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Party Machinery . . .

A Student Council election this spring is further complicated by the necessity of political party machinery to set the Council's constitution into practice. The emphasis in the new document as it now stands is on the establishment of several parties on campus. Without them, much of the basic thinking in drawing up the revised instrument for student government will be contradicted.

The system of representation called for in the constitution relies on a multiple-party set-up. Council members to be elected from the colleges of the University are expected to file as party supporters. The election rules and publicity regulations are based on the idea of party tickets and campaigns. Though independent candidates will be eligible to run for Council, as in the past, the constitution clearly anticipates a party system.

On the basis of time remaining for the Council to win approval of their constitution by both the student body and the faculty and to set up an election, including filings, campaigns and seating of members, the task appears impossible. Judging from faculty reaction in the past to political parties, with attention to their membership, organization and purposes—whether justified or not—the party machinery necessary to augment the constitution offers a difficult problem in itself.

It has been said that skeletons of possible political parties already exist on the campus and need only be rallied to life to function as the Council hopes. It is doubtful, though, that political parties of the best type can be formed in such a brief period. It is imperative for the Council's new constitution that the conditions in which it is first used be as ideal as possible. A year's work on the student government instrument could be hastily destroyed if the basic theories behind the constitution cannot be realistically expressed with all opportunity for success. "Hurry up" action can only lead to further distrust of the "interim" Council's efforts.

The Faculty Committee on Student Affairs can be relied upon to analyze carefully any plans for a party system. They have long contended that there are too few issues upon which to create "acceptable" political parties on this campus. The Council this year has also encountered difficulty in offering any suggestions which would create such groups as envisioned by the faculty members. Their desire to experiment with the plan may receive little enthusiasm from faculty quarters, one group which must approve the revisions of the constitution it withdrew a year ago.

The lack of political party machinery, and the suggested creation of it under the new Council constitution, is only one of many hurdles for the student governing body to overcome if it attempts to put its product into action this spring. It offers still another reason for the present "interim" Council to take steps immediately to set up the plan for a like Council next year to put the constitution into effect.

Congratulations . . .

Nebraska university students are to be congratulated for their foresight in voting favorably toward a new addition to the city Union building and a new Ag college union.

When a margin of more than 1,000 students out of approximately 4,000 voting favor new Union facilities, it is a pretty good indication that students realize the value of those things which a Union offers. We feel certain that, in view of the large majority favoring Union expansion, the Board of Regents will give the green light on the new buildings.

The entire matter of expansion proved that University officials and students can work together in harmony. When the expansion committee first started its work, it had no idea that the question of a new Ag Union would arise. The committee's sole purpose was to investigate the possibility of constructing an addition to the city building.

But the Ag question did arise. At first, it looked like the issue was going to turn into a battle between the two campuses. A meeting involving representatives from both resulted in a few heated words on the part of faculty members and students. But a knock-down, drag-out fight was averted. Accusations and insults were held to a minimum, and the entire plan of expansion was settled in a friendly manner to the satisfaction of both city and Ag leaders.

The next step was to find out how the students themselves felt about expansion. And their votes showed that they desire the Regents to give permission for additional Union facilities.

Much has been said about the facilities which a larger Union could offer. And we feel that in the future, Nebraska students will have a Union which will be more of a center for all phases of campus life. It will offer students many more activities and recreational facilities in which to spend their free hours.

And the long-needed Ag Union should at least become a reality. Ag students will be able to carry on their many activities more conveniently, besides having a few recreational facilities of their own.

The new Unions will certainly add a great deal to the campus life of University of Nebraska students for many years to come.

Editorial Briefs

"Enviably record" was the declaration of praise received for the University College of Engineering's quality of education. The New York state education department has reported that all Nebraska graduates who took the professional engineering examination were able to make the grade. This record is especially commendable in view of the fact that only three engineering colleges in the United States came through the exam with this perfect score. Dean Roy Green and the engineering faculty certainly can feel proud of this achievement in turning out such outstanding products from the College of Engineering.

