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Give Presidents Some Duties!

WITH the annual fall election set for Tuesday, November 13, campus politicians are hard at it lining up the factions, attempting to make traitors out of groups by bringing them from one faction to the other, and determining who are the activity men who need just a few more plums before becoming, as they see it, little gods of the Nebraska campus.

Class presidents will be elected at the polls in Temple building and on Ag campus less than two weeks from now. The offices as they exist now are nothing but sinecures, the men in them having very minutely proportioned duties if any at all. Once upon a time, when this school was smaller, class organization meant something and worked for the betterment of the school. Of course there can be nothing said against class organization as it now exists, because there is no such thing.

If the Student Council can't find duties for junior and senior class heads why doesn't it abolish the offices? Last year the junior class president was, for political reasons, stripped of all his powers. His one function and job previous to that time was to head the prom committee, but the political dope sheet decreed last winter that the Student Council, tin idols of the campus, should cancel that duty. If the junior class presidency is nothing but a political volley ball, why not get rid of the office?

The senior class president, strange to say, has a few specific duties to perform. He has charge of making arrangements for senior caps and gowns before commencement, and is handed some gravey on senior announcements. It is also customary that he appears at the Junior-Senior prom along with the junior class prexy in presenting the prom girl, but what does that amount to? There is, of course, an opening for some strutting if the men and the beautiful member of campus royalty aren't too frightened to do anything but stumble.

Student Council, you should restore the prom chairmanship to the junior class president or abolish the office!

As for the senior president, the Daily Nebraskan editor several weeks ago suggested a possible job for him, work cut out for only a competent and energetic leader to handle. To further the interests of the University of Nebraska the senior class should organize, develop as a group some knowledge of the needs of the university, and then after graduation each member of the group might be more useful as an alumna or alumnus.

At present the Alumni Association is handicapped by lack of interest in the institution from which its members graduated, and to which they owe a debt. If, before graduation, seniors are fired with a desire to work as a group in the interests of this school they will be useful alumni. Senior class organization under a competent leader would accomplish this task.

The Nebraskaan should like to hear from both the Student Council and the Alumni Association in regard to this suggestion. As for the junior class presidency, all the Nebraskaan has to say is that the head of that class must be returned the powers justly his or the office should be abolished.

With the reforms made on the campus last year, smoky political clouds began to clear away a bit. There were, however, few changes made that amounted to a whole lot. Interfraternity council was reorganized so that only seniors are eligible for membership, Innocents requirements were made a bit more rigid, and some reformation within the Corn Cob group was accomplished.

Nebraska's Student Council must continue to emphasize issues considered of primary importance by last year's governing body, and also has as a duty the cleaning away of the mud thrown by the 1933-1934 council.

There must, it seems, eventually be some sort of organization and control of men's activities. A. W. S. board has its point system that serves to exercise powerful control over women's organizations. During the hub-bub last winter over proposed reorganization of the Student Council, a plan for establishing an Associated Men Student's board was tendered. Nothing, however, came of it.

Mortar Board unanimously passed a resolution recently declaring itself to be opposed to any and all women's sorority and barb alliances, and announced that its members would exert all of their influence in keeping women's activities much cleaner than they have been recently.

Innocents society members, because of the influence they have among under-classes, have much to do with the political developments on the campus.

If those senior men see fit to keep out of politics and let others do the pushing of junior men, they will the Student Council, Innocents Society, and activities community. Because of their positions they can keep politics as clean as possible (which is a sort of dingy grey).

Will the Student Council, Innocents society, and Mortar Board work together in developing good points and abolishing bad elements in the current student political picture? The Nebraskaan has offered suggestions.

Two Kinds of Book Rackets.

Decorating his statements with considerable sarcasm and vehement berating, E. S., writing in today's Student Pulse column mourns the fact that the Second Hand Book Racket should flourish here on the Nebraska campus, with the students inevitable victims of the bad practices of dealers.

