

Palladians Hold Annual Girls Banquet

Formal Dinner Followed With Dancing at Union; Simons Entertain Group

Palladian coeds held their annual Girls' Spring Formal banquet and dance honoring the boys Saturday night. "Spring Fever" was the theme of the banquet, given in three course at three different places. Judge and Mrs. Simons entertained the group at the second course and the third was served at the Union, followed by dancing.

Acting as toastmaster for the banquet was Betty Hutchinson, president first term. Toasts were given by Joan Thomas, Marjorie Guinan, Marjorie Holmes and Virginia Mutz; and Harold Alexis, president last term, presented the traditional impromptu trio composed of Joye Farrens, Berdine Ellis and Joan Thomas sang two numbers, "April Showers," and "Three Little Sisters."

Amendment To Council Constitution

We the undersigned students of the University of Nebraska propose to alter the constitution of the Student Council of the University of Nebraska by amending Articles IV, V, VI and X, striking out Article VIII, renumbering Articles IX and X and providing a new Article X, all to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The Student Council shall be composed of twenty members, one-half elected each semester.

1. The College of Agriculture shall be entitled to four members two to be chosen at each regular election.

2. The colleges on the city campus shall be entitled to sixteen members, eight to be chosen at each regular election.

3. If at any time the ratio between the enrollment of the College of Agriculture and the City Campus shall exceed 1:4 the student council shall have power to increase the membership from the college of agriculture to provide for the proper proportion.

Section 2. The regular student council election shall be held on Tuesday of the eighth week of each semester unless the time is changed by action of the University Senate.

Section 3. To be eligible for membership in the student council, each candidate shall be a bona fide member of the college or group of colleges that he seeks to represent, and shall have the qualifications required by the eligibility rules prescribed by the senate committee. Regular university rules shall govern in determining a candidate's college.

Section 4. Nominations for members of the student council shall be made by the filing of the name of the candidate not later than 5 p. m. on the second Friday next prior to the day of election, at the student activities office. The secretary of the student council shall announce in the Daily Nebraskan at least ten days prior thereto, the day and hour when filing closes.

Section 5. Election of members to the student council shall be by the Hare (or single vote) system proportional representation with transfers by what is termed the exact method.

1. The ballots shall list alphabetically the names of the several candidates for office and, in case of endorsement, shall designate the party or group to which he or she belongs.

2. Each qualified student voter shall be entitled to receive a separate ballot bearing the names of all the candidates permitted to file. Each voter shall be privileged to designate his first and second and third and other choices for any candidates he is willing to have represent him.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. The newly elected student council members shall be installed at a meeting called by the president of the student council within a week after election day. At this meeting a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer shall be elected, and the organization of the council perfected.

Section 2. An advisory board of not less than three members of the university faculty or administration shall be chosen by the council.

Section 3. The council may provide for committees which shall be responsible to it. All committees within the student council organization and all committees or boards appointed by the council, which represent the student body as a whole shall be chosen according to the party ratio established in the election of members to the student council.

ARTICLE VI.

The terms and members shall be for one year or until their successors are duly elected. The complete election count shall be preserved in the files of the secretary of the student council for one year. Any vacancy occurring during the college year between elections shall be filled for the remainder of the term by the candidate next in order after the last one declared elected.

ARTICLE IX (Renumbered ARTICLE X).

Section 1. (Provisions for amendment of the student council constitution as stated under the constitution now in effect.)

Section 2. The rules for student elections may be initiated or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the student council, or upon

Coed Counselors Initiate 140 New Women at Ritual

Coed Counselors initiated 140 girls Sunday as next year's big sisters at 3 p. m. in Ellen Smith. The ceremonies were conducted by Ann Kinder, recently elected president, and every girl took part in the candle-lighting ritual.

Dean Verna G. Boyles and Miss Elsie Ford Piper, sponsors, both spoke briefly, and the purpose and aims of the group were explained.

All new members were invited to attend a mass meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m. in Ellen Smith to hear Dean Bengston.

Candidates For Innocents Junior and Senior Men Vote for Five

Ren Bubacek, Dale Bradley, Gene Bradley, Vic Brashaw, Bob Bramson, Bill Bryant, Clarion Bueche, Al Busch, Roy Byram, Jack Devereaux, John Jay Douglas, Bob Fast, Bob Gritzfeld, Dick Harnsberger, Pres Hayes, Jack Hogan, Larry Huwaldt, Phil Kantor, Sheldon Kaufman, Max Laughlin, Dave Marvin, Fred Metheny, Randall Pratt, Bob Schlater, Bob Shoemaker, Dave Wolcott, Frank White, Allen Zikmund.

Laase Attends Meeting In Des Moines for Central States Speech Delegates

Prof. Leroy T. Laase, acting chairman of the department of speech and dramatic art, attended the central states speech convention in Des Moines April 16-18 as president of the Nebraska State Speech association.

