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 THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR Is Good Reform.

| Vote today-if for no other reason than the opportunty that becomes yours to tell your grandchildren that you voted in the last student election at Nebraska when those nasty factions were given the privilege of indicating who they were backing. <br> "Gee, grandpa, "they'll say, I'll bet you're certainly proud of your part in cleaning up the campus. Why, things were so bad then, they tell us, that even the Student Council voted down the reform measure, and the voters had to exercise that godgiven constitutional power of initiative.' <br> If grandpa beamed in answer, it would indicate that he hadn't kept in touch with campus activities after ending his college career with such a noble gesture. Time proved that Nebraska's student government wasn't able to function quite as offectively when a major flywheel-the political party-was removed from the machinery, and nothing was substituted in its place. <br> It must be the experimental unicameral legislature, on our very doorstep, that motivated these reformers. But the unicameral provided for a system of nor-partisan primaries, without mentioning other assurances that the state election system offers to insure that the man elected is a man of ment. <br> The desire for men of merit in student office is obviously the excuse for the reform bill. But reforming can be negative; if it only eliminates part of the present machinery, without replacing with better parts, it is destructive reform. <br> The political faction now performs, as an integral part of our governmental machinery, a preliminary | Straggiers and dead weight are still found, and for this reason, proponents of the amendment believe their legislation justified. But they have falled to prove that meritorious men go begging for office. There may be better men around the campus, but There may be better men around the campus, but dent activities. Possibly they once read a book. <br> Chances are the amendment would fail to remove the faction influence in elections; parties would still pe able to publicize their candidates outside the polls. If it were effective, the benefits of preliminary selection would be nullified, and an election from a long list of dabblers would inevitably result in a popularity contest. <br> We fail to see that ability to perform the duties of student government naturally follows from any of the peculiar devices by which a student may gain general campus notoriety. We belleve that atudent offices should be occupied by students of ablify, if they are interested in extra-curricular activities. The fundamental assumption behind all these beliefs is that student government is something worth worrying about-worth making the most ot. <br> If you've ever realized any past henefits or future possibilities of Nebraska student government, and we might Hist them sometime, your vote is worth "making the most of" to keep a system that has yet to see a better substitute. If you don't believe that this quixotic gesture will alter party influence, vote to oppose this hypocrisy of camouflage. If you beHeve that it will abolish party influence, at least demand that something replace the function of political parties before they are eliminated in the name of "retorm." |
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