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Council Representation...

The question of Student Council representation has brought out a great deal of discussion in the past two Council meetings.

A plan submitted by Council members Rod Lindwall, Fred Chael and Bob Parker a week ago called for proportional representation from the various colleges. This was the system in operation before the faculty stepped in last spring and caused the disbanding of last year's Council.

The faculty's biggest objection to the proportional representation system was that independent students were not being fairly represented on the student governing body. They felt that electing students from colleges proportionally made it too easy for the Greeks to control the election and by so doing control the Student Council. And they wanted to insure independent students of seats on the Council.

We are entirely in agreement with the contention that independents should be represented. But we have always felt that they should work for the representation. Why hand positions to students on a silver platter simply because they lack interest and organization to work for those positions.

After hearing the remarks of a Council advisor in meeting last week, it is evident that the faculty still insists on insuring Council seats to independents. At the same time, it was certainly gratifying to hear ISA councilman Ben Wall say that independents did not want Council positions simply given to them. He said they should have to work for them just like anyone else.

There is no reason why Barb students cannot organize and wield plenty of power—if they want to do so. In universities and colleges all over the country they hold the big stick in campus politics. And they have done so at Nebraska in the past.

We are not saying that Greek vs. Barb politics is the most healthy situation. We are merely saying that Barbs can organize and get representation if they work toward that goal. At the same time, though maybe not ideal, Greek vs. Barb politics is a start toward open political movements.

At Colorado university, Greeks and independents were the strong political forces until recently. But a coalition party of both groups decided to enter the picture and did. Greeks and Barbs lost their long-established footholds, and the coalitionists won the presidency and three other posts on the student governing commission.

Colorado's experience shows what students can do if they get out and work for organization. Under a proportional representation system, Greeks, independents, engineers and any other interested groups will have to work to get their candidates elected. That's what we want—work which leads to organization, political parties and campus politics that give students some practical experience in government and its operation.

Where Do We Go From Here?

The faculty and students are happy. Both sides agree that the exam procedure is pretty much what they want. The present system is practical and efficient. Students and instructors alike feel that one exam is the most desirable load for one day, and that the maximum number should not exceed two. Both groups think finals should last around two hours, and that the present nine-day exam period is adequate. Everyone surveyed considered a two-day reading period before exam week desirable.

Students and faculty members also offered many valuable comments. The item stressed by the largest number of both groups was the conviction that too much emphasis is placed on finals. The survey was taken before first semester finals began. It seems significant that so many recognized this defect in the exam system even before it was so strongly pointed out in defense of the seven students accused of stealing finals. And since the questionnaire merely asked for comments, without actually presenting the issue, no doubt many did not think to express themselves, even if they did believe exams are given too much importance. Had they been given the chance to say "yes" or "no," it is certain that many more would have agreed on the existence of the problem.

But where do we go from here? An agreeable exam procedure can be set up without stepping on anyone's toes. The question of emphasis on finals comes closer to infringing upon academic freedom. The instructor has a right to decide for himself how his classes shall be run. No one can set up rigid regulations determining how he shall conduct his grading.

So what is the solution? The problem is right in the hands of the instructor. It is up to him to determine if his grading is fair. He can't sit by, observing the issue, and do nothing about it. So far, bringing the defect to light has had little tangible results. There has been no widespread movement among the faculty to reduce the emphasis on finals. But every instructor must look at the problem to see if his course can fulfill its educational purpose without attaching so much importance to final grades.

We place before every instructor the recommendation of the Student Council: The final examination should in no case determine over 25 per cent of the course grade. No faculty member can ignore putting this rule into effect.

The rest of the Council's recommendations are of equal importance. They don't represent the wishes of a bunch of lazy students trying to get by on the least possible effort. They represent mature judgment, a sincere attempt to get the most out of education.

All examinations should be so designed that they test the student's ability to think and reason, not only his ability to memorize. There might be a few exceptions to this rule, of course. But in most cases such final would be a measure of the student's ability, even if he had access to the exams before they were given.

The University should take a stand on cheating and insist upon consistent enforcement of this policy by all faculty members. We must erase the chance for a student caught red-handed at cheating to be forgiven by an individual instructor. The student must know he will have to face the consequences.

