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Compare Them . . .

Editor's note: The following editorial is the first in a series describing campus political activities carried on by other colleges and universities in the mid-west. Student newspaper editors and student council presidents were contacted in compiling the information.

Iowa State college at Ames presents an example of how political activities can become an active part of campus life. Open parties usually number two or three. Most of them lasting only a year, but some continue as long as three or four years. They are usually composed of about a dozen students who attempt to convince the student body that their candidate is the best.

Besides the regular candidates, Iowa State often has a write-in candidate or slate of candidates, supposedly entered at the last minute by popular demand. Actually, these candidates are backed by groups much like the regular parties. Their campaigns are hardly spontaneous and often show better, more carefully worked out planning than those of the organized parties.

Iowa State has full-scale campaigns with posters, loud speakers, political rallies, bands and torchlight parades.

The student governing body, which conducts elections, places a limit of \$50 on campaign expenditures for any one candidate. Nominations are by petition, each bearing the signatures of at least 25 students. For example, if the nominee is running for a position on some board of the Iowa State science division, petition signatures must be those of science students.

A nomination fee of 25 cents is required. Candidate eligibility is certified by the registrar, and petition blanks are issued from that office. Petitions are turned in to the election governing committee, and the nominees are then placed on the ballot.

Campaign issues are many and varied. They include almost any problem or issue that is in the news at the moment. Some of the favorites in the past three years have been: improvement of housing for students, improvement of athletic programs, the setting up of a teacher grading system, revision of the activity point system and raise in wages for students working part-time for the college.

There are no rules preventing the college newspaper from backing candidates. The only requirement is that it print the complete ballot before election. The Iowa State Daily's policy has been to avoid taking sides in editorials and to give each candidate, as nearly as is possible, an even break in news stories. The letters to the editor column is open to all candidates, with no restrictions on what they say, as long as it is within the laws of libel.

Since 1946, political parties have not been organized around residence groups, that is, Greeks and independents. But residence affiliations are still important in voting. As a result, parties try to pick a slate of candidates that will appeal to as many groups as possible. For instance, if they put up an independent for president, they try to get a Greek for vice-president, or visa-versa. This makes for a healthy situation in student government, with all groups getting representation no matter which party carries the election.

Iowa States' political program naturally contains a number of points which might be difficult to incorporate in the all-too-limited Nebraska set-up. It does offer, however, several points worth considering and shows campus politics can be an interesting and educational part of a university's program.

'Hot' Exams . . .

Blame for the exam racket falls on students and faculty alike. It falls on students for their lack of decency made apparent when they stoop to such a low-handed business as stealing exams. It falls on the instructors for placing so much importance on their final examinations that students will go to any lengths to get good grades on them.

But where does the solution lie? We can condemn those who deal in "hot" exams, pointing out the unfairness and baseness of their actions. We can "give them the boot." But the tradition of stealing exams is pretty well embedded, and traditions are hard things to erase.

So if the students can't seem to learn their lesson when several of their classmates are suspended, the only alternative solution seems to lie with the professors. When they stop making such a fetish of their finals, the situation will be greatly relieved. When they realize that it's just plain silly to make 50 per cent of a grade depend on a test, exam stealing will generally become a thing of the past.

This attitude of the importance of finals is widespread. There aren't just one or two professors who think an exam should count a third or more on a semester average. But if they'll look over their grade books they'll see that no final makes any great difference on any student's course average. The student who has made good grades on quizzes throughout the semester will do as well on the final. The poor student will plod through the last test at the pace he has kept throughout the course.

The actual value of finals in terms of educational benefits is also questionable. If the student crams for the last test in the course, he won't retain much of the material covered. If he doesn't need to resort to cramming, he probably has the subject down pat and the final will be of little additional benefit.

We come to the conclusion that finals aren't what they're cracked up to be. Of course, the ideal solution would be the complete elimination of grading. Under such a set-up there would be no incentive to steal. Finally, Furthermore, students who are arranging their schedules around so-called "pipe" courses wouldn't shrink from the "tougher" classes because of a disastrous effect on their averages. But the University is hardly ready for such a renovation.