Early this fall a Student Council committee, working with a group from the Y. W. C. A. was formulating plans for the establishment of a student cooperative second hand book store on the campus. The Y. W. C. A. has developed a fine Swap Shop in the Temple building, but with such a small amount of space, business of the whole student population can't be handled adequately. Lack of available floor space was the stumbling block responsible for at least a temporary failure by the Student Council book store committee.

The Second Hand book racket isn't the only deplorable activity depending on student book purchases for its existence. What about professors who revise in a few details their books, and then demand that students purchase new volumes for their courses? Numerous professors in this nation prosper on royalties gained from such unethical practices. Income tax records prove this.

As for the second hand book racket the Student Council plans to continue making plans for a cooperative store on the campus. What about the practices of several faculty members in operating their own book racket? It is wholly unfair to students.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

Buy Mitchell A Muzzle.

Again America's own Brigadier-General Billy Mitchell has been seeing what he could do, in his own native way, to preserve amicable relations with foreign powers, and especially the little island across the erroneously named Pacific ocean which jingoistic newspapers choose to regard as the festering place for the Asiatic Peril.

Apparently General Mitchell shares the belief with the omniscient and omnipotent yellow journals, for the last barrage of the army's "bombastes furioso" was a quaint little exposition of the effectiveness of 50 hypothetical U. S. dirigibles upon the geography of Japan.

Greatly cheered by the prospect of a skyful of potential diastrophism flitting gaily about in the Nipponese firmament and reassured of the peaceful intentions of the United States, dignified Japanese army officials gravely agreed with the general's statement, and added that the fleet of lighter-than-air craft would be quite capable of reducing Japan to an atoll in even less time than the great general estimated. Two days was his modest conjecture.

Far more wisely than the press of these great United States, the Japanese news services played the story down and gave it little prominence. However, the general reaction upon the populace of Japan should not be underestimated. Compare, for example, the reaction of a highly frightened American people about a year ago when a Japanese admiral, a bit too far in his Sake, had ruminated that perhaps, after all, the United States would not be a bad place to begin Asiatic expansion. American papers seized upon the statement, and before dusk of the same day, jittering old ladies were triple-bussing and bolting their doors and peering furtively out at the suddenly suspicious little gardener.

Most Americans have complete faith in the ability of newspapers to start wars, as was so amply demonstrated in the regrettable Spanish-American fiasco, and if persons such as the former chief of the U. S. Air corps continue to supply the press with insane and incendiary material, we may blissfully contemplate a nice quiet game of "You blow me up, and I'll blow you up," centering in the land of orange blossoms and honey.

Current betting has it that General Mitchell is a 1 to 10 chance for somehow, somewhere finishing a radio broadcast without the inconvenience of being cut off for indulging in the luxury of overly emphatic epithets. No more than does this form of expression characterize all army officers, do the general's opinions on military matters coincide with the rest of the official staff. It therefore seems regrettable that one officer is allowed to mold the public mind as to military tendencies and policies.

In the light of past experience and the rules of probability, the general's denunciation of heavier-than-air craft and his passionate, dotting love of lighter-than-air ships is utterly unfounded and endorsed by the remainder of the army.

The General glibly and coyly suggests 50 dirigibles for a two days' tour through the skies of cherry blossom land. Fifty of these craft could be built for say \$300,000,000, and it shouldn't take so many years to construct them. Inasmuch as the probable life of a dirigible in battle territory may now be placed at something over two hours, even the laymen can see what a profitable investment the General has planned. Picture the surruptitious building of 50 dirigibles. Picture a surprise attack by those same 50 dirigibles. Picture that and you will have pictured a purely hypothetical, abstract, and impossible situation, of which even a philosopher would be proud.

If the General continues to express his own personal opinions involving the United States in international affairs, and obtains audience and publicity for his statements by virtue of his uniform, while at the same time expressing opinions diametrically opposed to those of the rest of the army, then the General should be induced by some means to improve his ability to complete a radio address and to cultivate a little less love for seeing his name attached to sensational statements in the press of the world.