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promises to be particularly valuable from the standpoint of wilt resistance, the crop has proven itself experimentally and is being offered for distribution on a limited basis, according to E. M. Frolik, assistant extension agronomist at the ag college.

Requirements Modified.

Frolik said requirements for distribution of the seed have been modified somewhat from last year. Applicants will be required to enter into an agreement with the Crop Growers' to the effect that seed produced will be inspected by that organization. The seed will sell for 50 cents a pound, f. o. b. and all orders will be cleared through the agronomy department.

Dr. H. M. Tysdal, in charge of alfalfa investigations for the Bureau of Plant Industry, has developed the A-136. It is expected to be particularly valuable in areas where wilt has prevented stands from staying in for any great length of time.

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practice inspection while they are on line preparation for the coming inspection next week. Chancellor C. S. Boucher will be the guest of honor in the reviewing stand.

All infantry and engineer cadets will march with rifles in the parade this afternoon, according to a late announcement from the military department. It was also announced that cotton shirts to be worn under blouse will be the prescribed uniform for the parade and from now on until further notice.

the petition of a majority of the student body regardless of the council's action.

ARTICLE X. SCHEDULE.

Section 1. Articles IV, V, VI, VIII and X as heretofore existing are hereby repealed, and Articles IX and X shall be renumbered as VIII and IX respectively.

Section 2. The amended Articles V and IX shall take effect immediately upon adoption, but the amended Articles IV and VI shall not take effect until the beginning of the college year 1942-1943.

Section 3. The 19 college representatives and the four senior members at large duly elected on April 21, 1942 and those members seated by the system of proportional representation shall constitute the student council until one week after the regular first semester election of the school year 1942-43, at which time the ten new members elected according to the provisions of this amendment shall be added. No student elected by the outgoing council as a hold-over member shall be entitled to hold a seat on the council.

Section 4. Any vacancy occurring before the first semester election of the school year 1942-43 shall be filled without regard to college, class or sex, but the new member shall be chosen from the same party or faction as the member whose vacancy he is filling.



Pink Rag, Jr. by Jean Baker

We'll start off today with a plea to everyone regardless of party affiliation to go to the polls and vote. And now for more inconsequential trivia...

That YW-YM retreat at Hastings several weeks ago really had results, foremost being the attraction lasting all the way from Hastings to Lincoln between Virgil Johnson of that campus and Pris Mosely, Alpha Phi, with four dates on their calendar so far...

Enjoyed to the utmost by both houses was the candy-passing last night of Joann Emerson, Pi Phi, and Duke Schatz, Sigma Nu... A break-up we never expected to report is that of Johnny Kerl, Phi Gam, and Alicia Henson, AOPi, after years of faithfulness. They both took in Jan Savitt Sunday night, Johnny with Louise Lefter, Theta, while Alicia showed up with Carl Petty, ATO...

Rumor has it that Dick Smith and Betty Jo Nelson, Tri Delt, had patched things all up again, and then there was Betty Jo coking with some other man yesterday... Another steady deal gone on the rocks is that of Paul Stoess, Sigma Chi, and Amy Colburn, Gamma Phi, much to everyone's surprise...

No one had a chance to tell Sally Hamilton, Kappa, good-bye, she left for California so suddenly. We are sorry to have her go but glad to hear that her soldier brother has turned up safe and sound... The romance of Bruce "Date Em All" Pendleton, Phi Gam, and blonde Marge Crandall is really going it hot and heavy these days, they are practically inseparable from our way of looking at it.

Congratulations to the new officers of the SDTs, namely Ann Arbitman as president, with Rose Goldstein, Esther Fox, and Aronita Daskovsky aiding her... Too bad that Pat Caley had to go and lose Don Cheneyfelt's DU pin for it leaves Don's fraternity father, Adrian Foe, minus a pin also for the time being.

Fijis Raise White Rats.

And now the Phi Gams are raising white rats on their fourth floor and even bragging about it. More pledges over there?... While we are on the subject of Phi Gams, the generosity of Oke O'Connor must not go unmentioned. Al, in case you don't know, is in the hospital with the measles which he received from Johnny Carr, fraternity brother. Despite this, Al loaned Johnny his car and his tickets for Jan Savitt plus his girl, Aline Hosman, Theta. That's what we call forgiveness with a vengeance... Sunday was a big day for the Farm House boys as they spent it at the farm of Paul Eveland where the food and haymow were both appreciated... The Farm House brothers also enjoyed cigars twice over Saturday night when both Bob Mead and John Trumble gave out with the symbols of pin-hangings and a marriage...

It Took A Long Time.

Rumors of the long-awaited pin hanging between Innocent Mort Margolin, SAM, and Bonny Seldin, SDT, were finally confirmed with the candy-cigar passing last night. This week end will probably be everyone's ruination what with such big events as the Tri-Ad, the Fiji-Tau Tussle and the Sigma Nu and Sig Ep spring formals. Dates to same will be reported in the near future... Sig Eps had quite a picnic Saturday with Casey Zarek escorting Gamma Phi Mary Ellen Robinson, prexy Jack Busby with Alpha Xi Delt Frankie Smith and Bob Henderson with DG Jane Robinson... See ya, tomorrow...

