

EDITORIAL PAGE

The Fight Is Resumed

The backers of the women's proposal to end ticket prerequisites for campus voting have again resumed their fight to place elections on a democratic basis.

The 24 organized women's groups who were underwriters of the petition stated: "If this proposal is not approved by the Student Council in the very near future, we refuse to submit candidates which will be selected by ticket balloting. Our proposal will go into effect by the undersigned on January 1, 1953."

This proposal was presented to Council members Nov. 19, 1952. At this meeting the following motion was passed:

"In all fairness to each and every organization concerned, individual and separate hearings will be held by all organizations to be presided at by the president of the Student Council with representatives of both interested parties in attendance so that all pertinent issues of any controversy may be aired."

With the hearings set to end Tuesday night, the committee will make their recommendations to the Student Council.

To force Student Council action at the earliest date possible an amendment to the by-laws of the constitution of the Student Council will be proposed at today's meeting. This will force the Council to act upon the matter by the next meeting.

The mentioned by-law will read: "Finalists for any campus election shall be chosen without the use of a ticket prerequisite either by an All University election supervised by the Student Council or by an impartial judging team composed of organizational representatives and faculty members."

Again the proposal will undergo long and strong debate. The Daily Nebraskan again puts in its plea for complete and sincere approval of the plan.

The proposal if approved, will restore dignity to our campus titles and add to the prestige of the victors. It will replace winning by a full purse for winning on an equal, democratic vote.

Regardless of the outcome of the decision, both parties will agree that throughout the en-

tire battle, it has been apparent that student apathy is a vanishing characteristic.—S.G.

It's Worth A Try

With the women's petition again coming into the picture, Kosmet Klub members resume the cry that their type of ticket-balloting for Nebraska Sweetheart and Prince Kosmet is essential and necessary to assure the group that the fall production will be successful.

The argument that a high caliber show for their fall production should not have to depend on the buying of the tickets has been worn dry. However, another point of view has been overlooked.

KK members have insisted that their selection method of the Sweetheart and Prince help finance the spring show—a production which has had a successful run on Broadway. The members feel that a high royalty must be paid for the successful musical.

However, up until the spring of 1951 when "Good News" was produced, KK members looked at the spring productions in another light.

Prior to this time, the KK constitution stated its purpose as:

"To present annually an original musical comedy, written, produced, and directed by students or persons connected with the University."

At this time, the group has removed the words "original" and "written" from the constitution. The Nebraskan asks why this was done? Will there be any attempt to revive the past method of having students write the spring shows?

Kosmet Klub members, both past and present, should be commended for the musicals presented over the past two years. This writer hears that plans are almost complete for selecting the musical script for the '53 production—a Broadway success.

However, The Daily Nebraskan hopes that the 1954 members of Kosmet Klub will look carefully into the matter of revising their past method of encouraging students to write the spring show.

There's talent in the University—it has been apparent through the Kosmet Klub fall revues and Coed Follies. Kosmet Klub—give it a hand.—S.G.

The Bookstore Problem

The recent discussion on the advisability of selling supplies at our Regents Book Store has blossomed into a red-hot contest. It is the purpose of The Daily Nebraskan to educate the students on this subject.

The Nebraskan feels that students should know that a signature on the Student Council petition means only that the signed believes that the sale of supplies at Regents should continue. It does not mean that he promises to buy his supplies there in preference to any other store. Furthermore, there is a perfect legal basis for the sale of supplies. An act by the Nebraska Unicameral provides—actually requires—for the Regents store for the sale of books. The businessmen making the complaints are asking only that the sale of supplies be stopped. There is no mention of books. However, it is the contention of the University that the sale of supplies fits right in with the sale of books. According to administrative officials, the University's argument is that supplies and books are part of a students' classroom needs and come under the provisions of the law.

As this paper has pointed out before, it seems highly inconsistent to be against the sale of supplies and not include book sales.

Actually, The Nebraskan has not taken sides on this issue. Our editorial comment has leaned toward urging students to sign the Student Council petition but this is only because we find more evidence supporting this side. More than anything else, we want the student body to think over this matter. Every student should have an entirely open mind about the situation. Both sides have made some rather wild claims and it behooves the conscientious student to sift through these claims for the real crux of the matter. For instance, the problem of the preservation of free enterprise has been indicated as the prime reason for opposition to supplies sales. Earlier in this article we mentioned that the University competes with private enterprise in many ways—none of which have been complained about.

