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The Unicameral Legislature.

It is a vital issue that has been raised by Senator Norris in his proposal for a change in the legislative branch of state government. Sentiment for similar revision of governmental structure, turning from bicameral to unicameral systems, has been given attention throughout the country at intervals, and now in Nebraska, public opinion is apparently to be given the opportunity of passing judgment on the plan for a one-house legislative body.

The provisions of the constitutional amendment drafted by Norris, embody a legislative organ to be composed of twenty-one members, elected for four years on a non-partisan basis from districts apportioned, presumably, according to population. Under this plan proponents believe that many of the

problems facing modern legislators will be solved. It may be pointed out for example, that increasing complexity of governmental problems has not found the bicameral legislative arrangement capable of adapting itself to modern conditions. Legislators are faced with the sheer impossibility of fulfilling their duties adequately when those duties involve highly complex economic and social factors, and it is sound politics to point to this inability as the cause of dissatisfaction with legislative wrangling among voters.

The unicameral plan, by simplifying governmental structure and drawing representation from larger districts, is designed to eliminate this criticism and this dissatisfaction.

Another source of criticism of the bicameral legislature the Norris plan aims to remove centers around the problem of adequate representation. Again and again critics of the two-house legislative arrangement have pointed out that state governments would be much the better without the overlapping that so unnecessarily occurs under the bicameral system. Duplication of representation is entirely eliminated with a one-house legislature. Advantages of the unicameral theory, however, are probably not as interesting as the factors that will actually influence voters when their ballots are cast in 1934. The Nebraska thinks itself entirely unqualified as a political dope peddler, but there are some things that will probably be of importance in public eyes.

One of these factors is the saving that would be made under the unicameral system. The zeal of voters for tax cuts ought to be soothed somewhat by the reduction in expense promised by the Norris proposal. The other consideration that may be influential is the reputation of Norris himself for clear-sighted idealism in public affairs. How much weight either of these factors may be given cannot, of course, be determined.

There is no way of telling what the alignment of interests within the state actually will be from now until the popular decision, but whatever the course of the controversy it is certain to excite keen interest throughout the state.

About Honoraries.

ELEVEN senior men and women were made members of Beta Gamma Sigma, national scholarship honorary in the College of Business Administration, at the fraternity's annual fall initiation held Wednesday night. This organization, altho it escapes any great amount of general attention, is comparable Phi Beta Kappa in the arts college, and ranks among the "honoraries" so often the subject of student criticism.

It cannot be denied that the prestige of scholastic honoraries has suffered somewhat in past years. There has been criticism from two angles. It has been charged that the "grade" basis for recognition was at fault, and that many honoraries had lost sight of their purposes by a confusion of values. This latter criticism was based on what seemed a tendency to make membership in honoraries an end in itself.

Both of these criticisms were undoubtedly justified to some extent, and perhaps vestiges of the foundation for them remain. But saner views of the honoraries and their significance demand that their merits be recognized, along with the criticisms that have been made.

It should be admitted, for example, that much of the criticism that has been leveled against grades and grade-getters has no substantial basis. It should also be recognized that the inflexibility of a grading system which may be thought objectionable has little bearing on the values of honoraries themselves. For the honoraries do have value.

Honorary recognition, in itself, is empty, as an end toward which student effort is directed with intensity, the honor organizations have small value. Their value is rather as an indication of some degree of intellectual achievement. That is the light in which they should be seen by students, and that is the only goal the honoraries should seek: more destroys their purpose.

+ Contemporary Comment +

The Schleuter Affair.

The recent publicity of the ineligibility of Ulysses Schleuter has caused a great amount of comment on the campus.

Students who seldom have much to say about athletics as a whole are talking, arguing and condemning. Some of these students are not acquainted with the true facts of the case and are making allegations and criticisms which are totally unfounded. Many are accusing Coach Fred C. Thomsen of having previous knowledge of Schleuter having played at Nebraska but going on and playing him anyway and trying to get by with it. This assertion is absurd. Thomsen would have been the world's biggest fool had he done such a thing. In the first place he would certainly have changed Schleuter's unusual name and would not have allowed any pictures of him sent out all over the country.

Suspecting "wolves" sensed a connection between Schleuter's not playing in the S. M. U. game and a coach "in the know" who held him out of the game. On the day of that particular game Schleuter told Thomsen that he was "too sick" to see any action and was held out of the game because of that excuse. Many are also wondering why "Hankie" could not win a regular berth in the Porker line after making a letter at Nebraska suspecting that he was being held out by the coaches as much as possible to avoid discovery. Schleuter was a good tackle but he did not show anything down here. He was not in the best of condition and he was competing against John Measel, a man who could make most any football team in the country.

This unfortunate thing could happen to any football team in the United States. School officials do not make a practice of investigating the past history of the students, relying upon their preparatory training. Hence Schleuter, a very likable boy, is not to be completely blamed in this incident. He liked football and wanted to play and when he was ruled out at Nebraska he came down here. Had he stopped to think of the consequences of being found ineligible he would not have taken the step he did.