Instructors should not joke about cheating on examinations and should exercise greater care in the matter of keeping exam questions secret. How can a student take cheating seriously if his instructor doesn't? How can we stigmatize such unfair practices if a few faculty members themselves are guilty of giving their tests to students? These recommendations call for a significant change.

Letterip

The city of Lincoln is now in the midst of a city-wide Courtesy campaign. The students of the University of Nebraska as citizens of the city should feel a responsibility toward this campaign.

During this season some very unsportsmanlike conduct occurred at basketball games. We are referring to the attitude displayed toward the decisions of the referee and the discourtesy shown to the opposing team. This attitude has grown increasingly worse since the beginning of the season.

We have seen the Courtesy signs throughout the city of Lincoln, yet by our conduct we continue to be discourteous to the referee and the visiting teams. The R, T, and E, of the word Courtesy are being stressed now in the campaign. They stand for respect, thoughtfulness and etiquette. Respect for the decisions of the referee, thoughtfulness towards the morale of the players and etiquette on the part of the spectators are all ways we can improve the sportsmanship at our home basketball games.

Our Pep organizations alone cannot be responsible for good sportsmanship. It is up to each individual to be courteous himself, and to encourage neighboring spectators to do so.

Saturday will be an important game for all Cornhuskers, so let's see what we can do to be good sports and courteous citizens. Ralph Hanneman, president city Y.M.C.A. Sue Allen, president city Y.W.C.A. Ros Howard, president, Student Council Katy Rapp, president, Tasseis Rod Lindwall, president, Corncobs Eleanor Erickson, Editor, Cornhusker Countryman Dorothy Bowman, president, Ag. Y.W.C.A. Annette Stoppkotte, president, Home Economics club Virgil Ganzel, president, Ag. Y.M.C.A. Robert Raun, president, Ag Exec board

Former Lincoln Minister To Preach Lenten Service

Bishop Gerald R. Kennedy, pastor of St. Paul Methodist church from 1942 to 1948, will speak at that church at a Lenten service, February 26, at 7:30 p. m. The service will be open to the public.

Bishop Kennedy is well-known for his two books "Have This Mind" and "His Word Through Preaching" and his article "Confessions of a Clergyman" which was printed in the *Prairie Schooner* and condensed in the *Reader's Digest* in 1946. He has also been a contributor to the *Christian Advocate*.

Civic Leader
At present Bishop Kennedy directs Methodist activities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

During his pastorate at St. Paul Methodist church, Bishop Kennedy delivered Sunday sermons over radio station KFOP and a series of book reviews, *Adventures Along the Bookshelf*, over KFAB. As a civic leader in Lincoln he served as president of the Lincoln Ministerial association, chairman of the Pine-wood Memorial Bowl, president of the Council of Social Agencies, and was a member of the board of trustees of both Bryan Memorial hospital and Nebraska Wesleyan university. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and of Goodwill Industries. He was also a member of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis club.

Education
Bishop Kennedy received his Bachelor's degree from the College of Pacific, followed by a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Divinity from the Pacific School of Religion. Work for his Master of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Philosophy was completed at Hartford Theological Seminary. In addition to the Lenten service, Bishop Kennedy will speak informally to Methodist students at a supper to be held at the church prior to the service. Reservations may be made before Friday noon, March 24, through Kappa Phi or Sigma Theta Epsilon members, or by calling the Methodist Student House.



Courtesy of The Lincoln Journal Kennedy

News & Views

BY GEORGE WILCOX, National

WASHINGTON.—President Truman laid down the law when he barked at reporters in a chip-on-the-shoulder attitude that they (the press) were disgruntled and he didn't like their attitude, and that they ought to cool off. It all came after he had given an exclusive interview to Arthur Krock of the *New York Times* regarding dealings with Russia. Several reporters questioned the president whether this violated a policy against exclusive interviews. The president stated that "he is his own free agent; he will see whom he pleases, say what he pleases, and he isn't going to be censored by anyone."

It has been no secret in White House circles that the President didn't take too kindly the extensive criticism by the American press toward the President and his campaign in the '48 elections.

WASHINGTON.—John L. Lewis was reported to be demanding a guaranteed 200-day work year of his miners. Such a demand would be in line with Lewis' desire for more stabilized employment in the coal fields. Lewis, it is reported, may be willing to take less than the \$15-a-day wage and 35 cent welfare he has previously demanded.

