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ELECTION DAY.

TO ELECT a quartet of class presidents, the same
number of candidates for Prom girl and an Ivy
day orator, and to vote on the proposed propor-
tional representation scheme, the student body of
the University of Nebraska will go to the polls today.

In years past voting at class elections has
been extremely light. Students haven't given a
whoop who represented them in the titular but
meaningless office of class president. But along
with the sum vote have usually been diabolical in-
sults, not altogether ungrounded, of scandal at
the polls. This year, however, should prove an
exception.

With challengers at the ballot boxes and watch-
ers on the counting board, each faction has ample
opportunity to detect possible crookedness on the
part of over zealous politicians who figure the elec-
tion outcome is a matter of tremendous import.
Avoiding all possible charges of corruption in this
way, the Student council has shown its firm belief
in absolute honesty at elections.

As ever, fraternities, sororities, and this year
barbs too, have urged their cohorts to vote. Re-
sults of their exhortations are in question. Of the
6,500 enrolled in the university it is safe to assume
not more than one-third will cast ballots today.
University students, who should be model examples
of good citizens, are little or no better than the
average run of the nation in exercising the franchise.

THEY query with voters of the country, "What's
the use of voting?" They realize and rightly
now little difference it makes who head the various
classes, who is chosen to orate to a sleepy or
restless audience Ivy day, who will be nominees
for the coveted society position of Prom girl.
Scarcely any real honor is connected with high
sounding titles that accompany these offices. Much
more glory and realization of achievement comes
with making a touchdown or winning a scholar-
ship. Of all the worthless efforts in life, trying
for a fictitious campus honor doled out by poli-
ticians is the least profitable, the most inane.

There is however, a democratic principle in-
volved in voting which must not be ignored. On
election day which comes but thrice a year Ne-
braskans are entitled to voice their individual opin-
ions on matters of what is known as student gov-
ernment. On that day each student, be he a politi-
cal power or a silent wallflower, receives the same
privilege. Failure to vote is failing to take ad-
vantage of an opportunity—an opportunity which
has been considered most essential in shaping the
American nation and its respective local units.

Even so, at the average election of this sort
little blame can be placed on the students' shoulders
for neglecting to vote. Today, however, another
issue is at stake. It is the proportional representa-
tion proposition, sanctioned by the Student council,
favored by the faculty committee on student or-
ganizations for a trial, supported by all factions,
advocated by campus leaders.

FAIRNESS is the keynote of the plan, which with
the almost unanimous approbation of all who
have examined it, goes before the students today.
Complaint has been made, and on good authority,
that the Student council is shorn of much potential
prestige and power because it is not representative
of the student body. Proportional representation
seeks to make it unquestionably representative.

Because proportional representation is a rather
prolific phrase with two long words of many syl-
lables therein, many who will vote today have up
to now passed discussion on its merits and ex-
planations on how it works. Suffice to say that
this is one of the few major issues which ever
come as a referendum. As an intelligent voter,
each student should acquaint himself with just what
the plan purports to do, what it strives to bring
about, before he parades up to the ballot box vote
in hand.

If proportional representation accomplishes in
fact something of what it does in theory, it should
bring a new era of self-government to the uni-
versity campus. It should raise greatly the repre-
sentative quality of the Student council. It should
make that body truly a deliberative student legis-
lature on whose members rest problems affecting
the entire university enrollment.

It is reasonable to expect that instead of tabling
or refusing to pass measures which a council of
such constituency would recommend, the faculty
committee would see its responsibility to so repre-
sentative a group and give its approval much more
readily. It is an opportunity to make the Student
council a true forum of opinion where the best
ideas of a student body will come to light.

Caking days are here again—or yet, which is it?

BAD ASSOCIATES.

NEWS dispatches Monday told of a high school
sophomore in a western Nebraska town ending
his life with a shotgun. The youth who was only
sixteen years old left a note for his mother which
was tragic in its tone.

"I guess I joined up with the wrong bunch,
mother. Death was pleasant."

No one knows exactly what circumstances
caused this boy to commit suicide but those few
words he left his mother are of tremendous sig-
nificance. A great many other young men and

women might attribute their difficulties to the same
cause as did this youth.

The right kind of associates can be of great
aid to a person in the enjoyment of life and de-
velopment of a personality. On the other hand poor
associates may wreck the entire lives of impressio-
nistic young people. A tragic incident such as this
youthful suicide serves to impress that fact upon
public consciousness.

Students, always ready to seize excuses, find
balmy days in February an alibi for spring fever,
that eternal warm weather epidemic.

"MARK THE MUSIC."