Therefore, everything seems to point to the instructor to solve the problem. A little change in attitude toward finals shouldn't be difficult. The professor who gives one test and only one will have to prepare himself for a little more work. But the faculty can hardly complain about the exam racket until it does its share to rid the campus of it.

Letterip

To the Daily Nebraskan:

Yes, it is time we grew up! But as long as the University is no place to play games, then let's not play games. Why not call a spade a spade? I feel the article in the Daily Nebraskan should apply to the faculty as well as the students, all students of course except the author of the editorial on "Cops and Robbers," who for some reason would not sign her name. (Editor's note: The policy of this semester's Daily Nebraskan is to publish all editorials unsigned. The opinions expressed in these editorials comply with the opinions of the editorial staff.)

The serious situation of exam cheating should be looked into from viewpoints other than those expressed by the editorial. Do these "exam cheaters" have a flimsy moral code? Does this really tinge the prize for lowliness? Let's try and answer a few of these questions from the viewpoint of the student and not from the viewpoint of a conscientious, pure and holy individual who has such high morals.

Have you ever stopped to realize the pressure put on a student at the University by final exams? Most finals count all the way from 30% of the final grade to the final grade itself. I have had exams that have constituted my whole final grade, and I guarantee that it was no situation to be laughed at.

Is this fair to the student? I say not. Some students, good ones, can learn a great deal from a course and still have trouble answering some of the technical questions asked in an exam. But these students will have a general knowledge of the course for some time to come. Then take the individual who can sit down the night before an exam and cram his brain full of facts. His knowledge of the course is nil, but the next morning he flashes through the exam with flying colors. In two weeks he has forgotten everything he hasn't learned.

Just how much should final exams count then? I know of several campuses that have done away with finals altogether. I know of instructors at this University who have de-emphasized their finals. These instructors have little trouble with their students cheating. The answer to the question should be of concern to all students on this campus.

I am wondering if the author is really shocked to find that students on this campus do cheat. The editorial seemed to indicate such, but I rather doubt it. I doubt if anyone is blind to what has been happening on this campus for the past few years. So now the time has come to bring the subject out into the light.

This subject is of concern to all and not just the members of Greek organizations on the campus. The author called them "lodges," but this is not the correct term for it does not include sororities, and I am sure the author would like to include everybody, whether they have been caught or not.

Ben Creed

Bus Ad Research Agency Sees Prosperity Until '52

The University of Nebraska's department of business research does not look for a serious depression before 1952.

The department, an agency of the College of Business Administration, said, however, that the 1949 drop in agricultural prices does indicate that the first postwar era has come to an end and that readjustments are in order.

"The drop in agricultural prices," the department observed, "is a straw in the wind—an indication that the time of surplus is approaching. Price declines may soon appear in other raw materials. The three-day week has kept the surplus in coal under control and has prevented coal prices from tumbling, but weakness in the markets is evident."

In discussing America's postwar boom, the department said that any boom may be based upon four factors:

1. A new industry, whose rapid growth promotes expansion of other industries as well.
2. A period of general business expansion and of new construction.
3. Filling up a reservoir of postponed demands after a period of depression or war.
4. Reconstruction after a calamity, such as wartime destruction.

"The present postwar boom seems to be resting heavily upon items 3 and 4—the filling of postponed demand from the depression and war periods, and reconstruction of war damage in Europe and Japan. This type of prosperity can last only so long as a considerable demand remains unfilled," the department declared.

It is highly improbable that transition from subsidized prosperity to a genuine period of expansion will be smooth, the department said.

It added: "The chances are that when our major task of replenishing the larders and repairing the business premises is done, we shall enter a serious depression. It looks now as though this will not be before 1952. In-

'Fair' Board Calls Meeting

Farmers Fair fever is in the air! The first meeting of the season is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p. m. in the Ag Union. All Ag students who are interested in working on publicity for the Fair are asked to attend the meeting, according to Louise McDill and Jean Fenster, publicity co-chairmen.