Seniors don't have far to look if they're in search of after-graduation employment. Jobs in 11 fields are open to University students in the occupational placement office. Positions range from salesman or health and physical education jobs to office clerk or summer lodge employment. Students need only look into these job possibilities to find the widest scope of occupational opportunities.

Letterip

To the Editor:
In lieu of the fact that The Daily Nebraskan is published by the students of the University of Nebraska as expression of student news and opinions only, I am asking that you print my opinion on fraternal discrimination. It is a crime that this exists on one of the very colleges which was a participant in the Mock World Court, the Model U. N. session and is preparing men who some day may defend the United States in some problem on the international front. I am speaking of the law college of course, and the denial of one of its fraternities to pledge a freshman student who meets all the requirements. This very group has voted along with the national group with which it is affiliated to drop the restrictive clauses barring negroes.

In the face of that move they have refused to admit N. Fitz, a Negro. Can it be that this talk of world citizenship and a U. N. means something in the face of a stark denial to accept a fellow American?

The Montgomery lectures were planned this year to stimulate CONSTRUCTIVE thought. The topics were, Values in General, DEMOCRATIC VALUES, and Why do we FAIL? Can it be that these lectures stimulated biased or prejudiced thought rather than intelligent or constructive thought?

These are the words of Chancellor Gustavson, "... And our work must be more than just adequate; it must evidence the utmost effort on our part to promote world harmony. We can assume our duties as leaders or followers only if we take it upon ourselves to back up our work with a sound knowledge of what it takes for international peace. The problems which arise at the mock conference are problems which are baffling the world leaders today. We must understand these problems. We must look at them intelligently if we are to detect the loophole through which we can find our way out of world stalemate. The mock assembly brings us one step closer to being prepared for our job as world citizens."

Are we evidencing an effort to promote harmony here at home? Can we understand those problems which are baffling the world leaders if we do not understand our problems here?

I think that we can acquire better preparation here at home by detecting the loopholes in our democracy which are causing us much pain and grief as the international troubles are causing the world leaders today. Can something be done? Are we going to allow this sort of democracy to exist on our campus?

Edward Thomas.

To the Editor:
As president of the senior class I would like to commend you on your very fine editorial of last week with regard to Theta Nu Epsilon. However, don't you feel that your suggestion that there is a group on our campus which is in some way comparable to the Ku Klux Klan is putting it a bit too strong?

I cannot make myself believe that there are members of the senior class, or any other class, who would have anything to do with such an organization; and I cannot help but feel deep concern when statements to the contrary are made by persons of responsibility in our student body.

In an editorial a few weeks back you mentioned the fact that there is a tendency to condemn the University in general when some few students engage in activity that is unsavory to the general public. You were right. Again I have learned that there has been much talk over the state the past week to the effect that there exists what must be an arm of the Ku Klux Klan on the University of Nebraska campus. Is this talk accurate, or does it come from a careless statement made without mature consideration? In either case such talk is a serious detriment to the relations of our University with the people of Nebraska.

Yours truly,
Bill Mueller,
Senior Class President

To the Editor:
The "N" club of the University of Nebraska wishes to take a definite stand in regard to the selection of the cheerleaders. We, the members of the athletic teams, voted to have a minimum of three coeds on the cheerleading squad.

We believe that our coeds have a right to this membership since we are still under a co-educational system. Also we feel that our coeds, if selected properly, could do as much in representing our school as the athletes themselves.

The "N" men, who the cheerleaders are directly boosting, feel that they should have a voice in the selection of this squad.

Bob Russell,
"N" Club

Class of '51 Will Inaugurate First 'Junior Day' May 12

The class of 1951 will gather May 12 for the first annual all-junior class dance and barbecue at Antelope park and pavilion.

The day's festivities, now being planned by members of the Junior Class council under the direction of Junior Class President Herb Reese, will include a barbecue, softball and horseshoe games, speakers and a class dance.

Sporting ribbons inscribed "Class of '51," the juniors and their dates will join in the second project sponsored by the council. Earlier this spring, the group supervised the annual Junior-Senior prom.