HOME of a great state university, seat of the state
capitol, inhabited by a fine citizenry that is
truly appreciative of the richer and better things
life has to offer, the city of Lincoln is especially
fortunate. In the field of music with its municipally
organized symphony orchestra, its national prize
winning high school orchestra, its annual presenta-
tion of grand opera, Lincoln is a leader. Perhaps
in no other city of similar size is music so loved and
appreciated. Talented artists are numerous; willing
auditors are plentiful.

Last week saw dismantled a 26-piece orchestra
which for eight months entertained local theater
goers with the best in music. In one week Lincoln
has missed the stirring overtures of the Stuart sym-
phony orchestra. The one opportunity for students
to hear at any time rendition of truly fine music
has been taken away. Indeed this is unfortunate.

As one of the few show houses in the middle
west to feature standard orchestra music as con-
trasted with the competing rattle of talkies and jazz
bands, Lincoln has been very proud of its newest
theater. It is hoped that the management will not
feel it necessary to curtail the personnel of the or-
chestra permanently.

Not until spring football starts or snow falls
again can we hope to crash the portals of Social
Sciences, now besieged by the idle army of campus
cakes.

FACULTY AIDS FOR STUDENTS.

CHARGES that University of Nebraska instructors
do not keep office hours and that students are
thus prevented from seeing them to get help on
difficult problems encountered are leveled at the
teaching staff in an opinion appearing in the Student
Pulse column today.

It is evident without argument or explanation
that every instructor should set aside certain hours
each week for purposes of conference with students
and that they should keep those hours religiously.
Even in an institution of 6,500 students where indi-
vidual attention is impossible, there should be an
effort made toward assisting those who seek help
and advice by friendly and informal chats with in-
structors who are best able to aid them.

Current Comment

STRENGTHENING THE UNIVERSITY.

Action by the board of regents of the University
of Nebraska taken on Saturday should be ac-
cepted as indicative of a purpose to increase the
teaching strength of the great state school.

Dr. C. W. M. Poynter, who has been made dean
of the medical school, has been acting in that
capacity since the resignation of Dean Keegan last
fall. He is professionally well qualified for the
important place, is familiar with the needs and
policies of the school, and may be depended upon
to maintain its high standard of efficiency. He
accepts the superintendency of the state hospital
facing the problem of his predecessors, how to get
the legislature and the governor to agree that
money is needed to properly equip the plant, which
is not available to its full capacity because of lack
of furnishings.

A successor to Dr. Lawrence A. Sherman as head
of the department of English is found in Dr. Thomas
M. Raysor, late professor of English at Washington
State college. Dr. Raysor has a long and honorable
experience as a teacher and a student, and should
add much weight to this largest of all departments
of the university.

Other additions to the faculty and advancement
in position of some already members, suggest that
Chancellor Burnett is carefully building up the
scholastic strength of the institution. Nebraskans,
who always have had pride in the university, will
welcome this. Nebraska has not been noted for
the showy or spectacular in the way of scholarship,
but has produced some notable men and women,
whose solid accomplishments have added to the gen-
eral usefulness of learning.

The greatest contribution the university has
made to the life of the state has been in the steady
stream of well-trained young men and women sent
back to homes in small towns and farms. This
steady accretion to the sum total of culture in the
state cannot fail to have its effect on the quality of
civil relations. In this regard the University of
Nebraska has well repaid the people of Nebraska.

And this should be kept in mind when the re-
gents and chancellor go to the legislature asking
for funds. An institution that gives back as much
to the people as does the state university deserves
to be liberally sustained.—Omaha Morning Bee.

SEX.

Sex, the age-old question, but nevertheless the
problem of this age, was the cause last year of two
professors at the University of Missouri losing their
jobs. A sex questionnaire circulated by that group
of educators was labelled immoral by that group of
citizens found in every city which considers itself
the guardian of youthful morals.

The professors have now been found fully just-
ified by a special committee of the Association of
University Professors who investigated the contro-
versy. The findings of the committee point out that
students have access to books and magazines that
deal with every aspect of our sexual code; that they
see these problems discussed in the theater, and dis-
cuss them among themselves.

The question to be decided is whether it is bet-
ter for young men and women to form their ideas
from the theater, books, and bull sessions, or from
scientific knowledge. Obviously, there is only one
answer.

At the same time, it is interesting to note that
a well-known New York psychiatrist has been se-
cured to deliver a series of lectures on "Sex" to the
students of Oberlin.

