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Success . . .

The campus dandelion drive was a success. It is true that the drive did not completely rid the campus of dandelions—many of the little yellow flowers still dot the greensward. But it did do much to beautify the campus and, more important, it gave students a chance to work together in a co-operative effort for the betterment of the University.

Such drives, with the majority of the student body participating, have a value far above the actual material accomplishments. They do much to promote school spirit, school loyalty, qualities which have been undergoing a revival on the UN campus this year.

This school year, indeed, has seen several such co-operative student projects which have promoted long-dormant school spirit. The mock political rally held last fall, the drive to organize new campus political parties, the experimental peace conference—all have promoted school spirit, made campus life more vital and more interesting.

School spirit becomes more important as the campus slowly but steadily swings back toward normalcy, as regular campus activities are resumed. A university without school loyalty, without a co-operative spirit among the students, lacks a vital element, fails to give students a maximum benefit from their university life. Thus it is encouraging that school spirit here at Nebraska is undergoing a definite revival, that students during this school year have worked together in many drives to better the University.

And thus it is that the dandelion drive was a success. The appearance of the campus has been materially improved, and school spirit has received another helpful shot in the arm.

Unaffiliated Coeds Practice for Ivy And Daisy Chain

All unaffiliated senior coeds who would like to be in the ivy chain and unaffiliated coeds in other classes who would like to be in the daisy chain on Ivy day are asked to come to the first practice tonight at 4 p. m. in the Union according to Anne Wellensiek, publicity chairman. A second practice will be held Thursday at 4 p. m. in the coliseum.

Seniors who are in the ivy chain wear white dresses and those in the daisy chain wear pastel dresses, stated Miss Wellensiek.

Representatives from organized houses are reminded of the two practices also, added Miss Wellensiek.

Dandelions . . .

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The houses in their order of pounds were:

- Women: who collected 50,913 pounds in all:
- Love Hall, 13,130; Gamma Phi, 8,827; Theta, 5,006; Alpha Chi, 4,354; Alpha Xi, 3,768; Kappa, 3,069; Alpha Phi, 2,272; Delta Gamma, 1,839; Raymond, 1,446; Chi Omega, 953; Tri Delta, 885; International House, 766; Loomis Hall, 711; Alpha O, 694; Wilson Hall, 603; Sigma Kappa, 568; Rosa Bouton, 533; Howard Hall, 265; Sigma Delta Tau, 255; Pi Phi, 169; Towne Club, 180; Raymond Annex, 110.
- Men: Collected 22,373 pounds in all.
- Sig Alph, 9,993; Sig Chi, 8,754; Brown Palace, 1,062; ATO, 976; Ag Social club, 910; Theta Xi, 512; 331 Club, 400; Beta, 221; ZBT, 197; Beta Sig, 158; Phi Gam, 90.

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Union Activities Include Dances, May Breakfast

The activities in the union this week start on Wednesday with the usual 4-6 matinee dance. Friday will feature two juke box dances, from 4-6 and from 9-11:30.

Saturday afternoon the AWS is sponsoring a dance in the ballroom following the Ivy day program. Jimmy Phillip's band will furnish music for the dance from 9-11:30.

The annual May morning breakfast will be sponsored by the YWCA Sunday morning and will be open to all university women, according to Suzanne Page.

"On The Beam" Meeting
 There will be a meeting of all "On The Beam" members Thursday at 5 p. m. in room 315 of the Student Union. All members must be present, according to Marilyn Adler.

Orchesis . . .

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Originally dancers wore only leotards, which might be described as something between a modified bathing suit and a set of grandfather's long woolen underwear. The name "Leotard" is derived from the original wearer of this garment, a great French acrobat, Jules Leotard. On his tour of this country, American modern dancers saw his costume and adopted it for themselves.

Those taking part in the recital will be the members of Or-

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LETTERIP

To the Editors of The Nebraskan:

It is time something was said or done about the Student Council and its attitude towards campus elections. This student council of ours seems to have gotten the idea somewhere that the way the students vote doesn't mean anything. As a student who is not affiliated with any campus political party, I would like to speak out in strong protest against this unfair attitude held by certain influential members of the Council.

Since I entered the University two years ago, there has been something "fishy" . . . some "irregularities" . . . about practically every election. Back then, the two political parties now existing in the campus had not been organized as such. I am not interested in whether one party wins or another party wins. I am interested in fair elections that reflect the will of the student body. In '43-'44 Les Glotfelty (now a Progressive) complained that the elections were put-up affairs, arranged in advance by the "leaders." Houses were virtually dictated to on how to vote. The result, by those in the know, was a forgone conclusion. An anonymous pamphlet, called the SPECTATOR brought this situation out clearly.