'Mystery Band'
The ribbons will be sent to all juniors of the University this week with invitations to the class party. Included in the letters will be cards to reserve places at the barbecue. Cost of the dinner will be 50 cents per person. No other charge will be levied on class members.

The barbecue will begin at 6:30 p. m. May 12, Friday night. At about 8 p. m., dancing will begin in the pavilion to the special "mystery band." Special guests, including Gov. Val Peterson, Chancellor Gustavson and others, will then address the class. Reese will welcome the juniors.

Planned for the purpose of drawing the class together, the class day will be open to all juniors wearing the red and cream ribbons, and their dates. Juniors are also asked to wear the ribbons and clothes for the barbecue-dance during the day.

Committee
Committee planning the class day, under Reese's direction, are: Food, Don Fisher and Dick Kuska; finance, Bill Dugan; location, Knox Jones; publicity, Norma Chubbuck, Betty Green and Gene Berg; decorations, Jan Lindquist; speakers and program, Bob Russell; arrangements, Bob

Two prep gridgers from Omaha are in the national spotlight at the present time.

They are Jim Harris and Ray Novak both of whom gained All City Honors this past year.

The two players have been contacted by promoters of an all-star game and may appear in an East-West game to be played next August in Memphis, Tenn.

news and views

George Wilcox
Budenz "Unscrupulous Informer," Lattimore.

Owen Lattimore charged in Washington that ex-communist Louis F. Budenz is a paid "informer" and an "unscrupulous informer" who brought charges against him for personal gain.

Lattimore, far eastern expert, swore for a second time under oath that charges of communism brought against him by Lattimore and Budenz were lies.

He told a senate investigating committee that McCarthy had "criminally libeled" him in his charge that he was Russia's "top espionage agent" in the United States.

Lattimore made this point for point denial of Budenz's testimony which indicated that if Lattimore was not a communist he was a "fellow traveler."

1. Denied he had attended with his wife in 1946 a meeting in the basement of Frederick Vanderbilt Field, communist financial "angel."

2. Budenz was wrong when he reported Lattimore placed "communist writers" of the staff of the magazine Pacific Affairs of which Lattimore is the editor.

3. Budenz was guilty of lies when he said Lattimore informed Field of a change in party attitude toward General Chiang Kai-shek of China.

4. Lattimore maintained that far from following the communists were blasting him.

5. Branded Budenz a "liar" for his report on Lattimore's alleged party services.

6. "For the record," Lattimore said he had no connection with the 1945 Amerasia case, involving the arrest of six persons on charges of stealing government documents.

Red Rockets to Alaska

Russia has built powerful rocket installation in the Arctic and Baltic areas aimed at Alaska, Norway and Sweden, a 33-year-old escapee from a Soviet concentration camp reported in Philadelphia.

Maragon Gets Two Years

John Maragon, a one-time hanger-on around the White House, was sentenced to serve eight months to two years in jail for lying criminally to senate investigators.

No Change in Trial for Bayley

Dist. Judge J. H. Broady overruled motions for change of venue in the cases of Alan J. Bayley and Edward E. Angle, both charged with assault with intent to commit rape on March 18. Trial for Bayley is scheduled for May 8.

NU Bulletin Board

Wednesday

Cosmopolitan club meeting 7:30 p.m., Parlors XY, Union; election of 1950-51 officers will be discussed; Fritz Feiri will talk about Turkey.

Student branch of A.I.E.E., regular meeting in Room 104, Burnett, election of officers will be held; movies and refreshments.

Phalanx meeting, 7:30 p.m., Armory; installation of officers.

AUF solicitations board meeting at Room 207, Union.

Innocents Society members will hold tackling practice at 7:30 p.m., at the usual practice grounds.

Ag Dance lessons will be held in Ag Union at 7:30 p. m. This

Too Much Talk-Teachers' Pitfall

College teachers talk too much. That is the belief of Professor Neil P. Bailey, head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

In a memorandum of "Teaching Pitfalls," which he prepared for the use of members of his department, he stated, "The worst temptation in teaching is excessive talking by the instructor."