The Nebraskan's only wish is that no student will sign or decline to sign without thoroughly considering both sides of the matter.—D.P.

Seen But Not Known

The "flying saucer" reports which were hitting the newspapers and airways daily this summer and early fall were taken seriously by a lot of respectable people. The best explanation is that they are piloted by Mars' scouting parties.

Yet, some still remain skeptical even though responsible observers have "witnessed" the luminous discs. These skeptical ones tend to support the views of the wise old Anatole France, who commented, "The eyes, and all our senses, are messengers of error and courtiers of lies." One might recall the books that have been filled with testimony to the existence of mermaids, werewolves, elfs and pixies. Frightened bathers have counted the arms of the Loch Ness monster,

and only recently several people "saw" a cow-eating turtle in an Indiana lake.

Those still open minded on the subject boast a new argument. They cite the mysterious airborne objects noted on a radar screen in Washington. This reminds one of the fisher who boasts that he had just caught a fish, and in proof, offered to show the fishing pole.

For us there are numerous simple and rational explanations for the flying object caught by the Washington radar. It could have been a trail balloon hoisted by a politician. It could have been a flock of geese on the way home from the State Department. It could have been McCarthy out on a witch-hunting trip.—S.G.

Opening Day

The Legislature for the state of Nebraska opened its 65th session Tuesday amid established ritual. There was nothing especially dramatic about the opening ceremonies—the atmosphere was informal if anything.

An Omaha Legislator, Sen. Charles Tyrdik, was elected Speaker for this session. This election is important not only because the Speaker of the Legislature is third in line of succession (after the Lieutenant Governor) in case the Governor's chair becomes vacant but because of long standing out-state resentment towards Omaha. Tyrdik is the first Omahan to hold the post of speaker under the Unicameral system and a quick check of the records indicates that no Omahan held the post under the bicameral system. So perhaps this indicates progressive thinking among the state senators. The Nebraskan, however, is not qualified to make such an analysis and will leave this decision up to the readers.

In other first-day action, the Legislature re-elected Hugo Srb clerk. Srb has served continually as clerk ever since the Unicameral started. He is serving his ninth term and he has never had any opposition.

The most important committee in the Legislature, the committee on committees will be headed by Sen. C. C. Lillibridge of Crete. Since this committee decides who shall serve on all Legislature committees, its importance is obvious. The members of this committee are generally ranked as the more influential senators.

The ballots senators used to nominate were picked up in men's hats. Pages would distribute slips of paper the senators would mark them, then the pages would tour the floor with the hats and pick up the ballots. The practice of using hats to pick up ballots worked right in

Daily Thought

You are never so near to victory as when defeated in a good cause.—Beecher

It Seems To Me

By GLENN ROSENQUIST Staff Writer

Thinking this whole Regents Book store business a little ridiculous, I did a little snooping yesterday.

I went to the disputed store—first time since September. I generally buy my pencils and notebooks on R Street.

Anyway, I walked into our Regents Book Store.

Inside I found six shelves of textbooks, occupying the west part of the store. On the east I found: Notebooks, 98 cents. Blue books. Pocket editions.

I stopped to look at the pocket editions. Most of the them were complete and unabridged. Some of them had scantily dressed women on the cover. Next:

Erasers Pencils Pens Glue Tacks Rubber bands Rulers Ink Notebook paper

After about ten minutes of rummaging around, I left.

What I want to know is, why all the fuss by business men over our Regents Book Store? They sell only one brand of ink. But who is particular when you're hurrying to a test and discover your pen won't write? Big competition!

However, I imagine that those who oppose its operation have a point. Approximately 6,000 students buy four spiral notebooks a year. That's 24,000 notebooks. With maybe a margin of profit of a nickel a notebook, that's a nearly a profit of \$1,200.00 a year if every body bought their notebooks at the Regents.

Last year I bought about eight bluebooks retailing at three for five cents. At the most, with a profit of half cent a notebook, or four cents a student, this amounts to \$240.00 for bluebooks.

One eraser per person with approximately one cent profit per eraser would be \$80.00 for erasers.

All this may be confusing; but I know that the University Dairy store sells more than 24,000 eggs a year and a large number of ice cream cones. And the crib served about 800 cups of coffee yesterday alone. (That's \$56.00).

