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## Editorially Speaking

### Post-Election Comment . . .

## It's Only the Beginning

Yesterday the student body in by far the largest similar Prom Girl election in history, voted by a substantial majority that it favored election of future Prom Committees by direct student election instead of indirectly by the Student Council as at present. These results do not mean that such a change automatically goes into effect—far from it. It means only that the student body has expressed itself as in back of the suggestion of the DAILY that such a change be made. Admittedly any legislation to that effect must come from the Student Council which has official jurisdiction over all elections.

To an uninformed on-looker it might appear that such action by the Council inevitably would follow this expression of student opinion. For after all, the Student Council represents the student body and consequently should be anxious to act in accordance with its constituents' wishes. Since the DAILY has pointed out that the students obviously favor direct campus election of Prom Committees, what would be more logical than that the Council take the necessary steps to effect such a change?

And perhaps the Council will do this quite willingly. Some of the members have indicated a lack of interest in so doing, but this was before they knew what student opinion was on the subject. Now that they know, perhaps they will recognize their responsibility to carry out voters' expressed wishes. Time will tell, for naturally there are many details about such a change that must be worked out in order that it may function satisfactorily when put into effect. The DAILY pledges itself to cooperate toward this end.

Once more the DAILY wishes to state that it has only the interests of the general student body in mind. It does not seek to do political injury to any student or group and has pointed out that A CHANGE IN PROM COMMITTEE ELECTION CAN WORK NO PERMANENT HARDSHIP ON ANYONE. It will not represent a perfect solution to the problem of proportionate representation any more than do present general elections, but it will be a step in the right direction.

No one regrets more than the DAILY that yesterday's election took on the aspects of a faction fight. At no time has the DAILY consulted with any faction or been consulted by any faction in regard to the proposed change. Nor has it refused to print any "other side" to the plan. No individual or group ever has approached the DAILY in an effort to have any opposing views published. To date no legitimate reasons for retaining Council election of the Prom Committee have been pointed out to the DAILY. A change would not take control of the Committee away from the Council. That group still would pass on all financial doings of the Committee and the latter still would be wholly responsible to the Council. The Committee still would be half-composed of Council members who would file and be elected by a general vote in the same manner that would non-Council candidates.

The Prom Committee is not comparable to other party committees such as those of the Interfraternity Ball or the Military Ball, it is the only party committee which is pointed as an activity, the only one carrying activity

prestige. Consequently it is hardly fair that a small group—any small group—be allowed the privilege of saying in whose laps this "political plum" shall be placed each year. Continuance of such a practice can only work to the detriment of both the Committee and the Prom.

Finally the DAILY does not feel called upon to defend its actions. Yesterday's vote proved that it has the support of a majority of the students. As for any personal attacks on the editor, they could easily be shown up as malicious and untrue, but the columns of the DAILY should not be used to promote the personal interests of its editor—particularly when such attacks have nothing to do with the question at hand. Rather we thank our readers for their support and promise to use it always to the advantage of the student body and the University community wherein it resides.



**News Roundup**  
Davis, Loos, Mahnken

### NORRIS IN THE NEWS

Senator Norris is back in the news again, this time in connection with the trade treaties. The Nebraska senator made it plain that he would once again be one of the leaders in the fight for the reciprocal trade agreements. Taking the point of view accepted by most supporters of the measure, Norris asserted that the trade treaties had benefitted the nation at large. Many students of tariff history will agree with the Nebraska independent that "the trade treaties effect a tendency to get us away from an illogical method of having the five hundred people in congress jointly fix the tariff structure. That method is cumbersome, and has always been wholly impractical and conducive to log-rolling." And, it might be mentioned, that method serves the interest of everyone except the consuming public.

The position which Norris has taken on the question of the reciprocal trade agreements is in sharp contrast with that which the Nebraska representatives assumed. Only one of the congressional delegation voted for renewal of the program, while Representatives Coffee and Curtis were among the most vocal opponents. It is apparent that the representatives were more solicitous of the local interests of their constituents, perhaps unduly so. Representative Coffee in particular seemed to have permitted the dust from the hoofs of a few Canadian cattle to get in his eyes.

