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Members of senate!

If women are in politics--then...

Though the coeds openly accepted support from the organized factions (this spring, are those coeds actually members of the factions? A great deal hangs upon the settlement given this question at the hands of the University Senate next week.

For if the women are ruled to be party regulars, the minority party can claim two additional seats on the Council, in accordance with a constitutional ruling giving the minority party a seat for every 125 votes cast. Figuring both the men's and women's votes together as is desired, the barb faction would be entitled to nine seats by this ruling in place of the seven they won by majorities Tuesday.

The distinction between being supported by a party and being a member of that party however, seems to us rather slim. For certainly if a particular party puts a girl in power she will vote with that party. And therefore the women should be included in the figure upon which the minority representation is based.

Yet when this is done another alteration must be made, this alteration being in the minority rule of the Council itself. For with the official entrance of women into politics the old ratios become outmoded.

With a representative given the minority party for every 125 votes cast, the increase to the membership of the Student Council might become unusually large. A shift of less than 50 votes Tuesday would have given the barbs only four members. Yet by the minority rule five members would then be added, increasing the Council membership as a whole by that much. Whereas in the past the minority was assured some five seats in any election, now that the women are added they will usually be assured nine or ten. And it is conceivable that all nine or ten might be added in any one year above the duly elected membership.

With the inclusion of women's preferentials, and the increased enthusiasm at the polls the votes per man to be elected by each faction are increased. And with this increase the old 125 minority ratio no longer is adequate. Thus we feel some provision must be made either to increase the 125 minority ratio so that the votes to place a man on the Council will again be proportional, or some alteration made in the way the representation is expected that the Council will not be subject to increases of one-third its membership by the functioning of this rule.

When the faculty makes its decision, we urge the consideration of both angles. Possibly the changes cannot be made until next year; possibly the ratio should not be increased proportionally to the increasing number of votes. But some alterations should be made. Then no one can have objections to women being in politics and operating on the same basis as men.

Those lame ducks!

No Student Union board was elected last night. For the Student Council which selects that board was unable to get together the necessary quorum.

This year's Council has done a good job. They have inaugurated the first centralized booking agency on the campus, they have sponsored the all Big Six Student Council convention; they have fought hard for universal subscription to the DAILY and have secured the reorganization of the Council representation system. They have as a whole been unusually active. For that President Mason and the large majority of the Council are to be commended highly.

But with the selection of new members Tuesday, the props fell out from under the old and like lame ducks they now disinterestedly await the closing of the year. Mason expressed deep regret last night that so active a council should let down at one of its last few meetings.

The Union board must be selected. This year's Council must get together again, and get together in full force. The true worth of any individual or group is his persistence to the end. We hope the achievements of the Council will not be blackened by a slovenly close.

All is not lost!

All was not lost Tuesday, when the student body rejected three to two the Council proposal to place the NEBRASKAN on a universal subscription basis. Though the question is now dropped, and though the prospect of having an all student newspaper soon appears remote, the work of the Council has not been in vain. For it paved the way for

more conscientious non-partisan consideration of the proposal in the future.

Changes cannot be accomplished overnight. Campaigning cannot readily convince voters. Voters can be convinced and changes can be made only after these changes have become an integral part of the voters' thinking.

The Student Council has placed the subscription question before the students more concretely than ever before. They have publicized it and answered all questions. Though the vote rejects it now, more and more thought will be given it; other councils and other editors will continue to contribute to the rising tide of favorable sentiment.

Till someday it will come before the students again. And then, by the grace of God, politics will be forgotten, the advantages of the plan will have imbedded themselves in the minds and hearts of the voters. Then the program outlined by this year's seniors will become a treasured reality of all.

Behind the News

Swastika over Hellas

In 480 B. C. the Spartan King Leonidas poured 7,000 men into Thermopylae pass in an attempt to stave off a Persian thrust at Athens. The early Persian attacks were repulsed, but one of their generals reached the rear of Leonidas' force thru another pass. The defense of Greece at Thermopylae crumbled in the debacle that followed.

In the past few days another desperate defense of Thermopylae has been beaten down. This time, however, the attackers pushed through the pass with panzer divisions preceded by a barrage of planes.

Wave after wave of the German luftwaffe flew over the defenders of the pass, virtually annihilating them (according to Berlin reports), and has flown on to wreak destruction upon southern Greece and ships in Grecian ports.

The Germans Wednesday were claiming complete victory in the 18-day struggle in the Balkans. Official spokesmen declared that British losses were approaching the magnitude of the bloody retreat from Flanders a year ago.

The British, though claiming their forces still were resisting, admitted that they had been without direct word from their armies for several days.

Further, London did not deny the German report that King George II had fled Athens for the island of Crete. And though the report is unconfirmed at this writing, there is a strong possibility that the Germans already are in Athens.

The conquest of the Balkans gives Adolf Hitler virtual control of all the continent of Europe. Only Josef Stalin stands as a possible effective continental objector to the complete establishment of the new order—and the possibility of objection by Stalin, at this time seems highly remote.

The ray of light in the situation for those who oppose nazi demination of Europe is that, aside from the horrible and tragic destruction of human lives, the situation is not decisively worse than it was during the week prior to Palm Sunday.

Then the Yugoslav government had capitulated without a struggle. Had the people been willing to accept that capitulation the way to complete German domination of the Balkans would have been smoothed, instead of being made seriously rough. While dispatches on losses are not yet completely accurate, estimates would show that the Germans lost more heavily in the Balkans than they did in the campaign in the west.

Further, the ravages of war have temporarily, at least, badly damaged the productive facilities of Yugoslavia and thus greatly reducing the value of that country to the nazis.

Commentorials

... from our readers

Congratulations to Kosmet Klub for first class production

Dear Editor:

I wish to congratulate the Kosmet Klub on this year's production, "Torso del Torro." The book, the lyrics, and the music seem to me to be far above average. The male leads are excellent, the singing by both the men and women leads is better than average, and the women add to the attractiveness of the show, particularly in the dancing.

Yours very truly,
C. S. Beucher.

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PERSHING RIFLES

Pershing Rifles will meet tonight at 8 p. m.

University of New Mexico student employment director recently sent out a call for an experienced egg candler.

Emotion tests given men and women students at Kent State university reveal that men are much more easily stirred by swing music than coeds.



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