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What's That Awful Smell?

Campus politics are bound to smell of trickery, demagoguery, and corruption. If student elections are to be most valuable as training grounds for the political activities of public life, then they must emphasize the machine over ideals and individuals.

We have political parties because a small, interested group of politicians is performing a valuable service for the electorate, with good pay, of course, by efficiently managing public affairs. But even in national politics, when the stench of corruption indicates that selfish parties are going to kill the very institutions that give them their life blood, someone in an indifferent electorate wrests the power from those who misuse it.

The campus reeked to high heaven with malodorous politics this week when selfish factions tried to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs. By filing under an independent party label, a Beta candidate for presidency of the Interfraternity council, backed by votes from the progressive party, was elected to office, violating an agreement to alternate the office between parties. And when Greek council party members failed to elect a barb candidate—one disclaimed by the organized barbs of the Interclub council—to the presidency of Corn Cobs, they brought their dirty linen into a Student council committee airing by protesting the election. Worse than the shame of the parties was the unwarranted activity of certain members of the Innocents society, who, despite liberal restrictions, stooped to grovel in the filth of dirty politics.

There are plenty of political plums on the campus to make a fair distribution possible. That's where politics should come in; the science of politics teaches co-operation in sharing the spoils. But when an Interfraternity council meeting ends in an uproar, and when half of the fraternities in Corn Cobs threatened to secede and start their own organization on losing an election, then the men responsible have changed from politicians to termites, undermining the legitimate organizations of student government.

Many will doubt the necessity for concern over campus politics; hundreds will explain that they can get along without the aid of any system of student government. Parallel for this condition can be found in city, state, and national governments, where citizens overlook their duty by saying, "You've got to accept so much of this graft and crime." But in a university, which supposedly trains leaders and endows citizens with more than average awareness, it is definitely out of place to find politics corrupt enough to make a ward boss.

Unfortunately, this matter can't be settled simply by a vote of the student body. Member houses of the Interfraternity council, and fraternity and barb members of Corn Cobs should be able to keep politics a gentleman's game. Voting in this, the Student council, controlled by the student body with sweeping control of every organization, could demand that the welfare of the society be placed above that of the individual member. Should politics defeat their purpose, it would remain for the indirect, but enormous power of voting in their successors to bring offenders into line. If campus politics ever degenerate to the point where disputes must be settled before the faculty senate, then the right of any student responsible to participate in public affairs should be seriously questioned.

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 must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

TO THE EDITOR:

(Editor's Note: The Nebraskan tried to pass no buck. It still stands firmly entrenched with its high regard for scholastic achievement. The individual of whom you seem to be speaking the Nebraskan does not know. There were many such individuals. A veritable flood of candidates could have been secured had Innocents deigned to drop all scholastic barriers.)

I haven't been around this campus long enough to really enter into any political argument, but I have read and worked on newspapers long enough to hate to see any editor leave himself so wide open to criticism and rebuke as you did in your answer to B. K.'s comment on the tapping of Innocents. Perhaps you knew what you were doing but it seems to me that you were trying to protect yourself and colleagues, rather than answering the arguments presented.

In the first place, you tried to pass the buck to the Kosmet Klub, but B. K. had not even mentioned their connection in the tapping. That was probably the worst error. To

make it worse, however, you intimated that B. K. had an ax to grind over some individual who was not tapped, and made your description almost personal. In reading B. K.'s article I found no comment on an individual, but on the organization as a whole. Maybe your conscience was bothering you but you should not have mentioned it in print, as, contrary to rumor in the social column, people do read the editorial page.

In writing this I have no ax to grind, but I feel that sympathy toward all newspaper men, which prompts me to offer you a warning, and, I'm afraid, a tinge of sympathy. With brotherly felicitations,
C. R.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

Olympic World Peace.

Likelihood of the new French leftist government's placing a ban on French participation in the Berlin Olympic games this summer is a menace to international peace, to put it mildly. The defeated government, already very doubtful concerning the games in Nazi Germany, has decided to leave final decision in the matter to the new ruling group.

Just why so many influential agencies have sought to make political issue of the Olympic sports festival this year is not easy to determine. If there is one activity, national or international, that should be kept absolutely free of political attachment, it is the quadrennial celebration of the modern Olympics. Any who recall the splendid feeling of sportsmanship and united brotherhood generated by the Los Angeles games in 1932 cannot help but have a slight contempt for anyone who would attempt to inject the tinge of international suspicion or hatred.

During the 1932 games more than 3,000 athletes from more than 40 nations scattered all over the globe, lived together in a peaceful and harmonious friendship. Uncontaminated by petty racial prejudices, these athletes dined at the same tables and indulged in the same amusements. To the visitor who was fortunate enough to gain entrance to the Olympic village, it was not uncommon to see a mixed group of athletes from several different countries, strolling down the pathway, laughing and joking with one another.

