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Pat Chamberlin, Censor

Pfc. ROBERT LUEBS, class of '43 and member of Phi Beta Kappa, is one of five to graduate with distinction in his class of 150 from a 9-month Far Eastern Area and Language school at Stanford University. He will stay on at Stanford for three months post graduate work.

Pfc. Luebs was here this week on furlough visiting his parents. He was accompanied by his wife, Laurel Morrison, former president of the War Council and also a member of PBK.

Midshipman DON PAPEZ, ATO, is now stationed at Camp MacDonough, Plattsburg, New York. "It's a good life," he writes, "with only a 24-hour watch staring me in the face, and then there's Hotel Witherill . . ."

Don was circulation manager of the Nebraskan.

AAF silver wings of a pilot and a commission as second lieutenant await MAURICE DINGWELL, Phi Gam, this Saturday at Pecos, Texas. He will be in Lincoln on his graduation leave.

BILL WELLINGER, Sig Alph, has been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant at Rosewell Field, N. M., where he is in pilot's school. He and his wife, the former Margaret Krause, DG, have a new daughter named Margaret Kay.

HERBERT C. TEMME, class of '45, has entered the AAF training command school at Yale University for aviation cadet training in communications. He was in engineering college here.

U-Mail Letterip . . .

Alaska to South Seas

A newsletter is sent periodically to former Student Union employees, now in the armed forces, by Miss Inez F. White, director of foods for the Union. Miss White receives many letters from these boys, and the newsletter is composed of interesting excerpts from their letters to her.

Particularly interesting are two letters recently received by Miss White, one from Sgt. REX C. MILLER, in Alaska, and the other from T/S ALBERT HAMERSKY, somewhere in the Southwest Pacific.

Sgt. Miller, who received his B.S. in education at UN in 1943, writes that at their remote outpost the only people they ever see are a few Eskimos, and the pilot who brings their mail once a month. He hasn't seen a movie since last June, and "about the only signs of life around the post are the white foxes and large Arctic hares."

In a similarly remote environment, Sgt. Hamersky, who attended the university college of engineering from 1941 to 1943, says that the South Sea Islands have no actual resemblance to those paradise isles pictured in many movies, and that the heat is terrific. One of their favorite diversions is to search the islands for Jap skulls. In his opinion, the skulls are very decorative when sandpapered and varnished.

Both of the boys express their appreciation of Miss White's newsletters, and say that they would like nothing better than to be back at UN right now.

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The Nebraskan Demands

With the opening of filings for the general spring election comes the inevitable report that factions are organizing, that coalitions within factions are springing up, that parties are making slates or splitting up.

And on the campus the confusion is spreading . . . with good reason.

This year the campus election situation, viewed from the upperclassman standpoint, is drastically in need of revision to fit the conditions prevalent on the campus. When the Student Council was created, and election rules were written, the majority of voters on the campus were males. Parties and factions, sanctioned for men only, were written into the Council constitution. Until 1941, women were banned from politics by the Council and by the disapproval of Mortar Board.

Then in the spring of that year, women were handed a preferential ballot and allowed to vote by party. This was followed, in the fall, by a Council vote to accept women in politics as party candidates for office, as faction members. As far as the Nebraskan can discover, this is the final decision in the matter.

Now the campus population is predominately female. Women do most of the voting. They run for office. They do everything but conform to party politics, because they have been denied the organization of a faction. In the fall election, UN women voted a party preference "undercover" because it was claimed that politics were illegal. The solution was thought to be in the preference ballot, which has since been condemned.

Now, in the spring elections, the coalitions are arising. Those who file for offices believing that the absence of a faction or a party primary means a clean election will be disillusioned if the coalitions are at all successful. Those who advocate clean politics, whatever that may mean, will find themselves ostriches who refuse to see the danger because it is not obvious. And after the election will come the cry of "dirty politics!" and resulting misunderstanding among various women's organizations.

Here is the Nebraskan's belief: It is not within the province of the dean of women, Panhellenic or Mortar Board to decide the position of women in campus politics. That prerogative rests with the Student Council, which made the 1941 ruling. According to that statement, women are allowed to enter politics openly, and without threat of punishment for this activity. A group of women may organize a political party or affiliate with any existing political party (Barb or Union) with the permission of the Council.

The Nebraskan therefore demands a statement from any person or group who wish to challenge the Council's right to govern student politics involving women. It also demands a reiteration by the Council of its policy as of 1941.

With all statements available to students through the Nebraskan, questions on jurisdiction of various organizations, and consequences of participation in political activity should be answerable; and post-election cries of "dirty politics" can be directed through this paper to parties, factions or individuals, instead of being whispered in corners by those who feel that they have been "knifed."

The Nebraskan is tired of asking that undesirable situations be cleared up and getting no results. Let the Council take the first step tomorrow to begin a movement for a more definite policy concerning women in politics.

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