

Editorially Speaking

Students can solve their own problems

A decision reached yesterday by a special committee of the Student Council to replace the old "hit and run" system of individual faction rallies with an orderly mass rally of all factions under the same roof at the same time is the most meritorious action the campus has seen for some time.

Not only does the measure provide for an intelligent judgment of candidates and do away with "impossible" fantastic platform promises, and display an ability on the part of the council to do something constructive for a change, but also the decision indicates an ability on the part of the students to solve their own problems without administration discipline, pressure, or domination.

Political rallies which turn into nothing more than mass fistieuffs, egg and rock throwing, and general student savagery the night before campus elections have long been a black eye to student activity and the university. In recent years—years since the "famous old days" of the Blue Shirts, Yellow Jackets, Slippery Seven, South Side Six, and Green Togas—the situation has grown steadily worse. At the last rally, finally, a student received injury demanding hospitalization. Publicity given to this affair as "assinine folly" probably accounted as much as anything for the new attitude and decision.

This action can properly take its place alongside that of the Men's Activity Point system, and points to a new attitude—a Renaissance, so to speak—towards student activities. Student leaders this year are grasping their problems with concern and determination, and are dealing out the most intelligent decisions in many a season. The mass rally idea makes for more intelligent voting by means of presenting candidates, hearing their views, and critically judging among them. In certain cases it may make election to certain posts more than mere popularity contests. It provides for student spirit and interest without the "scandalous, arrogant, barbaric, and ignorant" display, destruction, and injury. It replaces an old tradition, long outmoded, with one whose roots should be deeply planted in the soil of student politics.

A most successful session

"The 'gripe' session was very successful and there should be more." That was the opinion of those who attended the DAILY'S complaint conclave yesterday afternoon. There is no doubt the same type of meeting—that of an over-grown bull-session dealing with student convictions—will be continued.

Many intelligent ideas and constructive criticisms were voiced. Those who attended went away with a greater knowledge of possibilities—to say the least. Few of the complaints were of the small, petty type which dealt with "one single professor in one single course in one single college." Most of them were general and were presented in forceful, determined language.

In this, the first session, the ideas presented, however, probably were not as important as the entire idea behind the session. That idea was the free expression of student opinion and ideas. It was expression which, altho never curtailed or hampered, has never been justly stimulated. It was expression to which students are entitled, with the idea of bettering the services of the university founded and maintained for students. There will be more.

Roosevelt - -

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states, as usual, today are less in favor of the president than other sections of the country, mustering a bare majority. The Southern states are most emphatic with 76 per cent, West Central 60, Far West 70.

This poll taken by the Student Opinion Surveys, however, is not an indication that collegians want Roosevelt for a third term. Twice the Surveys has polled the students on this particular issue, each time finding less than one-third approving of his possible candidacy in 1940.

Union - -

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will be given to each student. Features of the evening will be caroling directed by W. G. Tempel in the ballroom, and a German band which will play in the lounge throughout the evening.

In connection with the Christmas party, Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, will sponsor a toy pile. All students attending the party are urged to bring a toy of some kind to donate to the pile. The toys will be given to a local social agency for distribution to needy children.

Student Pulse

Editor's note: The following is the text of a letter addressed to the DAILY following the appearance of an article in Wednesday's issue concerning a possible recount of ballots in the honorary colonel election. It has been forwarded to Col. Charles A. Thuis, who stated previously that if he received such a letter, he would consider a recount.

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I do hereby, formally make the request that a committee, composed of representatives of the students, the Student Council, the military department, and the faculty have the privilege to recount the ballots cast for honorary colonel of the University of Nebraska, the results to be published in the DAILY January 5, 1940, for the following reasons stated to wit:

- 1. To exclude any false idea that any student might have as to the outcome of the election.
2. To establish the integrity and the prestige of the military department of the University of Nebraska.

I shall expand further on these reasons to avoid any misinterpretation. I maintain that the true student of any university comes to learn. He has to properly weigh the material which is presented to him before he can accept it. Should it ever occur to him that he was given false impressions, he would no longer rely upon his source of information. As a result, the true purpose for his being at a university is defeated. Therefore, I hold that it is well at the outset of many such a misunderstanding to eradicate that misunderstanding forever.

I do not question the integrity of Colonel Thuis, but that has already been questioned. Therefore, I feel that it is his duty to allow a recount of the ballots to establish at once and for all his veracity. As I can see it, the results would be advantageous rather than detrimental to his character. If the true results of the election were announced, and I have no doubt but that they were, I can see no reason for malice on his part if such a recount was made. Leonard M. Anderson 1742 M. St. Lincoln, Nebr.

Mass rally - -

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rally will be other forms of entertainment, including music and addresses by various collegians.

The plan was initiated by the political rally committee in an attempt to counteract the violence that occur with the present system of the "torchlight and egg" parades. Soon after the injury of Charles Harris during the fall election, the Council moved that punitive measures be taken against one of the rallying factions. However, the motion presented was retroactive in nature and was withdrawn and a political rally committee was appointed on Nov. 15.

