen bought the dog, whom she named Betty Ann, and has had her every since. Betty Ann has many times repaid her mistress for saving her life by guarding against invasion by burglars. Betty Ann is very deaf now, but she used to listen for the news boy's whistle in the morning when he brought the paper and rush out to bring it in. During the time when Mrs. Allen was in Europe, she wrote letters and post cards to Betty Ann, and Betty Ann would carry them into the house to the house-keeper to be read to her.

Long ago Betty took her first ride in an automobile, and was delighted. To please her, Mrs. Allen purchased a car by the sale of some jewelry and informed her that it was her car. Since that time Betty Ann always rides in state upon a pillow in the back seat.

University students who help Mrs. Allen have as part of their duties the care of Betty Ann. This consists largely of taking her for her many daily walks. Betty Ann walks at 6:30 a. m., 10 o'clock, 12 o'clock, 2:30 p. m., 4:30, 6 o'clock and 9:30. These walks must be exactly on schedule, or Betty Ann wails until taken out.

One time when Mrs. Allen was taking a trip she got a telegram in Florida, saying that Betty Ann was ill. Mrs. Allen caught the first train home, giving up the rest of her trip, to nurse the sick dog. Betty Ann, says her mistress, does not object to the music lessons that Mrs. Allen gives, but rather dislikes the banjo. Despite her years, Betty Ann is quite spry. It is to be hoped she will live to an illustrious old age.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Interest Group Leaders.

Interest Group leaders will meet at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon instead of 4 as was previously announced.

VIOLET CROSS, Chairman.

BARB WOMEN ELECT.

Officers elected at the meeting of Evelyn Diamond's Barb A. W. S. group, at Ellen Smith hall Thursday at 5 p. m. were: Hazel Baier,

point chairman; Nora DeCory and Beth Phillips, phoning committee.

Prom Committee.

The Junior-Senior Prom committee will meet at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon in the student council room to complete arrangements for the party.

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