We must remember that our Regents Book store isn't trying to run other book stores out of business any more than the University printing plant in West stadium is trying to run commercial printers out of business. Neither is the Daily Nebraskan intent on cutting World Herald, Lincoln Star or Journal readership.

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Appeal Board Has Reviewed 37 Cases Since 1951 Revision

By SHIRLEY MURPHY Staff Writer

Thirty-seven cases of over-pointed coeds have been judged by AWS appeal board between December, 1951 and 1952.

In 15 cases, appeals were granted and coeds were permitted to retain the activities they had.

Nine women were given extended grants. These girls would fulfill obligations to an organization until their term in office was up. Generally, this is for a period of a month.

And 13 cases before the appeal board were asked to drop an activity.

In almost half the cases of over-pointed women before the appeal board, appeals were granted.

Appeal board members who review the cases are: Sue Holmes, AWS point system chairman; Jean Loudon, AWS president; Virginia Koehler, AWS vice president; Sylvia Krasne, senior representative; Eileen Mullarky, sophomore representative; Elsie Jevons, assistant professor of commercial arts and Mary J. Mulvaney, women's physical education instructor.

When a coed appeals to the board, her average, health, schedule of classes, position held in each activity and unpointed extra-curricular activities are considered.

The decision on the appeal rests upon the consideration of the board to the above factors.

Overpointed women are notified by the AWS board point system committee. Committee members are Miss Holmes, Betty Hrabik and Barbara Spilker.

The committee keeps a file of all women students according to class in school. Presidents of organizations and lists of members in pointed offices to AWS and these are recorded on the file cards.

Committee members pull cards of overpointed women so they may be notified and appeal or

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Why do people continue to make mountains out of proverbial mole hills?

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AWS workers meet in Union Room 315, 5 p.m. Sallie Matteson, leader.

Gamma Alpha Chi actives and pledges meet at 12:20, Sigma Kappa house.

YW Leadership Training Committee, 4 p.m., Ellen Smith South-east Room.

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drop. Appeal slips and drop slips may be obtained in Ellen Smith Hall. After a decision has been reached by the girl and the appeal board, it is recorded on her file card. In cases where the appeal is not granted, women may choose which activity they wish to drop. If a coed refuses to drop, action is taken by AWS board and the Dean of Women. (A complete AWS point system of the present time will be in Thursday's paper.)

Just Around Diamonds Sprinkle As Coeds Return

Jan Steffen

This week the social column is sparkling—with diamonds. Seems as though every holiday brings its flood of engagements, weddings and pinnings. But this vacation the Christmas spirit was ultra-romantic, and Santa brought an unbelievable number of engagement rings.

Maybe it was getting back to home cooking that made the men realize that they ought to settle down before too long. Or perhaps the women took advantage of the last few days of leap year. Nevertheless, here are some of the happily betrothed couples:

Barbara Deuser, AOP, and Leo Manke, navy.

Sydney Fuchs, DG, and Foster Woodruff, Phi Delt; Jane Calhoun, DG, and Walter Weaver, Phi Delt; Penny Sloan, Theta, and Herman Dinklage, Sigma Nu; Kitty Clothier, Gamma Phi, and Bob Bagby, in the service; Sandy Imm, AOP, and Bill Kennedy, army.

Jackie Orr, Gamma Phi, and Jack Johanson, South Sioux City; Alice Hansen, Gamma Phi, and Jack Marve, at Yale; Kathy Grubill, Phi Phi, and Bill Greer, Beta; Norma Kulken, Pi Phi, and Wendy Lauber, Sig Epi; Shirley Lysinger, Pi Phi, and Larry Etherton, Sigma Nu; Barb Anderson, Theta, and Steve McKinzie, Phi Delt.

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Jensby, Theta Xi; Lorraine Westphal, Pi Phi, and Skip Loucks, Beta; Mitzie Moyle, Kappa, and Dan Lilly, Phi Delt; Kathy McCord, Gamma Phi at Iowa University, and Don Wahl, Phi Delt; Jo Bryson, AOP, and Rod Bunty, Omaha U.

More engagements will be announced in Friday's column.

One vacation wedding was that of Susan Lancaster, Theta, and James Logue of Philadelphia. The wedding was a Lincoln event of Dec. 29. Another wedded couple are Frank Mruk, Kappa Sig, and Anita Lawson, AOP.

