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Backup, Council!!

At a meeting on Nov. 12 of last year, the Student Council passed unanimously a motion which would require all students desirous of a position in the organization to appear before the Council and present "a written platform stating what he thinks the functions of the Council should be and what he plans to do on the Council for approval of the Council before he may be elected to the Council or chosen to fill a vacancy."

The proposed change obviously had the full approval of Burton Theil, president of the Council, who stated "The Council had the power to select candidates in the past and there is no reason why we cannot do so again," adding that, "We want good, hard workers on the Council and this is the way to get them."

There is no doubt that the governing body of the campus wants "good hard workers," but if the constitution of the Student Council may be used as a basis of authoritative judgment, "this is (not) the way to get them."

In the first place, before any change in the election rules may be made, such revision must be passed by a two-thirds majority of the Council and accepted by at least 51 percent of the student body at any regular or special election providing notice of this revision is published in the Daily Nebraskan at least ten days prior to the election.

Thus, if the Council wants to pass judgment on the qualifications of students filing for positions on the Council, it must submit the amendment for student approbation to a special election some time prior to the regular spring election. Therefore, the motion passed by the Council Nov. 12 is not "effective immediately" and will not "apply to the spring elections" unless the students of the university approve the revision of the election rules.

And if the members of the Student Council will also read Article IX, Section V of the constitution they will find this statement. "Nothing is this constitution shall be so construed as to deprive any student of the right to file as an independent candidate."

Obviously, the Student Council has over stepped the bounds of its authority if the above quotation may be read to imply that any student of the university, if he meets all scholastic requirements, may file for any elective position and have his name placed upon the ballot.

Not only has the Council seemingly moved to select its own successors with and by the "approval" of the students, it has also left student government wide open to "dirty politics" which the Council this year from its actions has abhorred and rejected.

What is to prevent a majority faction on the Council from rejecting any candidates who do not belong to their particular faction? Of course, any candidate who might be rejected by the Council

Behind the News

By David Thompson

Reinforcements

"Allied Reinforcements On Way To Far East Zone." This headline, or a variation of same, was at the top of page one in almost every newspaper in the U. S. last night. It is the answer to the oft posed question of where is the fleet and what is it doing? For several weeks now, in fact from the very week of the attack upon Pearl Harbor, it has been rumored that army transports have been leaving west coast ports at a very rapid rate bound for an undisclosed destination.

Residents of the midwest all knew of the movement before Christmas of the 35th division out of Camp Robinson to Fort Ord, but I wonder how many pondered where the previous inhabitants of Ord went. In order to insure the safe arrival of these reinforcements in the far eastern war zone where they are so sorely needed, a major portion of the Pacific fleet would have to be pressed into service. All the transports which were on the Pacific ocean at the time war broke out arrived safely at an Australian port a week or so ago without casualty. That was due to prompt action of the fleet and the result of a pre-conceived plan of operations.

Right at this point it is much more important that reinforcements reach beleaguered Singapore and threatened The Dutch East Indies than a decisive naval engagement with the elusive and very fast Japanese armada. By virtue of the probable route being followed by the ships bound for the far east, it will be the Japanese that will be caught many miles from their bases if they attack our convoys. At that point the greater cruising range and heavier armor-plate and fire-power of the U. S. fleet will more than make up for the Japanese speed and potentially greater strength in that area. The U. S. did not lose a single troop transport in the last war due to superior methods of convoy and in spite of Germany's all out submarine campaign, and that is no mean achievement. Our hope is that it will not be marred in this world-wide war.

could appeal to the proper committee of the University Senate, and if such an appeal is made, no election could be held until the committee made a decision. For according to the constitution of the Student Council, Article II, Section II, "Any student . . . may appeal to the appropriate committee of the University Senate whenever he feels that the Student Council has either exceeded or misapplied its powers or has assumed an unwarranted jurisdiction. . . . When appeal is made . . . no steps shall be taken to carry out the Council's action, pending the decision of the appropriate committee."

Appeals and waiting for committee action takes a certain amount of time. Thus, it seems probable that student elections would encounter considerable delay. Such delay was encountered a year ago last fall when the barb party appealed a decision of the Council to the Senate concerning the election of class presidents.