Why the Amendment?

By Bill Dafeo.

The proposed amendments to the Student Council constitution have drawn a great deal of adverse comment. It has been condemned by the Union party, by the Greek majority of the student council, and by two Greek editors of the Daily Nebraskan.

Mary Kerrigan, editor of the Daily Nebraskan last semester, said of it, "If this goes through it will junk all the progress which has been made in the last ten years in improving student government on this campus." Editor Svoboda writes, "Whatever arguments that are advanced in behalf of the proposal are just pretenses."

Be that what it may, it is time that the arguments were made clear. Here are the most important benefits of the proposal:

1. Fair representation of all groups according to their voting strength is provided through the Hare system of proportional representation. Article IV, Sec. 5.
2. Elections are simplified and artificial restrictions as to class, college and sex are removed. Article IV, Sec. 3.
3. Membership is cut to 20 thus making a more active council. Article IV, Sec. 3.
4. The College of Agriculture is given a fairer representation on the council. Article IV, Sec. 1.
5. Holdover members on the council are eliminated Article IV, Sec. 1.

The Hare system of proportional representation provides actual representation for all groups according to their voting strength. It is simple in operation, yet hard to manipulate. It does not limit representation to parties. In fact, no matter how division lines are drawn the system is flexible enough to handle the situation with fairness to all groups or individuals.

The Hare system of proportional representation is used in municipal elections of New York City, and Cincinnati, Ohio, and by the English universities in electing members to parliament. It has also proved successful in many U. S. Universities including Minnesota and New Mexico.

The proposed amendment recognizes that the Student Council is an all student organization deliberating upon matters of common interest only. As the student council constitution itself states (Article III, Sec. 1), the Council is "To regulate and co-ordinate the activities of all student organizations and groups whenever such activities are of general University interest." Lines of class, college and sex become unimportant when viewed in this larger whole.

The proposal, on the other hand, does recognize that the University of Nebraska is composed of two campuses—a city campus and an agricultural campus. To unify adequately the two separate programs and functions on these campuses, the plan would give Ag college one member to every four from the city. (Under the present system they receive only one to every eleven, which is less than half the proportion to which their enrollment entitles them.)

Finally, experienced membership is provided by calling for an election of one-half the members each semester—the other half to retain their offices and give the background and continuity essential.

All this means very little to one who does not understand the present set-up (among whom must be included most of the present Council members.) Therefore, let us look at the present election system. Eighteen college representatives and four seniors at large are elected at the annual Student Council election. In case a party does not gain its quota of Council members it is given one member for every 125 votes it polls. Eight hold-over members are also elected from the members of the out-going Council to serve for another term. Thus the council consists of between thirty and forty-five members, depending on the number elected by the present system of proportional representation.

On the surface this looks very fair, but there is a catch. The hold-over members are always chosen from the party with the majority on the Council. Thus the hold-over system becomes but a device used to perpetuate that group in power. This year the Council is Greek. The eight hold-over members chosen are Greeks. And this situation is but a repetition of last year's. In practice this means that the party in power can continue its domination by electing only three of the twenty-two candidates, while the out-party must elect twenty-one out of the twenty-two members to gain a majority of one on the Council.

It is unfortunate perhaps that both support and opposition to the amendment are so clearly drawn along party lines. It was not proposed as a party issue, in fact, the change was suggested by Darrell Randall, a graduate student in economics, who had seen the Hare system in operation before he came to Nebraska. It was worked out in collaboration with Prof. Aylesworth of the Political Science department, who is an authority on the subject. Last spring the amendment was presented to the Student Council as a non-partisan measure.

However, the very evident change that the chart illustrates made party division on the question inevitable. The Greek faction leaders know that under the present system they can continue to dominate the council year after year by electing only 3 out of 22 candidates at each election. The Barbs realize that it is now necessary to elect 21 out of 22 candidates to gain a majority of the council. For this reason, the proposal has become a party issue.

Yet the logical division along party lines should in no way discount the advantage of the proposal. These basic facts remain. The present system perpetuates a group in power. The new will give fair representation to all groups in exact proportion to their voting strength.

Art Department Faculty Members Attend Meeting

Several members of the art department faculty attended the Western Arts association convention in Kansas City, April 8-11, including Prof. Dwight Kirsch, chairman, Miss Kady Faulkner, Miss Lyda Burry, Miss Emily Moore, Miss Irmel Bush, Richard Sorbey and Theatrus Alberts. Professor Kirsch presided at two meetings as chairman of the university and college section, and all staff members were represented by work in education exhibits.

Inauguration of Dr. Herman Lee Donovan as sixth president of the University of Kentucky is planned for May 6.

Dr. Donald J. Cowling, president of Carleton college, is Minnesota chairman of the USO war fund campaign.

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