WASHINGTON.—The House rules committee refused by a 6-6 tie vote to clear an anti-job discrimination (FEPC) bill for house action.

WASHINGTON.—U. S. State department officials believe the China-Russian 30-year pact is "loaded" with secret clauses making the Chinese communist regime just another puppet state.

WASHINGTON.—The nation's law enforcement officials began whipping into shape a "master plan for moving in on the racketeers." Steps proposed ranged from moral influence to legislation on a federal scale of crime control.

State and Local
What's New in City Housing?
City Councilman Tom Pansing told a University political science class that he feels no responsibility for any housing shortage in Lincoln. Pansing stated that "the council's vote was not for or against public housing." It was on a specific contract. In addition to the principle, it defined our duties and responsibilities... which were almost nil."

Such a statement by Councilman Pansing indicated the majority trend of thought as last week the council voted 3-2 to cancel the federal government offer to build 800 needed housing units in the city of Lincoln.

NU Bulletin Board

Friday
Ag college country dancers will meet Friday from 7 to 9 p. m. in Ag Activities building. All University students are invited.

Your Church

BY MARVEL PHILLIPS BAPTIST

Sun., Feb. 19, Sunday school at 9:30 and morning worship at 11 at all Baptist churches in the city. 4:30 p. m. Student cabinet meeting. 5:30 p. m. Supper and fellowship hour. 6:30 p. m. Celebration of the World Day of Prayer and Communion services. Communion service open to all students.

CATHOLIC

Sun., Feb. 19, 9 and 11 a. m. Mass services. Confessions before Mass. Parlor XYZ Union. Tues., Feb. 21, 7:30 p. m. Catholic Information Hour. Room 315 Union, and Room 103 Ag hall. Make reservations for National Newman Club Day to be held Feb. 26.

CHRISTIAN

Fri., Feb. 17, 7 p. m. Meet at Cotner house for trip to Malcolm for roller skating party. Bring a car if possible. Sun., Feb. 19, 4:45 p. m. Christian Fellowship meets, 3rd floor, First Christian. Miss Anna Nelson will lead in a study of "Character Traits in Handwriting." Supper at 5:30. Study will be first of a series on "My Christianity and My Government." Two films, "Tale of Two Cities" and "Pattern for Peace," will be shown. Dick Fisher will lead the World Day of Prayer worship service. Tues., Feb. 21, 5-5:30 Lenten Vesper services. Love Library auditorium. Wed., Feb. 22, 4-5:30 p. m. George Washington Friendship at Cotner house.

CONGREGATIONAL

EVANGELICAL & REFORMED
Sun., Feb. 19, 9:45 a. m. Student class: "The Christian and His Own Church." Vine church, 25th and S streets. 11 a. m. Worship services at First-Plymouth, 29th and D st.; at St. Paul, 13th and F st.; and Vine, 25th and S st. 7:30 p. m. Sunday Evening club meets at First-Plymouth church. Father Conrad Marans of St. Mary's cathedral will speak on "Roman Catholic Theology." Program also includes vespers, refreshments, and recreation. Students wishing rides should meet Charlie Crawford at Union steps at 7:15.

EMMANUEL CAMPUS CHAPEL

15th and U
Sun., Feb. 19, 11 a. m. Student World Day of Prayer Service. The order of worship will be the same service used around the world. Service will be led by Wes Berry, Nelson Scott, John Lepke, and other students from around the world.

EPISCOPAL

15th and U
Sun., Feb. 19, 9 a. m. Holy Communion followed with breakfast 11 a. m. Morning Prayer with Sermon by Chaplain. Topic: "But the Greatest of These is Charity." Lay-reader, Henry F. Pedersen. 6 p. m. Canterbury club dinner. Speaker: Mr. Myron Roberts: "The Music of the Church." Wed., Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday, 7 a. m. Holy Communion. 11 a. m. Holy Communion. 5:30 p. m. Evening Prayer. Each week day in Lent Evening Prayer will be read by one of the students. Thurs., Feb. 23, 7:15 p. m. Canterbury club rehearsal. Fri., Feb. 24, St. Matthias Day. 7 a. m. Holy Communion.

