

This Year's Council Has Fewer Disputes; Is Successful in Few Activities It Sponsors

Peace and quiet characterized action of this year's Student Council which ended its activity this afternoon. Disputes were avoided, and the few things which the Council did sponsor were successful.

After the traditional Student Council sponsored migration to Kansas State, which was saddened by the Husker loss on the gridiron, the Council organized a new position, sophomore president. No trouble was had in this election which was combined with the fall election, mainly because the Greeks faced organized opposition.

In October, constitution of the national defense committee, organized by the Daily Nebraskan and the Student Union, was approved.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal
Burt Thiel, Dale Theobald.

Later, the Council worked with the committee in several drives, including the Red Cross and the V-Book campaigns.

Seeking more wide-open elections, the Council approved open participation of women in politics. Okeyed was open party support for women running for office.

Most successful undertaking of the Council was the Red Cross drive in October when a committee, headed by Mary Rosborough, collected enough money to put UN a way over its goal.

Another big activity on the Council's October calendar was

the National Student Federation associations' convention here with members of Student Councils throughout this region sending representatives. It was not until December, that the Nebraska Council officially joined the NSFA.

First indication of a barb-greek fight on the Council was given when Bill Datoe, Dave Marvin and unaffiliated members of the Council clashed over the proposed barb amendment to the Student Council constitution.

President Burton Thiel charged barbs with playing politics. The proposal, with Council condemnation was beaten badly in the election.

With eyes of this part of the nation on it, the Council approved the constitution of the America First Committee after much campus speculation and agitation over the matter.

Upon the suggestion of Thiel, the Council approved a plan providing that all candidates must file a platform and get the approval of the Council before they ran for the Council. The bylaw was later repealed because of criticism pointing to its unconstitutionality.

Chief Work.

Main achievement of the Council was organization of the Student Foundation, a group to publicize the university to high school students. John Douglass was chosen chairman of the Foundation.

Following the suggestion of faction president Buzz Dalton, the Council approved a plan for the publication of a handbook on the Council activities, purpose and aims. It was also decided to sponsor faculty-student coffee hours.

Recent meetings have been dominated by quibbling over the physical education program and "improvement of educational standards." Sidestepped until the last few meetings was action on the election.

Change in the usual selection of Student Union board members in order to avoid politics was also

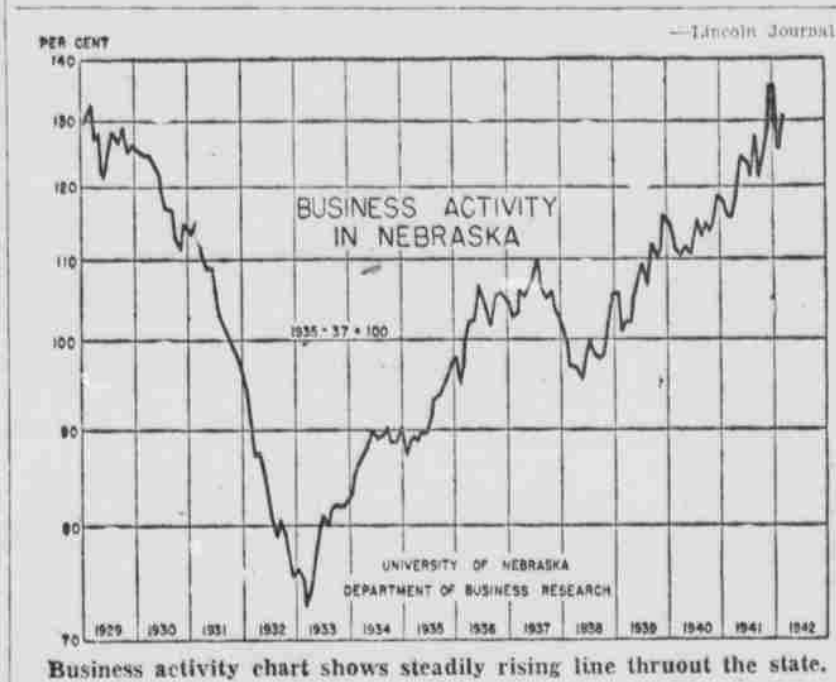
passed. Thiel, at the same meeting, criticized members for lack of interest and co-operation.

