

Only the crust is left of

The Junior-Senior Prom's Prestige Puff

A Result of Campus Taxation (For Prom Tickets) Without Representation (In Committee Election)

The DAILY NEBRASKAN feels that the election of the Junior-Senior Prom committee should be in the hands of the student body rather than the politically-minded Student Council as at present. To discover whether the student body shares in this opinion, the DAILY is sponsoring the printing of ballots for distribution at Tuesday's election of the 1940 Prom Girl.

Theoretically the Prom committee is composed of leaders in the junior class. Actually under the present system of election, its membership is largely composed of would-be leaders—students who haven't enough activities on their own hook to qualify for Innocents and Mortar Board and need another one which is easy to get (if you know the right people, politically speaking), and involves little work, while carrying supposedly considerable prestige.

For example, take the case of Joe D. He never was seriously interested in activities because he couldn't see their value in proportion to the work involved. But Joe's fraternity needs a candidate for Innocents the coming spring and frankly they don't have a single junior who can qualify. Joe is a Corn Cob and maybe was a staff editor on the Cornhusker when he was a sophomore, but that isn't enough. Fortunately Joe's fraternity belongs to the faction holding a majority on the Student Council, though, and so its troubles are over. He easily is elected to the Prom committee (along with other men of the same faction and the women who are best at striking a bargain or pretending to), and presto! Joe has another "major" activity for which he had to do no work at all.

As more and more Joes have sat on Prom committees during the past few years, lower and lower has fallen the prestige attached to those committees until today it is negligible in the eyes of activity bigwigs. Elected by the student council, names of the members of the Prom committee are generally unknown to students off the council and consequently their achievement has a hollow ring.

But if the Prom committee were elected by general student vote in the fall election, names of the candidates would be well-publicized and become familiar to the campus. A new school interest in the Prom would come when the student body felt that it had something to say about who managed it. And committee members inevitably would constitute the leaders in the junior class because the successful candidates would be those who had made themselves best known and best liked by their achievements in other activities. It has been proved many times that a weak candidate (like our friend Joe) backed by a strong faction will lose 9 times out of 10 to a strong candidate belonging to a weaker faction if balloting is left up to a general campus vote.

If elected by students, the Prom committee would more nearly represent the campus as a whole than at present. This can be proved by comparing the results of general elections and Student Council Prom elections: **GENERAL ELECTIONS NEVER RESULT IN A CLEAN SWEEP OF OFFICES BY ONE FACTION AND STUDENT COUNCIL PROM ELECTIONS ALWAYS DO!** In other words, if the new system were adopted and put into effect next year, the 1941 Prom committee would contain Barbs, affiliated men of both factions, and affiliated women who were not forced to resort to the degrading practice of vote-selling in order to gain election. **THE CHANGE WOULD BENEFIT DIRECTLY BARBS, ALL WOMEN, MEMBERS OF FRATERNITIES BELONGING TO MINORITY FACTIONS IN THE COUNCIL, AND WOULD NOT WITHHOLD THE RIGHT OF THE MAJORITY FACTION TO PLACE A MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS ON THE PROM COMMITTEE PROVIDED IT STILL COULD DEMONSTRATE ITS SUPERIOR STRENGTH WITH VOTERS.**

Finally, a new system of election would benefit the Prom committee very materially. It would raise campus interest in the affair and restore the prestige of the committee to the high level which

it rightly and traditionally deserves. Given the backing of the student body at Tuesday's election, the DAILY will carry the issue to the Student Council from whose hands any change must come. **BUT IF THE STUDENT BODY EXPRESSES ITSELF AS FIRMLY IN FAVOR OF THE CHANGE, COUNCIL MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THAT STUDENT BODY WILL HAVE NO RIGHT TO OPPOSE IT.**

Vote Tuesday for Prom Girl and indicate your wish to be consulted when next year's Prom committee is elected.



"DER FUEHRER" SPEAKS

Adolph Hitler, on the twentieth anniversary of the birth of the National-Socialist party, addressed the German people from the Braun House in Munich Saturday. He spoke of his courage in returning to the city where an attempt had been made on his life. Then he reviewed the history of his party. In 1920 Germany was a weak, defenseless, pessimistic nation, but she was not defeated. One man, Hitler, believed in the future of Germany.

He realized that her weakened state was due to the treaty of Versailles and later international interference in German affairs. His party fought hard and unrelentingly for thirteen years until it defeated all opposition and came into power. Since its advent to power, Hitler's party has restored Germany economically and has lifted her culture to new heights.

The strongest note in Hitler's speech was his emphasis upon his humble origin, upon the fact that he and his party chiefs are men of the people. He contrasted himself, a poor soldier who rose by his own unceasing labors, with Churchill and the English leaders, capitalistic aristocrats. "I am glad these men do not hold me their friend," said Hitler. In contrast to these men and to the leaders of Germany until 1918, Hitler disclaimed he and his party were of the people. "I want only the love and devotion of my fellow countrymen," declared Hitler.