Chairmen for the twelve publicity committees will be chosen from students attending the meeting. There is a special call this year for students who are artistically talented to work on the poster committee.

Other publicity committees are rally, car-bumper signs, talks at organized houses, State FFA convention, radio, newspaper publicity, photographic, stationery and letter writing, programs, and poster distribution.

Plans are being made to start work early this year to avoid a last-minute rush. Any student registered in the College of Agriculture and interested in Farmers Fair publicity is urged to attend the meeting.

News and Views

By George Wilcox
NATIONAL

Washington—The H-bomb is on its way!

President Truman ordered the atomic energy commission to work on the "so called hydrogen bomb," a super-bomb. Mr. Truman ordered the construction of the super-bomb because of his responsibility "to see that our country is able to defend itself against a n y possible, a g-gressor." The work of the atomic energy commission will be pursued on a basis consistent with American plans for peace and security.

The development of atomic weapons is to continue, the president directed, "until a satisfactory plan for international control of atomic energy is achieved."

This momentous and dramatic announcement vitally concerns the future of the world and is of great concern to all students. The question whether the United States should undertake production of the bomb has been under behind-the-scenes debate for at least four months or more. Cost of the hydrogen bomb project has been estimated from four million to ten million dollars.

Washington—President Truman was busy again with another theory issued with a call for a 70-day truce in the coal mining deadlock while presidential fact-finders investigate. Thus, he proposed to act outside the union-hated Taft-Hartley act, following the same pattern he used in last year's steel strike. Neither side would be bound to accept the fact-finding board's recommendations.

About the Missouri Off Norfolk—Army and Air Force officials laughed while Navy officials stumbled when another attempt to float the grounded battleship Missouri failed and salvage experts declared "we be, leave we are hung on a rock. Failure of some 21 tons and considerable loss never indicated to one Navy official that "probably a large rock has dented the ship's bottom and keeps her from riding over it." The big attempt will be made at high tide on Thursday.

INTERNATIONAL
Moscow—Russia has recognized the anti-French Viet-Nam republic in Indo-China and agreed to exchange diplomatic representatives with the Indo-China communist leader Ho Chi-minh. The announcement by the Soviet news agency Tass described the French-supported rival Viet-Nam regime of former Emperor Bao Dai as a "puppet government" representing only a "small group of reactionaries."

STATE AND LOCAL

Lincoln—Governor Peterson ordered an immediate survey of Nebraska coal supplies by Brig. Gen. Guy Henninger in an effort to know just what coal supplies are on hand and how long they are expected to last. "Coal supplies of schools and other public buildings will be surveyed and if coal shortages exist, I will appeal to the people in localities to share coal by rationing and other means," declared the governor.

Teacher Shortage Serious in State

Nebraska's need for teachers, which reached a critical point during the war, is still serious, especially in grade schools.

This conclusion comes from the annual report of the department of Educational Services, a division in the University of Nebraska Teachers' college.

The department, headed by Dr. Frank E. Sorenson, received requests for more than 1,500 teachers from Nebraska schools but had only 857 applicants. Not quite half of the applicants took assignments.

Nebraska school boards are not alone in their search for teachers. The bureau also received requests for teachers from 38 other states, Alaska, Hawaii, the Canal Zone, China and Egypt. The requests from outside Nebraska totaled over 2,000. This summary gives an idea of how the requests and applicants compared during 1949:

Colleges—608 requests; 101 applicants.
Grade Schools—1,201 requests; 139 applicants.
High Schools—1,746 requests; 627 applicants.

The department's experience last year also shows that a few more men than women are now seeking teaching positions but the men are not interested in grade school work.

In the elementary school category, the most glaring example of shortage was evident in the 7th and 8th grades. Requests for 153 teachers came to the department but not one applicant was interested.

Alexis Addresses Lincoln Lawyers

"America must protect its people against hostile attack from any quarter," Dr. Joseph Alexis, chairman of the department of language at the University, told members of the Lincoln Bar association at their dinner meeting Monday night at the Cornhusker.