Advocates of world peace realize the tremendous importance of the Olympic games to the furtherance of international friendship during a time when all Europe is on the brink of war and disaster. Who is to say that the 1932 Olympics did not help to postpone strife and political turmoil on many international fronts?

Furthermore, the German government has spent vast sums of money in preparing for the games in Berlin this summer, and a refusal to participate by France, the traditional Nazi arch rival, would antagonize the Germans to no end. France has always been one of the leading competitors in the games, and its withdrawal would surely lessen the competition.

Never in the history of the world has there been a time when friendship should be stressed among nations as at the present. Nations who refuse to participate in the Olympiad are declaring themselves in opposition to the furtherance of world peace. By holding themselves aloof they will invite criticism from every other country.

Bickering politicians are yet to learn the lesson of sportsmanship as it is taught by the athletes of the world who do more to erase hatred and jealousy among nations than the endless amount of repudiated treaties and agreements which only lead to further inflammation. If Europe can only forget its troubles during the 11th Olympiad and join in the same harmonious friendship which existed four years ago, another great step may be made toward the establishment of permanent world peace.—Daily Trojan.

Is Beautiful.

From "La Stampa," Turin, comes this article, written by one F. T. Marinetti: "Rising against the traditional traducees of modern war who declare it to be anti-esthetic, we futurist poets and artists who have recognized it for 27 years as the 'only world hygiene,' proclaim that:

1. "War is beautiful because it fuses in harmony strength and kindness.
 2. "War is beautiful because it realizes the perfect mechanized man—thanks to the gas mask, the terrifying megaphone, flame throwers and the little tank, and completes the domination of man over his slave, the machine.
 3. "War is beautiful because it realizes the long dreamed of 'metalization' of the human body.
 4. "War is beautiful because it 'symphonizes' fusillades, cannonades, pauses choked by silence, and the perfumes and odors of putrefaction.
 5. "War is beautiful because it completes the beauty of a flowery meadow with the passionate orchids of machine gun fire.
 6. "War is beautiful because it genially remolds terrestrial and marine landscapes with its inspired artillery.
 7. "War is beautiful because it creates new architecture, as the heavy tank. It creates the flying geometries of the aeroplane, the spiral smoke of burning villages, etc.
 8. "War is beautiful because it sometimes surpasses in violence, enthusiasm and lyrical grandeur the terrestrial cataclysms and combats of demons and angels.
 9. "War is beautiful because it definitely cures men of individual fear and collective panic thru its refinement and stylization of heroism.
 10. "War is beautiful because it effects a rejuvenation of the male body and intensifies the fascination of the female body.
 11. "War is beautiful because it serves the greatness of great fascist Italy.
- "Futurist poets and artists, now combatant or about to enter the fray, remember the principles of the esthetics of war. They should enlighten you in your efforts and enable you to extract new poetry and new plastic works from the heroism you offer to the future!"
Need anything be added?—Syracuse Daily.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON HOLDS BANQUET ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Many Alumni Return for Celebration of Local Chapter Founding.

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of Nebraska Alpha chapter, Sigma Phi Epsilon held a banquet Saturday evening at the Cornhusker hotel. Many alumni returned to Lincoln for the event. Sigma Phi Epsilon was the 12th national social fraternity to establish a chapter at the University, this chapter being the 26th granted by the fraternity. History of this chapter discloses many students who were leaders in campus activity. Nebraska chapter has furnished three national officers: Clifford E. Scott, who wrote a Kosmet Klub show, was editor of the fraternity magazine and a national officer for ten years. Don Elliott was traveling secretary for one year. T. B. Strain is now in his third year as a national officer. Sigma Phi Epsilon was founded in Richmond college, Richmond, Va., in 1901.

ART CLUB TO JOIN NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PHI DELTA PHI

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Virginia Hall, historian; Hannah Harding, Virginia Halley, Helen Lessman, Genevieve Mastalha, Helen McMonies, Virginia Vieth, Doris Weaver, Lois Blair, Rufus Harris, Jeanne Nichles, Irmel Bush, Vina Gilbert Chard, Elzine Holcomb, Doris Imm, Thelma Kohiro, Ruth Minor, Emily Allen, Jean Cornelius and William Flax. Seven of Faculty Initiated.

Seven faculty members of the university were also initiated into the new chapter. They are: Dwight Kirsch and Kady B. Faulkner, advisors; Louise Mundy, Gertrude Moore, Raymond Williams, Morris Gordon Lyda Barry and Ella White.

Elections to Delta Phi Delta are made from the highest ranking students in art in the junior and senior classes, judged on a definite basis of scholarship, according to the constitution set up by the art faculty of the university.

Activities which the organization will continue to sponsor in the field of art at the university will include the monthly fellowship teas sponsored by the former art club, the promotion of the Fine Arts ball, and the sponsoring of a Christmas party for the members of the entire art department.