Proof that sex is a current problem is presented
by the Oberlin Review: "The fact that at a liberal
college like Oberlin a series of orientation lectures
draws but a handful while a series on sex draws
hundreds of eager hearers is alone significant of this
truth."—Daily Californian.

HELEN PALMER, '29.
FORMER STUDENT
DROWNS IN HAWAII

Miss Helen Palmer, twenty-nine,
who formerly attended the Uni-
versity of Nebraska, was drowned
at Hilo, Hawaii according to a
cablegram received Monday by
Miss Palmer's parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Bert Palmer, in Tekamah,
Neb. Miss Palmer's home was also
in Tekamah. She went to Hawaii
last fall to teach in the public
schools there. No details of the ac-
cident were given in the cabled
message. The body will be re-
turned to Tekamah for burial.

GIRLS PLAY ANOTHER
ROUND IN CAGE MEET

Alpha Chi O Beats Kappas;
Gamma Phis Defeat
Pi Beta Phi.

By good team co-operation and
accurate basket shooting Alpha
Chi Omega last night defeated
Kappa Kappa Gamma by a score
of 19 to 15 in the round robin
tournament being played this
week. In a less speedy game,
Gamma Phi Beta won from Pi
Beta Phi by a score of 12 to 0.

Kathryn Slaughter, forward on
the Alpha Chi Omega team, scored
a good deal with accurate basket
shooting, while good team work
on the part of the entire team helped
to place the ball into her hands
and enable her to score. The out-
standing player on the Kappa
Kappa Gamma team was Betty
Kelso, guard. Long passes by
Betty Kelso from her section of
the floor to the forwards made
possible the points scored by her
team.

On the Gamma Phi Beta team,
Herma Beckman was high scorer.
The work of Adelaide Burr, guard,
was good. The game as a whole
was not so fast as the former
game because the two teams were
not so well matched. The winners
were, however, able to demon-
strate a good brand of basketball
on several flashy plays.

The round robin tournament will
continue this week according to
schedule. No games may be
changed.

DR. AVERY "GETS KICK"
FROM MAKING RE-
SEARCH ON NEW OR-
GANIC COMPOUNDS

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those trying to make a certain
compound or to find a certain
method in order to increase com-
mercial production or make it
cheaper, and those interested in
the theory of organic compounds.

Interested in Five Points.
Dr. Avery is of the latter group.
Associated with eight students he
is teaching the fine points of
chemical analysis as well as fol-
lowing his research. "Some day,"
he said, "I hope to have time to
take over to Dr. Lyman the twenty-
five or thirty compounds that I
have discovered and have him
analyze them to see if they would
be useful as drugs."

In doing research work Dr.
Avery discovered that a metal tube
for baking compounds would be
much more effective than the
usual glass one of the stopper could
be made heat proof. He then in-
vented what he calls "air cooled"
and "water circulating" jacket, for
the stoppers so that copper cylin-
ders are now possible for use in
baking chemicals in the labora-
tory.

"No man can do very much,
the field is too vast," says Dr.
Avery. "I am doing the work that
interests me and when people ask
me 'Are you working hard?' I al-
ways quote the philosopher who
said, 'Nothing that one really en-
joys doing is work.'"

FELLMAN'S PLAN
GIVEN APPROVAL
BY ALL FACTIONS

(Continued from Page 1.)
tion on the student legislative
body, according to Fellman.

The essence of the council plan
is that each faction will receive
representation on the basis of one
member for every 125 votes gar-
nered by the faction, should it fail
to place members in that propor-
tion. Factions placing more mem-
bers than that proportion, how-
ever, would receive the full power
of the members placed.

Factions Recognized.
Another distinctive feature of
the plan is that all campus fac-
tions would be definitely recog-
nized by the Student council, and
would be under the direction of
that body.

Fellman states that the objec-
tion of making the Student council
too large through the adoption of
the plan is unfounded. With the
present system there are seven-
teen members of the council, while
with the new plan, the number
would probably never exceed
thirty.

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AT NEBRASKA

February 13,
1925.
The rifle team defeated Okla-
homa A. and M.
The registrar's office announced
on unusually high enrollment in
night classes.
After it was announced that a
student in the pharmacy depart-
ment had contracted smallpox,
four hundred students and faculty
were vaccinated.

1920.
The editorial columns com-
mented on the recent class elec-
tions, saying that it surpassed
"Hell Week."
Three hundred students of the
college of agriculture made the an-
nual inspection trip to South
Omaha.
Famous Indian works were fea-
tured in the exhibition at the art
gallery.

