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The Prom Committee— It's face is lifted

After four weeks of discussion, argument and study of various proposals presented by a special committee appointed to investigate methods of running next year's Junior-Senior Prom, the Innocents society has adopted a system which will be used in planning future proms.

Following last semester's furor over what Liberals and Barbs termed a highly inefficient committee and what the progressives excused as a committee handicapped by a limited budget and by an almost impossible booking situation, the DAILY initiated a campaign to have future prom committees elected entirely by student ballot. The Innocents society last year followed the DAILY proposal by asking higher-ups if that group could take over the sponsorship of the prom, to do with it what the Innocents thought best. Their request was granted.

Political wrangling stopped. Everyone was satisfied. Present indications show that almost everyone has forgotten about the matter, so the Innocents announcement should come as somewhat of a surprise.

Before announcing what its plan is, the society wishes to assure all students interested at all in the prom, that it has tried to take its handling out of the realm of politics. No method, however, of selecting prom committee members would be entirely devoid of politics unless the men's senior honorary acted as a prom committee itself.

This very same idea was proposed in order to avoid any wrangling that might follow whatever other plan was adopted. And so, the Innocents adopted a plan to choose a prom committee . . . but the prom committee won't be the

bosses, the Innocents will. And therein lies the core of the idea. Several members of the Innocents society served on last year's prom committee and it was felt that their experience would greatly help a junior committee, working without any knowledge of what staging a prom entails.

Here is the plan:

First: The Innocents society shall sponsor, at a student election, the election of three junior men and three junior women to form the prom committee. The junior man elected Junior Class president shall automatically become a regular, not an ex-officio, member of the prom committee. Only junior and senior men and women shall vote for prom committee members.

Second: The president of Innocents society shall, at some time in the near future, appoint a committee from among the Innocents to supervise handling and planning the prom. This committee shall include a general chairman in charge of the prom and a business manager of the prom.

The Innocents on this committee will not be on the prom committee proper. The latter is made up solely of the seven juniors provided for in the ruling.

Whether one of the seven juniors shall be made chairman of the junior committee, to function as an intermediary between his committee and the Innocents committee has not yet been decided.

The tradition of prom committee will be carried on.

The method of selecting a prom committee becomes the ballot.

Factional majorities in student council can no longer hold back a junior leader because he is in the wrong faction. We doubt seriously that either faction would ever select men from the other faction so long as one of them controlled the student council. That situation will arise no more.

And so, the politicians, through bungling and failing to recognize merit or popularity have lost the prize plum.

Scrap Irony

By Chris Petersen

Horse Sense.

An expressionless man was leading an expressionless horse down the same kind of a street one day, and he passed a man standing on a corner. Turning to the man, he said, would you mind helping me lead this horse down the street? Sure! Thanks! Don't mention it. They led the horse together for three blocks and stopped in front of an expressionless house. Do you mind helping me lead this horse up the front steps? Sure! Thanks! Don't mention it. They squeezed the horse into the front hall. Do you mind helping me lead the horse into the kitchen? Sure! Thanks! Don't mention it. The horse hit his head on the door. Forgot to open it. Do you mind helping me lead the horse up the back stairs? Sure! Thanks! Don't mention it. Would you mind helping me lead this horse into the bathroom. Sure! Thanks! Don't mention it. The first man left the second man holding the horse. He went out. Soon he returned with the gun. He shot the horse. The horse died. Being nosy, the second man said, "Do you mind telling me why you shot that horse?" Sure! Thanks! Don't mention it. Well, it's like this—I have a brother-in-law, and every time I tell him anything he always says: I know it—I know it. I'm getting damn tired of hearing him say I know it—I know it. So you know what's going to happen. My brother-in-law is coming over to dinner tonight. He is going to go upstairs to wash his hands. Then he's going to come back down with a smug look on his face and he's going to say, "You know what?" And I'll say, "No, what?" There's a dead horse in your bath room! And do you know what I'm going to say? "I know it, I know it."

Spurr reports business gains

Authority sees rise in monthly general index

Nebraska's business activity in September showed gains over business in August according to the latest monthly business report by Prof. W. A. Spurr, university statistician.

All available components of the university's general business index gained over August after adjustment for usual seasonal movements, except for a slackening in building operations. The year 1940 shows promise of being the best year for Nebraska business in a decade.

The reports now on hand for August show declines from the July peaks in electric power output and building activity, after seasonal adjustment, with little change in other indices of business.

In the following table each business indicator is adjusted to remove normal seasonal changes and the effect of the irregular calendar, thus revealing underlying business trends.

NEBRASKA BUSINESS BAROMETERS.
1935-1937 Equals 100%.