Professor Bailey declared that the greatest asset of any teacher, interviewer or administrator, is the ability to ask wise and penetrating questions and then have the patience to await the formulation of answers. One nicely sharpened and carefully aimed question will often bring to a head hours of student thinking about a subject.

Pointing out that too many questions asked in class are either superficial, out-of-focus, or too general, Professor Bailey said that all too often teachers fail to await a student's answer.

Well Modulated

BY DUTCH MEYERS.

Here's something for all you cats, and movie goers. Columbia has put out an album of the music from the flicker "Young Man with the Horn."

Naturally, the trumpet of Harry James is featured. Not the old commercial James, but the young James who came out of the circus band to cut records with the All-Stars and a few other greats.

Speaking of Harold, his latest pop disc is Mona Lisa from the movie "Captain Carey, U.S.A." But just between us the hot side of the platter is a little number called, students of Italian please correct, "La Vien Sa."

In the golden-throated thrush department try Fran Warren singing "I Almost Lost My Mind." Fran at her best with a great vocal backing.

There were some interesting facts in Variety concerning the week ending April 8.

The top seller on the coin machines for that week was: "If I Knew You Were Coming."

It seems the record makers are kicking about the same thing that the movies are having trouble with. Namely the critics are plugging to many foreign lables.

Personally, I've never come across any foreign I was especially fond of. But the easiest way to correct this would be to turn out higher quality stuff.

Favorites in the Crib: For smooth vocalizing, Margaret Whiting's "It Might as Well Be Spring." Of course, Tony Martin's "There's No Tomorrow."

On the Air: For the lovers of the radio mystery program, i.e. Sam Spade, some Thursday night tune in "Dragnet." The stories are taken from the files of the Los Angeles police force.

Goodnight, Giovanni.

is the last lesson of the year.

Thursday
Fry Day and Daisy chain practice at 5 p.m. in Parlors ABC, Union.

University 4-H picnic will be held at 5:30 p.m., on lower campus.

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Hayseed and Haywire

By Dick Walsh

Even rain and its product, mud, couldn't stop the 1950 Farmers' Fair last weekend. Fair manager, Don Knebel, can be nothing but pleased with the general spirit displayed even through the worst of the day. One float in the Saturday parade though, typified an interesting attitude.

A farmer sprawled under an umbrella and displayed the sign: "To hell with the fair; farmers sleep while it rains."

But a near capacity crowd turned out for the cotton and denim dance as well as the square dance and barbecue. The only empty space was found at the rodeo. But even there spectators were well entertained. Thus completing the Fair's purpose, that of entertainment and good will.

The Ag Union entertainment for the month of May, I was told today, will be an open air dance scheduled for Friday, May 12. To be held directly in front of the Ag Union, the open air entertainment will feature the music of Gerry Mayburn. The "sky-light terrace ball" was initiated last year and as such was met with approval. Committee men hope to install the dance as a yearly attraction.

An estimated thirty-five representatives from 21 states are meeting on Ag campus today bringing to a close a two-day meeting headed by Dr. Carl Olson Jr. The veterinarians and USDA agents discussed the latest developments of bovine hyperkeratosis, or "X" disease, a dreaded disease of cattle. If you had a name like that you'd sign "X" too.

With the student voting for fee increases completed and the results generally known, betting odds with regard to construction of a new Ag Union are fast dropping. Professor O. G. Whiz of the Watering Department on Ag says present odds are 9,999 to one. Former odds were 1,000 to one. You ask which way the bookie agency is betting? Oh, either.

Language School To Show Movie

A German film in technicolor will be shown by the modern languages department three times this week.

The movie, "Die Fledermaus," will be shown Thursday, May 4, at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. in Morrill hall auditorium; and on Friday, May 5, in Love Library auditorium at 8 p.m. The Daily Nebraskan previously reported that the film would be shown last week.

Tickets will be 25 cents each.

MAIN FEATURES START STATE

"Rock Island Trail"
1:37, 3:35, 5:33, 7:31, 9:30.

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1:00, 4:01, 6:59, 10:00

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