To make a long story short, the stench from the elections was so bad that the Council set up the present two party system. Last fall, class officer elections were held. Both parties cast about the same number of votes. But the Progressive candidate for president of the Senior Class was defeated by one or two votes by the Student Party candidate. The Student Council—which manages the elections and handles all election procedure—claimed there were irregularities (which there were—caused by Student Council inefficiency) and demanded a new election. Curiously enough, the President of the Student Council is also the one who was the defeated candidate for Senior Class President.

A new election, however, failed to change the results. This year, the Student Council (which has complete governmental powers) set the date for the spring council elections. The Student party held a caucus and nominated its slate of candidates. The Progressive party procrastinated so long in naming their candidate, however, that the Student Council (a majority of whom are now Progressives) postponed the election. What a laugh—"postponing" elections. It sounds like favoritism to one party, if not something out of Germany. But finally the election was held, and lo, the Student Party wins 12 out of 15 contests. It didn't take the Progressives long to act. Harold

chesis: Anna Aasen, Nancy Baylor, Janice Becher, Gloria Bremer, Jacqueline Brown, Virginia Campen, Irma Lou Fisher, Bernette Hadan, Myra Lee Hadan, Mary Ann Knox, Jane Little, Peggy Maly, Carolyn Motter, Lois Neumeyer, Virginia Pettit, Maidelle Platner, Fay Shimerda, Billie Steelman and Eunice Way, and members of pre-Orchesis who are: Elaine Asmussen, Claire Dudley, Margaret Iwata, Barbara Kelly, Elizabeth Lamb, Elizabeth Lasio, Peggy Leach, Fay McClymonds, Rhoda Roesler, Shirley Stuben, Pat Toof, Beverly Uhlir, and Adrienne Waggoner.

Direction of Orchesis is under Dr. Aileene Lockhart and is sponsored jointly by the department of physical education and the WAA. Accompanist for the group is Anne Birdsall, and Mary Ann Knox is the student president of the group. Admission is 40c and



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Andersen, president of the Student Council (a Progressive and curiously enough the candidate who was defeated in the fall election for the Senior Class presidency) interviewed himself in The Nebraskan, of which he is, helpfully enough, editor, and declares that HE believes that the election is null and void, and therefore we AGAIN must hold a new election. And on the editorial page, he further states four reasons, under the title "Serious Irregularities. . .", as why the election should be voided.

He hastily assures us that there was no "dirty politics or shady dealings in the election." He says, "the irregularities were unintentional due entirely to ignorance of correct election procedures." O. K.—this is true. The carefully written out rules were changed in the "early part of the balloting." Jo Martz and Roberta Collins, members of the Student Council who were in charge of the early balloting and who are supposed to know election procedure (both, curiously enough, are Progressives) made procedural errors on which The Nebraskan editor and Student Council president declares there should be a new election. Nobody denies that the students voted for the candidates they wanted elected.

This matter of "irregularities" in every Student Council election has gone a bit too far. Let the Nebraskan editor and others consider these pertinent proposals:

1. The election results, arrived at in an honest fashion, should be allowed to stand. This is the sportsmanlike thing to do. If there is a request for a new election, it should come from a leader of the Student Party, and not from leaders of the defeated party, when the latter's own members were responsible for the irregularities.
2. The power to declare elections void should be taken from the Student Council. They should not be permitted to judge themselves!
3. Future elections should be managed, not by the Council which has proved consistently guilty of "irregularities" but by an impartial election commission composed of equal representation between the parties involved, with possible neutral representation from the faculty (like David Fellman or Karl Arndt, etc.)
4. The Nebraskan should not become an organ for any one political faction or group—particularly the Student Council!

These proposals are being made in an honest, constructive attempt to better campus conditions. They are being made by an interested student who hopes that they will be fairly aired.

TOM SORENSEN
 P. S. Where was the faculty member from Teachers college who is Student Council sponsor and supposedly watching the conduct of the election when these "irregularities" were committed?

tickets may be purchased from WAA cabinet and representatives, sport heads, at the physical education office, at the Student Union office or at the door. The doors will open at 7:15 p. m.

Ivy Day . . .
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 Dreams," Martyne Akerson.
 Sigma Delta Tau, "This, Our Theme," Ethelyn Lashinsky.
 Sigma Kappa, "My Sigma Girl," Doreen Killian.
 Towne Club, "Reminiscence," Barbara Griswold.
 A May Pole dance sponsored

by AWS will be held in the Union ballroom between 2 and 4 following Ivy Day ceremonies. A juke box will furnish music and free cokes will be served with every ticket.

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