

Personal View On These Elections

For the first time in many years elections have been a wide spread subject of conversation because of the number of students taking part in them rather than who did or did not successfully "campaign" himself to victory. More specifically, Greeks are working themselves into a king-sized twit over the large numbers of independents who made use of the ballot.

This flexing of electoral muscles is no yet a certainty, but rumors drifting down from the third floor ballot counting chambers of the Student Council have one common fact mixed with the hot air—Independents are voting, and voting solidly independent.

Whether this phenomena of wide spread independent interest in things other than the classroom, assignments and clean laundry will cause much of a change in the elected bodies or individuals on this campus is yet to be seen. As of this date, there is no certainty the independent students have done what many Greeks fear they have. The only concrete measuring device of independent activity at the polls has been that here are two non-Greek coeds as candidates for Honorary Commandant, a prize sought after by sorority houses and usually one they successfully attain.

However, let's assume independents have been voting in significant numbers. What will it mean to this campus so long dominated by Greek letter organizations? First it means there will be competition for elective offices to an even greater degree than the battles between houses of the past. The Faction or All University Party, so long successful in boosting its candidates into office without the prospective office seeker worrying about winning, unless some faction member defaults in his duties to the organization, is in for some competition.

Second, the sorority grip on elective honors like that of Honorary Commandant, etc., might be loosened. In the past, sororities have battled among themselves to win for their members such distinctions with no worry about a non-Greek candidate winning. Now, however, it seems that sororities may be forced to form their own faction or similar organization or they will split their vote so many ways there will be little or no chance of one of their group winning. There is, of course, the chance the independent vote also will be split, but members of this group

seem to vote "independent" rather than for individuals.

Third, as a result of the situation suggested in the first point, the quality of elected bodies may improve, remain static or regress.

I think having an active independent element in our elective system will not bring any improvement in election results. On the other hand, independents would necessarily not elect persons of lesser ability and interest to office because they are not members of Greek letter organizations.

So far as I am concerned, the added number of voters supplied by the apparently revitalized independent element on the campus can be good. It should not be regarded simply as a force which will pressure other organizations to put up better candidates or campaign harder to win for themselves elective offices, but as a tool by which able, non Greeks may receive elective offices.

Independents should keep in mind that independence does not certify ability. Mass voting simply to "run in" independents over affiliated candidates is nothing less than adopting tactics which non affiliated persons attacked as unfair and non democratic.

As I see it, our campus politics have been benumbed through years of constant Greek domination, with a few exceptions. Elections in which houses have competed against each other have been wide open (for Greeks) with little or no independent participation. In a sense, affiliated persons and organizations earned their right to dominate because these people and these organizations made elections necessary and important.

Now, a significant number of independent students seem to feel themselves a part of the campus life outside the classroom—a new phenomena no matter what may be said in argument. This year independent students have earned the right to compete because they also have worked in building up campus organizations, traditions and reasons for holding elections.

The only evil in this voting awareness by independents would be for this new group of voters to adopt the policy of voting for the classification independent rather than able individuals. The good which may come from this spirit of competition is unlimited.—T. W.

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KK Answers

Dear Editor:
The column recently appearing in The Nebraskan regarding the failure on the part of Kosmet Klub to recognize the "Independents" is not exactly accurate. One of the six finalists competing for Nebraska Sweetheart is a representative of Towne Club, a "non-Greek" organization. Also there are male independent students working to get into Kosmet Klub.

However, it may be true that, through an unintentional oversight by us, certain groups—namely "economical living units" which are not considered organized houses—may have been missed. For this we apologize.

It would have been appreciated by the members of Kosmet Klub if we had been informed of our mistake instead of printing it in The Nebraskan in a critical fashion.

Kosmet Klub

China Unworthy

Dear Editor:
In reference to the letter by Mr. Guy Cooper III titled "Recognize China?" in the October 27 edition of your paper.

I believe that Mr. Cooper is, while correct in certain respects, much too politically immature. First of all he takes it for granted that by granting Red China admittance to the U.N. and offering them a U.S. ambassador, Red China will see our side of the story.

The second point is that Red China has proved itself unworthy of a place among nations by purposely and deliberately attacking U.N. troops in Korea. The third point is that the U.S. must not lower itself in the eyes of the free world by taking such a degrading position. In other words, the appearance of having to take an inferior position.

Chiang at Formosa has fought communism most of his life, with our moral support, at least part of the time. How would it appear in the eyes of the simple, free peoples of the world if we were to betray his cause because a little pressure was brought to bear on us? Must we subject ourselves to this disgrace in the eyes of all involved? Maybe Mr. Cooper thinks that what the other countries think does not matter. If he does, ask him why the U.S. is trying so desperately to arm certain European countries. Lastly may I point out that Mr. Cooper has lived in democratic countries most of his life and does not understand the position of the peoples of continental China.

Must I point out that it is the

leaders with whom we must deal? Those hardened Communists who subject their peoples to slavery? We cannot buy them out because they know that any deviation from the Russian cause means death, and since they have the power to dictate, they do. We shall be dealing with the leaders, not the people, if we admit China to the U.N. There is no need to bring up other factors as I know most every one is aware of them.

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Political Press Conference

Mrs. Abel, William Meier Race For 'Pee-Wee' Senate Term

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of interviews with opposing candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties who are running in the November elections. Candidates interviewed in this article are

running for the short-short term Senate seat. This year's "Pee-Wee" term, which was created by a quick in Nebraska's election laws. Questions were asked these candidates concerning national and international issues. Their answers are printed in full, exactly as they said them in a personal interview.

