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The Purpose Of a University.

In the hands of the Student Council today rests the fate of several prospective Mortar Boards and Innocents.

The Student Council will elect a committee to supervise the annual Junior-Senior Prom.

One is not necessarily forced to the Daily Nebraskan for the news that some election or other is coming up. Behind the scenes conferences, little political rallies involving one or two good friends, and much corner whispering is a sure sign that something is going to happen.

The prospects who have filed are easily discernable—they wear that harassed, please-do-something-for-me look. They are plainly worried. Their future on the campus is at stake.

They are obviously much more worried over their social chances than over a failing grade, or a condition. Those are matters which are laughed off over a coke. But an election—now you've run into something serious.

A diploma doesn't cost a great deal. And diplomas are rather freely given. The university doesn't attach any strings but that 125 credit hours must be completed before the student's name is affixed.

Any social election, with the accompanying hubbub, striving for votes, politics, worry, calls into question the very purpose of a university. Its job is to inspire students to think to teach them the value of the mind.

A degree doesn't signify that a student has learned the methods of mental control and has applied those methods to reasoning processes of his own.

The university purpose has been prostituted, by the students themselves, into a method of social distinction, and false honor and glory. Most students don't take time out to think. Their grades may be good, of Phi Beta Kappa ranking, but they still are uneducated.

The election being held today, with all its trimmings, represents that type of social distinction which has drawn students from the path of learning and the mind into the path of the dance floor and campus politics.

Not that the Daily Nebraskan recommends the abolishment of all activities from the university scene, but they, like liquid spirits, must be taken in moderation or the student will find himself reeling around in a fog.

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Yours democratically, We, the People.

papers contained articles dealing with communism and were immediately requested to discontinue publication when these articles were read by the educational boards.

Liberalism has become the new cry of higher education, but how can liberalism attain its goals when it dare not meet and face all of the ideas, doctrines, and policies of this world? We are finding it necessary to cease pushing science and specialized education too far in the foreground.

What sort of a judgment or opinion can students hold when they are only given a few ideas and doctrines to examine? Communism and evolution are kept away from the young student as being frightful theories which he should not think about.

If communism were freely discussed the students would not have silly prejudices of communism based upon fear and they would not be delighted in advocating it in newspapers just because the authorities are against treatment of it in the class room or in print.

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GLIMPSSES By Dale Martin.

An open letter to Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin of the British parliament: Dear Mr. Baldwin: In spite of what you read in the newspapers, sir, this is to inform you that the impending marriage between your king and our Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson is distinctly frowned upon by we, the people.

But to eliminate formalities and to get down to business. After all, we have our national pride. We have taken Edward's part in the whole affair only because we admire him and consider him a friend, but now that you, sir, have seen fit to make an issue of the case, we feel that it is our duty to stand staunchly for our own patriotic standards.

The reason we have not expressed our true position before this time is that we felt it was Wallis' right to live her own life. (An old American custom, by the way.) Now that a crisis has been reached, we feel that we must assert ourselves.

At the outset we wish to make clear our admiration and respect for your king. He has visited our country as Prince of Wales, and we enjoyed his company. We hope he can come again. (Incidentally, next time you run across his majesty, convey to him our best regards and tell him we would be glad to receive him, should he have occasion to visit us in the near future.)

Originally we felt no particularly strong resentment against a wedding between your king and our Lovely Lady. Or, if we did, we said nothing about it in the interests of democracy and in the name of civilization. But now, even though we look at recent developments in our most conservative manner, you definitely leave the impression that you feel our Lovely Lady to be not good enough for his Britannic majesty.

And that, to put it mildly, rubs our bristles the wrong way. We deeply resent your inference. We have concealed adverse comment upon the match though we were injured to see your ruler—niee fellow though he be—capture the affections of one of our aristocratic contributions to society. Now you presume to regard her as being below the station of a foreign monarch.

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Bulletin

Barb A. W. S. The Barb A. W. S. League will hold a mass meeting for all barb women on December 10, at 5 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

Ag executive board pictures and Farmers' Formal committee pictures at 12:30 Wednesday noon.

Student Council prom election, Wednesday, 5 o'clock.

Courage Required for Political Changes, Senning Declares; Unicameral a Step Towards Adaptation

frage, the system of popular elections controlled by political parties, and the operation of party pertinent to inquire why modern conditions have brought about the change in legislative process.

Party Controls Legislators. "According to the bicameral theory, areas as well as population were represented in a two-house legislature. Now, representation for a lawmaking body is based, with few exceptions, on population alone.

Professor Senning maintained that the very essence of the bicameral theory is the fact that one house acts as a check upon the other, that two houses tend to more careful deliberation, that defects are corrected by a second examination, and that hasty and ill-considered legislation is thereby prevented.

Citizens' Committee Named. "It was then under the leadership of Senator George W. Norris, a citizens committee was formed, composed of legislators, professors of political science of the University of Nebraska and public-spirited men and women of the state, to draft a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters by the initiative.

Members Competent. In conclusion, Professor Senning stated, "The success of the unicameral legislature will depend upon the character and competence of the men and women who are chosen to operate it.

While the new members are obviously an unknown quantity, nevertheless these men are, without exception, of proved leadership in their various callings.

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personal observation founded on intimate contact with legislators in Nebraska, may be hazarded, it is that among these forty-three men there is a far higher average of outstanding lawmakers than in any recent session of the legislature.

A man who is an authority on governmental problems, and a man who served on the citizens' committee and assisted in drafting the bill, has spoken his views. Is Nebraska's act an experiment? What will be the results? In any event, history will be made.

David Macklin, who plays with Borah Minneville's Harmonica Rascals when they are in New

York, is organizing a harmonica band at New York University Heights College.

A germ of communism in the matter of lockers has shown itself on the campus of Texas Christian university. Five freshmen sharing a one-foot wide locker have jammed 18 textbooks,

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