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Unconstitutional . . .

When the Pan-Hel proposal to abolish political parties from the campus by striking out any notation of party after a candidate's name on a primary ballot was reported as "unconstitutional" at Wednesday's Student Council meeting, 20 students who attended either to support or fight the Pan-Hel plan were slightly frustrated. The continued attempt of its supporters to railroad this proposal through Council in the absence of most of the men leaders on campus appears somewhat like the indefatigable Dry movement to vote in prohibition while the men of the country are away in the armed forces.

The election committee had no plan to offer in place of the Pan-Hel resolution, so the entire discussion was held off until next Wednesday. If the student spectators had wished, however, they could have forced the Council into a "political discussion" either at the close of the committee report, or under new business.

To the supporters of the Pan-Hel plan, it came as something of a shock to discover that in order to "do away" with political parties on the campus, it would be necessary to scrap the entire Student Council constitution, because the rules governing election to the Council are based on the principle of a party system. If this section were voted out by the Council, the very basis on which the Council functions would have to be reconsidered.

It is strange that it seems necessary to point out that political parties are the machinery with which a democracy works, and that student self-government without the party system would destroy the purpose for which the Council was created: Namely, to provide experience with the workings of our own governmental system.

It is not the duty of the Student Council to create parties, but only to recognize them as a party and to pass on their platforms. If the existing parties are distasteful to the student body there is nothing to prevent such a group to form a new party with a new platform or to re-vitalize an old party with a new platform, or to demand a review of an existing party by the Council, but, under the existing constitution, political parties cannot be abolished from the university.

CORRECTION: The "after-dark rule" was not passed Monday by Pan-Hel as a rule, but as a "suggestion," despite information that it was a rule received from four of the student members of that organization.

Council . . .

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 committee had nothing to report at the time.

Investigate Cornhusker.

The matter of Cornhusker expenditures recently brought to light thru an anonymous letter to the Nebraskan was questioned by Dexter Sharp, who, after the council suggested investigation, was appointed chairman of a committee including Roberta Collins and Edith Pumphrey to present to the council at the next meeting a report of such expenditures. Sharp commented that he thought the individual books were more expensive than necessary considering the intake of funds from both advertising and sales of pages to organized groups. Bill Sakayama, chairman of the

committee to look into the matter of spring vacations, told the council that his group was not sure of a suitable length of vacation to request. Council discussion yielded little more advice for the committee until Sharp suggested that it ask for one week as the longest span, if necessary taking less.

Dean Verna H. Boyles recently told Miss Larsen, chairman of the "formals" committee, that formals might be worn in the Union if "women feel that they are appropriate." No further work on the matter was announced.

Homecoming Plans.

War council plans for homecoming decorations were presented by Ghita Hill, president of the war council. Altho plans are not complete this week, the council voted to delegate to the war council the responsibility for the

LETTERIP

Letter to the Editor:

The Student Council has shown by its meeting of last Wednesday their attitude toward student affairs. It has been claimed that the student body does not adequately support its elected representatives. Yet at Wednesday's meeting there were some 15 to 20 non-members present ready to discuss campus questions. Yet they were stifled when the Council adjourned without hearing any of these people who had huffed and puffed up three flights of stairs to be present.

Most of the students wanted to discuss election procedures, but the Council deliberately disregarded their desires. Some members of the Council are in favor of a re-adjustment of election rules, and many thought that this year's Council would be interested enough to hear from all students upon any subject. But it has gotten off to a very bad start. Unless Student Council members forget that they are members of certain cliques and remember that it is their job to do all they can for the good of the school, then they deserve all the names that have been hurled against them.

Here's to the hope that the Student Council will function as it should in solving campus problems, and be above, or at least not so actively engaged in, the questionable

decorations. Miss Hill reported that according to plans already made, organized houses may spend \$7 on decorations which will stress "economy with originality."

Harold Anderson, council president, announced appointments to the constitutions committee with Jo Martz, chairman, Gene Dixon and Gloria Mardis. Chairman of the budget committee will be Dexter Sharp working with Jeanne Rotton and Helen Vennum. A committee to work for the council in choosing students for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" will be headed by Mary Jo Gish, assisted by Gloria Mardis and Jim Abdnor.

The elections committee will be the same as the committee now working on the question of primary elections with Gene Dixon, chairman, Jean Larsen, Russ Leger and Janet Mason.

Russ Leger was elected unanimously to represent the council on the athletic board of control. A meeting of the council will be held next Wednesday to hear reports of committees which were not prepared for this week's session.

The United States is the principal producer of zinc.

The Tower of London once housed a menagerie.

Assignats were paper money issued in France in the latter part of the 18th century.

V . . . — Mail Clippings

Pat Chamberlin, Censor

Pfc. RONALD METZ, Sigma Chi and former leading man for the UN theatre, is stationed at Fort Riley, Kas., with a special service unit.

Pvt. KENNETH R. GREENWOOD, Phi Gam, is taking a course on airplane radio mechanics at Fort Monmouth, N. J.

BOB KNOLL, BMOC a year ago, is attending OCS at Fort Sill, Okl. NORM SUNDBERG and BILLY ROBINS LAVER were graduated as second lieutenants from Sill last week.

Pvt. ROY G. JEFFERS has been overseas with the 13th A.A.F. for seven months. An aircraft armorer in the "Long Rangers" bomber outfit, he wears two Battle Star on his Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon. The Long Rangers began their offensive in the battle of Guadalcanal and are now blasting the Japs on the Philippines.

Pvt. RICHARD LAHR, Sig Alph last year, is with the infantry in France.

kind of politics that go on behind the scenes.

A disappointed Cornhusker,
 Stanton Bruce.

(Editor's Note: A search at the Registrar's office revealed no Stanton Bruce or Bruce Stanton registered in the university.)

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