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## Can It Be Possible?

YESTERDAY the Nebraskan hailed, in "second coming of Christ" headlines, reorganization of the Innocents society, men's senior honorary organization. Striking at the heart of men's extra-curricular activities on this campus, the revolutionary changes in the organization came as a distinct surprise to the university population.

A brief examination of major changes in the present organization reveals the following provisions: 1. Selection by junior and senior male vote of twenty-five eligible juniors to be considered for membership in Innocents society; 2. Fluctuating membership below thirteen within the society; 3. Adoption of a combined minimum and maximum activity point system for consideration of eligible candidates; 4. Establishment of a permanent faculty committee to supervise the general student election and other phases of reorganization; 5. Open election system to be used by the society in the final selection of new members.

At first glance these proposals indicate at least an altruistic system of selecting new members for the organization. The products of insurgent leaders and members of the Innocents society's efforts were, in all events, sincere gestures toward making Innocents society an honorary organization worthy of the name—not a political football.

REORGANIZATION of the Innocents society, viewed in the light of other turnovers in campus activities during the past year is not as significant as may be believed. Recent occurrences on the campus indicated rather plainly that this step was a natural sequel to other "revolutions" less prominent in nature.

Intelligent observation of campus revisions this year revealed that students have openly demanded a "new deal" in extracurricular activities. It was evident that a more equitable distribution of men's activities was forthcoming as a result of actively functioning minority groups which, we note with interest, have been labeled the insurgents.

The new deal is a fortunate move, whether or not those in the seats of power are willing to recognize the fact. For many years campus activities have been monopolized, for the most part, by a small group of fraternities. Those outside the pale found it impossible in many instances, to successfully run the gamut of student activities.

The most obnoxious aspect of the situation, however, was the method of selecting members to the organization which quite obviously epitomized extra-curricular endeavor. It is a well accepted theory that membership was usually the product of fraternity heritage. Merit, we assume, was not as vital a consideration as fraternity affiliation.

The Innocents society, as a result, became popularly known as a divine right fraternity group. Its reputation was uncomplimentary to the best in-

terests of the group and retarded many worthwhile functions which it undertook. It was not unusual, then, for the name of this organization and politics to be somewhat synonymous.

Among other items, an unfortunate by-product of the divine right system was an eventual decline of democratic participation in student activities. Many students were discouraged from participating in activities mainly on the score that unfair play was being practiced by the big shots in control.

In spite of the alarming decline of student interest in activities the logical organization to correct the difficulties remains sublimely aloof. Despite numerous pleadings from both faculty and student leaders the organization satisfied itself with the status quo.

It is significant to note, then, that reorganization was not the product of spontaneous altruism from within the Innocents society; rather was it the result of outside pressure from a well-organized minority group working for what they felt was a fair and more equitable distribution of activities. It appeared we note, that the campus was faced with the prospect of having two senior honoraries or changing the existing organization. The ultimate decision is now history.

WHILE there is little reason to doubt the Innocent society's efforts to reorganize the real test is yet to come. The crux on which the success of the entire program rests is quite obviously embodied in the point system. According to Wednesday's Nebraskan a complete point system had not yet been worked out.

In this particular phase of reorganization, we feel, lies success or failure. Interested students should follow the committee's progress on this section of reorganization.

If the Innocents society wishes to continue the good work so successfully started it must carefully guard against a false evaluation of activity groups. They should studiously avoid over-emphasis of activities drenched in fraternity heritage and divine right manipulation.

A fair and adequate point system may prove to be the sesame to success of the entire scheme. It may be worked out if politics and fraternity affiliation are put in the background. A sane observation of activity groups in their true lights will avoid needless differences in student opinion. In this respect the committee should earnestly endeavor to see beyond their own noses in solving a fair and workable point system.

The present state of development in reorganization of the Innocents society is encouraging. It appears that the Nebraska campus may eventually realize a senior honorary organization which truly represents men of high merit.

Despite natural forebodings it does seem probable that student activities on this campus will be given a genuine new deal.

## Contemporary Comment

### American Colleges Feel the Depression.

A recently published report by the federal office of education on the financial status of 279 American denominational and other non-tax-supported colleges reveals that many of them have been existing under tremendous handicaps during the economic storm. Despite financial difficulties, the majority maintained their service to the students, offering the regular curriculum at approximately the same costs. The report shows that the so-called church colleges are suffering more acutely than other privately operated institutions of higher learning.

