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MAY QUEEN MEDDLING.

WHILE ballots have been counted and the
identity of Nebraska's May Queen is a secret
known only by members of Mortar Board, rumor,
gossip, criticism and objection, widespread since
Wednesday's election, show that the effort to oust
politics was useless and that some change must be
made in selecting this representative Nebraska coed.

The campus is agog with its second annual May
Queen scandal. All sorts of reports have been cir-
culated, some with malicious cunning, others with a
factual basis. When remarks verging on slander
were repeated, exaggerated, and exchanged all over
the school, The Nebraskan felt it was necessary to
dig out all available facts, to separate fiction from
truth, to present a story of the entire election, and
to let the student body view for itself all the factors
involved in picking a May Queen and candidate for
Mortar Board.

While it is laudable to strive to keep such elec-
tions completely out of politics, this idealistic view,
at first cherished by The Nebraskan, seems utterly
impractical with all the information on the recent
balloting at hand.

Mortar Boards, as individuals and as an organi-
zation, are not to blame for the present situation.
Intimations that they were staging private cam-
paigns for themselves were branded as false by
sororities with Mortar Board members. It is true,
however, that several campaigns were carried on in
behalf of certain coeds by sororities as well as by
the barb group. It is equally true that it will be
impossible to prevent similar campaigns in future
years.

THE past election has been proved honest and
above board by checking ballots and crossed off
names on the junior-senior list, but certain students
still insinuate that with Mortar Boards at the ballot
boxes it is little wonder that every May Queen has
been a Mortar Board. How easy it is to say on Ivy
day, "The May Queen? Oh, yes. She was one of
the girls at the poll—when I voted last spring."

By taking direct charge of the election Mortar
Board lays itself open to such criticism which,
though untrue, is unwholesome for the organization
and for the university. It is this which must be
remedied along with the political angle of the situa-
tion.

Thus there are two questions which confront
Mortar Board at this time. First, is it willing to
recognize politics in some shape or form, or is it
going to permit them to be played unofficially—
sometimes underhanded, sometimes on the level—
knowing them to be present but taking no step
against them? Second, is it going to jeopardize its
members by having them standing watch over the
ballot box when they are the usual candidates for
the May Queen honor?

Corollary to those questions come two other
problems which have arisen since the last two elec-
tions. One concerns the barb element and recon-
ciliation with sorority people. The other has to do
with a change in method of election at least to the
extent of taking it out of Mortar Board supervision.

THE Student council sought to put one of its
members in charge of the election. Mortar
Boards objected, presumably on the grounds that
election of May Queen was a Mortar Board activity
and out of the jurisdiction of the council. But by so
doing the Mortar Boards allowed themselves and
their organization to be harshly criticized. That is
unfortunate for Mortar Boards, the new May Queen,
the university at large.

Proposing to take the election out of Mortar
Board hands is not due to a desire to usurp any
Mortar Board power, but to save the senior women's
honorary society from undeserved and unwholesome
gossip.

The difficulties and problems faced in selecting
a May Queen at Nebraska now appears to be multi-
fold. It is a thing over which the student body is
rightly concerned. It is a project which will require
the co-operation of the Mortar Boards, the Student
council, the barb group and other allied organiza-
tions interested in the university before a feasible
solution will be found.

itable and undesirable situation that the probation
regulation seeks to prevent.

"M. X." is laughing up his sleeve at the Interfrat-
ernity council's attempt to make freshmen respon-
sible for the violation of rules, according to a Student
Pulse letter. The logic of his statements and
accusations is evident.

Pledges would be considered yellow by their frat-
ernity associates if they reported infractions of the
probation law. Such a system would never prove
workable.

Each fraternity must recognize the evils of proba-
tion week, if its abolition is to prove effective.
These Greek groups must realize that the very exis-
tence of fraternities on the Nebraska campus is
dependent upon statewide sentiment. This sentiment,
needless to say, is in opposition to such things as
"hell week."

Fraternity men are not children. They have res-
ponsibilities which they must face if the groups
with which they are affiliated are to continue. The
probation week problem will work itself out satis-
factorily if fraternities co-operate with their self-
selected Interfraternity council. Further, they must
realize that they are being watched by the citizens
of Nebraska and that their playful pranks are often
considered malicious by those persons who support
the University of Nebraska.

Politicians are busy again. Those ultra-import-
ant positions—minor class offices—soon are to be
filled.

Current Comment

AGAINST BARB POLITICS.

To the editor:
The Daily Nebraskan is certainly to be com-
mended for its very definite opposition to Alan Wil-
liams' political efforts in the recent election. That
this opposition is sincere is evident from the fact
that the editor's comment was withheld till after the
election.

Williams claims that his efforts were backed up
by the barbs, and denies any procedure that was not
right. The support which he had from barbs in
planning his attack was constituted, he claims, by
a group of seven people, who "worked with him," as
he says.

Part of this group did work with him, but there
were others (at least two or three) who had no
active part. Some of them (at least one) withdrew
their efforts so far as definitely to refuse consent
even to have their names on the "ticket."

