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Editorially Speaking

## Inefficiency indicated in **Eligibility Trouble Again**

Tuesday's election was postponed by the Student Council elections committee when a late ruling of ineligibility on one of the candidates for Ivy Day Orator left one of the campus factions without a representative. Then yesterday the committee ruled that the faction could not have a substitute candidate's name printed on the ballot which would mean that the election colud have been held just as well on Tuesday as tomorrow. Such indecision and apparent ignorance as to just what to do is a serious reflection on the committee's efficiency in directing the important business of campus elections. Nor would it be necessary to decide on these last minute mix-ups if clear-cut information regarding the election had been released in the first place.

If there is not sufficient time between the closing of filings and the election to properly check eligibility of candidates and announce the results, then filings should be opened and closed sooner to allow time. If there is sufficient time now, then it is up to the elections committee to take a little more interest and avoid the confusion which seems to characterize all contests this year. On another Tuesday, February 27 to be exact, the DAILY was forced to carry a similar story on the very day of election to the effect that the names of two candidates for Prom Girl previously released had been ruled off the ballot because of ineligibility. Because of the lateness of the announcement, pictures of the ineligible candidates already had been taken and were run along with others in the group in the same issue of the DAILY which printed news of the elections committee's ruling.

What excuse, what reason can be given for such situations? In the first place, the elections mmittee itself never appears to be too sure about the rules up to the time the polls open. More publicity should be given the exact qualifications which candidates must meet in order to be eligible to run. The Orator candidate ruled ineligible Tuesday was disqualified on a point never mentioned to the DAILY by the committee. Then filings should be checked in time to allow for due settlement of any questions which may arise as a result of rulings on eligibility. There should be none of this last minute business of notifying candidates, factions, and the voters themselves just what the situation is. Rulings on all controversial points should be made early enough to eliminate any protests made on a basis of contradictory statements and absence of concrete facts. For example, the question of women filing and voting for Ivy Day Orator has come up a number of different years. Yet this year, no definite ruling was made on the subject until the scheduled day of the election and then the ruling contradicted an earlier and supposedly official announcement. A woman candidate for Orator was not ruled ineligible until after filings had closed and until after she considered herself officially notified as eligible and her backers had started campaigning. The major trouble, insofar as the DAILY is concerned, is the same as frequently afflicts publicity of other campus affairs. This is lack of a central organization authority through whom all information about an affair is issued and who can be counted upon not only to publicise the facts but to insurance the accuracy of those facts. In the case of elections, it would seem that this authority should be the chairman of the elections committee. He should not only ascertain all necessary information in due time but he should see that it is made available to such agencies for dissemination as the DAILY. When such is not done the DAILY has to get its information from various sources which leads to contradiction, denial and general mix-up.

best interests of all-the sponsoring organizations, the DAILY, and the reading public-that acts be given correctly the first time and in sufficient time. A little more co-operation toward this end would seem in order.

News Roundup

## \_\_\_\_ By Norbert Mahakan \_\_\_\_

CHIEFS TALK.

Activity on the war front yesterday confined itself to reports from the various government chieftains as to the progress of the war. In France Premier Reynaud told the French senate that Germany had lost about one-third of her navy in the past week of fighting. The specific figures which he quoted were that 20 percent of Germany's cruisers and 25 percent of the destroyers had been lost. These figures at first glance may appears rather high, but they are probably rather exact when one remembers that Nazi destroyers at the outbreak of the war numbered only slightly over 40, and cruisers, both light and heavy, and including the three pocket battleships were not more than 20 in number. To suppose that ten destroyers and four cruisers were destroyed is not hard to believe if one adds up the reports which came in during the week.

Chamberlain meanwhile thundered away at the Nazis, still verbally, telling the national free church council in London that the German invasion of Nor- usber for the Musical Jamboree at 7:30 way and Denmark showed that "no people, however meek, however peaceful they may be can be safe until this mad dog is destroyed." He reiterated his confidence that the monsters of wickedness" in Germany would be destroyed-our confidence would be bolstered if someone other than the Umbrella Man were shielding the British.

#### U. S. GETS SLAP.

The United States has been taking the real verbal beating these days. A few days ago the Germans released documents supposed to be taken from Polish diplomatic correspondence which would seem to indicate that if there is to be any "war guilt" this time it is to live at the feet of the Americans, who through their U. S. ambassador supposedly gave the Poles such encouragement as to induce them to refuse the benevolent protection of the Germans. Only this week the other side took their turn as certain English officials accused the Americans of fostering a war spirit and by indirection leading the old world into war.