FIRST EVANGELICAL COVENANT

Sun., 9:45 a. m. Students' Bible class. William Becker, teacher. 11 a. m. Sermon: "The Hour Has Come." Rev. Mr. Johnson. 5 p. m. Students' fellowship and supper. 7 p. m. Sound movies on "Conversion of Saul."

LUTHERAN

Fri., Feb. 17, 8 p. m. Presentation of cheating problem. Rox Howard, president of Student Council. Refreshments after the discussion. Student house, 1440 Q. Sat., Feb. 18, After-the-game open house at 1440 Q. Sun., Feb. 19, 9:15 Bible classes at 1440 Q and 1200 N. 37th. "Acts of the Apostles." 5 p. m. City LSA meets at First Lutheran. 17th and A for University Day of Prayer for Students. Talk by Pastor Petersen. Service follows supper hour. 6:30 p. m. Ag LSA meets at 1200 N. 37th for supper, social hour, "LS Action skit," and presentation of Universal Day of Prayer for Students. Talk by LaVonne Johnson.

MISSOURI LUTHERAN

Sunday, Feb. 19, 10:45 a. m. Lutheran Chapel service with Holy Communion in Room 315, Union. Rev. Erik's sermon, "The Son of the Living God at the Grave of Lazarus." Harold Gloystein will accompany hymns. Gammy Delta will meet at 7 p. m. in YM room, Temple building for a social evening. Harry Gieselman and Marjory Gade are in charge of entertainment.

METHODIST

Friday, Feb. 17, 8 p. m. Friendly Friday Square Dance, St. Paul Methodist church.

Sunday, Feb. 19, St. Paul, 9:45 a. m. College class, Prof. A. T. Anderson; 11 a. m., sermon: "The Prophet's Vision of God." Dr. Frank E. Court. 5:30 p. m. Wesley Fellowship supper. Grace, 9:45 a. m. College class, H. W. Deems; 11 a. m., sermon: "Love is Greatest." Dr. Harold C. Sandall; 6:30 p. m., Wesley Fellowship. Trinity, 9:40 a. m. College class, Prof. N. F. Thorpe; 11 a. m., sermon: Dr. Theodore Leonard; 7 p. m., Wesley Fellowship. Elm Park, 9:45 a. m. College class, Charles Olsen; 11 a. m., sermon: "Fighters or Quitters." Mr. George Robinson, executive director of the International Temperance League; 6 p. m., Wesley Fellowship supper. Warren, 9:45 a. m. College class, David Sanders; 11 a. m., sermon: "A Sense of What is Vital." Rev. Virgil A. Anderson; 5:30 p. m. Interdenominational Fellowship supper. Epworth, 9:45 a. m. College class, Roy Sheaff; 11 a. m., sermon: Mrs. Clarence B. Smith. "Annual Thank Offering for WSCS." 7 p. m., Wesley Fellowship. Monday, Feb. 20, 7 p. m., Wesley Players. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p. m., Sigma Theta Epsilon cabinet.

Council Examines Election Plans

The following plans for proportional representation of Student Council members were presented to the Council Wednesday night by Ray Simmons. The plans are being studied by Council members and will be considered at the next meeting.

The plans are based on a 28 member Council which was the maximum number agreed on at a recent meeting.

	Total	Men	Women
A and S	1,930	1,363	567
Teachers	1,516	651	865
Engineering	1,324	1,312	12
Bus. Ad.	1,112	770	342
Ag.	1,107	1,463	244
Others	8,907	6,787	2,120

Plan I

	Porpor-	Repre-	Fixed Sex Ratio					
			A	B	A	W	M	W
A and S	5	3	3	2	3	1		
Teachers	4	3	2	3	1	2		
Engineering	3	2	3					
Bus. Ad.	3	2	3			3		
Ag.	3	2	2	1	1	1		
Others	5	3	3	1	3			
Dental								
Graduate								
Law								
Pharmacy								
Jr. Division								
Seniors at large								
Holdovers	4	4	2	2	2	2		
Foreign Students	1	1	1		1			
At Large		8			3	3		
	28	28	19	9	19	9		