Others (at least one) were taken very much by
surprise at Williams' proposal, and had no chance to
give the matter enough thought to render a definite
"yes," or "no." Such names, of course, were used
as if consent had been given.

Williams certainly was under a very great obli-
gation to see that absolutely every name was re-
moved from the ticket whose owner refused consent
to use it. Williams did not fulfill this obligation.

Williams was charged with having the interests
of the university second to smaller interests. (Every
politician should be charged with exactly the same
thing, in my opinion.) In answering this, he points
out what the barbs have done in the way of parties
—he points to the Barb council. This he has no
right to do, for the Barb council does not reflect
Williams' motives.

He has no right to identify the Barb council with
his political endeavors in any way. The Barb coun-
cil is a non-political body, and this article is evidence
that there are least some of its members who, even
as individuals, oppose politics.

I write this article with the hope that the student
body may not condemn the barbs in general, or the
Barb council, or those whose names were on Wil-
liams' ticket, for the mess which Williams creates.

MEREDITH K. NELSON.

ANOTHER VIEW ON PARTIES.

To the editor:
The All-University party plan, proposed by
Joyce Ayres, is being greeted with favor by a great
number of barbs on the university campus. Many
of them, although they differ on minor points, de-
clare the new plan will inject life into the hitherto
listless dances, and will attract barbs and Greeks
alike.

All-University parties as they are now consti-
tuted are not representative of the student body.
They are not even representative of the barb group.
Non-Greek students who have attended these dances
almost unanimously declare that they are municipal
affairs, with high school pupils and dance hall regu-
lars contributing to the general shoving and maul-
ing.

It is no wonder that fraternity men decline to
attend the affairs accompanied by girls. The non-
descript stag line, almost wholly surrounding the
dancers, is terrorizing to the bravest couple.

The so-called barb leader has expressed the opin-
ion that "his followers" will not co-operate in case
fraternity men are given a share in the arrange-
ments. Yet many barbs have already repudiated
the apparent leadership of Mr. Williams, stating
that they would welcome a new party system in-
volving true All-University representation. They
are looking forward to favorable action on the plan,
confident that it will receive the approval of the
student body when the vote is taken.

W. G. T.

PROBATION PALAVER.

To the editor:
Does the Interfraternity council really take itself
seriously? I get a good laugh every time it makes
a proclamation. The hell-week ruling, for instance;
first it offers no penalty to the house; secondly, it
leaves the enforcement up to the freshman; thirdly,
the council backs down entirely and declares that
it would not attempt to regulate a work week at
the houses.

This work week constitutes such impositions as,
"Pledge, have these windows cleaned by the time I
count to five or you'll get five. Of course it is an
impossible request. The punishment is hell-week.
Under the protection of the council any penalties
may be inflicted for incomplete "house work."
Don't pretend for a minute that hell-week is abol-
ished.

What pledge would dare turn in the name of his
house for infraction of the rules concerning pre-in-
tiation activities? Certainly the council would do
something to the house in question, but what?
What would be the fate of the pledge who "helped
keep the rules enforced?" You know that answer,
too. If he really likes his fraternity he would not
kick about anything they did to him, even though
he heartily disagreed with it.

The council has come as close as possible to
making no rule at all on that question. My con-
gratulations to those members who are on the coun-
cil who have so thoughtfully protected their own
houses against infringement. That rule and its en-
forcement are about as dangerous as an empty air
rifle pointed straight up.

M. X.

MILESTONES
AT NEBRASKA

March 2,
1925

Nebraska wrestlers defeated
Minnesota, 12 to 8.

The development of five cases of
smallpox caused considerable con-
sternation.

Coach Bearg and his cohorts be-
gan spring football practice, with
only a small squad reporting.

1920.

The publication board announced
that the Cornhusker sales drive
would be commenced soon.

Chancellor Avery welcomed the
annual convention of the Nebraska
Road Institute.

1915.

The University Week committee
announced that Wahoo, David City
and Seward had signed contracts
for the program.

Dr. Condra exhibited his west-
ern Nebraska films at the Omaha
Y. M. C. A.

Swimming classes for university
women were abandoned.

1910.

The Nebraskan published a lit-
erary issue. The entire paper was
made up of essays and odes, plus
the necessary advertisements.

1905.

The Students' Debating club de-
cided to use a university subject,
choosing that of military drill.

The editor commended the Glee
club on the success of their con-
cert.

KLUB OFFICIALS
ANNOUNCE CAST
ON SPRING SHOW

(Continued from Page 1.)
posed of Lucille Wright, '32,
Stromsburg; Nyle Speller, '30,
Lincoln; Fayette Norris, '32, St.
Joseph, Mo.; Jerry Swett, '32, Om-
aha; Frances Holyoke, '32, Om-
aha; Lucille Carothers, '32, Falls
City; Irene Shavelly, '32, Elmwood;
Harriett Nesladek, '32, Omaha;
Irene Dawson, '32, Wymore;
Katherine Bickford, '32, Lincoln;
Betty Harrison, '32, Lincoln; and
Faye Williams, '30, Omaha.

Eleven Men in Chorus.

