

# Council Corner

by Sam Warren

At its weekly meeting last Wednesday, the Student Council okayed the revisions of its own constitution drawn up by a special committee. According to the standing constitution, before revisions can be presented to the student body in a general election, the proposals must be passed by two-thirds of the Council.

Wednesday's session marked the fourth time that the Council has considered the revisions, in part or in whole. Striving to achieve as much simplicity and clarity as possible, the Council presents the revision for the first time today. Major changes affect rules for election campaigning for which the revisions establish a special committee, time of holding elections, membership of the Judiciary Committee, and Council officers. Altho the campus response this semester to the advent of spring elections has not substantiated the Council's opinion that interest would run high in this year's elections, the Council feels that by enlarging and clarifying election rules, political interest and participation in future years will be stimulated.

Consisting of four members, the Election Publicity Committee will be chaired by a member of the standing Elections Committee and will decide each year the number of posters each party and individual may display, the respective limits being six and four, and will publish campaign rules at least one month prior to a spring election.

### Posters.

These publicity posters are to be hand-painted only, and "no printed, mimeographed, typed or otherwise mechanically printed material, nor hand bills, in behalf of any candidate or party shall be permitted." This decision came after much discussion which entertained all possibilities of publicity including "wide open" campaigning. Firmly rejecting hand-bills as being of little persuasive value but rather a great menace to campus order, the Council further outlawed printed material of any kind.

Hand-painted posters were decided upon as the best vote-getters and at the same time as limitations to publicity excess. The phrase "upon presentation of conclusive evidence" was added to the present rule. "Any candidate violating these rules either in person or through his supporters shall thereby become ineligible."

Student opinion columns of the Daily Nebraskan, such as Letterip, may be used to discuss "politics" subject to the editor's discretion, as provided for in the Judiciary Committee's interpretation released after last fall's class officer election.

Class officer elections will be held the ninth Tuesday of the fall semester exclusive of registration period, if the revision is ratified, instead of the third Tuesday as presently called for. This move was made so that parties may have adequate time to organize to nominate class officers and so that general interest may be greater. Three weeks is so short a time before elections that many officer elections have been held later than this date and thereby were actually illegal.

The dates between which the spring elections shall be held would be shortened by the revisions, making it impossible for that annual election to be held as late as May 1st, and encouraging it to be in early April.

### Provision.

In line with its efforts to increase election interest, the committee's revision includes provision that the "Daily Nebraskan shall publish on the regular publication day prior to an election an impartial election edition containing publicity of all candidates and of all political parties." The purpose here is to assure students that they will have adequate knowledge of a candidate's qualifications before they go to the polls.

A revision of Article VIII enlarges the Judiciary Committee to nine members thru the addition of three junior members and one senior-at-large. Serving a double purpose, the change enables juniors to be experienced Judiciary Committeemen the following year, and gives the committee a more representative decision-making voice.

An alteration in Article V makes it impossible for future Councils to choose their secretary and treasurer from others than hold-over members. Custom now has it that all four officers shall be hold-over members.

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