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Sponsors of Proposal Fail to Answer

Disregarding our request for some concrete arguments for the entire proposed amendment to the Student Council constitution, those who favor the amendment, which will be voted on today by the student body, brought in arguments for the plan based entirely on how the plan would change representation on the council.

In asking for arguments we were asking for answers to questions we had brought up regarding the added details that the sponsors intend to have ride thru on the strength of the Hare system of proportional representation. Questions asked but not answered were:

- 1. Why does the proposed plan guarantee representation to the college of agriculture and not to any other of the colleges in the university?
2. How can a council membership of 20 accomplish the work of the 35 members now on the council on the various worthwhile projects that the council sponsors each year?
3. How can the council accomplish anything worthwhile if half of its membership is changed each semester?
4. How will the Hare system insure any more members on the council to the Barb party than the proportional representation clause of the present constitution does?
5. How are elections to be carried out more "simply" under the new plan when this new plan is admittedly more complicated?

The barbs who are sponsoring the plan were asked to turn in arguments for the entire proposal, but spent one whole afternoon and evening in writing a "letter to the editor" which was simply a rehash of what the Hare system of representation is supposed to do for "both affiliated and unaffiliated" students.

Another letter makes us laugh even more. It appears in today's Campus Forum column and quotes a Minnesota delegate to last weekend's regional NSFA convention in praising the Hare system in force at the University of Minnesota.

Barb Platform . . .

portional representation on the Student Council and all other student governing boards and committees.

Campus Forum

Dear Editor:

The present controversy over the Hare system and the regional NSFA convention seemed to be excellently timed, especially so, since there were member schools represented at the convention in which the Hare system of proportional representation is in force.

"We, (Minnesota) under our new constitution, embodied the Hare system in 1937. We have noted a great deal of improvement in our student government since this time. The Hare system helps to solve political problems arising in student government, and incidentally politics is a necessary evil in student government--(a) by giving minority representation whereas none could be afforded under the one party or two party system of student politics, and does actually afford a much greater equality in representation between the major factions.

I quote Orville, not as a final authority on the merits of the Hare system, but to show that the system could not be guilty of as many faults as you find.

Sincerely, Roy Byram, Student Council Member.

Union Platform . . .

for those men who desire such accommodations. Because of the deplorable lack of proper housing for men, other than in organized houses, we urge that this movement be furthered.

- 5. We encourage the further strengthening of the Interfraternity Council and an increase in the scope of its activities to more usefully serve the affiliated men of Nebraska.
6. We would strongly favor a continuation of the central booking agency instituted last year, and we favor the establishment of several all-university parties, at moderate prices, to round out the social program of the school.
7. We greatly desire to see College Days expanded to include all colleges, and the Ivy Day weekend publicized and extended, in the hope that such activity would increase interest in the university as a whole, thruout the state.
8. With the increase in the cost of living, we urge an increase in wages of all students who are working while in college, and ask that steps be taken by the university employment service to bring about such increases.

Specifically we endorse the proposal for amendment of the Student Council constitution to provide for the election of its members by the Hare system of proportional representation which is to be voted on in tomorrow's election.

The present Student Council is dominated, has consistently been dominated, by ostudents elected primarily to obtain for themselves points toward membership in senior activities honoraries.

3. The barb party is pledged to work diligently for improved working conditions among those students who are working their way thru the university. The present Student Council has chosen to ignore the discovery of almost unbearable working conditions, because they have not found these conditions to exist universally.

4. The barb party is pledged to bring about a reform in the existing rules governing student elections. First and most important we contend that equal opportunity should be afforded to all parties and to all individuals to discuss the issues of the campaign and to present information concerning their principles and candidates in order that the student body, having had an opportunity to hear both sides of all questions, may cast an intelligent vote.

Election . . .

(Continued from Page 1.) cized, we believe it will be accepted by the student body."

Dalton: "No Comment."

Warren Dalton, Union faction president, refused to comment.

Voting on sophomore, junior and senior class presidents, Honorary Colonel, Prince Kosmet, Nebraska Sweetheart and the proposal, students on the city campus will go to the polls in the Union basement from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m., and polls on ag campus will be open in ag hall 303 from 8 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

For the first time in years, sophomore students will vote for a president of their class, following recent legislation passed by the student council proposing creation of such an office. The president will take office only if "the percentage of votes cast for the sophomore class president is not greater than ten percent less of the votes cast for junior or senior class presidents, depending on which has the lowest figure," states the clause in the council ruling.

Reese vs. Abbott.

Therefore unless a large number of sophomores vote, the council will not permit the position of sophomore class president to be filled. Those who have filed for the office are Gene Reese, affiliated and George Abbott, unaffiliated.

For the respective offices of junior and senior class president, only two candidates have filed. Junior class president is Alan Zikmund, affiliated, and Jack Stewart, also affiliated, is candidate for the senior class presidency. Only members of a class may vote for the president of that class.