A new thought in Hitler's speech was his denunciation of the capitalistic system. The capitalistic order has collapsed, he shouted.

Comparing Germany's position now with that in 1914, he showed her to be immensely stronger internationally—the friend of Italy, Russia, and Japan—militarily—we have the finest armament man can make and the Germans have a new spirited leadership, the best in the land—and economically—the blockade is full of holes and we can secure what we need. Hitler further asserted that foreign propaganda disseminated by Jews was absolutely ineffective since the German people had graduated from a school of unknown to any other people, except perhaps the Italians. "Chamberlain's promises have no meaning for the German people."

"Jews, capitalists, and democrats cannot think to dictate to us how we shall manage our affairs, though they drive us to war. We will win, we must win, we shall win. Our ancestors and forebears fought and won—we too shall win!"

Hitler's condemnation of capitalism, of an autocratic ruling class, and his assertion of humble origin and belief in the people as well as his denunciation of the "democratic" countries of the world who want to rule Germany are powerful appeals for popular support and will make Germany hard to beat.

ENGLAND SPEAKS

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain today addressed the people of England on the status and condition of the Empire in regard to the World war. Telling little of the future policy of the nation in regard to the Finnish situation and the Near East, he devoted most of his remarks to denouncing the totalitarian states and their leaders.

Chamberlain was as vehement in his condemnation of Stalin as he was of Hitler, for the first time publicly acknowledging that Russia should be punished for her treatment of Finland, and that England would do what she could to see that this was accomplished. For the most part, the speech hinged around the words "brutality" and "murderers" as applied to the policy of the totalitarian nations.

Meanwhile a last desperate appeal for aid came from Finland, who called two more classes to arms this week. Word was confirmed that the Russians had amassed an army of 350,000 men on the Karelian isthmus to continue their drive against the Mannerheim line. Stalin has come to Leningrad to personally direct his forces against Finland. The Finns admit that their supplies and ammunition are running low.

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MONDAY.

UNI EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Confirmation and service will be held at the University Episcopal church at 11 a. m.

UNION PROGRAM.
Tarbell, the magician, will perform at 4:15 in the Union ballroom.

GIRLS RIFLE CLUB.
Members of the girls rifle club will meet at 5 p. m. on the rifle range in Andrews.

TOWNE CLUB.
Towne club members will meet in Parlor A of the Union at 6 p. m.

REQUEST PROGRAM.
A program of request music will be played on the Carnegie music set in the faculty lounge of the Union at 4 p. m.

OBSERVATORY.
The observatory on the city campus will be open for students for an hour after

sun-down if the sky is clear for the purpose of seeing the five evening stars in the western sky.

TASSELS.
Tassels will meet at 5 p. m. in room 302 of the Union.

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA.
Members of Sigma Alpha Iota will meet in room 316 of the Union at 4 p. m.

TUESDAY.

PI MU EPSILON.
Members of Pi Mu Epsilon will meet in the Union at 6:30 p. m.

PRE-LAW ASSOCIATION.
First regular monthly meeting of the Pre-Law association will meet at 7 p. m. in room 201 Social Sciences. Chief Justice Robert G. Simmons of the State Supreme Court will deliver an address on the courts.

SIGMA ALPHA IOTA.
Members of Sigma Alpha Iota pledge and actives will meet for lunch with alumnae at the Union in the faculty dining room.

HARMONY HOUR.
Weekly harmony hour will be held in the faculty lounge at 4 p. m.

SIGMA ETA CHI.
Sigma Eta Chi actives will meet in room 315 of the Union at 7 p. m. Pledges will meet in room 305 at the same time.

PHALANX.
Members of Phalanx will meet at 7:30 p. m. in room 315 of the Union.

LEAGUE OF EVANGELICAL STUDENTS.
League of Evangelical Students will meet at 7 p. m. in room 316 of the Union.

'Advocates' to hear judge

Justice Simmons speaks on court system Tuesday

Chief Justice Robert G. Simmons, of the Nebraska State Supreme Court, will speak on the Nebraska court system at the meeting of the "Young Advocates," association for pre-law students next Tuesday evening at 7 in Social Science 201. The meeting is primarily for members of the association, but any one may attend.

"Young Advocates" was organized in January, when the constitution, now in the hands of the student council committee on constitutions, was adopted. The organization has 20 charter members, and 15 other students have joined since the association was begun.

The meeting Tuesday night is also for the purpose of launching a membership drive, under the leadership of Edward McConnell, chairman of the membership drive committee. Any student who intends to take law, whether or not he is registered in law college, may become a member.

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