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Stuffing The Ballot Box

Only yesterday, we levelled the charge at the student council that it has spent too much time harping on old themes, or in pursuing some new, but trivial goal. Today, we're issuing the charge that the student council, under its present set-up fails to do any more than form the background for a political farce when it attempts to supervise elections in its lackadaisical manner.

Yesterday's election carried with it rumors that not a few, but many students were using identification cards in addition to their own in order that they might swell the vote for a faction candidate. Not only rumor, but truth of this practice was brought to our attention when we proceeded to watch several students make the rounds of the polls with their collection of identification cards in hand. We are not leveling our charge at members of any one faction, nor at any certain students, but we are condemning the student council for allowing the existence of such a practice when they supposedly removed the opportunity for such a practice in a plan devised last year.

The plan referred to is that of having each student's picture attached to his identification card, that picture to include the student's name and college written on a slate and held so that it could be photographed as a part of the picture. With this provision, the council naturally could have deterred students from using anyone else's identification card as well as keeping students in one college from voting with identification cards of students in an entirely different college.

The manner in which the council has treated this practice at the polls is typical of most of their work for this year. It had a good idea when it decided to take student pictures, in order that they might accompany student identification cards when elections were held. It proceeded to have the pictures taken at the first of the year, and after that the matter was closed. The first election that was held, the council reminded students that their pictures must accompany identification cards if they were to be allowed to vote. At the time of the election, many students either had failed to obtain their pictures or had left them at home. Consequently, the council members in charge decided to let the voter pass. With the realization that pictures

were actually needed came the rapid destruction or loss of pictures and the revival of using anyone's identification card to vote.

The blame for such practices as existed at the polls yesterday must be laid definitely at the door of the council. If the council were well enough organized and contained members who were determined to see that the polls were conducted efficiently, the idea of having pictures attached to identification cards would not have met the fate of most council plans—merely reaching the stage of an idea which was never put into practice.

We will have to admit that the council idea was, in its origin, a good one, and it would probably do much toward the elimination of politics at the polls. Our suggestion is, then, that this idea be carried out and not allowed to fade into nothingness—whether it is now headed. If council members in charge of the polls were instructed to let no one vote until his identity had been established both by picture and his name and college written on the picture, much of the present difficulty would be permanently removed—that is, if the council members co-operated and religiously followed their instructions, instead of letting someone vote just because they happened to know him, or because he seemed to have an honest face.

Should the council decide to make its idea become a reality, it will be necessary to take the pictures of everyone who registers next year, since many of the first photographs have been destroyed, since they appeared of no value under the present council enforcement. Next year should be the final pictures for all students registering and hereafter only freshmen should have pictures taken, as intended under the original plan. Students will take care of the pictures if they realize that for once in its life the council actually means that student will NOT be permitted to vote unless the picture is presented along with the identification card. Should a student fail to present a picture with his identification card, the card should be held by the council and destroyed. In a short time this would eliminate further attempts to vote without proper identification and pictures.

The council does not bear an especially impressive record of achievement this year, yet it could be described as having contributed a great deal if it would make definite arrangements for revision of its voting requirements. As we have pointed out, we must admit that the council has a good idea but we can hardly commend it on the manner in which the idea had been put into practice.

1938's Students Differ Little From Those of 50 Years Ago

Miss Barbour Recollects Changes on Campus Since 1892.

By Maria Wiebe.

Students do not change any more than does human nature from one generation to another. Fifty years ago when our grandparents went to this university, the students liked to study just as well as we do today, they were just as anxious about a good time as we, and, in general, the theory of many of our elders, "when we were young we never did so and so," is entirely unfounded according to Miss Carrie Barbour.

"When we get old our attitude is inclined to be uncharitable to the young, but I have worked with students for 45 years and I don't think that they've changed a great deal," Miss Barbour declared.

Museum in Nebraska Hall.

Miss Carrie Barbour who came to the university campus in 1892, still has a gleam of almost youthful determination in her eye, in

spite of her snow white hair, when she tells of the growth of the museum in particular and also of the university.

When Miss Barbour first came here the museum collection consisted of a few shells and stones which were harbored in Nebraska Hall. The collection was soon greatly increased by the work of her brother, Erwin H. Barbour who excavated many fossils while Miss Barbour worked them out mounted them. Then the building now called Former Museum, was built and the collection was moved there.

Five Buildings in 1892.

Miss Barbour said that in 1892 there were five buildings on the campus: The Library, Pharmacy, then called Chemistry hall, Grant Memorial, Nebraska Hall and University hall.

"I'd like to see University hall moved away and green sod put in there," she went on, "but that would break Miss Pound's heart, because she first taught there. Nebraska hall should meet the same fate. It was already quite rickety

AD SORORITY INITIATES THREE NEW MEMBERS

Louise Oddo, June Bierbower, Eda Claire Maxwell Join Gamma Alpha Chi.

Three new members will be initiated into Gamma Alpha Chi, honorary advertising sorority, at a meeting to be held in the Student Union building today at 5 o'clock. The new members include Louise Oddo, June Bierbower, and Eda Claire Maxwell. Recently pledged, but not to be initiated yet, is Virginia Geister.

The guest speaker at this meeting will be Norma Carpenter, former national president of the sorority. After the initiation, a banquet will be held in the Union building at 6:15 o'clock.

NEWS PARADE

by Marjorie Churchill

IT HAPPENED IN CONGRESS

Pork-barrel addicts in the house yesterday saw their highway appropriations bill cut from 125 millions to 75 million dollars. Representatives facing election campaigns at home thus face a blow to their traditional best campaign selling point, with early adjournment making any overriding of the cut improbable.

Pump-Priming Pummeled.

Senator Vandenberg attacks a pet administration proposal by proposing that all relief activities be returned to the states and pump-priming be stricken from the lending-pending bill. Slight hope may be held for the proposal, despite the quantities of violently protesting telegrams which have been pouring in from business men on the whole administration tax laying, relief appropriating program.

What! Again?

Roosevelt asks additional appropriations—\$70,672,407 for the treasury, \$3,014,492 for the interior, \$200,000 for the justice department—proposals which will in all likelihood be the signal for another barrage of attacks on the democratic policy of squandering public finances.

Administration Also-Rans.

Any administration's reorganization schemes for reorganization are quite definitely dead and probably buried, with no signs of revival now apparent. Administration leaders are looking toward adjournment and a return to neglected campaigns at home before June 15.

BULLETIN

Poultry Science Club.

Election of officers will be held Thursday night by the Poultry Science club at its meeting in the Poultry Husbandry hall room 205. This is to be the last meeting of the year.

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