Approximately one-half of the colleges affiliated with churches are delinquent in the payment of faculty salaries, while only seven private colleges faced this condition. Thirty of the former group owe faculty members more than \$20,000 and nine over \$40,000. Blame for the acute financial condition was placed on the fact that these institutions have been carrying a large number of needy students, accepting notes for future payments—investments which now fail to yield adequate revenue.

The country is indebted to the faculties of these institutions, whose members have loyally remained at their posts in spite of the financial sacrifice. The salary scale in most colleges never has been high, but drastic reductions have been accepted in accord with the general economic decline and in spirit of loyalty to the profession.

Schools of this type play an important role in supplying leaders to direct the social and economic development of the country. They, of course, will share in any general economic improvement, and their plight is not as serious as it might appear at first glance. It is important, however, that both the American public and those on whom the burden of financial assistance specifically rests should be informed of the struggle which many colleges are making to maintain unimpaired educational service.—Purdue Exponent.

## STUDY OF SCIENCE HAS NO EFFECT ON RELIGION

### Coeds Say Not Confused by Courses as Answer to Questionnaire.

AMES, Ia.—Coeds at Iowa State college aren't "confused" in their religious thinking by the fact that they study scientific courses.

So says the "average coed" among 593 who answered a questionnaire recently circulated among women students. The questionnaire is being circulated in about twenty American colleges and universities.

This average young lady also says that churches are "the greatest religious influence in college." Second comes the Y. W. C. A., and third music played on the Campanile chimes.

Other observations are: The majority of coeds who answered the questionnaire find it as easy to "be religious" in college as in high school.

The Bible is "of greatest help" to 175 coeds, although the types of religious books read by the girls vary.

The Y. W. C. A. gives most coeds "a satisfactory religious outlet," though music organizations are "inspirational."

The majority of coeds attend church regularly or occasionally. Only thirteen indicated that they never attend church. Four-fifths of the girls who answered the questionnaire are church members.

### AWS BOARD LISTS CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE POSTS

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receiving the highest number of votes becomes vice president of the board, the junior receiving the highest number becomes secretary and the sophomore receiving the highest number becomes treasurer. The officers and senior members serve on A. W. S. Court.

Eligibility of girls nominated from the floor must be vouched for by the person nominating them. To be a member of the board a girl must have an 80 average, fill the other eligibility requirements made by the university, and must not be over-pointed if she is elected to the office.

### APPROVAL GIVEN INNOCENTS MOVE

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man of the committee which conducted the drive for permanent decorations in the coliseum had the following comment to make on the reorganization:  
"In commenting on an episode of this nature one is tempted to delicately place one's tongue against one's cheek and paraphrase

## OFFICIAL BULLETIN

### Special Meeting.

Inter-fraternity council will hold a special meeting Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 in room 10 Morrill hall. Each fraternity must have a representative present.

### Lutheran Club.

The Lutheran club will meet Friday evening at 8:15 in room 105 in the Temple theater. The speaker for the meeting will be Fatullah Kahn Mostofi of the university who will speak on Persia. A social hour will follow the address. All Lutheran students are invited.

### Jobs Open.

Students who are able to operate a Morse or autographic telegraph code and who would like a position are asked to call Mr. Epp in the administration building.

an old saying, 'Oh reform, what injustices are committed in thy name.' Frankly, I am afraid that despite the noble and earnest endeavors of the campus self-styled reformers, their accomplishment will turn out to be an abortive one at most. The ballot box is always a more questionable pillar of justice than even, alack and alas, individual selfishness for it is subject to ever so much more manipulation. In a word, the masses are never to be trusted."  
"Reorganization within the Innocents society is certainly a step in the right direction," Woodrow Magee, Cornhusker editor, stated. "There has been agitation within the society for many years for such a change, but a number of 'stand-patters' have always defeated the move. Now, with pressure brought to bear by threat of an outside organization, the need for improvement has been realized by all and I am confident that present plans will do much to remedy existing faults."

