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Honors Convo Should Precede

Today, UN students and faculty will focus their attention on two important events on the university calendar—the annual spring election and honors convocation.

In the Union, Old Man Politics will hold the spotlight, for it is there that barb and greek parties will meet at last to vie for the positions in top campus activities. The poles will draw a crowd of unhappy barbs and disgruntled greeks, while our present system of student government receives a popularity test and democracy has her fling.

And in the Coliseum, the 14th annual honors day audience will convene to honor 550 students for high scholarship, to see 75 scholastic awards presented, and to hear the eminent Deane W. Malott, Chancellor of the University of Kansas, speak on "Careers in Crisis."

It hasn't been difficult to interest students in this election, it has had its own magnetic touch. But despite the eminence of the speaker, despite the number of fellow students receiving honors, and despite the fact that classes will be dismissed and the polls closed from 10 to 12, Honors Day officials will see a large part of their crowd heading toward the Union or "drug" after their nine o'clocks this morning.

Too many people have forgotten that this is primarily an institution for higher learning, and that to achieve the heights in a university average is worthy of honor. And today, more than ever, the honors convocation is a tribute to democracy and its freedom of press, speech, assembly—and education. All over the world, democracy as we know it is being destroyed, and with it is going freedom of learning.

Today, as a toast to democracy, make attending the honors convocation your duty, just as you look upon casting your vote as a duty—and a privilege.

Letterip

To the Editor of the Daily Nebraskan:

1. In re Proposed Amendment—For a full discussion of the proposed amendment, see the majority report of the Student Council. Also, it might be well to emphasize some points.

It is ridiculous to assume that any campus organization would or could afford to risk the censure of all reasonable students, and the faculty by continuing themselves in power over any protracted period by use of holdovers members to the Student Council. Eight affiliated students were chosen this year because the only unaffiliated man who seemed interested enough to be worthy declined to be elected. In conversation with one of the Barb members of the Council, he suggested that George Campen and Betty Ann Tisthammer were Barbs who would have made good holdover members. It seems a little late for the Barb party to claim Miss Tisthammer, since she ran as an independent last year, and was backed, apparently by the Union Faction. The Barbs, by the way, are not running Miss Tisthammer for Senior-at-large, in spite of her worth, which is admitted. George Campen, whatever his ability, was nearly dropped from the Council once this year, because he had been absent too many times.

Barb politicians say they wish to elect members by means of amendment to the Council so that problems of interest to unaffiliated students—working conditions, housing conditions, etc.—may be better dealt with. About 50% of fraternity men are working all or part of their way thru school, also. Did you know that, Bill? I submit that the Barb committee this year, or, if he did, neglected to chairman of the working Conditions Committee of the Council did not call a single meeting of his notify at least one of the members, of such meetings. Further, his committee report, alone of all,

was not submitted on Saturday, April 18, almost a week after the rest were in. What he might have reported is questionable, but the absence of any report remains.

2. In re Greek Domination—I would suggest that the person who coined this particular phrase consult The Meaning of Meaning or The Tyranny of Words. Greek domination, or, as Stuart Chase would put it, "blah blah" is a myth existing only in the minds of would-be Barb rabble-rousers, who so far find themselves with a rabble to rouse. Affiliated Students "dominate" campus activities, other than elective positions, because (see paragraph 3), they are the only one to work for them. The foremost example is Kosmet Klub, long a sore spot with Barb Leaders because of its all-Greek membership. In the last five years, to my personal knowledge, and that of many others on the campus, the only unaffiliated student to actually start working for any organization was Dave Marvin, last year, who worked for Corn Cobs, quit early in the fall. Complaints that politics will keep Barbs out of such activities are foolish. Faculty advisors have been appointed for the purpose of guarding against such manipulations. Also, may I cite Shirley Rissel as an example of Greek domination of campus activities?

