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Personally Speaking

By Norm Leger

Recall to mind the old saw, "if we don't hang together, we'll all hang alone." This bit of three-musketeer-like philosophy seems to be the faction's biggest argument for existing, assuming, of course, that a faction does exist. (If one doesn't, then what is the purpose, pray tell of representatives from each fraternity—except one—scurrying about the campus, after-dark hours, to publicly unannounced meetings?)

One might think (and hope) that if the faction boys continue to hang together in the manner they did for the Student Council election of officers they will have enough rope to do a thorough job. Yes, one might think it. But we're told that "there will always be a faction," whether it operates as a respectable political party or as a power group that needs to be taught a few things about fair play and the value of personal merit.

Let us elucidate, if you will. The Student Council met Wednesday to elect its new officers. All but the naive knew before the meeting started that the faction, what with its majority representation, could run things just as they wanted them run. In view of this, Helen Laird, Council president, made a plea for an election based upon student qualifications and not upon political planning.

That her speech would be unheeded was evident, even to the naive, in view of the council members, (north table, male side) negative reaction—the mumbling over Miss Laird's first few words and the restlessness during her talk. It seemed the faction boys were reluctant to listen, lest the remaining shreds of their consciences might give them faint bother.

When Miss Laird suggested that the qualifications of eligible members for offices be given before the nominations were made, there could be heard, plainly enough, chuckles and side remarks from the male members who obviously already knew for whom they would cast their ballots. This suggestion was ignored, of course, and no recommendations were made until after the nominations had been made.

One could assume that the most deserving and capable men were nominated. There were three. Four people were able to take the floor to recommend one nominee, stating specifically valuable personal traits and work done for the Council. (If you want more details, we'll be glad to give them to you, just drop around.) The nominee's backers were not faction representatives. Another nominee was recommended by a non-faction member on the basis of the amount of work he had done. Same nominee was pointed out by Miss Laird as having done the most work of the three candidates. The third nominee, who won the election, was recommended by his nominator who is, we presume, a faction man since he nominated the man whom the faction was backing.

As we have said before, we have nothing against a political party's desire to get their man in office, even if he isn't the man who can get the highest recommendation from the floor.

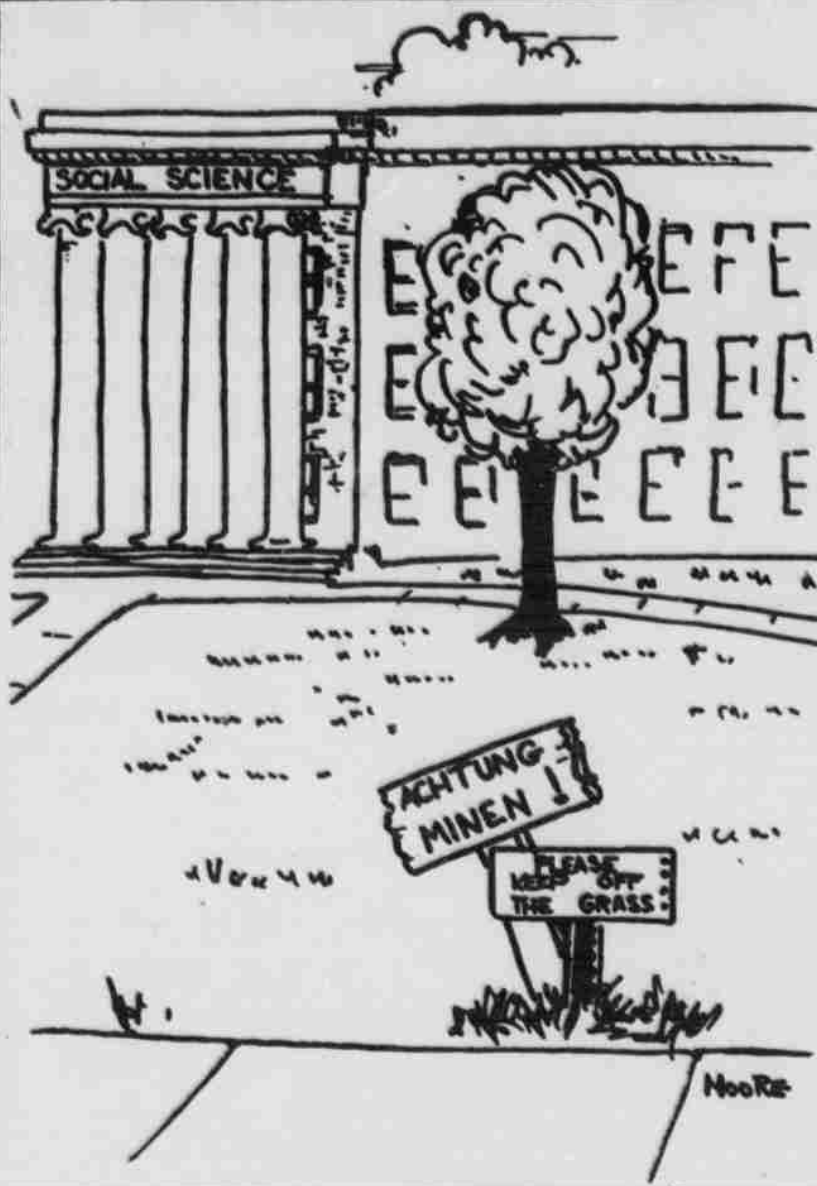
What is appalling is that after the voting was over and the faction man had won his "honor," the other two candidates seemed to be forgotten until the last office, head of the judiciary committee, went to one of the candidates. The third was made a member of the committee.