—The Daily Trojan.

HELEN MONSCH VISITS HOME EC DEPARTMENT

Head of Foods, Nutrition Inspects University Division.

On a round of visits to the United States' most outstanding Home Economics departments, Miss Helen Monsch, head of the Foods and Nutrition Department in the College of Home Economics, Cornell University, stopped at Nebraska's department of Home Economics last week.

Cornell University is the first to have a College of Home Economics. Miss Monsch enthusiastically described the new million dollar building which houses the college, built through the efforts and interest of Mrs. Roosevelt, while the president was governor of New York. The most popular course offered by the college, she said, is on Family Life. Others are Textiles, Foods and Nutrition, Household Art, Hotel Administration and Institution Management.

Miss Monsch, who was accompanied by her sister, Miss Mary Monsch of Chicago, Ill., is spending the semester visiting departments of Home Economics in the United States.

Educators Believe Day of 'Specialist' Nearing Expiration

The day of the "specialist" in America's long industrial era has reached its twilight.

This novel view was advanced by many leading educators this week who strenuously advocated liberal education as a depression palliative, in response to a recent call by President Roosevelt for the "spirit of the pioneer" in American colleges.

Speaking in connection with the inauguration of John Stewart Bryan as the nineteenth president of William and Mary's college, President Roosevelt stated last week:

"The necessities of our time demand that men avoid being set in grooves, that they avoid the occupational pre-destination of the older world, and that in the face of the change and development in America, they must have a sufficiently broad and comprehensive conception of the world in which they live to meet its changing problems with resourcefulness and practical vision."

The president pointed out the value to modern life of broad vision and adaptability as employed by the American pioneer.

"There is in the spirit of a liberal education something of the self-confidence and the adaptability that is characteristic of our country," he said. "The pioneer does not call his life a failure if he comes to the end of the path.

"He knows that there are others, and with a sense of direction and a will to persevere, his life can go on with confidence into the uncertainties of the future."

A broad leadership of men of "broad liberal education" was seen this week by Dr. Lewis Perry, president of Phillips Exeter academy, Andover, Mass., as a replacement for the asserted rule of the "technocrats."

"One of the troubles of our education in the past," he said, "was the fact that many people learned to read and to write, but not to think. That day happily seems to be dying. During the past fifty years we have seen the emphasis on specialized, technical training; technical men have had their day in power. For the next fifty years we shall see control in the hands of men of broad liberal education."

Tanksterettes Hold Tryouts for Members

Approximately fifteen girls tried out for Tanksterettes, girls' swimming club, last night at 8 o'clock in the coliseum pool. Those seeking membership in the club are allowed a six weeks probation period before final tests will be given.

CHANTS BY CHANCE.

Following an old, old custom, the Delta U. Pledges held their annual Halloween Serenade Wednesday evening. Not only every sorority house on the campus was visited, but the University Players as well. Each had a jack-o' lantern and Smith Davis was noticeably dressed up, even to a muffer, and coyly snapped an electric bulb off and on to the beat of the music.

Last Wednesday Marguerite Klincker, pianist, presented the fourth convocation at the Temple theater. The three Brams "Intermezzos" were lovely and in noticeable contrast to the gayly rhapsodic and melodious "Ballads," all of which were played in the first group. Chopin's harmonious "Impromptu" and the lilting "Berceuse" were played with sympathetic understanding. Schumann's celebrated "Sonata, Opus 22" closed the program. Played in four parts, the vivacious "Presto," smoothly contrasting "Andantino" and saucy "Scherzo" and capricious "Rondo" compose the score of the Sonata. Miss Klincker plays with feeling, and her interpretations received an enthusiastic reception. The fifth convocation next Wednesday will be given by the school of music quartet, accompanied by Ernest Harrison at the piano.

