

In "Good Old Days" . . . Politics Bring Rocks, Eggs On Students' Heads . . . Makes '44 Politics Look Mild

BY JANET MASON.

So you think politics are rough—huh?

Too bad present students couldn't have been at UN back in the "good old days" when politics were really something to become disturbed about. The first inkling that "those terrible activities" were going on at Nebraska came when Mary Louise Goodwin, managing editor of Nebraskan, started reminiscing one afternoon concerning her freshman year in college.

Seems that in '41 there was a big political rally staged by the parties to acquaint the students with their candidates for student council. Poor little freshman "Goodie" had taken her car to ride in the parade and hear the speeches, when suddenly, in front of the dormitory, a group of enthusiastic supporters jumped upon the bumper of the car and started bouncing it up and down.

Goodie Came Through.

Slightly confused and extremely frightened, Goodie drove on slowly in the midst of the milling crowd, her car resembling an overgrown jumping bean and the campaigners laughing and screaming with delight.

Looking back in some old Nebraskans it was revealed that these so-called "political rallies" were quite common (and boisterous) occurrences. They were conducted on the principle of every man for himself and the devil take the hind-most.

An excerpt from the November 7, 1939 paper gives the following account:

"One student was reported injured late last night as rotten eggs, rocks and garbage flew along fraternity and sorority row in a clash between the three major campus political factions. The student, altho full details could not be learned, was knocked unconscious in the melee after the organizations had made the rounds in support of their candidates for class officers."

Police Were There.

"Although police were on hand to quell any disturbances, action was taking place on so many fronts at the same time that it was virtually impossible to control. Armed mostly with rotten eggs, over-enthusiastic students centered their attacks mostly on the Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Delta Theta fraternities. Water hoses at both houses were torn up. Garbage was dumped in cars parked at the houses. Burned-out torches lined the streets."

Those were the days when the student council really had something to do. Three days after this rally brawl the student council judiciary committee came to the defense of the students and proposed penalties for such actions. The penalty discussed was that whenever any faction could prove that its members "were attacked with eggs, stones, or other missiles or weapons" by another faction member, their candidates would be replaced by the man with the next highest number of votes.

Effective Action.

The action must have been effective because in the next elec-

tion of that year the Nebraskan carried the headlines: **FACTIONISTS STAGE LIFE-LESS RALLY.**

This paragraph appeared in the subsequent story:

"Completely void of any of the conflict, which so often accompanies these annual pre-election pep sessions, the rallies went off under police escort. Even a battery of eggs which flew between the two factions as they met on the Gamma Phi Beta lawn could bring no more than a few weak and dispirited "Vote Progressive" and "Vote Liberal" shouts.

The spotlight of political fervor, the Student Council, had its ups and downs in days of yore as in the present. Recalling the last meeting of the '44 council it was disgusting to see that the governing body had nothing more constructive to do than argue about politics—but it seems that in 1936 the situation was reversed. Quoting from the May 12, '36 Nebraskan we find that:

"For the first time in years, Nebraska's political parties have found a bone of contention more controversial than whether or not mixed swimming should be allowed in the coliseum pool."

Turn Back Time.

Oh for the turning back of time so that the council now could argue about mixed swimming, instead of mixed-up politics!

In 1939 one council meeting had

to be held in the Union ballroom because over one hundred non-members were present to witness an argument concerning illegal elections.

I thought I had hit the jack pot in political events when I found an April 1st, 1941 edition of the Nebraskan, with blaring headlines stating: **FBI INDICTS BLAINE SLOAN.**

Excitedly I read through the first paragraph: "Indictments were issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation yesterday charging Blaine Sloan, campus political leader, and three of his associates with un-American bund affiliations. Charges were made following study by government agents of anti-Greek and pro-Nazi activities in mid-western universities."

Then to my consternation I looked at the date again and discovered that this was the April Fool's edition of the paper. Who said April Fool comes but once a year?

Coeds Complete Work On Servicemen's Paper

All Nebraskan's for Servicemen workers must complete their assignment and check off their names by Saturday. Marilyn Adler, circulation manager announced today.

This Week At War

By Albert Reddish

Still pondering the next move calling for all-out effort of all the allies, the Japs Thursday announced an American landing in the Philippines. As yet there is no confirmation from allied sources.

Though beginning the week with boastful claims of destroying the American Third fleet and of seriously wounding Halsey, Tokyo radio became more subdued with American announcement of B-29 attacks on Formosa and of the success of Third fleet strikes at both Formosa and the Philippines. It is reported the Jap fleet sailed out to face Halsey's fleet but withdrew without firing a shot on determining the size of the American force.

Navy Secretary Forrestal announced the Third and the Fifth fleets accounted for 3,080 Nip planes and 905 ships from June through Oct. 16 and that subs sunk 205 ships in that period. Well over 900 aircraft have been destroyed since Oct. 9, according to Admiral Nimitz.

Surround Aachen.

In the west the Germans have finally admitted that Aachen is surrounded and Americans speak of fighting there as mopping up action. Fearing a big allied push, as forces are gathered along the Maas river and west of Aachen, Hitler has formed a home guard,

Germans to defeat the allies.

Dewey's effective speech given last Monday at St. Louis was thoroughly ripped apart by the New York Times, which has announced support of Roosevelt. Charging misrepresentation of the president through insufficient and misleading quotation, the Times compared Dewey's quotations with the actual statements and clearly demonstrated its case.

Senator Ball and the New York Times together, along with the fact the republicans have not effectively refuted the charge of isolationism, goaded Dewey into a statement on foreign policy Wednesday night. The g.o.p. candidate soundly scored the president for his "personal secret diplomacy," making what superficially appears to be a good case.

Attacks Policy.

He attacked the administration policy toward Poland, Italy, France, Germany and Romania. Critics say he made an admirable garble of truth and fiction. One example is Romania, where he charged the Russians with making a treaty in the name of Russia, Britain and the United States. Factually, however, it was not a treaty, but merely an armistice such as Eisenhower signed with Italy in the name of the three allies.



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