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Legitimate Politics.

Campus elections—the object of no small amount of disparagement by college newspaper editors—are to assume new standards at the University of Nebraska, if suggestions fostered by the student council are carried out. From the news story in Thursday's Nebraska, we have extracted the following strands of knowledge:

Candidates for offices or honorary positions to be filled at a student election must present a certificate of their eligibility from the office of the dean of student affairs, according to the recommendation passed by the council yesterday.

The student council also decided that hereafter it will supervise all student elections. Investigation will be made as to the best method of doing that.

The council has acted wisely on the matters brought before them, and now all that remains is the sanction of the faculty committee on student affairs. That the latter group will affirm the recommendation of the students is to be expected in view of the many discrepancies that have already been noted in elections this year.

The governing body, however, has not as yet completed its task of reshaping campus elections to conform with sound ethical principles. There is still the matter of politics.

The Daily Nebraska, as stated before, sees no justification for the element of politics entering into the selection of "honorary" society members, publication heads, and other "self-perpetuating" and appointive groups. But insofar as the popular election system is used in picking members of the student council, student publication board, and such potentates as queens, sweethearts et al, we believe that politics—clean and legitimate politics—are essential.

How to get the right kind of politics on an otherwise dirt infested political campus is, of course, a big problem. The Nebraska believes a primary step in the eradication of this evil would be in the official recognition of the factions that now exist on the campus.

For many years back, factional strife has played the all important part in student election. The winning candidate, with but very few exceptions, have been members of the same faction, largely due to the fact that this particular clique could accumulate, honestly or otherwise, enough votes for a clean sweep.

Despite all this hair raising stuff to get favorite and influential political friends in office, there has been nothing done in the way of official approval of the party groups by the student council. Rather, the council has taken a derogative stand on the matter by refusing the candidates to place their party affiliations behind their names on the ballots. It has at once condoned the party competition and denounced any open designation of the divisions.

With the official authorization of the political camps there would result some real honest to gosh elections. The factions, having the right to work in the open, would not have to resort to the dark places to do their slick work. The battles would truly be faction against faction, just as the democratic form of elections calls for.

And, too, there would be other benefits accruing from the action of the student council on the matter, such as:

- 1. Proportional representation of all factions in the membership of the student council could be put into effect;
2. Representatives of all factions could be present at the polls, acting in the role of supervisors, thereby displacing the numerous ill fated rumors with real facts;
3. Representatives of all factions could be present at the time of the counting of ballots, thus doing away with all popular speculations as to the validity of the results.

This newspaper reiterates its expression of appreciation to the student council for the forward steps taken toward the proper control of student elections. But we do not want things to stop with these proposals, for they are only preliminaries to what should be done in regard to University of Nebraska student elections.

Cards at the Door.

Weary and disgusted with the legion of would-be social lions, better known as party crashers, who ply their asinine trade at every downtown social event though uninvited and unwanted, several fraternities have adopted the plan of having bidden guests present an admittance card at the door.

Their move is a step in the right direction, but unanimity and enforcement are necessary if the party crashing evil is to be ridden off the Nebraska campus. Last year, for the first time in several social seasons, a few fraternities included party tickets in their invitation. Their idea failed woefully, however, when they failed to have the cards taken up at the door. True the situation is not an easy one to

handle judiciously. Hotels in Lincoln are so arranged that the admission card idea is rather impractical unless return cards are dealt out as the guests emerge from the ballroom. Because couples like to leave the floor from time to time and cruise and eron about the lobbies or sit out a dance now and then, the plan of letting them back into the party presents its difficulties.

If the cards are only taken up until 10 o'clock or so, the crashers will merely postpone their invasion. Then further, some provision needs to be made in the form of an educational campaign so the absentminded group, in last minute groomings before the mirror, will not be so excited they will forget to bring their bids.

Something should be done politely yet firmly to inform these driveling oafs that they are not wanted—that the party gates to them are closed. Campaigns against party crashing do no good. They merely stimulate the adventuresome spirit in these nitwits to sneak in and thereby foil the Greek regulators.

Besides the plan of cards at the door, a sentiment campus-wide in extent should be expressed in which uninvited crashers would be censured openly and their practice condemned vigorously. Crashing must be eliminated if downtown parties are to be enjoyable. With the present traditional group of party crashers added to the full guest list, the floor becomes jammed and the dance, if it may be termed such, resembles a football scrimmage.

Self respect should permit no one to attend an affair to which he is not invited. Fraternities and sororities, licensed to hold these parties, pick their guests and bid them to attend. They have a right to choose whom they please. Party crashing is another Nebraska tradition which should go by the boards.

Echoes of the Campus.

Unshackled Nebraskan Editors.

To the Editor of The Nebraskan:

I note in the Omaha World-Herald for Thursday, Dec. 5, an answer by George Grimes to the statement made by the editor of The Daily Nebraskan in the Wednesday morning issue of The Nebraskan. Editor Sandahl said, in part: "So far as the editorial restriction by the faculty is concerned the under members of the staff may be influenced by faculty opinions but the editor of The Nebraskan is 'unshackled' and is free to say what he pleases."

Mr. Grimes replied: "I am delighted to learn that they are 'free and unshackled' but I am depressed that they make little use of their freedom." Has Mr. Grimes any reason to be depressed?