Also on the ballot to be handed to the voting student body tomorrow will be the barb proposal incorporating the Hare System of voting, a new method of proportional representation on the student council, and a general reorganization of the membership of the council.

Council Disapproves Plan.

Acting on its right to discuss matters of student government the Student Council, in a heated meeting last week, went on record as disapproving the plan.

The petition, proposed by Bill Dafeo, barb, was put on the ballot after it had received the minimum of 100 signers required before any measure can be placed before the student body in a general election.

Nebraska Sweetheart and Prince Kosmet, both of whom are presented at the annual fall revue of Kosmet Klub, men's dramatic organization, will be elected at the general election. The most candidates for any one position, five, have filed for Prince Kosmet. The candidates, all affiliated, are John Thiessen, Bob Sandberg, Larry Huwall, Chet Bowers and Jack McPhail. Prince Kosmet will be elected only by votes cast by women.

Men Elect Sweetheart.

Running for Nebraska Sweetheart, elected by men's votes, are Becky Wait, affiliated, and Bonnie Wennersten, unaffiliated. The identity of both Nebraska Sweetheart and Prince Kosmet will be concealed until the fall show.

Candidates for Honorary Colonel are Harriet Talbot and Ben Alice Day, both affiliated and Bettie Cox, unaffiliated. Identity of the Colonel, for whom both men and women may vote, will be kept secret until her presentation at the Military Ball, Dec. 9.

In spite of the comparatively small list of candidates, Dick Harnsberger, chairman of the council elections committee, yesterday urged all students to use their right to vote.

Seniors have stack privileges in the Midland college library for the first time in recent years.

Bulletin

Vespers.

Early evening vespers will be held at 5 p. m. today in Ellen Smith. Pictures of the Estes Co-op will be shown.

YWCA.

Everyone helping in the YW drive must attend the check-in meeting at 5 p. m. tomorrow in Ellen Smith.

Defense Committee.

All members of the defense committee will meet tomorrow in the Nebraskan office at 5 p. m.

Matinee Dance.

There will be a matinee dance in the Union ballroom today at 5 p. m.

Square Dance.

Square dance lessons will be held in the Union ballroom tonight at 8:45.

Kosmet Klub Workers.

Kosmet Klub workers will meet this afternoon in the Kosmet Klub office at 4:30. All must be there for an important meeting.

Rifle Club.

The rifle club will meet from 5-6 p. m. in Andrews basement Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Home Ec Club.

The Home Ec club will meet at 7:30 p. m. tonight at the home ec building on ag campus.

Ag WAA.

The ag WAA will meet at 5:35 p. m. this afternoon at the Student Activities building.

National Poll . . .

(Continued from Page 1.) by Student Opinion Surveys of America. The nationwide canvassing likewise reveals overwhelming sentiment against actual fighting in the war and growing pessimism on the campus about the country's ability to avoid the conflict.

The latest Gallup poll, taken like this student survey was, since congress took up neutrality revision, found a ratio of 46 to 40 percent in favor of mounting guns on American ships and 54 percent opposing of American ships and crews delivering supplies to Britain. At college interviews, sampling a scientific cross section in every part of the nation, found a different answer among students:

The Question.

'Are you for or against changing the neutrality law so that American supply ships may be armed and sent into war zones?'

The Results:

In favor42% Against51 Undecided 7

(If undecided ballots are ignored, then 45 percent are in favor and 55 against.)

"What do you believe is more important for the United States to try to do," the interviewers were next asked, "declare war and use our fighting forces where needed, or try to keep out as long as possible and supply the nations fighting Hitler and Japan?"

Declare war and fight ...14% Stay out and supply79 Undecided 7

Student Opinion Surveys, a non-profit organization, with headquarters at the University of Texas, is a cooperative of 150 college newspapers, including The Daily Nebraskan, that exchange local opinions for the national tabulations. Each poll is mathematically controlled as to sex, upper and lower classmen, working and non-working students, and geographical distribution in proportion to U. S. office of education enrollment statistics.

Since 1939 the surveys has charted the campus trend of opinion on the question, "Do you think the U. S. can stay out of war?" In each of the four polls taken optimism diminished:

Believing we can stay out: December 193968% December 194063 February 194149 NOW, October 194142

Significant variations are observed from section to section on the neutrality change proposal. Following are percentages of those favoring the change. New England 52, Middle Atlantic 49, East Central 23, West Central 32, Southern 56, Far Western 39.

DON'T MISS IT!!!! TOMORROW NIGHT WE GIVE "EAST LYNNE" Oct. 29, 30, 31 Curtain at 8 P. M. UNIVERSITY THEATRE DEPT OF SPEECH, SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS Res. Seats 50c, plus tax 5c--Total 55c Gen. Adm. 27c, plus tax 3c--Total 30c