Dr. Alexis, who toured Europe last summer, added, "At the same time we must spread the philosophy of world co-operation."

The guest speaker spoke to 125 Lincoln lawyers.

Poet Ogden Nash To Speak Feb. 7

Ogden Nash, famous poet, who capitalized on his aversion enough to write a book of verse about them will be the speaker at a University convocation Feb. 7 at 3 p. m. in the Union ballroom.

The noted writer of light verse has, according to himself, survived at least three and one-half of Shakespeare's well known, "Seven Ages of Man."

He will speak on "Midway Thru Nash."

Following the speech, a coffee hour will be held in the lounge of the Union. At this time the speaker will autograph any of his books and hold an informal discussion.

"Verse," his latest book which contains a long list of his aversions, reveals the dim view he has of children's books that aren't really for children, professional optimists, golf snobs, duck hunters, television, and most of all

Allen Reveals YW Cabinet Appointments

Final selections for the new YW cabinet were announced Tuesday by Sue Allen, recently elected city YW president. The girls who will lead the work of the YW in the coming semester are Sue Pryor, beliefs on trial; Ruth Troutman, comparative religion; Mary Sidner, worship workshop; Jean Smith, knitting and book reviews, Audrey Rosenbaum, leadership training, and Ginny Guhin, summer projects.

Sharon Fritzer, personal values; Ruth Speer, noon book reviews; Jan Johnson, May Morning breakfast; Peggy Mulvaney, membership; Miriam Willey, community service; Ruth Sorenson, social service tours, and Beth Wilkens, camp counselling.

Lola Frederick, intercultural; Mary Ann Pederson, alum-faculty; Nancy McNally, conference co-op; Joyce Hunscoate, office staff; Lola Banghart, publicity; Chloee Ann Calder, social committee, and Shirley Ransdall, N book.

Cabinet members were chosen from recommendations submitted by former cabinet members, officers and the YW nominating committee. Candidates were interviewed by the new officers, Miss Allen, Kathie Schreiber, Alice Jo Smith, Jan Zlomke and Mary Hubka.

Women who leave lipstick on glasses, and people who invite you to dinner with them without telling you how to get there. However, Nash strongly favors robins, spring, dogs and marriage. Since middle age is inevitable for anyone who lives long enough, according to Nash, he treats it with affable resignation. His personal views on the subject are contained in "Let's Not Climb the Washington Monument Tonight."

Nash was the first of his family to venture north of the Mason-Dixon line. One of his ancestors was the Revolutionary Governor of North Carolina, and another was the Revolutionary general after whom Nashville, Tenn., was named.

The writer left Harvard after attending for only one year, which he explains was his original intention. He will produce affidavits to the support of his statement.

While working at the Doubleday

Page publishing house, Nash stumbled onto writing light verse accidentally.

Except for a brief period as managing editor of "The New Yorker," Nash has concentrated on producing his light verse. This has been for about 20 years.

"Hard Lines," "I'm a Stranger Here Myself," "Good Intentions," "Many Long Years Ago" and "The Face is Familiar" are among his books.

He wrote the lyrics and was co-author with S. J. Perelman of the musical hit, "One Touch of Venus."

Night Classes Offer Variety Of Subjects

Townsperson and students on campus who are troubled by conflicts in their regular class schedules are urged to enroll in night classes being offered by the University Extension division. Registrations will be accepted by the division throughout this week.

A large number of courses in a variety of subjects are being offered this semester. There are five courses in business organization, including salesmanship and industrial management. A unique course in speech development and correction is one in which parent and teacher may both participate.

Other outstanding courses being offered are History of Twentieth Century Europe and Pictorial Journalism. There are also courses in beginning Spanish, English and physiology. One non-credit course is called "Improving Reading Efficiency."

Those already enrolled in these courses include not only townsperson, but also people from as far as fifty miles distant who are working on degrees and are unable to take resident courses at present.