Strangely enough, a picture of a rather plump cow was nicely situated between the music of "Sweet and Low" and "Blue Sky Avenue" on the set of "Her Master's Voice." When one of the pop men hastened to remove it, the blond Miss Lawrence insisted that it be replaced immediately, as it was her inspiration. She said it reminded her of someone. As she played last evening, the picture of the cow evidently remained on the piano. We're wondering who the stranger is, that is an inspiration and yet so strangely resembles a cow.

DR. PAUCK ADDRESSES PSYCHOLOGY SEMINAR

Theologian Interprets New German Religious Movement.

Interpreting the new movement in theology in Germany, Dr. William Pauck, well known theologian, lectured before Dr. Patterson's 2 o'clock seminar in psychology yesterday, in Social Science 321.

The basis of Dr. Pauck's speech was the religious theory of Karl Barth, a Swiss who studied religion in Germany. In his work as a practical preacher, Barth was faced with the problem of the source of authority in religion and he formulated a sort of revealed religious truth, not entirely non-ernistic but not in the least orthodox.

Dr. Pauck has written a book, "Karl Barth—Prophet of a New Christianity," and, according to prominent authorities, he is well-versed on the Barthian movement. "Altho there are many loopholes and contradictions in the Barthian conception of religion, the lecture was very informative, profitable, and well-presented," was the comment of W. H. Werkmeister, assistant professor of philosophy.

14 LIST NAMES IN RHODES CONTEST AS FILINGS CLOSE

(Continued from Page 1.) asked to be relieved from the committee post this year. The scholarships, tenable at Oxford university in England in 1935, are for two, or in some cases three, years, and amount to 400 pounds a year.

Scholarship, leadership, high moral character, and other traits that go to make up an outstanding individual serve as the basis for selecting the winners.

Nebraska Ball Schedule to Be Announced Sunday

Announcement of the schedule for the Nebraska ball tournament, which will start next week, will be made Sunday by Mary Reimers, head of the tournament committee. Two games a night, beginning at five o'clock, will be played in the gym until the meet is ended.

COMMERCIAL CLUB INITIATES 13 GIRLS

Miss Esther Anderson Gives Lecture at Banquet Wednesday Night.

The Girls' Commercial club initiated twenty-three girls Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 6 p. m., at the City Y. W. C. A. A banquet followed the ceremony, at which Miss Esther Anderson, sponsor of the club, gave an illustrated lecture. Miss Anderson told of her recent tour of Europe, during which she was presented to the International Geographical association.

The following girls were initiated: Cornelia Matteson, Ruth Kuehl, Ailine Marshall, Dorothy Chapelow, Alice Crawley, Lilyan Stutz, Lillian Shine, Ina Marie Smith, Anne Ferguson, Marion Sadt, Martha L. Ruyle, Irene Hahn, Dorothy Larson, Donna Lee, Mary Ellen Long, Betty Cherny, Maxine Grassman, Mary Jean Bremer, Elma Hennies, Virginia Groom, Milla Rosen, Francis Fish, and Fole Laub.

The committee in charge of arranging the banquet were: Eunice Camp, chairman, Catherine Stodart, and Dorothy Veone. Yellow chrysanthemums were used as decoration.

Oldfather Makes Spirited Defense of Liberal Arts College Against Attack of Dean Chase of New York.

(Continued from Page 1.) Dean Chase seems to feel that the present educational standard is dissolving originality to the extent that the democratic system is practically non-functional and bureaucracy is increasing in prestige.

The opposite view is expressed by Dean Oldfather who contends "In my judgment students are more alert now than ten years ago and certainly are giving greater expression to their opinion. Emphasis on 'How to Live.' Dean Oldfather agrees, however, with a recent article by Dean Chase in the American Mercury entitled "Doubts about Liberal Colleges."

"It is true," says Dr. Oldfather, "that the future emphasis in the liberal arts college will lie in training a man how to live in the world about him. There will be a leaning toward courses which are one-way—general rather than departmentalized. The whole tendency will be toward a junior college level curriculum.