Plan II

	Porpor-	Repre-	Fixed Sex Ratio					
			A	B	A	W	M	W
A and S	12	8	8	5	7	3		
Teachers	3	2	3					
Engineering	3	2	2	1	2	1		
Ag.	5	3	3	1	3			
Others	4	4	2	2	2	2		
Holdovers	1	1	1		1			
Foreign Student		8			3	3		
Seniors at large								
	28	28	19	9	19	9		

Using a modification Hare system of proportional representation elections would be decided by points instead of by votes. Voters would vote for five candidates from arts and science for example. Their votes would be cast in order of preference, their first choice would get five points, their second choice four points, third choice three points and so on. Candidates with most points would win the election. Under a fixed sex ratio basis the same procedure would be followed. First choice for a male candidate would receive points equal to the total number of male candidates. Second choice would receive points equal to one less than the first choice. The same procedure would be followed for female candidates.

The Hare system has proved effective and workable in many other schools and is in common usage.

Farber's Folly

by Ajon

It appears that some of you gals will have to stop dreaming about the guy with the blue Cad convertible. He's hooked. Last Saturday nite at the annual Homeymoon Hotel Party at the Beta house, one of the old stalwarts, Houghton Furr and one of the old women of the Alpha Chi house, ravishing Pat Guhin, announced their engagement. A fete for the people partially recovered from the initial shock, the party, which "thousands" attended, continued at a roaring pace. For those who don't know it, Pat has acquired somewhat of a genius. There was only one person who graduated from Harvard with higher honors than Houghton. That person was Oliver Wendell Holmes, Gee!

At 1:00 a. m. after the ball was officially over, some interesting things were coming off in the Beta kitchen. For particulars, ask a Beta. Rumors have it that Dr. Al Kinsey will include Nebraska U. on his agenda for questioning women on his forthcoming book, "The Sexual Behavior in the Human Female." We feel that one important fact will be brought to light in this revealing book. If the girls answer all the questions honestly and completely, our out-dated moral code will turn out to be really out-dated after all. You women better bone up for the quiz, you should at least know some of the

answers. The last sentence applies to freshmen in particular. Seniors may disregard it almost completely.

For the past several weeks a great deal has been said about cheating such as it is. We too would like to make comment and give some advice. Don't do it 'cause it's very naughty, and if you get caught, teacher will spank you on the hand. We wonder when the University will grow up and wake up to the fact that there are a lot of things this school doesn't have and until it gets some of the "necessities" of a progressive school, there will be trouble. Treat the students like children long enough and they start to act like children. Treat them as mature individuals and all will be well in Husker "ugh" Land.

Competent authorities report that the Spring Kosmet Klub Show may not spring this year. It seems that a little thing like money is putting a kink in the works. At the present time some of the loyal members are scrounging around like mad, singing the weird but apparently appropriate song, "Put Something in The Pot Boys." Good luck guys, we'd like to see a good show this year.

With snow blanketing the country side, a new winter game has been devised by the little man who drives the snowplow. It seems this character takes great joy and pleasure in merrily chasing unlucky students up and down the sidewalks. Apparently he doesn't realize just how cold the snow feels when it descends upon the girls' bare legs or how much of the stuff can be dumped into a fella's overshoe. Somebody should tell the idiot that someday he's going to scoop the wrong guy into a snow drift and that guy is going to drop that little Fordson tractor around his neck. The "Harry Hotrod Club of Lincoln" should initiate him into the ranks. He'd go great in a cut-down, souped-up model "A" with chrome rims, twin pipes and a frizzy blonde on his lap.

Something else in the field of winter sports is the fire drills being held by some of the sororities. Last Tuesday night the queens from the Phi Phi house had a drill at 10:30 p. m. At that time all the girls had to romp out into the deep cold snow. These drills are a fine thing with one possible exception. It seems that the Dean of Women has stipulated that all women must be fully clothed in case of a fire drill. We assume that this would apply to the real thing as well. We can picture it now; in case of a fire the girls would get dressed and then primp a bit while ye ole homestead smoulders, then dash out into the gallant arms of the heroic firemen, etc., (male spectators). We plead with you gals and say don't get burnt, the fellas will understand if you're not fully dressed or painted. Really they will.

In closing we'd like to say, "We found a home at Nebraska." OVER AND OUT.