Now that the house of representatives has passed the measure providing for an extension of the trade-agreement powers, the real test is at hand. The senate will doubtless attempt to tear the measure apart, and seek to assert its pre-eminent position by requiring senate ratification of all agreements signed by the president. The reports from day to day indicate new converts for the administration's measure, however, and the odds on the success of the bill are shortening.

## Scrap Irony

Chris Petersen

I see by this morning's paper that they are having more trouble in Bloody Harlan County, Ky. It's getting so that down in that country when you go into the sheriff's office to report a murder, you have to stand in line.

It may not be crime but it borders on it very close. Down there it seems as if two wrongs make a riot!

Crime is interesting in a way. Gangsters, crooks and all. Someone has said that a gangster is a fellow with gunning little ways. Give a gangster an inch and he'll take a rod.

We had a crime wave in Blair, too. There was a fellow who stole a calendar and got twelve months.

There's a lot to this old saying that a crook is a fellow who believes firmly in his non-con-  
viction.

I suppose that gangster's aren't really bad. But still, how can a gangster be decent when he had to do business with the kind of people who do business with gangsters?

Back home we have the system. The local police force waits until Saturday night to make their arrest and then the crooks come clean!

Oh, well, there is no arrest for the wicked.

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### TODAY

- PI PHI ALUMNAE. Pi Phi alumnae will meet in Parlor X of the Union at 12:30 p. m.
- PRESBYTERIAN STUDENTS. Presbyterian students will meet at noon in Parlor Y of the Union.
- ASE. American Society of Agricultural Engineers will meet in room 305 of the Union at 7:30.
- ASCE. Members of the American Society of Civil Engineers will meet in room 313 of the Union at 7:30 p. m.
- DELTA OMIKRON. Members of Delta Omikron will meet in room 316 of the Union at 7 p. m.
- PI TAU SIGMA. Pi Tau Sigma, honorary mechanical engineering fraternity will meet in the Union at 6:15 p. m.
- RED GUIDON. Members of Red Guidon will meet at

7:30 p. m. in the Military Science Building on the Ag campus. Major Bain will speak on "The New Drill and Its Tactical Employment."

MATINEE DANCE. There will be a matinee dance in the ballroom of the Union at 5 p. m. Bring identification cards.

### THURSDAY

- SOAP CARVING CLASS. The soap-carving class will meet at p. m. in room 313 of the Union. Instruction and materials are free.
- GRADUATE COFFEE HOUR. All graduate students are invited to attend the graduate student coffee hour in the faculty lounge of the Union at 5 p. m.

### FRIDAY

SIGMA DELTA CHI. Sigma Delta Chi, men's journalism fraternity will hold a smoker in parlors X and Y of the Union from 7:30 to 9:00 p. m.

## Schramm tells Sigma Xis about mineral problem

One of the biggest problems facing the United States today is not the mineral products that the country is "short on" but the one product that we are "long on"—gold, Prof. E. F. Schramm, chairman of the department of geology told members of Sigma Xi meeting Monday night in Morrill.

Professor Schramm scoffed at the idea of a scarcity of certain minerals needed for our national defense. "The problem resolves itself into one of going to work as we did in the case of potash at the time of the World war," he declared, but he pointed out that the gold problem is not so easily solved.

The geologist declared that having two-thirds of the world's gold is like having a wildcat by the tail with no psychological moment to turn it loose. Schramm said that one country cannot bear the brunt of experimenting with a world solution of the gold problem, but that it calls for world cooperation. He suggested organization of an international mineral congress to regulate price and production of all widely used mineral products.

### Ag holds breakfast

The annual pre-Easter breakfast on Ag campus will be served in the Student Activities building March 17 at 7 a. m., sponsored by the Ag College Religious Council

## Lyman opens required medical examinations for teachers Monday

Due to the large number of prospective teachers who are planning to get teachers certificates this June, Dr. R. A. Lyman, director of student health service, has advanced the date for the beginning of the medical examinations to Monday. These examinations, required of all who plan to receive teachers certificates, may be started at any time in the student health office.

The examinations, which include tuberculin and Wasserman tests and a general physical examination similar to the one given freshmen, can be taken in a week's time. A short re-check will be required ten days before the certificate is issued.

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