



Committee devises mass rally proposal

Student Council will vote on measure after holiday recess; Dean Thompson favors plan

Outgrowth of student and faculty dissatisfaction with the present system of pre-election rallying is a proposal by the political rally committee of the Student Council that a mass rally for all the political organizations be held in the coliseum the night preceding the spring election.

The new rally plan will be up for adoption at the next meeting of the Council scheduled for the first Wednesday after Christmas vacation.

According to Lowell Michael, chairman of the committee, the proposal calls for an all-university mass meeting in the coliseum the night preceding the election. Some organized group, either the Tascels, Corncobs, Mortar Boards, the Council as a body, or the Innocents, will act as sponsor of the event. Police will be present to maintain order and to prevent any outbreak of violence.

Each faction to present platform.

A representative from each faction will be allowed to speak for the benefit of his party, outlining the platform of the faction, and then introducing the candidates nominated for the various posts.

As yet it has not been decided whether the candidates will be required to address the mass gathering. It is felt by members of the political rally committee that such a stipulation would inspire the factions to nominate students of greater ability, as the nominees will face the electors and state precisely just what he or she plans to do.

Included in the mass student (See MASS RALLY page 2)



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DEAN T. J. THOMPSON.
... forecasts higher quality candidates.

NEWS ROUNDUP State WPA grants may receive cut

National administrator declares 'white spot' shows no appreciation

By Davis, Loos, Mahnken.

STOP! YOU'RE BREAKING MY HEART.

Colonel F. C. Harrington, national WPA administrator, in his talk before the Nebraska Association of County Commissioners, etc., mentioned that Nebraska is spending a much lower percentage of its tax collections for relief than many (how many?) states. At the same time this state advertises itself to be the "white spot" of the nation having no income or sales taxes, and despite the fact no county in Nebraska has defaulted in its obligations. Colonel Harrington seems to feel that Nebraska doesn't appreciate what WPA has done, and is doing, for this state, and suggests strongly that WPA is going to reduce its grants.

This column believes that Nebraska's financial solvency is due in part to its charity relief grants, and that our state should continue to pursue its present relief policy as long as no incidents such as that in Cleveland transpire.

Nebraska's Unemployment Compensation division is faced with the problem of lowering its rates to reduce an accumulated surplus. If WPA grants are reduced, or eliminated, this surplus might be diverted to a system of planned public works in which the state need not consider the wishes of the colonel.

Nebraska is thankful for all (See NEWS ROUNDUP, page 6.)

Mortar Boards stage 'reversal' tomorrow

Organization president will be host to coeds, corsaged dates in coliseum as Trumbauer plays

Mortar Boards play host to the university campus tomorrow night when Franke Trumbauer and his orchestra hit the down beat at 9 in the coliseum for the annual leap year party where females and their corsaged dates turn things around, the femininity footing the bill.

As president of the women's honorary, Elizabeth Waugh, will be the official hostess of the event. Miss Waugh was recently elected Honorary Colonel.

A star saxophonist, Trumbauer has won acclaim of all the leading colleges and universities of the west with his style of music. Collegians have voted him their favorite band at Missouri university and the University of Illinois. Trumbauer before organizing his own band led Gene Goldkette's orchestra and also was a member of Paul Whiteman's "Kings of Jazz."



—Lincoln Journal and Star.
ELIZABETH WAUGH.
... plays host to party-goers.

Official chaperons at the "women foot the bill" affair are Prof. and Mrs. Karl Arndt and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Millitzer. In charge of the chaperons and invitations are Mary Steuteville and Miva Keime. Faith Medlar is chairman of the committee of ticket sales, Selma Hill is in charge of coliseum arrangements. Janet Lau is making plans for the pre-party dinner and Helen Kovanda and Fern Steuteville are handling the publicity.

Fairer sex must do buying Tickets to the vice-versa affair which sees the fairer sex perform the traditionally masculine formal- (See LEAP YEAR page 2)

Students agree First gripe session goes over big; more to be held

say sponsors

Required class attendance, lack of a free day between the end of classes for the semester, the beginning of final exams and compulsory ROTC, were the chief "gripes" presented at the first gripe session held in the Union yesterday.

Besides these three gripes which aroused most discussion were others, some small and petty, and some too big ever for contempla-

non-pointing of University Players for their efforts, and the failure of professors in synopsing their lectures, quiz, and test materials, all came in for condemnation from the group. Suggested as practicable for adoption by the university, but not favored by the entire session was the quarter plan to replace a semester basis.