Several of the holiday pinnings were Rauli Anderson, Pi Phi, and Ted Kratt, Sig Epi; Marlene Wyatt, Gamma Phi, and Don Larson, Phi Gamma; Sally Hartling, DG, and Dick Duelling, SAE; Elaine Esch, DG, and Pete De Vries, Sigma Nu at Northwestern; Dolly McQuistan, Tri Delt, and Jerry Robertson, Phi Gamma; Mary Lou Keating, Alpha Phi, and Ted Cannon, Phi Gamma; Mary Ball Clearman, AOP, and Bill Johnson, AGR; Jean Loudon, Alpha Chi, and Leo Geier, Phi Gamma.

Ronald Hardt Awarded Naval Commission

Ronald Hardt, a University graduate, has been awarded a Naval Commission.

Hardt, who attended the University during 1948-1952, was among the 114 enlisted men who received diplomas at the Newport, R. I., Officer Candidate School Dec. 5. Rear Admiral C. E. Olsen, base commander, presided at the ceremony.

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3:00-3:15 Bands On Parade. 3:15-3:30 Curtain Call 3:30-3:45 Fashion Fair 3:45-4:00 Linger Awhile 4:00-4:15 Spins & Needles 4:15-4:30 Pop Time 4:30-4:35 This I Believe 4:35-4:50 Robin's Nest 4:50-5:00 News

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To Don Pieper, Associate Editor, The Daily Nebraskan, and to the Students of the University of Nebraska:

That you may be further fully and fairly advised respecting the issues of the sale of school supplies in the Regents Book Store by the University of Nebraska, we direct this letter to you through the medium of this paper. On Tuesday of this week this paper carried an editorial and news story which we believe went beyond the issues as we have heretofore presented them to the Board of Regents in our original letter, and by the petitions accompanying that letter.

The editorial stated in part, "The whole argument appears to go under the assumption that the Regents store operates at a loss which is made up by tax funds," "Further than this, opponents have said that the Regents store operates, constantly, at a loss," and "It has been brought out . . . that the competition offered to the classroom supply business by Regents Book Store is no greater than the competition the Crib offers local soda fountains or the Union-sponsored shows offer local movie theaters. If private enterprise starts in, there will be no University printing service. The dairy husbandry department furnishes milk for University use—private enterprise would furnish it otherwise."

Neither the petitions which the business people and taxpayers signed, nor our letter to the Board of Regents, nor the letter which we addressed to the students, raised any of the above issues set forth in the editorial of Tuesday. These issues were raised, so far as we know, for the first time in the editorial Tuesday. We have at no time raised these issues and do not now make them a part of our case.

The only issue at the time we presented our letter to the Board of Regents, and now so far as we are concerned at this time, is—should a tax supported institution engage in a retail business in competition with private business, which in this instance is selling supplies and other items other than textbooks in the Regents Book Store which was established for the sale of textbooks only?

On November 4th the people of this nation expressed their disapproval of this trend toward governmental usurpation of private business and we submit that it is the wish of the taxpayers and business people that this state discontinue that practice in its governmental institutions.

The Regents Book Store was established by the legislature in 1869, at the same time the University was established, because textbooks were not readily available to the students upon the establishing of this new institution. The Regents Book Store served a purpose at that time and we have not heretofore, and do not now, criticize or object to the sale of the textbooks by the Regents Book Store—the purpose for which it was created. We do object to the expansion of this store by a governmental institution when each and every service it offers is now provided by a large number of privately operated businesses within three blocks of the campus.

We have not raised the issue of whether or not the Regents Book Store is operated with tax funds, or whether the losses, if any, would be paid from tax funds. However, since it has been raised by the editorial, we would like to ask whose funds are being used to operate the Regents Book Store? To whom does the money in the cash register belong? If the Regents Book Store were to be closed as of today, would the funds in the cash register go back to the University Treasury or would it go into some individual's pocket? Let's not lose sight of the fact that tax funds—which we estimate to be some \$40,000.00 to \$50,000.00—are used to maintain and operate the Regents Book Store. Private industry does not have the privilege of using tax funds in its business interest free.

In closing we submit that the only issue is—should a tax supported institution engage in a retail business in competition to private business?

We respectfully request the students of the University to uphold the principles of free enterprise.

Respectfully submitted, BEYNON, GREENAMYRE & HECHT By H. G. Greenamyre John H. Wilson Lloyd J. Marti

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