Where's the kick? Just this. If the faction is going to control the election of just the top office of the Council (or was it the top two?) it might have the decency to see to it that the most qualified candidates who are not faction-backed be given other offices.

As things stand now, the faction has killed what we consider to be an important quality of Council members: ambition. True, one should be a hard worker just for the sake of doing the work and contributing to the good of the cause, but human nature doesn't work that way. Anyway, shouldn't merit receive its just rewards?

Why should any council member exert himself next year to do anything beyond routine duties when he knows that when elections come around his exertion will count for little? The faction decides on a political basis whom they want in the office. The Student Council, we feel, should elect as its officers the people who have done the work and deserve the honor. Why should its elections be controlled by a power group?

As our friends tell us, we're beating our head against a stone wall. Perhaps so. But we will maintain, foolishly, the hope that someday campus activities will be run on a basis democratic enough to make it a real honor to be president of, or hold an office in, a campus organization whose officers are elected. There is no need to ask, "Is there any honor in them now?" The answer is plainly no, but these office holders will probably feel elated over Ivy Day outcomes just the same, will be congratulated and regarded as those "lucky people."



Air Force Plans Two Summer Encampments for Air Students

An announcement from the Second Air Force headquarters at Offutt Field, Fort Crook, Nebraska, states that two encampments will be held this summer for advanced Air ROTC students in the Second Air Force area.

Chanute Field at Rantoul, Ill., and Lowry Field at Denver, Colo., have been chosen as the sites for the encampments which will begin June 22 and will end Aug. 2.

Approximately 250 Air ROTC students attending colleges and universities in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska will attend the summer camp at Lowry and about 330 students from schools in Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan will go to Chanute for the six-week camp.

The courses to be received by the future Air Reserve officers will include instruction in practical soldiering, training in work that has been covered during the past year in their Air ROTC classrooms and practical training in the specialty they have chosen for

their 1947-48 school year of instruction.

To be eligible for attendance at the summer encampment, the ROTC students have to have had the two-year basic ROTC course or have served at least one year in the armed services and, in either case, have completed the first year of advanced air ROTC work.

The summer camp is a must for students who want to receive an Air Reserve commission through Air ROTC.

Farmers Hear Ag Research On Livestock

Gustavson Talks At Feeders Day

Stockmen from all over the state were told Friday afternoon of highlights in livestock experimental feeding work as they gathered at the college of agriculture for the 35th annual Feeder's Day.

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson opened the session with an address stressing the importance of co-ordination of knowledge, research and experimentation in all fields of agriculture, especially in the field of nutrition.

The farmer is sometimes the first link in the chain of nutritional research, Chancellor Gustavson observed. He makes an observation and passes on his information to the research men at the college of agriculture for experimentation to check and recheck and make further studies to discover the causes of such observations.

Knowledge Limited.

Chancellor Gustavson concluded, saying, we don't know enough about nutrition to apply the mathematics involved in a complete understanding of the science. Research will develop our understanding of nutritional mathematics and enable application of them to create better livestock and better human nutrition.

Marvel L. Baker, professor of animal husbandry, reported on the feeding of prairie hay cut at various intervals, on the use of linseed pellets in the diet of beef calves and on the use of a pellet of dehydrated alfalfa.

In summing up the beef experimental work, Professor Baker said that the importance of the soil had never been so completely understood as it has been in the last five to six years. The big job of farmers and ranchers, no matter what their phase of farming, is to conserve soil and resources.

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The fashion note of the week concerns the recent arrival of the ever-popular corduroy at HARVEY'S. The current-



ly favored two button style gives impression of additional height to the proud wearer and the long roll lapels tend to give him a slim appearance. There's no doubt about it, these beautiful jackets are smoothly tailored of fine corduroy for a comfortable fit and stylish wearing. The extra change pocket, the stunning shades of brown and natural make this cord jacket by Pritzker the buy of the year for only \$16.50.

For a good-looking shirt to wear with the jacket HARVEY'S suggest the Westernaire by Liondale. This handsome shirt has an unmistakable Western Flavor. Exclusive flexible pleated back, with triangle lock for free body movement... roomy flap pockets... smartly detailed with shank buttons... of lovely suedespun, cotton or gabardine in all colors. For the best in men's wear it's...

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