Dean Chase closes his attack by pointing out what he believes is the goal which must be envisioned. "The objective to be sought," he says, "is not a passive people, benevolently ruled, but a government set up, criticized, kept in power or put out of power, by an informed citizenship."

"Buy Your Cornhusker."

ELECTION FILING OPEN ONE WEEK BEGINNING TODAY

(Continued from Page 2.) for members of the advanced course, will be contacted by the department, and if they are willing, their names will be filed as nominees.

Any girl desiring to file for honorary colonel may do so, however, it was stated, and no distinction will be made on the ballot or in the Daily Nebraskan announcements between those nominated by the department and those filing independently.

Candidates desiring to file for any of the four offices were warned to check their eligibility before filing since the record of all nominees will be checked by the student council before the election.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Lutheran Club. Lutheran club meets Friday at 8:15 in the Temple. Prof. Joseph Alexis will speak. All Lutheran students are invited.

Omicron Nu Alumni Meet. The alumni chapter of Omicron Nu, Home Economics honorary, held a dinner meeting in the Child Development laboratory Thursday night.

FASCISTS FAIL IN OBJECTIVE, SAYS FELLMAN

(Continued from Page 1.) pose of impressing tourists. Visitors fail to see the slums, the low wage level, or the pathetic condition of the people.

"There is acquiescence, but there is no unity in the Fascist government," Prof. Fellman asserted. "If there were, armed forces would not be necessary to keep the people in subjection. Mussolini is popular merely because no one dares mention anything which would make him unpopular. There is rigid censorship of press, radio, and public speeches. No one knows, least of all Mussolini himself, and probably no one will know just how popular or unpopular he is until he dies.

"Let me say that Mussolini has done far more harm than he has good," concluded Prof. Fellman. "He took control at a strategic moment, just as Italy was beginning to get her head out of water after the war, and since then has branded the Italians as a people incapable of governing themselves. He has turned Italian civilization back hundreds of years."

The meeting which was under the direction of Vincent Broady, was closed with an open discussion led by Prof. Fellman.

New officers of the club elected during the evening were: Irwin Ryan, president; Miss Selma Goldstein, vice-president; and Grant McClellan, secretary.

MORE W. A. A. PRIZES TO CANDY SALESMEN

Announcement of additional prizes to be offered to W. A. A. candy saleswomen at the Pittsburgh game is made today by Elizabeth Bushie, concessions manager. First and second prizes will be cash, and the third, a pound box of candy.

Additional girls are urged to sell at the Pitt game in order to accommodate the large crowd expected. They may sign on the W. A. A. bulletin board at the east end of the women's gymnasium before Friday, November 9, when there will be a meeting at 5 o'clock of all those selling at the Pittsburgh game.

Miss Bushie stated that it had been increasingly difficult to serve the crowds this season, and that the organization was trying to give satisfaction at the Pittsburgh game by increasing the number of saleswomen.

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Nebraska Trails in Field of Mental Hygiene, Says Dr. Walton; Declares Many of Mind Ailments Could Be Cured.

(Continued from Page 1.) series of actual facts, but we are helpless when the mind is seized with various epidemics. "It is my hope that this condition may be improved—that we may go so deeply and painstakingly into this field that the old

era of mental taboos will gradually disappear and their place will be taken with a series of recurrently adaptable to individual cases." Professor Walton concludes.

Varsity Theater Opens for Business Thursday

Planned especially for collegiate entertainment, the Varsity theater,

formerly the Rialto, was opened to the public Thursday evening. Opening with Grace Moore in the picture "One Night of Love," the theater was attended by a large crowd. Liberty magazine says that the current picture of the Varsity is one of the most charming and intelligent musical pictures to come out of Hollywood. The New York Daily Times says that the picture is something to cheer about and that it sets a standard that will be difficult to top.