Students who attended the session felt that it was a success in bringing out student feeling and gaining student opinion. Enough general interest was shown in the meeting to convince sponsors that more will be held in the future.

A copy of all the gripes was kept and will be presented to the Student Council and to the Chancellor for consideration.



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HAROLD NIEMANN.

... proud of his gripes.

tion, all presented to the assembled students. The practice of not giving back final exams, of not allowing freshmen in such activities as Pershing Rifles or to participate in trips and contests, thus making the whole squad ineligible; the

Doctor reports Wesen condition still serious

Prof. M. H. Wesen, of the business English department, is "holding his own today with little change since yesterday," according to his physician Dr. Sidney Reese. He has been in a very serious condition since his operation at Bryan Memorial hospital earlier this week.

Mag avoids 'nude' deal

Awgwan appears today; humor decently covered

Resplendent in all its Christmas wrappings, the December Awgwan comes out today. The covers, which were lost, arrived yesterday afternoon.

"The Season's Open," written by an anonymous person known as "Chance," will tell about the formal season in general, the Mortar Board party in particular. Pointers will be given the girls on the "hows" of date-getting, corsage-buying, and check-psyng.

Problems of "The Spirit of Giving," or "What the Hell Should I Give Harold This Year", will be settled in an article by Margaret Krause. The "Awgwan's Own Divorce Case" will tell how various publications, such as the DAILY NEBRASKAN, Walter Winchell, a tabloid, the March of Time, and the W. C. T. U., report a divorce case.

Union invites students to party Dec. 17

Officials plan open house, carols in best Christmas tradition

Caroling and good cheer in the holiday spirit will mark the Union open house and Christmas party next Tuesday night from 7:30 to 9:30.

The party, the Union's Christmas gift to the students, will be the biggest single event staged in the Union this year except for the



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KENNETH VAN SANT.
... gives pre-holiday party.

opening night celebration in September, predicted Pat Lahr, social director.

Students must present identification cards at the outer door. Tickets, to be exchanged for free refreshments later in the evening,

(See UNION, page 2.)

Students . . . Here and over the nation see third term for Roosevelt

NATIONWIDE

By Student Opinion Surveys. Although a good majority of American college students continue their approval of Franklin D. Roosevelt as president, campus opinion has not kept pace with the increasing support that the U. S. voter has been giving the chief executive since the European war broke out.

A coast-to-coast referendum of collegians taken by the Student Opinion Surveys of America shows that more than three out of every five "generally approve of Roosevelt today as president." This is only nine-tenths of one percent less than the vote of approval students gave F. D. R. a year ago this month, according to the continuous index of his popularity that the Surveys has kept. These scientific polls of college thought are conducted through the co-operation of nearly 150 member undergraduate newspapers, among them the DAILY.

Significant are the comparisons that now, after more than a year of measuring student opinion, the Surveys can make with other national polls. It is clearly shown that the moving world and national events of recent months have not influenced student opinion as much as national public opinion, which since the start of the war has far outstripped the collegians in approval of the president. Here is the record:

APPROVE	Dec. '38	Now
Of F. D. R.	55.5%	64.9%
Poll of U. S. Voters	55.5%	64.9%
Poll of U. S. Students	62.8%	61.9%

Thus, while last December there was a greater percentage of students in favor of Roosevelt than there was of voters, events since then have caused the rank and file to change its attitudes, while student approval is in almost a straight line, and even slightly less than a year ago.

Students in New England, the Middle Atlantic and East Central

(See ROOSEVELT page 2)

NEBRASKA

Roosevelt eased out a slight plurality of votes on the Nebraska campus yesterday as 42.5 percent of the students interviewed named him as their favorite candidate for the presidential chair next year. At his heels with a support of 40 percent of the student body was Republican Thomas E. Dewey.

Approximately one percent of the enrolled student body repre-



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FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT.
... choice of nation's youth.

sentative of all colleges and varied interest were queried in the sixth DAILY Poll of Student Opinion on the question, "Who would you like to see elected president of the United States in 1940?"

Though many voiced anti-third term sentiments, and others felt that it was time to change another "horse" Roosevelt captured the same percentage plurality over his Republican competitor, as the whole democratic party scored over the Republicans. 52.5 percent acknowledged democratic sympathies.