The whole situation does not amount to what many people think it does. Careful consideration by conference officials will clear up the matter satisfactorily. The newspapers have a good story here and they are playing it up all out of proportion. Arkansas is not to blame and the coaching staff is not to blame. The entire thing is merely an unfortunate occurrence that is magnified by the fact that the Razorbacks are favored to win the conference.

What the condition needs is careful consideration, not frenzied imaginings. —Arkansas Traveler.

Failure of Dutch Dates.

That women should pay half the expenses of a date is the contention of Miss Susan M. Guild, dean of women at Washburn College. Women students usually have more money to spend than men, she says, and should therefore pay their own way to all campus dances and entertainments. The question of "dutch treating" by women raged at universities throughout the United States several years ago when the effects of the depression were first felt. Co-eds all over the country promised to pay half of all dates that they had with college men. But after the full glare of publicity had been turned on the movement, it soon fizzled and died out completely.

It was doomed from the start. Co-eds agreed that "dutch treating" was a fine thing and that it was the only fair and right thing to do, but they seldom, if ever, lived up to the agreements of the code. Men, too, historic and natural protector of the weaker sex, felt their dignity hurt when the woman took four-bits out of her purse in

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All students organizations or faculty groups desiring to publish notices of meetings or other information for members may have them printed by calling the Daily Nebraskan office.

French Club. The Student French club will meet tonight at 7:15 p. m. in Ellen Smith hall. A special program is planned. All French students are invited.

Tanksterettes. Tanksterettes will hold an open meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the swimming pool. All girls planning on entering the meet December 14 can have the time in which they swim a relay taken.

Sophomore Commission. Sophomore Commission will meet Friday at 5 in Ellen Smith hall. Elizabeth Shearer will lead the discussion on Cuba.

DR. LOWE ADDRESSES FACULTY DINNER CLUB (Continued from Page 1.) Over 45,000 volumes are contained in the library. Will be here for Month.

Doctor Lowe will be in the United States until the first of the year. He will complete a speaking tour to three American archaeological groups, and then return to Athens, which he says he likes very much.

A special invitation was extended to members of the Archeological Society of Lincoln by the Faculty club Wednesday evening. The committee which secured Doctor Lowe for the informal talk Wednesday was made up of Dr. H. H. Marvin, chairman; Prof. H. C. Filley, and Prof. O. R. Martin. At various times during the year the club holds meetings, which are addressed by outstanding guest speakers.

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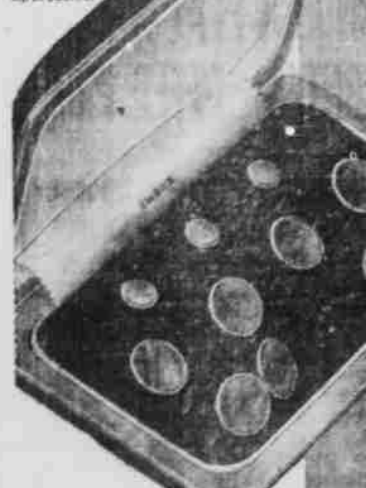
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Varsity Parties.

TO THE EDITOR: A short time ago the student council proposed in its meeting that it should control a series of Varsity parties which would be held from time to time during the year. Plans as formulated since that time call for a committee of twelve which would supervise these affairs. The personnel of the council would be three sorority women, three fraternity men, three barb women, and three barb men. If present plans go thru successfully there is the possibility that several such affairs will be held during this present school year.

Varsity parties, with all students on the campus partaking, have long been the ideal of many of the students on the campus, notably those unaffiliated ones who have been in charge of the All University parties. A democratic attitude prevailing on the campus, minus the smug complacency so characteristic of some groups, with a friendly congeniality, is just what is necessary, and what should stand as the goal of Varsity parties. The question is whether or not such a body as has been proposed by the student council to be placed in control could possibly bring about the filling of this need.

Three barb men and three barb women, three fraternity men, and three sorority women. Even in the formation of that committee is seen an attempt at compromise and conciliation. A line has been developed and is instinctively drawn between affiliated and unaffiliated students. Constant warfare would be prevailing in such a committee, and without peaceful pursuit of its business, such a concern cannot expect to supplant the attitude that exists at present with a democratic outlook and congeniality.

Several years ago Varsity parties were an institution on the Nebraska campus. The student council was in charge. Friction on the committee existed constantly. The parties lacked the festive atmosphere so necessary to such affairs, and as a result the council in charge soon found itself about \$2,000 in the red.

The faculty committee took the control of the dances away from the student council, and gave the power of supervision to a new organization, the Barb Council. This group of eighteen unaffiliated students, unprejudiced by political ties, has done a fine job of supervising the dances. In fact this year is the most successful in the history of Varsity parties, thus far. Because of a certain snobbishness and a condescending attitude on the part of certain Greek groups the parties are avoided like leprosy by the same groups, sim-

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Crabill chairman, with Callista Cooper and Marion Smith, members of a committee to organize a booking office for orchestras. "With such an organization we should be able to secure better out of town bands for the big parties," he said. An application of the Corn Cobs for a closed night March 23 was referred to the secretary of the council. Action will be taken next Wednesday when the council meets again.

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