Composing the men's chorus are
Kenneth Gammill, '31, Berthod,
Colo.; Cyril Winkler, '31, Lexing-
ton; Don McMaisters, '31, Omaha;
Nathan Levy, '31, Hastings;
George Mickel, '31, Omaha; Albert
Wahl, '31, Omaha; Robert Manley,
'31, Holdrege; Jack Mildrum, '31,
Fremont; Stan Kiger, '32, Omaha;
Norman Hoff, '31, Lincoln; and
William Stiverson, '31, Omaha.

All members of the principals
cast are requested by the club
to report to the club rooms, lo-
cated in the Annex building, at 3
o'clock Sunday afternoon. A
chaperoned meeting will be held
at that time.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATE
DEPLORES MILITARISM

(Continued from Page 1.)
ample of the economic pressure
which he claims had much to do
with making William McKinley
and Calvin Coolidge presidents of
the United States, when the appar-
ent alternative was a boycott en-
forced by capitalists against men
needing work and men needing
the products of labor.

Mr. Thomas does not think con-
trol by capitalists of the commodi-
ties necessary to wage war will
end strife. He predicts that even
if the money men of the world can
get together on an international
basis to such an end, class wars,
and conflicts within nations, will
be substituted.

FARMERS' FAIR
BOARD APPOINTS
GROUP CHAIRMEN

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is the belief of Cyril Winkler,
chairman. There will also prob-
ably be another polo tournament.

Clover Heads Group.

Merle White is chairman of the
committee on exhibits, another of
the major attractions of the fair.
White declares that he is trying to
devise a different way of display
for the exhibits.

The tea room will be managed

Delinquency Removal
Should Be Reported

According to Miss Florence
McGahey, registrar, all reports
of removal of delinquencies
must be on file in the regis-
trar's office, not later than
March 31, in order that stu-
dents may be eligible for con-
sideration for Honors day.

by girls and Winifred Yates is
chairman of that department. Ber-
nard Barnes will direct activities
of the livestock parade. Clarence
Clover is chairman of the com-
mittee which will arrange the Follies
and Snorphium acts. Evelyn Krotz
is co-chairman.

Pian Dances.

Other activities, sights, and at-
tractions will include dancing on
two floors, one of them out doors,
side shows, concessions, and many
others.

Howard McLean has charge of
ticket sales. Boyd Von Seggern is
chairman of the publicity commit-
tee with Edith Stahl co-chairman.
Don Facka and Esther Boyer are
joint chairmen of the advertising
committee. Bob Danielson heads
all promotion activities, and Mar-
garet Hollstrom is assistant to
him.

The senior Farmers Fair board
consists of Elvin Frolik, manager;
Ralph Elliott, treasurer; Ruth
White, secretary; and Lois Davies,
Margaret Hollstrom and Edward
Janike. The junior board includes
Georgia Wilcox, Elizabeth Wil-
liams, Niesje Lakeman, Emory
Fahney, Merle White, and Bob
Danielson.

WOMEN'S OCTET IS
TO SING OVER KFAB

Girls' Athletic Association
Sponsors Program
Monday.

The women's octette of the uni-
versity, under the direction of
Hermann T. Decker, will present
a program over KFAB from 2:30
to 3 o'clock Monday, March 3, in
the campus studio. The half hour
is regularly sponsored by the Wo-
men's Athletic association every
month.

The program will open with
two numbers by the octet, "O
Queen of Heaven," by Willan, and
"As My Dear Old Mother," by
Dvorak. Selections of two duets
by Mildred Johnson, soprano, and
Hortense Henderson, contralto,
will follow: "Hee Thee, Birding,"
and "The Ring" from "Echoes
from Moravia" by Dvorak.

Lucille Ambrose, pianist and
accompanist to the octet, will
play "The Little White Donkey"
by Ibert. The octet will close
with two numbers by Parks: "Pale
in the Amber West" and "Seen'
Things at Night."

WESLEY QUARTET
IS TO PRESENT
RADIO PROGRAM

The Wesley foundation male
quartet and gospel team will have
full charge of the radio service
conducted by the Lincoln Ministe-
rial union over station WCAJ. A
program of sacred numbers has
been planned by the quartet.

Lloyd Watt, a ministerial stu-
dent and a freshman in the uni-
versity, will bring the vesper hour
message, speaking on the subject,
"Courage Sublime."

Dr. Harper Will Speak
Before Dental Society

Dental students will have the
opportunity of hearing a demon-
stration lecture by Dr. Harper,
Chicago dentist, Monday afternoon
at 3 o'clock, in the clinic, on "Den-
tal Amalgam." Dr. Harper will
also speak before the Lincoln den-
tal society.

DAVIS EXPLAINS
COMMERCIALISM
OF UNIVERSITY

Prof. H. P. Davis, chairman of
the dairy husbandry department
at the university, spoke on "Should
a University Engage in Business,"
to the Interprofessional Men's In-
stitute Saturday noon. "It is nec-
essary for the university to engage
in certain enterprises that might
be construed as commercial enter-
prises, but it is done only for the
educational and experimental val-
ues received by the students," was

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