By DICK FELLMAN
Copy Editor



Courtesy Lincoln State
Mrs. Abel

William H. Meier, Minden attorney, married and three children. Meier attended and graduated from the University Law School. He was assistant U.S. attorney for Nebraska, attorney for the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, a special agent of the F.B.I., Democratic Party State Chairman, and has served on the Selective Service and School Boards of Kearney County.

Mrs. George P. Abel, born in Nebraska, five children, former high school teacher and principal. Mrs. Abel is a graduate of the University. She is a past president of the P.T.A., a recipient of the University's Distinguished Service Award and a trustee of the University Foundation. She is an active businesswoman in Lincoln.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal
Meier

Should the present farm parity price support program be continued or should the parity price be further raised or lowered?

M.—I agree with President Eisenhower's statement at Kasson, Minn., and at Brookings, S.D., that our farmers are entitled to at least 90 per cent of a price which would be on a parity with other goods. Such a parity is flexible, not rigid as some partisans maintain. However, the present administration has openly abandoned all effort to maintain such parity and has permitted the income per farm in Nebraska to drop from \$5,200 in 1952 to \$3,779 in 1953.

A.—No comment.
What should be done with the increasing farm surpluses the government is storing throughout the country?

M.—If all the food in the world were divided equally among all the people in the world, all of us would go to bed hungry every night. There is not too much food. There is poor distribution of the available food. Our treasure of food in storage is not a surplus—it can and should be used to avert starvation and to help bring lasting peace to the world.

A.—No comment.
With the shortage of reserve military strength, should a compulsory reserve training law be enacted?

M.—There appears to be no alternative.
A.—No comment.

What can be done to curb the unemployment problem existing in many industrial sections of the United States?

M.—The national economy must be expanded at the same rate as additional workers come into the labor market. The present administration has endeavored to "stabilize" the national economy. This does not allow for the ever increasing numbers of people who must be accommodated by our

economy as the population increases.

A.—No comment.
What can be done in a new and positive way, to halt subversion in government?

M.—We must first convince ourselves that we have the best political and economic system the world has yet contrived and then we must take the offensive on the world-wide front to convert all other people to our kind of political democracy and our kind of capitalist economy, founded upon Christian precepts. We and they must be convinced that our system offers the best and in fact the only hope for peace and for the individual dignity of every man, regardless of race, creed or place or station of birth. We must not only oppose Communism. We must zealously, fervently, champion our own cause, rather than spend our time and energy merely negatively fighting against Communism. Such united enthusiasm will halt subversion in government and elsewhere.

A.—No comment.
What do you feel will be the result of the recent London Pact which promises to rearm Western Germany?

M.—I hope it will result in a more firm commitment of the German people, together with all other Europeans, to the ideology and objectives of Western Christian Civilization.

A.—No comment.
Should Sen. McCarthy be formally censured by the Senate?

M.—This question is to be decided by the United States Senate, acting as judge or jury. As a lawyer I would "strike" any juror who had expressed an opinion regarding the case before he had heard the evidence and the arguments of counsel. Since I may be called upon to help decide this matter, I feel it would be as improper for me to announce my decision in advance as

it would be for a candidate for district judge to announce how he would decide a case to be tried before him if he were elected.

A.—No comment.
Why are you running for the U.S. Senate?

M.—I am a full time resident of Nebraska and maintain a home in no other state. I believe that my experience as high school teacher, F.B.I. Agent, Assistant United States Attorney, and county lawyer qualify me for the office. And I believe my experience as a father, school board member, president of my local Chamber of Commerce, District Governor of Lions Clubs and four years as State Chairman of the Democratic Party of Nebraska has acquainted me with the aspirations and attitudes and wishes of the people of Nebraska. I believe that I can effectively carry out the wishes of Nebraska people for the remaining weeks of this term of office of United States Senator.

A.—No comment.
Editor's note: In the above interview statements by Mrs. Abel are conspicuously absent. She was contacted by the above writer for a personal interview on Oct. 11, 14, 18 and 19. She was out of town on all these occasions and the call was never returned.

On Oct. 22 the reporter telephoned Mrs. Abel and asked her for an interview. She said she was too busy to see him. The reporter then requested that she answer questions through the mail, as many other candidates had, but she refused, remarking that "my comments might be too easily misconstrued." Since that time she has remained unavailable for comment.

The Nebraskan is sorry that among all candidates contacted Mrs. Abel alone was unwilling to give time for an interview with a student newspaper.

Woman's View

New Chain Letters Hit NU Campus

By MARILYN TYSON

Letters, letters, letters. "Do you want to buy a letter?" Honestly, they're driving me nuts. This campus has gone crazy over the darn things.

Of course the reason I'm so bitter is because I've got two of the lovely little masterpieces that I'm desperately trying to sell. I tried my salesmanship this morning but it seems 4,999 other students are selling, too. Oh, well, what's ten dollars? Ten dollars! Egad! PLEASE buy.

It seems that the whole campus is also gung ho on the Saturday game with Missouri and I think it's great.

I've been racking my cerebrum to think of some way we could improve the spirit at NU rallies. At one of the California school's rallies, the Yell King arrived in a helicopter.

I think if the Corn Cobs would march through the women's organized houses (living rooms, that is) before the rallies, it might help. Maybe the cheerleaders could work up a system of yelling contests in which organized houses and dorms could participate.

When the University of North Carolina went to Maryland to play them, they arranged for a rally on the Capitol steps. Now if the University of Nebraska could arrange transportation for us to Washington, D. C., maybe we could rent the Library of Congress and have a real ball. Of course, I'd settle for a rally at the Orange Bowl Jan. 1.

Good luck, Bill and Team, I'd love to go to Miami.

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