3. In re Politics in General—For my part, it seems high time that the Barb party stop dealing in the "glittering generalities" they purport to abhor so assiduously, and come to the point. Some pages of statistics, apparently proving the impartial working of the Hare System have been compiled. If I may bring forward a figure or two of my own, the unaffiliated students at the University of Nebraska comprise something over 80% of the student body. Claiming to represent all unaffiliated students, the Barb party polled less than 10% of the possible votes, and approximately 37½% of the votes cast, at the last Spring Election. I would like to point out to the Barb leaders that any party that cannot raise issues important enough to bring out more than 13% of its members hardly deserves to continue as an organization.

Look, Kids, the way to win an election is to get more votes than the other guy, one way or another. The way is not to complain about the election rules, or to propose new methods of election, no better than the old; the way is to GET OUT THE VOTE!! Now, if you'd quit complaining, and stop trying to build a campaign on a hymn of hate, and nothing else, and concentrate on persuading people to vote Barb because there's a reason for it—whatever it may be—you'd get ahead a lot faster.

4. In re Elmer Sprague (whoever he is)—Both his name (which sounds like man taking two steps and jumping into deep mud) and his ignorance are laughable. I only wish I was a blithe, carefree young freshman who knew forsythia when he saw it, and Mr. Sprague had reached the point where he was afraid to enter half the fraternity and sorority houses on the campus. Mr. Sprague, do you know what it is like to feel naked with out a knife in your back? Did you ever see sheep that carried knives, figurative or otherwise? Mr. Sprague, I charge you, don't ever call any college students sheep, even if Norman Harris and Clyde Martz (both of them dirty old fraternity men, too) did set you the example. The things a faction president has to do to convince people that they ought to vote would shock you. Possibly the fact that the Union Faction is organized along the same lines as the Home Room Council you had in Junior High and that its officers are elected they don't just seize control, and that Paul Svoboda has not spoken a word to the faction on the subject of Universal Subscription, would shock you, too. Sometimes political parties back issues which have nothing to do with politics. The Daily Nebraskan has a poor chance of survival—with or without Greeks—without Universal Subscription. It seems evident to me that a school this large needs a school paper. If universal subscription is the way to keep it, universal subscription, by all means, especially since most people thinks it's a good idea anyhow.

5. In re The Barb Party—I doubt very much if the Barb party represents all the unaffiliated students. Were the Union Faction to defy the election rules as flagrantly as has the Barb Party, I believe we could turn out quite a fair sized unaffiliated vote. I think there are enough men and women on this campus who for one reason or another are not affiliated, but who are also not interested in being represented by Elmer and his ilk, to bring some surprising results from unlimited publicity. However, College elections in which no bounds are set upon publicity generally end in a race to see who can spend the most money, so the plan is not feasible. It would be interesting to try.

In conclusion, may I wish Elmer many more happy, and more lucid meditations.

Buzz Dalton.

P. S. I was informed Sunday night that I was supposed to "debate" Bill Dafoe Monday night, on the "party issues." Since that gave me one whole day to prepare any kind of argument, I was a little disconcerted, as well as properly surprised. I had not been aware that the Barb leaders conceded me enough defense to warrant a debate. Unfortunately, Max Meyer could not, by any arrangement, have been present, and Preston Hays felt that he could not be prepared, either as to shaping an argument, or as to experience, to engage in formal debate, with all its limitations and conventions. Having no inclination to be the main attraction of any sideshow, I was also forced, regretfully, to decline.

My position is indefensible, or needs no defense, depending upon the observer's viewpoint. If you allow, generalities and catch-phrases, like "Greek domination," to carry away you feelings, without considering the practical aspects of the situation, I could not possibly defend myself, because affiliated students foremost in campus affairs, and the fact is incontrovertible. If, on the other hand, you consider that the Union Faction has continued itself in power because it represents a voting majority of the student body, no defense is necessary. That, in brief, is the sum and substance of my argument. To call it weak is to completely overlook the fact that the situation here parallels the situation that has existed in national, state, and municipal governments since the founding of this country. Whether or not those conditions may be called "the best," is a moot question. I only wish to point out that they are the most enduring.

Dear Editor:

There seems to be a great deal of discussion about universal subscription to the Daily Nebraskan. Most of it seems to center around the question, "Why?"