Campus elections with regard to political morality have been on the upswing for the past few years. There is no need to revert to the conditions prevailing in '37, '38 and '39. Nor is there any need of giving incentive to campus political splits and arguments which serve only to engender disunity in the "university family."

It would be wise for the Student Council to reconsider its actions of Nov. 12 and submit a proposal to the students which does not undermine the right of the students to choose their own representatives and does not leave loopholes for campus "politicians" who would jump at the chance in the coming spring elections of putting candidates of their own liking on the ballot.

Paul E. Svoboda,

A War Ago...

By Marsa Lee Civin.

By April 26, 1917, Roughly estimated 125 students asked to leave college in good standing for the service. At least 75 men left to work on the farm, in training camps, or in technical work of some kind.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon planned to close their house May 1 having been hardest hit by men leaving for service. Phi Delta Theta were to close their table May 6.

E. Everett Can of Beaver City in his Ivy Day oration entitled "The Responsibilities of the University Man" stated that "Every student owes his best to his university, to his country, and to this humanity."

May 7, 1917 was the day that 700 hundred collegians left the university "on account of the war emergency." Five coeds were among those leaving. Men left for many varied types of service including: coast artillery service, officers reserve training camp at Fort Snelling and other branches of the regular army.

Part of a Daily editorial follows: "The withdrawal of 700 students from school is the reflection of the patriotic feeling felt in the breasts of many students. Every man and every woman at Nebraska is ready to do work for his country."

V-Book Drive Obtains Radio Show Backing

Three headliners, Clifton Fadiman and Franklin P. Adams of "Information Please" and author Fanny Hurst, will go to bat for the Victory Book Campaign over radio station WOW at 6:30 tonight.

To cooperate in the campaign, now in progress on the campus, students and faculty members are asked to leave the books which they wish to contribute at the loan desk of the main library.

Starts Tomorrow! 'Swamp Water'

with Walter Brennan • Walter Huston
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STARTS TOMORROW!

Together They're Dynamite!

Hurry! Last 2 Days! 'BADLANDS OF DAKOTA' and 'SING ANOTHER CHORUS'

STARTS FRIDAY!

SOMETHING TERRIFIC IS IN THE AIR!

PLUS!

Two's Company—Four's a Free-for-All!

HUGH HERBERT

—or—

"DON'T GET PERSONAL"

NEBRASKA 25c to 6 P.M.

AWS Frosh Discuss War, University

In an effort to bring the war and its results closer to Nebraska coeds, the freshman AWS meeting Thursday, Jan. 15, at 5:00 in Ellen Smith hall will be featured by three speeches on that topic.

A representative of the military department will discuss the world situation in general and its relationship to college students. Paul Toren, Nebraska student, will next give his reaction to the draft and how it affects himself personally and his studies. He will also present the general attitude of the boys on the campus in comparison with the girls' viewpoint to be given by an AWS member.

Inflation . . .

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 to judge what people will decide to do."
 Maxwell Reviews Forestry.

Tree planting programs in Nebraska were reviewed by Earl Maxwell, extension forester at the college. Educational work in tree planting, and extensive interest in making plantings, dates back to the days of J. Sterling Morton and other prominent men, he indicated. Tracing the course of distribution of trees in Nebraska under terms of the Clarke-McNary act, he stated that 1,000,000 broadleaf and shortleaf seedlings to be distributed to farmers during next spring, have been arranged for at the Bessey Nursery at Halsey. He anticipates good demand for such trees, he stated. AAA payments for tree planting and care will

help stimulate interest in tree planting during 1942, Mr. Maxwell believes.

Dr. C. C. Wiggins, chairman of the department of horticulture, discussed the future of the fruit industry and moisture conditions during the morning session. The state "Victory Garden Program" and recent developments in the field of plant breeding were also among the topics discussed.

Clark Attends Ec Convention

Dean John D. Clark of the bizad college attended the American Economic Association and allied organizations meeting in New York City Dec. 27 to 30. He presided at a meeting of the American Finance association Dec. 29 when "Recent Developments and Property Changes in Security Regulation" were discussed.



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