President Roosevelt receives todays slap, this time from the German press. In answer to the President's recent condemnation of the Nazi invasion of Norway the German press let it be known in no uncertain terms that they would appreciate it if the President would keep his nose out of European affairs, which is apparently to be the province of the Nazis alone. The President, appealing for international justice last Saturday declared that "if civilization is to survive, the rights of smaller nations to independence, to their territorial integrity, and to unimpeded opportunity for self-government must be respected by their more powerful neighbors." In reply to this statement the Nazis state that "Europe demands that European affairs be regulated in a European manner and not according to American since a man's voice carries so principles and interpretations." We can certainly agree that Europeans, if the Nazis are to be taken as examples, do not conduct their affairs in accordance with American views as to democratic principles of self-government, European methods, personafied by Nazi aggression, which takes whatever it can by the force at its disposal is certainly out of line with our "American principles or interpretations."

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#### TODAY

MATINEE DANCE. Regular weekly matinee de id in the Union ballysom adenis must present identifi dentification of

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENTS. Presbyterian students will meet in par-X of the Union at noon.

RAPPA PHI.

Rappa Phi will meet in parlors X and the Union at 7 p. m. GAMMA ALPHA CHI.

fembers of Gamma Alpha Chi will meet room 315 of the Union at 5 p. m. SIGMA ALPHA IOTA.

Members of Sigma Alpha Iota will room 316 of the Union at 5 p. m. MU PHI EPSILON.

Members of Mn Phi Epsilon will meet room 316 of the Union at 7:30 p. m.

The Home Economics association will meet at 6:45 p. m. in the social rooms of the Home Ec building. Scholarships and loan funds which are available to Home Ec students will be discussed. All girls are welcome to attend. KAPPA PHI AND PHI TAU THETA.

Dewitt Baldwin, secretary of the Board of Missions, located in New York City, will speak to a joint meeting of Kappa Phi and Phi Tau Theta Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. in parlors X and Y of the Union, Mr. Baldwin will discuss the relationship of the college student to missions and missionary work. TASSELS.

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## **Reporter-**

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day, and if the women have a good speaker, she should be allowed to perform. No one can deny that women are good talkers."

Lee Clare, business administration senior:

"A man, of course, because it has always been a university tradition to have a man as orator. I don't think we should break an established precedent now.'

Kathryn Park, arts and sciences freshman:

"I'm prejudiced. A man." Wally Cleven, business administra-

tion senior:

"I think we should allow the elections to be run as they have been run in the past. It's the custom to have a man and I don't think that the custom should be broken.

Barbara Cook, arts and sciences sophomore:

"I don't especially care whether it is a man or a woman, but I think they should both be allowed to run. A man's voice does carry much better than a woman's, however. Howard Zorn, ag college sophomore:

think the orator

Corncobs will check tickets at the nee dance at 5 p. m. in the Union roam. Meeting will be postponed week. Extra credit will be given to cobs who help Tassels under at the cal Jamboree at the Collseum at p, m, THURSDAY

CORNCOBS.

FRENCH FILM. The French Club will present the French film, "La Fin du Jour" in the Union ball-room at 4 and 7 p. m.

THETA MGMA PI.

Sigma Pi will meet in parlo Union at 6:30 p. m. VOCATIONAL LECTURE.

Ken Robinson, emilinuity editor of the central division of NBC will speak in the Union in partors XYZ of the Union at 4 p. m. in the hast maching of the vocations-series sponsored by the AWS. The meeting is open to all students. Robinson will bold individual conferences in the faculty lounge from 2 to 4 p. m. SCABBARD AND BLADE.

Members of Scabbard and Blade will tect in parlors XY of the Union at 7:15 m. SINFONIA.

Sinfonia will meet in parlor Z of the GAMMA LAMBDA.

Members of Gamma Lambda will meet in room 313 of the Union at 5 p. m. SAME. The society of American Military Engi-neers will meet in room 313 of the Union at

7 p. m.

LUTHERAN STUDENTS.

Gamma Della Bible class will meet at 5 p. m. is room 263 Temple. The meet-ing will be the last meeting of the semiss-ter.