	Sept. 1940	Aug. 1940	July 1940
General business	115	113	116
Bank deposits	103	97	97
Department store sales	101	100	98
Postal receipts	107	104	106
Building activity	143	145	150
Electric power output	130	141	114
Pay rolls	114	114	114
Employment	105	105	105
Life insurance sales	98	98	101

Lincoln Cathedral choir sings in coliseum Oct. 23

The Lincoln Cathedral choir will present its first performance of the season in the coliseum October 23 for the State Teachers Convention. Their program will include: "Lee Shore," Coleridge Taylor; "Norwegian Song of Praise," Grieg, and "Cherubim," Gretchaninov.

Bulletin

Tassels and Corn Cobs will meet at 6:20 p. m. this evening in the Union prior to the speaking tours for the rally. Attendance is required.

Sophomore and Junior AWS "N" stamp salesman will meet in room 316 of the Union at 5 p. m.

Students interested in the organization of an independent group to discuss Socialist party campaign issues will meet Thursday at 5 p. m. in the Y rooms of the Temple.

Palladian Literary Society will meet Friday at 9 p. m. in the Temple.

Young Advocates will hold sections meeting Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in room 209b social sciences.

Cheer leaders will practice at 5 p. m. today in the stadium. It is imperative that all members of the squad attend.

Students may obtain Union calendars of the year at the Union checkstand.

Kosmet Klub actives will meet Thursday at 5 p. m.

Ag campus YMCA and YWCA will hold a joint luncheon Thursday noon in the home ec building to plan discussions for future

Library adds 16 volumes to shelves

An unabridged unannotated translation of Adolf Hitler's popular boon, "Mein Kampf," has been added to the university library. A new book of current interest, "Conscription and America," by E. A. Fitzpatrick, has also been added.

Other books recently acquired are:

- Rhymes of Our Valley, by A. H. Euwer.
- Types of Poetry, by Jacob Zeitlin.
- Keeping Our Fighters Fit, by E. F. Allen.
- Normal Mind, by W. H. Burnham.
- Woman Power, by G. A. Gejerstam.
- Two Living and One Dead, by S. W. Christiansen.
- Frozen Justice, by E. Mikkelsen.
- Introduction to Literature of Europe, by H. Hallam.
- Social Work and the Courts, by S. P. Breckinridge.
- Conscription and America, by E. A. Fitzpatrick.
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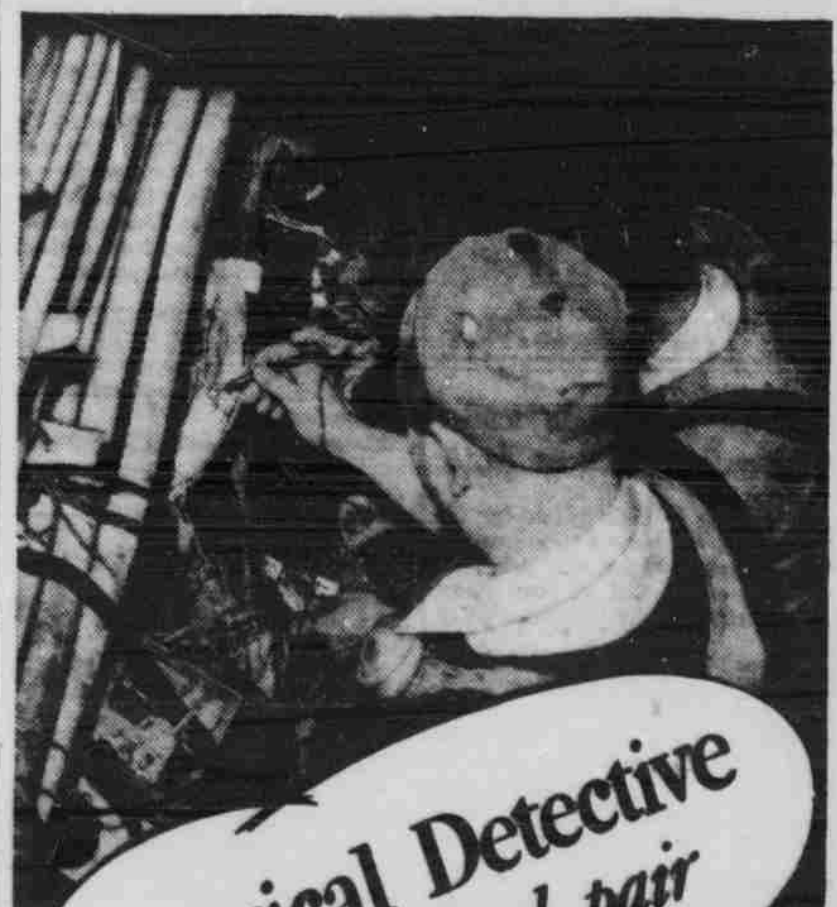
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