During the last two semesters the editors of The Daily Nebraskan have unloosed the shackles that the faculty has placed upon them. The writer found, in questioning previous editors, that the faculty did dictate certain policies to the editors.

If one would care to peruse the files of The Daily Nebraskan for the last semester of 1928-29 and the first semester of 1929-30 one will find the editorial policies of the respective editors has changed materially.

In fact, the editorial policy of the editors underwent such a radical change that the students as well as the faculty members gasped with surprise and astonishment. The editor has expressed his convictions on many subjects which, heretofore, have been unswayed by editorial comment. I refer Mr. Grimes and all others who are interested to the editorials on fraternity co-operative buying, student council activities, interfraternity council activities and a host of others which, perhaps, have been touched on lightly but not without conviction.

I do not wish to pat you on the back, Mr. Editor; in fact, many of your policies have not met with my approval. But one cannot say that you have been shackled by any outside influences, whether it be the faculty or members of political organizations.

Mr. Grimes is evidently not acquainted with the conditions at the University of Nebraska or, at least, is not well versed on the conditions surrounding publications. It is the suggestion of the writer that Mr. Grimes visit the offices of The Daily Nebraskan before passing comment of an adverse character on the policies of The Nebraskan.

His statement that the editor of The Nebraskan is shackled by the faculty of the university and that he does not use the freedom offered him is entirely unfounded. If Mr. Grimes is not convinced and is still depressed after he has read these few paragraphs, the files of The Daily Nebraskan are open for inspection at any time to friend and foe alike.

KING GROUCHO III.

Contemporary Sentiments

What Price Sucker?

Indiana Daily Student: We don't object to spending our money, but we do hate to give it to some cause or pay it out in dues, and then see it misspent.

Ordinarily we assume that, being of a college community we don't "bite" on the concoctions prepared for the general public, that we are rather immune from misleading advertising, and that we're in a large sense free from the infliction of the day's ballyhoo.

On the contrary, the campus is full of organizations and activities whose funds have been poorly handled, or which are not constituted and do not operate in a manner most adequate to their purposes. Noncompetitive buying on a large scale is prevalent, unchallenged bills are paid freely and without restraint. One organization for a long while paid more than seventy-five cents a member for a sandwich, pie and coffee lunch; another bought veneered study tables at \$20 apiece; a certain house paid for the installation of clothes closets so constructed that the door opened into them. Money spent like water, and yet the organizations of the campus that are free from this foolishness are in a decided minority.

It's an expensive bit of carelessness, we're practising, for many things could be done for the organizations and the university with the money thus thrown to the winds.

If all the campus politicians were laid end to end, how relieved everyone would be!—Michigan Daily.

WOMEN BROADCAST FOR HOUR TONIGHT

Intramural Member Plans Semi-Classical Group Of Selections.

Tune in. This evening from 8 to 9 o'clock an intramural hour will be broadcast from station KFOR. Popular music will be sent over the air by women from the University of Nebraska.

Billie Strickland will give several groups of popular numbers. Songs of semi-classical nature will be sung by Lulu Jo Hyland. Saxophone solos by Kathryn Lee Davis will be given, accompanied by Harriett Gibson. Juanita McComb will broadcast a novelty whistling number. The program was planned by Bereniece Hoffman.

PERSHING RIFLES HOLD BANQUET, INITIATION

bons, Robert Gill, Milton Glah, Robert Glover, Joe Hoening, Parley Hyde, C. R. Kellog, K. H. Larson, Robert Lau, David Martin, James McGeachin, H. W. Mixon, G. Philippe, R. M. Phillips, Arthur Pinkerton, R. P. Roberts, E. R. Sartor, G. Senft, Haven N. Smith, William Spear, Charles Watkins, Robert Welsher, W. C. Wilhelm, Arthur Wolf, John Zellinger and J. M. Von Berger.

The last of three tryouts for new members of the organization was held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The other two tryouts were held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It was necessary for all applicants to participate in two of the three tryouts. The names of the new men chosen will appear in Sunday's Daily Nebraskan. These men will be initiated at a future date.

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Wrong Numbers and Weary Reporters Necessitate New and Shining Telephone

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Scene is closed by Father Time and Santa Claus carrying out m. e. to get shave and hair cut while reporter does a dance to the tune of jungle bells. No foolin'—that's how the Nebraskan got its new telephone. It was installed yesterday because the old one really was worn out

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and wouldn't dial the right numbers any more. It's a peach of a phone and those desiring to inspect it may do so by calling at Nebraska office any afternoon between 3 and 6 o'clock. Don't crowd, please. Take your time and don't push or shove!

SHIPMAN FEATURES PALLADIUM PROGRAM

The Palladium literary society will hold an open meeting Friday evening in the Temple. A varied program has been planned including a talk by Dr. J. M. Shipman on "European Changes Since the War."

Those Last Minute Details—which may make or mar the perfect formal attire. The Van Roalte Singlette is the ideal basic garment for this season's mode—it's figure molding lines are complemented by the daintiness of sheer net delicately embroidered. Evening slippers which will dance the hours away in the accustomed I. Miller smartness. In silver—in gold—in brocades. Magee's

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