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with John K. Sellek's office in accordance with the announced proceedure.

Office approves filing.

Selleck's office gave her application the official approval, and Miss Miller started her campaign. She carried on her campaigning through Monday night-under the impression that she was eligible and had been officially accepted as a candidate. The first notice she received that she was not a candidate for orator was in a story in yesterday's DAILY, telling of Clineberg's ineligibility, and that Bryce Smith, progressive, and Lyle Gill, Barb, were the only candidates. The elections committee, it appears, had not notified her that she had been disqualified on the grounds of the Council's ruling in April, 1939.

I feel sitly.

Miss Miller told the DAILY yesterday evening, "I think the elec-tions committee showed a lack of consideration or of common sense in not notifying me of my disqualification earlier. After all, I felt rather silly . . . campaigning, and then discovering at the minute that I wasn't even on the ballott." Professor Lantz explained that the Student Council had ruled last year, when a similar controversy arose, that only men students were qualified to vote for the orator. Following this theme, Lantz continued, it was accepted that since men alone could vote, they should be the only candidates for the office. Women, it was ruled by the committee, elected the May Queen and nominated candidates for Mortar Board; therefore, men should be the sole participants in choosing the Ivy orator and in nominating Innocents. Liberals go to work. The liberal party, on the basis of the election committee's statements that women would be permitted to vote this year-a statement that has been proven to be inaccurate-did an extensive amount of campaigning for their candidate, covering, in the course of their efforts, all sororities and organized barb groups.

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HOME EC ASSOCIATION

The DAILY is anxious to print accurate campus news and it makes an honest effort to obtain It. But when the authorities themselves disagree, It is inevitable that this indecision is reflected in this newspaper's reporting. Certainly it is to the

# Scrap Irony AAA. Chris Petersen

I wander around wondering about things. Especially the way that we can twist this language of ours around. You too should wonder about the linguistic barriers I've wandered across.

#### . . . . .

Do people who talk to themselves ever become boring ?--- Why is it that when the world limb is mentioned, men never think of arms. Or trees ?----Isn't it imposing upon yourself when you tax your memory ?---- If people laugh up their sleeves because their funny bone is there ?---- Why the choke on the automobile isn't on the back seat driver ?----Do prize fighters go around wishing each other a slap happy New Year ?----If it isn't better to have halitosis than no breath at all ?----Why nature didn't make the mosquito a vegetarian ?----If leaving footprints in the sands of time isn't a matter of just having big feet ?----Why more twins aren't named Pete and Repete ?---- Why husband-beating wives aren't called "the batter half." --- If the President of today isn't just the two cent stamp of tomorrow? ----What happened to our girl Saturday?

nouid be a man, but women should be allowed to run., It's tradition though to have a man, and perhaps tradition should be followed.

Marion Cooper, business administration senior:

"I think a man should be chosen, much better in an outside ceremony. Men are also more interesting to listen to.

Clarence Johnsen, business administration sophomore:

"It seems more appropriate for men to give orations, because they have a more powerful voice, and express themselves much more clearly. I don't think women should run."

Marjorie Fouts:

"Certainly a woman should be allowed to run. Since this is a school, co-educational women should have the same rights as men."

Barton Baker, arts and sciences freshman:

"Yes, let them have a woman orator. Except for the tapping of the new Innocents, Ivy Day is almost entirely ladies' day, and they might as well be allowed to have the orator, too.

### **Profs** participate in Writer's Guild meeting

Several members of the university faculty will participate in the April 27 meetings in Lincoln of the Nebraska Writers guild. Dr. R. A. Miller, director of university libraries, is chairman of the nonfiction panel roundtable on whose program will appear Dr. M. S. Peterson and Dr. Ruth Odell of the department of English. Peterson will discuss "Organized Material for Biography," and Miss Odell will talk on "Unorganized Material for Biography." Herbert Yenne of the department of speech and dramatic art is president of the guild, and Theodore Diers, radio director, is gecretary.

## Dean LeRossignol is toastmaster at Texas meeting

J. E. LeRossignol, dean of the college of business administration, will be toastmaster Friday evening at a dinner meeting of the nation's business schools on the Texas university campus.

Deans of the business schools are meeting in Austin from April 18 to 20 to discuss their educational problems at the 22nd annual session of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Businest

The three day meeting will feature addresses on such subjects as student placement, curricula, so-cial implications of business education and other problems.