### Restore Prestige.

Belief that reorganization, if carried out, would restore lost prestige to the Innocents was voiced by Bernard Jennings, business manager of the Daily Nebraskan. "It is high time a change was made," he stated. "If present intentions are ultimately fulfilled the Innocents will again hold campus respect and much of the lost prestige of Ivy Day will be restored."

"The position of the Innocents on the campus should be strengthened by the revision," Bob Thiel, business manager of the Cornhusker declared. "Reorganization has been a need for several years and it seems as if the present move is what is needed."  
"Complete submergence of personal and political preferences in the establishment of a well evaluated point system is a factor that will do much to determine the suc-

cess of revision," Lloyd Loomis, Innocents member, said. "The announcement is but the first step. The plans must be fulfilled before the system can show its true merits, but it should then prove a stimulus to student endeavor."

Revival of student participation in activities was hailed by Dick Moran, Innocents member, as one of the outstanding features of the reorganization. "The new election system should go far to eliminate existing evils, and I believe the whole system, when finally completed, will accomplish what is expected of it in cleaning up men's politics."

"The revisionary move will certainly be for the good of the Innocents society," Frank Musgrave, Kosmet Klub president stated. "It has been a need and will definitely make the Innocents society mean something worthwhile when it is finally completed."

### WOMEN VOTE FOR NEW BIG SISTER BOARD THURSDAY

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City; and Doris Riteness, Creighton, are the unaffiliated junior candidates.

Two will serve on the board. One member from each of the sophomore groups will be selected, Kathryn Miller, Omaha; and Rowena Swenson, Oakland, are the unaffiliated applicants. Jean Palmer, Ulysses, and Barbara DePunter, Lincoln, are sorority candidates.

### HOUSE TABLES MAY BE CLOSED FOR BANQUET

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will be no person to person soliciting of tickets this year. Tickets are now on sale at the Tasty Pastry Shop of the Hotel Cornhusker. They may also be purchased at the door on the night of the banquet.

The banquet, to be held in the ballroom of the Hotel Cornhusker, is to start at 6:30 p. m., and is expected to last about two hours. The list of speakers on the program is not yet complete. Those now secured are Ray Ramsey, alumni secretary, who will preside as toastmaster and Claude S. Wilson, president of the interfraternity board of control, who will deliver one of the main addresses. The committee is awaiting the answers

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## Study Leads Fine Arts Instructor To Discover Musical Achievement

While numerous studies have been made in the fields of education, science, languages, and mathematics, to prove that low mentality is the chief cause of scholastic failure in the freshman class, a deep interest in music has been assumed to be sufficient indication of a student's fitness to pursue a musical career.

A recent study made by Miss Elizabeth Tierney, professor of theory and history of music in the school of fine arts, shows that there is relatively little relationship between innate musical ability and the study or theory of music.

Three Tests.  
Three different types of tests were employed in determining the

relationship of the factors which might influence the quality of work done by different students. The Otis Self Administering Test was used to indicate the general intelligence level of each of the 95 freshmen registered in theory courses. Seashore tests, formulated by Dr. Car Emil Seashore, dean of the graduate college of the University of Iowa, were given to test their musical ability.

The Seashore tests measure the student's innate ability or talent in pitch, intensity, time, consonance and memory. Because no college level test was found which would adequately measure achievement in theory of music in this particular situation, a test was devised by Miss Tierney to meet this need. The examination was based on a factual knowledge in harmony; major and minor keys and key signatures; meters, notes and rest values; and general musical information of the student based upon the required attendance at convocations.

### NEW ZEBRA ADDED TO UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

A new zebra has this week been added to the collection of the university museum in Morrill hall. On his African expedition, the late Adam Breede killed two Gravey's zebras. The male was mounted and placed on exhibit several months ago, while the new one is a female of the same species. They have been placed by museum workers in the case next to the African lion and lioness.

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But to a few, the four years of college life is an opportunity for a period of prolonged sleep, during which intellectual stagnation is the dream. And similar to that of Rip Van Winkle, too. For upon the awakening--- the realization that the world has changed and that it demands somebody just a little bit better and more prepared than they.

So take heed---you of the present generation of knowledge seekers---study while you may and enjoy to the fullest extent the harvest of a crop sown 65 years ago.

And in the future you will have no regrets---but rather profound thanks and appreciation that you learned to use well the tools given you by the State with the skill of the true artisan.

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