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We've Had Enough!!

"Despite the proposal's evident contributions to better student government, it will meet with bitter oppositions. You know from what quarters it will come: the Union party, the Greek majority of the Student Council, the Daily Greek Nebraskan, with its Greek staff, Greek gossip, and Greek lies."

The above paragraph is a part of the text of a mimeographed sheet which was distributed in campus buildings Saturday. Entitled "Why the Amendment," the throw sheet presented the arguments in favor of the amendment to the Student Council which has again been brought before the students of Nebraska by the unaffiliated student organization.

It goes without saying that the distribution of partisan literature in behalf of any candidate or party is directly in violation of Student Council rules governing elections, and IF SOME DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS NOT TAKEN EITHER BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL OR THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THAT BODY, THE DAILY NEBRASKAN WILL BRING THE MATTER BEFORE A FACULTY COMMITTEE. The Student Council and the Daily Nebraskan have tried their best to keep within the election rules and yet allow as much publicity to political issues as possible. The Council has authorized and is financially supporting the publication of "minority and majority" reports which present the points for and against the proposed amendment to the Student Council Constitution.

The Daily Nebraskan has kept its "letters to the editor" column open to the use of any student or student group. There has never been and will not be any discrimination even though many of the letters in the past have cast reflection upon the Nebraskan and those who publish it. Tuesday's edition of the Daily will be devoted mainly to the election, carrying the names and personal sketches of party candidates along with whatever material is submitted by both parties explaining or favoring the issues of the election. In short, Tuesday's paper will be a special election edition for ALL STUDENTS—not for the barbs, not for the Greeks, not for the men, not for the women, BUT FOR EVERY STUDENT REGISTERED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

And as Tuesday's paper is for all students, the Daily Nebraskan every day is published for all students. It is not the "Daily Greek Nebraskan" as charged by the barb party. It is the Daily Nebraskan—official publication for students at the University of Nebraska.

True, the majority of Nebraskan staff members are affiliated students, but that isn't the fault of the Nebraskan. We encourage all interested students to work on the paper. Promotions by the publications board are made on the basis of ability, length of service, and accomplishment. It doesn't make any difference to the board or to the responsible persons on the staff if a prospective staff member is Greek, barb, man or woman. If unaffiliated students don't work or won't work on the paper and affiliated students do, what sort of staff can anyone expect?

True, the majority of the material in the "gossip column" concerns affiliated students, but that is because they are cooperative with the society editor and collect material for the editor to utilize.

The Nebraskan has had barb editors. They were paid to cover all barb activities including all social events. Whatever stories were turned in were printed. This was a concession to a particular group of students in an attempt to secure over-all coverage, but the barbs didn't take advantage of the Nebraskan's plan either because barb activities were dormant or the barb editor—selected upon the recommendation of the barb organization—was also dormant.

As to the slanderous remarks in "Why the Amendment" to the effect that the Nebraskan falsifies intentionally in order to play ball with one side or another, there is no answer. It needs none. The churlish penings of certain individuals find their own condemnation.

Letterip

Dear Editor:

In answer to the absolutely unwarranted and wind-blown outpouring of an undoubtedly long-winded, misinformed owner of numerous scented, descriptive adjectives, I would like to make a few comments myself.

The Student Health Department has as a working staff a capable and efficient group of men and women with the finest training possible. Their attitude has always been one of fulfilling the job they have been given to the best of their ability.

As for the necessity of waiting in line for treatment or examination, that is a very good indication in itself of the amount of work done by the department. Regardless of what successful doctor's office you may go to, except in emergencies, you must wait your turn. This is an ethical procedure. It would like to have you list by name all students refused treatment by the Student Health Department. (Don't bother to save space, dear editor, you won't need it).

As for the word "Pharmacy" entering the mention of the smelly atmosphere described, my raving friend, that is a separate department from the Student Health affording the students an opportunity to obtain medicines at a price far below the ordinary retail prices. This is merely one example of your lack of knowledge and facts concerning the Student Health.

Now let us look at the paragraph in which the work of the doctors was so pugnaciously criticized. I would like to see your degrees which I am sure you must possess to be in a position to languish such words as "incomplete." Please define a "complete" examination for us. What parts of the human anatomy should be checked and what methods must be used?

Now as to the cost. My boy, you pay the high sum of two dollars a semester. This entitles you to as many office calls and treatments as necessary and in case of hospitalization you are charged the exorbitant price of one dollar a day. In normal events you pay not less than two dollars per office call (more if any treatment is necessary) and a minimum of five dollars per day for your stay in a hospital.

As for that last wind-swept paragraph in which the record of the Student Health Department in preventing epidemics was assailed. It is a definite fact that there has been no controllable epidemic on this campus since 1919 or, in other words, a period of twenty-three years. I would say this is quite a record. If you wish this record verified, just make the request.

In conclusion, no department in the university is above criticism, including the Student Health. However, as supposedly intelligent students of the university, I am sure we are entitled to mere facts in critical notes and less unintelligent, sarcastic upbraiding of the working personnel of the departments.

Sincerely yours,
Leslie I. Wright.

Editor's note: And in this corner we have Nebraska's Caruso warbling "Elmer's Tune" in B flat minor.

My Dear Mr. Editor:

I am sitting near the forsythia to the north of "Sosh," pondering on the biological sheepstrophe that has struck the Grecian fold. Before me, from the Quadrangle to Memorial Mall, stretches a great flock of sheep. Yes, the Greeks have had the wool pulled over their eyes for so long, that they have at last turned into sheep; and those three little maids from drool—Buzz Dalton, John Jay Douglass, and Paul Svoboda—are shepherding the new sheep now, just as they used to herd the old flock.