"Violences would be avoided." Michael says of the new plan: "with the full cooperation of the student body, the proposed mass

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DESIGN DISPLAY.

An exhibition of architectural designing is on display at the department of architecture in Temple this week. The display is composed of photographs of sketches, and 30 original sketches from the Beau Arts Institute of New York.

RIFLEMEN MEET JAN. 4

No more meetings of Pershing Rifles will be held until after Christmas vacation. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 4.

A. I. E. E.

The American Institute of Electrical Engineers will meet in ME 206 today from 7 to 8 p. m. to hear E. A. Brenn discuss "Voice Recording on Metallic Tape." This meeting will be followed by a Christmas party in the Hi-Y building at 8:30.

SCARBARD AND BLADE

Scabbard and Blade will meet today at 7:30 p. m. in the Student Union. Pledge duties will be assigned at that time and booklets in which each pledge must get the signatures of officers will be distributed. Each must make himself a wooden

meeting will be the best plan of student rallying that has ever been effected on the Nebraska campus. Violence like those occurring in former years at election time will be entirely avoided."

T. J. Thompson, dean of student affairs, reflected a favorable attitude toward the plan when he stated, "the new plan will tend to raise the quality of candidates. Those who wish to lead should at least be able to tell the students what they propose to do. Nothing perhaps, but emotional excitement, ever became of the sporadic rallying of past years. This will give the students a chance to see and hear the persons for whom they are voting.

On the political rally committee are John Mason, Liberal; Ellsworth Steele, Barb Union; Lowell Michael, Progressive; Betty Ferguson and Ruth Clark.

Leap year - -

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ities, from buying the corsage, to providing transportation, are priced at \$1.25 per couple. Tickets are still available from members of the Motar Board or Tassels. Spectator tickets will be sold at the door for 35 cents.

According to Miss Waugh, ticket sales this year have far exceeded those of last year.

Trumbauer is a swing fan, specializing in "sweet swing," a take-off from the original form. Trumbauer avers that swing is not new, that it has always been here and always will.

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LUTHERAN STUDENTS

Marvin Johnson, president of the Nebraska section of Gamma Delta, Lutheran students organization, will report on the annual convention of the group this evening at Gamma Delta's annual Christmas party in Temple 203.

RIFLE CLUB

Rifle Club will meet today in Andrews Basement from 5 to 6 p. m.

TANKSTERETTES

Tanksterettes will meet in the Coliseum tomorrow from 2 to 3:30 p. m.

COMENIUS CLUB

No Comenius club meeting will be held Saturday, December 16, as scheduled. The meeting has been postponed until January.

CORN COBS.

Corn Cob activities must turn in their lists of pledge work hours to George Cameron before Christmas vacation starts or credit will not be given.

All pledges who have not yet checked their luncheon ticket sales with Ed Wittenberg in the DAILY office are asked to do so at once in order that proper credit may be given and the accounts closed.

The following men are requested to turn in their Cornhusker sales books and money to the Cornhusker business immediately: Backlund, Herman Dodd, Lord, Gilmore, Milligan, Hunt, Kruse, Ross, Dosek. All activities are to be cleared up before vacation.

IN THE INFIRMARY.

Patients in the infirmary are Marguerite Harvey and Bruce Ewers.

DAILY BUSINESS STAFF.

Cornhusker staff picture of the DAILY business staff will be taken at 5 p. m. today in the campus studio.

ALL SOULS CHURCH.

Dr. Arthur L. Worley will discuss "The Grapes of Wrath" at 11 a. m. Sunday in the sermon at the All Souls Unitarian church, corner of 12th and H. The college class will meet after the service for a discussion session.

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DRIVING to Rapid City, South Dakota, December 22. Will take two passengers. Share expenses. Call 2-5386 after 5 o'clock.

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Come to Church Sunday, Dec. 17 First Baptist 14th and K Chilton H. Walcott, Minister 9:45 A. M.—Roger Williams Class for College Age Group. 11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship. 7:00 P. M.—Roger Williams Club.

First Plymouth Congregational 20th and D Raymond A. McConnell, Minister 11:00 A. M.—"The Light of the World" 5:00 P. M.—White Gift Service. 6:00 P. M.—Supper for Sunday Evening Club 7:00 P. M.—Sunday Evening Club Caroling.

University Episcopal 13th and K Rev. I. W. McMillin, Priest in Charge 8:30 A. M.—Holy Communion. 11:00 A. M.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon. 6:30 P. M.—Choral Evensong followed by dinner and program.

First Presbyterian 17th and F Dr. Edmund F. Miller, Minister 9:40 A. M.—Bible Class for College Age Groups. K. O. Brady. 11:00 A. M.—"As a Little Child." 4:30 P. M.—Vesper Hour. 22nd Candle-light Service. Four Vested Choirs.

Westminster Presbyterian Sheridan and South M. V. Orgel, Minister 11:00 A. M.—"God's Unspeakable Gift" 7:30 P. M.—Festival Carol Service. Westminster's five choirs.

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