1915.
Mrs. C. Raymond announced
that registration in the university
chorus meant free admission to all
concerts of the Damrosch Sym-
phony of New York.
The editor of the Cornhusker an-
nounced that all fraternity and
sorority snapshots would have to
be turned in at once or the page
reserved for them would be turned
in blank.

1910.
The Palladian and Union Liter-
ary societies gave a joint program
in Palladian hall at the Temple.
Representatives of all fraternities
met and decided to hold an
all-fraternity haquet in order to
promote a better feeling between
themselves.

1905.
The Glee Club concert given in
the Oliver theater, was well at-
tended and was an admitted suc-
cess.
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sophomore class appeared for a
meeting, so nothing could be done
for want of a quorum.
The basketball team left for a
six game series with various
Wisconsin schools.

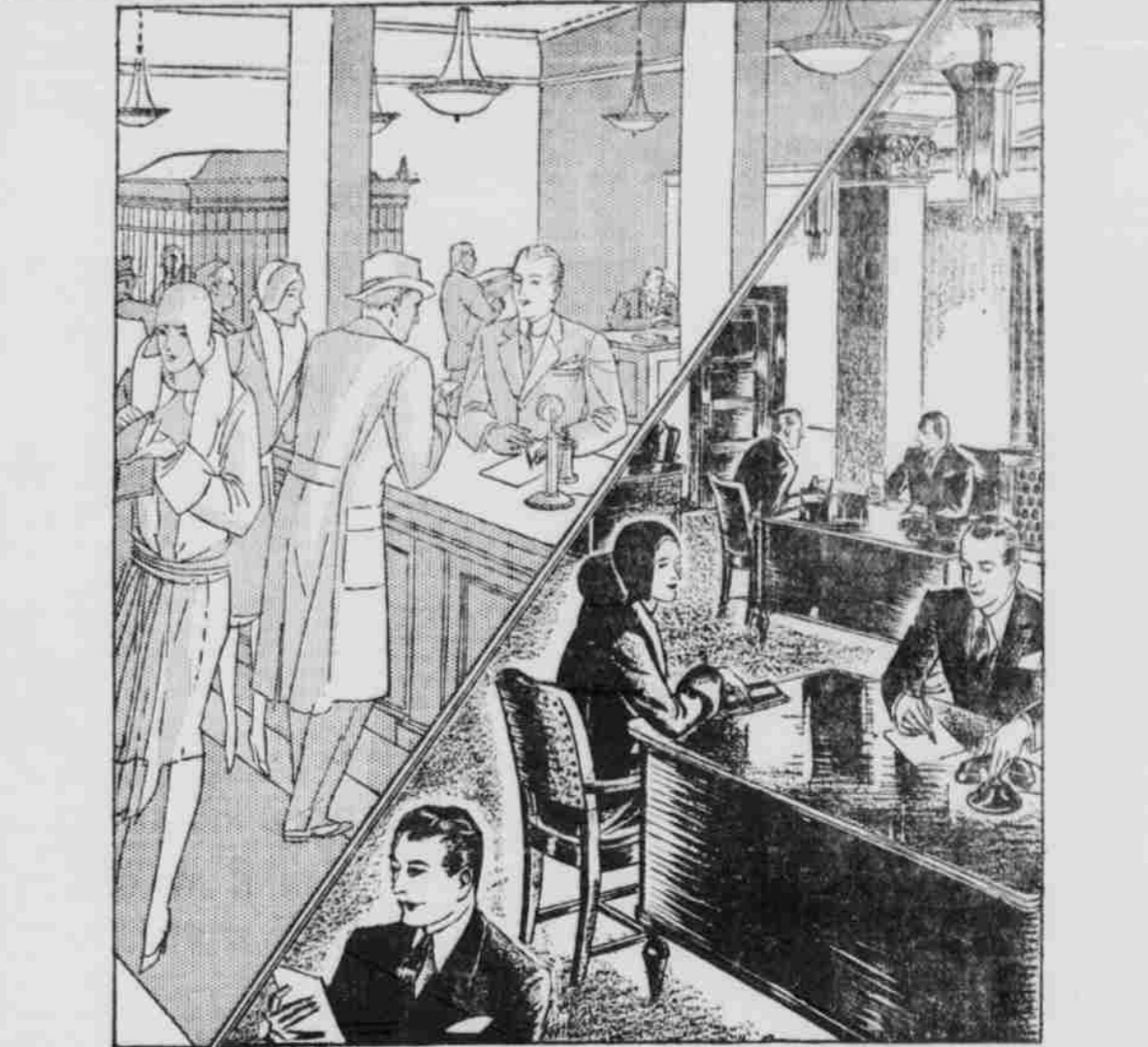
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