Iowa U. Offers Assistanships To Journalists

Thirty assistantships in the field of journalism are available to graduate students for the 1950-1951 academic year at the School of Journalism at the State University of Iowa.

Approximately \$9,000 is available for the assistantships. In addition, the student is exempt from all graduate college tuition and fees.

Several assistantships involve direct activity and responsibility in research. Most of the openings, however, concern work more closely connected with teaching or with laboratory activity, including reporting, copy-reading, editing, work on the Daily Iowan, the photography laboratory, the newspaper production laboratory, two radio stations, the typographic laboratory and work in advertising.

Interested students may write to Professor Leslie G. Moeller, which he explains was his original intention. He will produce affidavits to the support of his statement.

Five to eight internships will also be available to outstanding graduate students for the same year with the University Information Service in conjunction with the School of Journalism.

These internships are available in the fields of educational public relations, interpretative writing, health, chemical and physical sciences, business and economics, sports publicity and other fields.

Information may be obtained by writing: Professor James R. Jordan, Head, University Information Service, State University of Iowa, Iowa City.

College Fiction Contest Opens

Aspiring authors in the University will have a chance to try their luck at fiction writing again this year in Mademoiselle magazine's annual college fiction contest.

Two winners will receive \$500 each for all rights and publication in the August 1950 issue of Mademoiselle. Other acceptable stories will be purchased at the magazine's regular rates.

Only women undergraduates are eligible. Stories which have appeared in undergraduate college publications are acceptable if they have not been published elsewhere.

Editors of Mademoiselle will judge the stories which must be from 3,000 to 5,000 words in length, typewritten and double-spaced on one side of the paper. Entries must be accompanied by the contestant's name, home address, college address, college year and postmarked no later than midnight, April 15, 1950.

Stories are to be sent to: College Fiction Contest, Mademoiselle, 122 East 42 Street, New York 17, New York.

Tassels Choose New Treasurer

Shirley Allen will take over the job of Tassel treasurer until the organization's general elections this spring.

Miss Allen succeeds Sue Allen, who has resigned because of an overload of activities not permissible under the women's point system.

The new treasurer, a Teachers college junior from Tecumseh, has been a member of Tassels for two years.

Emit Is Coming!

Well Modulated

By Dutch Meyers

Back for another semester of revelry. This time there is a catch. The "big boss" in the front office says he wants something about records included in the column.

Now when you don't know anything about records you go straight to the source of supply, and so a short tour of the local music stores. Get the information straight from the horse's mouth. You run into some of the nicest looking horses that way.

According to all the information the top disc sales award this week still goes to "But I Can Dream Can't I." I haven't heard anything yet that will top the Andrews sisters' recording of same. If you're bitter and down hearted try this one over a draw. It's put out by Decca.

As to some of the more popular records a well pealed ear should be given to Crosby's Decca recording of "Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy." It was ninth this week, but rising fast. One reason for Crosby's rise being the best is "Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo" on the reverse side. It's a rather quaint ditty which will become very popular after Disney's "Cinderella" hits town.

For the benefit of those who haven't heard Ralph Flanagan's Orchestra yet, he comes highly recommended. Flanagan was the late Glenn Miller's arranger. The Flanagan crew sounds more like the old Miller than Beneke.

The "they've had it department." This department is devoted to those discs which have seen their best days. Among the notables are: Mule Train, Shopping Around Cornhill, My Boy, and Don't Cry Joe.

What's new in the air and TV. At this point my loyalty to the UN radio section begins to show. Here's the fare for Lincoln's top radio dramatic shows.

Wednesday, 9:30 p. m., KO'N Studio B airs "The Man Who Knew All the Answers." An original radio script by that eminent playwright, Max Lee.

Thursday, 9:30 p. m., KFOP. Authors of the Ages presents Sheridan's "School for Scandal." Anyone who took the same English 221 course I did will enjoy this very satirical comedy.

The late word is that the theme song for Lights Out TV show, 8 p. m., Monday, WOV Channel 6, is "I Ain't Got No Body." Heh! Heh! And so we close the creaking door.

Emit Is Coming!