Another Iowa editor, over at the state university, deserves honorable mention this week. He runs the yearbook. His yearbook like many others, decided to have a beauty prize winner. The following were selected as judges:

BROADCAST BREVITIES

NEW YORK, May 11.—Several sponsors are trying to sugar the pill of commercialism by dramatizing their burbs. Some of these sales skits are highly effective, others border on the insipid. They are to bring a touch of real life into the picture that is supposed to make you dash out madly to the nearest store and buy the product. Instead, they usually distort matters. We like the commercial announcements straight from the shoulder, short and sweet. As a rule, the announcer can do a better job, if he doesn't talk too long and put too much high pressure into his voice. Let that be a lesson to you, Mr. Sponsor.

How many people actually dance to dance music on the air? Very few, we'll betcha. Especially during the early evening hours. That's why Fred Waring, Paul Whiteman, Andre Kostelanetz and Mark Warnow are going in for concert arrangements of dance tunes. They believe people like to listen rather than dance.

Hal Kemp, Don Bestor, Guy Lombardo, Benny Goodman and Eddie Duchin, on the other hand, believe in playing in the strictest of dance tempos. Their music is always in such perfect dance time, that even the clumsy hooper feels light on his own feet, to say nothing of his partner's.

The Pickens Sisters are holding off their European trip for awhile. A few sponsors are interested in their harmonies as well as in the solo talent of Patti and Jane. So they are going to remain on American soil until their next broadcast series is set.

Will Somebody Tell Me: Why Stoopnagle and Budd don't get a commercial? Why so few blues singers are in prominence? Why Annette Hanshaw, who typified the blue singer, isn't back on the air, where she belongs? Why Willie Morris isn't heard singing popular songs since the Radio Guide contest rates her higher as a pop singer than as a classical singer? When Stuart Churchill will get an evening program? Why Jan Pearce, a grand tenor, hasn't a sponsored evening spot?

STUDENT IDEALS DEBATED AGAIN

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to selection, but we like to think that it is the fineness of youth."

Impressions Unreliable.
Dr. Corey also laments the difficulty experienced in getting an impression in which one may have confidence. The depression years have had two obvious effects; smaller classes and less spending money, but the student himself does not seem to have changed, he believes.

"The theoretical aspects of 'university education changes most students much too little,' continues the young adviser. "They seem to want practical stuff, and little theory, in spite of the prominent role 'practical' men have played in the present upset in our economic order. Besides," smiles Dr. Corey, "nature doesn't move by leaps, so why should students

CONNING THE CAMPI

By Arlen Crenshaw

The present campaign to reduce the number of injuries and deaths thru automobile accidents, is most timely and necessary one. These misfortunes have attained proportions that are alarming, and it is a matter of satisfaction that national agencies are now devoting considerable effort to reducing their number.

While it is recognized that a small percentage of automobile accidents are unavoidable because of slippery streets or defective car mechanism, it will be agreed by all that most automobile accidents come out of the disregard for the requirements of good manners. Good manners consist largely in reasonable regard for the rights and feelings of other people.

In light of these requirements, it is hard to escape the conclusion that most automobile injuries could be avoided if people displayed good manners. The driver who runs past a "stop sign" or "cuts in" or "speeds around curves," is simply disregarding the rights of other people. He may justify his conduct by stating that he was in a hurry. This merely means that he was being governed by his own convenience and totally disregarding the rights of other people.

With improved highways and high powered cars, driving will become less and less safe unless group rights are regarded. A stop sign gives the passing motorist a feeling of safety. He expects motorists approaching the sign to stop. Where this expectation is not realized, the driver who considered himself safe is really in danger.

In our automobile driving we do well to remember all the time that good citizens and worthwhile neighbors are governed by good manners, and these consist largely in reasonable regard for the rights and feelings of other people.—From the Montana Exponent

Chances of employment this June are four times better than they were a year ago, Columbia authorities report.

Warning note: Editors at Iowa State college have figured that it costs a student just \$1 every time he cuts a class.

Phi Lambda Upsilon Gives Annual Chemistry Picnic

Students and members of the chemistry department held a picnic Saturday, given by Phi Lambda Upsilon at Robert's park. The society provided free transportation to the picnic grounds. One of the big events of chemistry department, the picnic is held twice yearly, in the spring and autumn.

Fordham Football Team Men Named Outstanding

The senior class of Fordham College has broken a tradition of long standing in its annual "celebrities" poll by voting the entire football team, which had one of its most successful seasons last fall, as having done most for Fordham this year, instead of choosing an individual person, as is the custom.—(College News Service).

Princeton editors express amazement that the University of Texas has dropped the honor system of examinations. Said the Texas dean: "We realize that under the system we were white-washed hypocrites." It works, it seems, at Princeton.

Teachers Wanted

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