Well, I'll tell you why. For over half a century the Daily Nebraskan has acted as an official organ for the University of Nebraska students. It has always been for the student body. Many of you feel that it may be all Greek and anti-Barb. That isn't true. Look at our masthead sometimes and see that there are barbs working at paying positions too. In other words, all have an equal opportunity on the paper. So in answering "why" just think that you too have an opportunity on the paper as long as it is in existence.

But how long do you think that it will be in existence if you, the student body, the barbs and the Greeks, don't give your paper the support that it is asking for at the present time.

No doubt there will be a decrease in registration next fall. This means that there will be a decrease in market for the advertisers of the Daily Nebraskan and a decrease in advertising. Without advertising the paper can't function as a daily. If the paper must change its schedule, it will lose its national advertising. Without national advertising the paper can not come out more than once a week.

The general attitude of the advertisers seems to be that they would most likely maintain their advertising space as it stands today if there was universal subscription.

Mr. J. Lofink manager of Harvey Bros. said, "I plan definitely to decrease my contract for next year." Upon further inquiry he said that with universal subscription he would give the matter further consideration and might maintain his present contracted space.

Mr. Woodrow Magee, advertising manager of Magee's, claimed that universal subscription "would probably prevent lowering of amount of space taken." When asked what he thought of the plan, he said, "Personally, I feel that by universal subscription the campus would have a better informant (on the campus bulletin basis)."

Mr. Harry Simon, of Ben Simons and Sons, claims that he is "highly in favor of the plan and that the Daily Nebraskan could expect the store's fullest cooperation."

Upon further inquiry, all expressed the attitude that it would be a good thing for the student body, that there certainly was a need for such a plan on the campus, and inferred a possible ending to the Barb-Greek feuds over the Daily Nebraskan.

Therefore, we of the Daily Nebraskan make this appeal to you, the student body. Help support a student organ, an organ that has stood by you thru thick and thin. Without your help there is a great possibility for the failure of your newspaper to appear. With this in mind, make your vote say "yes" in today's election.

Phil Kantor,
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Daily Nebraskan.

Eleanor'n Me

By Alan Jacobs

There are a lot of good reasons for supporting universal subscription to the Daily Nebraskan, but we do believe that our superiors have erred in strategy. Their most horrible mistake was labeling the campaign "universal subscription to the Daily Nebraskan."

If they really wanted the plan passed, they should have called it "universal subscription to 'Eleanor 'n Me.'"

Now there are many good reasons for supporting universal subscription to the Daily Nebraskan. Aside from the financial advantages which would result, the editorial pages would be improved. Possibly a United Press service could be installed, and there would certainly be larger papers with more news and feature stories. That's the sales point of our superiors, and it isn't a bad one.

But our sales point for "universal subscription to 'Eleanor 'n Me'" is even better. We obviously have no reasons. Universal subscription to "Eleanor 'n Me" should be adopted because—well, it just should be adopted.

What would this campus be without "Eleanor 'n Me?" What would this campus be with Eleanor 'n Me? Where would Eleanor be without me? Where would me be without Eleanor?

If you can answer one or any of these questions, go to the election, cast your ballot for universal subscription to the Daily Nebraskan (which is another way of voting for universal subscription to "Eleanor 'n Me") and you will either giggle or boil just about every morning while you are spilling jelly on your shirt and coffee on your clothes.

If Franklin could win by an overwhelming vote throughout the nation, why can't Eleanor win on the UN campus?

Economics Professor . . .

Elliott Says Life Insurance Valuable During World War II

Life insurance will continue to be a valuable investment during World War II, provided the government is able to prevent a "runaway" inflation, according to Curtis M. Elliott, instructor in economics and insurance, writing in the April business review edition of the University of Nebraska News.

Even if there is a marked increase in the price level in the next few years, life insurance can serve a great need, he says. Insurance makes a sum of money immediately available to dependents, which is more valuable than a like sum tied up in equities that would presumably increase in value with a decreased purchasing power of the dollar.

An inflation such as that in Germany after World War I would make life insurance contracts valueless, Elliott concedes, but even such powerful economic forces working for inflation as the government deficit and the dislocation of industry and trade can be handled, he believes, thru price ceilings, rationing, allocations, taxes and sales of war bonds and stamps.