Prospects for a battle for hold-over positions between barbs and Greeks were eliminated when

Greeks took every holdover post with no barb opposition. The week before, barb attempts to fill vacancies in the Council, had been accepted as a sign of opposition. Officers of the council this year

have been Burton Thiel, president; Chris Peterson, vice president; Ruth Iverson, secretary; Mary Rosborough, treasurer; and Dale Theobald, chairman of the judiciary committee.

Nebraska's General Business Activity for March Increases



Business activity chart shows steadily rising line thruout the state.

According to the University of Nebraska's index of general business activity, business in the state once more moved up during March after allowances were made for seasonal variation.

Department store sales increased approximately 10 percent which suggests that Easter shopping was heavier than usual this year. Increase in number and value of building permits issued predicts another spurt in construction activity, especially in defense areas of the state. An increase of 10 per cent in bank debits usually represents a comparable interest in general business activity, but for March it reflects to a consid-

erable degree the larger income tax payments made this year. Postal receipts, on the other hand, decreased 5 per cent during the month.

State Ranks Fourth.

Although business in the state slumped noticeably in February, it compares favorably with business activity reported in other states. Among 34 states, Nebraska ranked fourth with a 16 per cent increase in the value of retail sales as compared with a year ago.

Independent retailers in small towns of 2500 or less have been reporting the largest increase in dollar sales for a number of months. According to a department of commerce report for February, they again experienced a substantial gain, 21 per cent, over the corresponding month of last year. This is significantly more than the increase enjoyed by retailers in larger population centers. In the state, Grand Island reported the greatest increase, 15 per cent, over February 1941. This differential expansion in retailing provides evidence of a relaxing power in rural districts.

A recent study of the trend in prices reveals that formal controls, such as price ceilings and rationing, of key commodities is inadequate to prevent a general rise in prices. By the middle of December these key commodities constituted less than one-fifth of the value of the commodity in the wholesale prices. From March to December inclusive the index of controlled prices rose one per cent. This slight increase is attributable, in part, to rise in the prices of uncontrolled raw-materials which price schedules, such as textiles, automatically lifted some of the. Furthermore, an upward revision was made in some price schedules.

Over the same period, the index of uncontrolled prices rose 16 per cent. Further analysis of price trends of commodities subject to no controls showed no discernible difference. Informal controls consist of suggestions, warnings, fair-price requests, or freeze letters sent to the producers. Evidence of this nature may cause Price Administrator Henderson to freeze all wholesale and retail prices.

Good Volume Falls.

It is estimated that the total physical volume of goods and services purchased in 1942 will fall slightly more than one-tenth below the record volume of last year. The bulk of this decrease will be in the durable consumer goods, for the output of these goods will be curtailed to about one-third of last year's volume.

The decline in consumption as a whole during the present calendar year is not expected to be drastic. Sales over the past few months undoubtedly reflect some forward buying on the part of consumers. Furthermore, about 85 per cent of the consumer expenditures in 1941 were made for nondurable goods and services. The production of these goods and services will continue for some time, for the production equipment is not adaptable to the output of war materials. However, a shortage in the total labor force will eventually reduce the output of these civilians goods and services.

Bacteriologists Hold Regular Meeting Here

The university will be host to bacteriologists from Nebraska, Kansas and western Missouri for the regular spring meeting of the Missouri Valley branch of the Society of American Bacteriologists on Saturday, May 2.

All interested persons will be invited to attend morning and afternoon sessions when scientific papers will be presented in Bessey hall auditorium.

Dr. Leunis Van Es, chairman of the department of animal pathology and hygiene, will address a noon luncheon for members and their guests in the Student Union. He will reminisce on developments and personal experiences in the field of veterinary bacteriology.

A business meeting for election of officers will follow the scientific program. Present officers are Dr. N. R. Ziegler, University of Missouri, president; Dr. C. E. Georgi, University of Nebraska, vice president; Dr. C. A. Hunger, Kansas State Health Laboratory, secretary-treasurer; Dr. L. D. Bushnell, Kansas State College, counselor; and Dr. K. H. Lewis, University of Nebraska, archivist.

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