But there is a curious thing about these sheep. Instead of being covered with wool, they are covered with Daily Nebraskans. The Greeks who have carried the burden of the Nebraskan for so long, have finally let it grow on them. But now, instead of being full of Greek lies, the Nebraskan is full of Greek liee.

The Grecian noise of the sheep—the noise they make sounds strangely like "Baata"—drifts to me now as this lowly herd creeps home. As the aforementioned little shepherd maids slip sheepishly by, I am tempted to say, "What have you clipped from the ewes? News?"

Pastorally yours,
Elmer Sprague.

Dear Editor:

When the Proposed Amendment to the Student Council Constitution was submitted, I asked to include a summary of the points in its favor. I was then told that it wouldn't be necessary.

Since then you have attacked the Amendment in two editorials. In your first editorial you said: (1) that adoption of the Amendment would result in the election of "popularity kids," (2) that it would take power away from the Council and place it in the hands of the Administration; (3) that it would deny representation to groups that should have membership on the Council.

But you offered no proof. You dealt in glittering generalities because you had made no study of the matter. Before you spout off again, I suggest that you read about the Hare system in a political science book such as Hoag and Hallett, and consult with a couple of political science professors. Prof. Aylesworth, who was instrumental in drawing up the amendment, is an authority on the system and Dr. Shumate can tell you how it actually works in the municipal elections in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In your second editorial you wrote, "Any arguments advanced in behalf of the proposal are just pretenses." You have absolutely no grounds for this statement. The proposal has very definite contributions to better student government. Note the article entitled **Why the Amendment?** I am submitting this explanation of the proposal and illustrating it with figures. I challenge you to present it in full to the student body. I further challenge you to disprove any part of it with facts. Facts, you understand, not glittering generalities.

The basic aim of this amendment is to give fair representation to all parties according to party strength. It does not favor any particular party. It does, however, make it impossible for a minority group to dominate the council and to perpetuate itself in power.

You know, and the Union party knows, that under the present system the Barbs (or any other party not in control of the council) can gain a majority on the council if it can win 21 out of the 22 positions on the council. You and your party are also aware of the fact that in order to win you need to elect only 3 out of 22 members. You know that the present system perpetuates your party in power. Here is the reason for your opposition. Why won't you be frank and admit it?

The BARB party will gain from this amendment. We have never tried to deny that. It will mean that if we poll a majority of votes we shall gain a majority on the council. On the other hand, if we poll a minority of the votes we shall gain a proportionate minority on the council. But remember, it applies to your party as well as ours. It discriminates against no group; in favor of no group.

I repeat, in the short run, the BARB party will gain. It will no longer be necessary to win 21 out of 22 posts to have a majority of one on the council. It will no longer be possible for the Greeks to dominate the council by electing 3 members.

It does not follow that because the BARBS may gain now and the Greeks will lose, that the proposed system is unfair. It does not follow that "whatever arguments are advanced in behalf of the proposal are just pretenses." It does not follow that those interested in the amendment are "a bunch of political bally-hoosers and tin gods . . ."

BILL DAFOE.

Editor's Note: The explanation of the amendment which accompanied this letter was entirely too long to be published in the Daily. However, there has been distributed over the campus a mimeographed sheet giving full publicity to the amendment proposed by the unaffiliated student organization. Tuesday's edition of the Daily will be devoted mainly to the spring election, at which time the explanation will be published in full.

Union Quiz . . .

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finals will be played Sunday, April 26, at 8 p. m. in the Union.

Semifinalists in the quiz-whiz are:

Sarah Miller
Beverly Marcus
Rose Goldstein

Dan Atkinson
James Sallach
Elli Burr

Gordon Johnson
Gilbert Ryder
Robert Campbell

Julius Cohn
Leonard Boasberg
Morris Kirshenbaum

Herbert Hopkins
Bob Chambers
Bob Dewey

Robert Smith
George Blackstone
John J. Douglass

Harry Goldstein
Morton Zuber
Robert Silverman

Phyllis Thompson
Carol Robinson
Betty Perry

Harold Alexis
Warren Guinan
David Marvin

Elizabeth Clark
Barbara Cook
Marjorie Sage

H. Edward Marrows
Jean Montgomery
H. Harrison Cohen

Frank Cole
Lloyd London
Warren Van Norman

Five Graduates Given Illinois Fellowships

Five University of Nebraska graduates are among 125 winners of fellowships and scholarships at the University of Illinois for the 1942-43 academic years, according to an announcement by Dean R. D. Carmichael of the graduate school.

Fellowships in philosophy and chemistry were awarded the graduates. A fellowship in philosophy has been awarded to Paul C. Buchanan, who received his A.M. degree from the university in 1940.

Several chemistry fellowships were awarded. The Abbott Laboratories fellowship in chemistry was awarded to Philip L. Southwick, who received his A.B. at the university in 1939, and his M.S. in 1940. Clement W. Theobald, who received his A.B. in 1940, and his M.S. in 1941, was awarded an Eastman Kodak company fellowship.

The Eli Lilly fellowship was awarded George P. Mueller, 1940 graduate of the university. Mr. Mueller received his M.S. in 1941. Robert D. Lipscomb, who received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at the university in 1940 and 1941 respectively, was awarded a General Aniline company fellowship in chemistry.

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with three victories is Zeta Beta Tau.

Round five of the tournament will be held next week, April 21. The results of each round will be announced as they are completed.

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