

EDITORIAL PAGE

Get On The Band Wagon!

In these days of pre-primary politics, campaign speeches by everybody and everybody's manager, national election atmosphere and general political dolings, University students seem to have aroused from their usual lethargy concerning everything not pertaining to a cup of coffee, a mid-term test and a Saturday night date to take interest.

This interest beyond has taken shape in the various student groups organized to support a certain candidate for President, senator or governor of Nebraska.

Having received active support from University students are: Dwight Griswold, candidate for Senator; Hugh Butler, an incumbent candidate for Senator; Val Peterson, candidate for Senator; Estes Kefauver, candidate for President; Robert Tate, candidate for President. To date, there has been quite a bit of campus flounder regarding the candidacy of General Dwight Eisenhower, Sen. Robert S. Kerr, Victor Anderson and Robert Crosby. However, no particular student groups have formed to back these men.

Crosby and Anderson have appeared on the campus as has Governor Peterson. Senator Butler spoke in Lincoln Tuesday night. Estes Kefauver and Robert Kerr both have scheduled appearances on the University campus. This is a mighty commendable record for the students who instigated the movements to ask these various office-seekers to appear before a collegiate audience.

The Daily Nebraskan has commended the efforts and interest of the students who have taken such an unusual-for-students part in national and state politics. It is gratifying to note that the grade school-playground consciousness of Roosevelt and Dewey has developed into a seemingly-mature attitude toward politics.

Head In Sand?

University students have heard of Chancellor R. G. Gustavson, Robert Crosby and Vic Anderson, William Jennings Bryan, George Norris, Harry S. Truman, Andrew Carnegie and possibly Nehru. They probably have a faint recollection of having heard of the Brannan plan, the Taft-Hartley law, the Sherman Anti-Trust law and possibly the McCarran act.

But how many University students can name the new ruler of Cuba? How many could put the finger on the subject under Senate and House debate at this moment? How many could recall how much money President Truman has asked for military spending this year? How many know exactly what issues are holding up the Korean truce talks at present? And how many students are familiar with the problems facing General Eisenhower and the North Atlantic Treaty organization today?

With the constant pressure of studies, activities, meetings, entertainment and merely keeping up with the little things of day-to-day living, University students might find very little time to pick up an evening or morning paper and see what's going on in the world around them.

But, as hardly need be mentioned, what is going on in the world around University students, vitally affects nearly every incident and shape of their lives. The truce talks in Korea, the new government in Cuba, the amount of money being allotted for military spending, the fate of the treaty policies of the entire western European world—every moment of these events, every leader's decisions, every decision finally reached by world powers, has an individual effect on the life of every single University student.

Picking up a newspaper for five minutes instead of playing bridge; switching on the radio for a newscast instead of making an unimportant phone call; reading an analytical article on some world problem instead of dropping into the crib for an hour or two—all of these would improve the international awareness of University students. And it also might be beneficial to become familiar with those forces and factors which will determine our lives.

The Daily Nebraskan is not in favor of a 24-hour-per-day seriousness by University students. The Nebraskan is not waging a crusade against

It is normal to "get-on-the-band-wagon," and University students are realizing there are more important things in this world today than their own lives. However, University students should realize that there is more to elections than the personalities involved and more to becoming an intelligent, informed voter than getting on a party or candidate band wagon.

There seems to be more to politics than whether a candidate supports or is against UMT; more than a stand for or against a state road commission; more than a suggestion for or against reorganization of government; more than advocating or using Chiang's troops in Korea or the China mainland. There is more to electing a man to office than the surface issues which are answered no or yes or dodged by office candidates.

The issues are here. They cannot be found, too often, in the campaign material filled with glittering generalities; very often they cannot be found in the issue-dodging speeches of candidates.

But they can be found through a concentrated, thorough campaign by all those students riding on band-wagons. It is fine to be aligned with a political cause or candidate. It is better to know exactly for what the candidate stands; how he proposes to remedy any situation he calls bad; and why he feels certain situations should be eliminated or reconstructed.

To those students taking part or actively interested in the many candidates for president, senator and governor, The Daily Nebraskan suggests a stepped-up search into the real platforms and policies of these men. This country is a land of laws, not of men. It would be helpful to know not just who will make our laws, but what these laws will be. R.R.

coffee hours, bridge games and general collegiate dolings.

But a few more hours—even minutes—spent in finding out what's going on in the world today would be a mighty healthy and progressive move for University students. R.R.

The Battle Begins Early

Newbold Morris, President Truman's clean-up chief, has been accused of not being able to "know a corruption if he saw one." Rep. George Meader (R-Mich.) expounded on this personality theory before his congressional cronies early this week. Meader also suggested that a special House committee be created with blanket authority to investigate corruption in any agency of the government.

It is possible that Representative Meader and his representative friends might also be unaware of corruption while facing it. It also might be possible that Morris, untested thus far in his job of cleaning out corruption in government, will not be able to accomplish his governmental job without the cooperation and assistance of members of Congress.

Sen. Joe McCarthy has lowered his sights on the new clean-up man. Morris, from the beginning, is coming under attack from anti-administration leaders. Many people have questioned President Truman's appointment of Morris. And nearly everything about Morris' life is being questioned by those who would like to see their own pet project inaugurated for riding the government of scandal.

The appointment of Morris was at least a step toward cleaning out government corruption. The suggestion that Congress take it upon its already burdened shoulders to play Sherlock throughout the governmental hierarchy would be retrogression, not progress.

If Morris is to succeed in his job, if any corrupt officials are to be cleaned out of Washington, D. C., the plan must be given a chance to operate. Of course, Morris' actions and plans should be examined critically. But, at this point, to suggest that Morris and Truman's scandal-hunting blueprint be junked is merely considering a man guilty before he is proven innocent. R.R.

Margin Notes

The Internal Revenue bureau in the Lincoln post office has announced it will extend the income tax deadline to March 17. This move, although not designed as such, will undoubtedly allow the state's burdened taxpayers to make sure all their taxes are dutifully poured into Washington.

After hearing Bob Crosby indicate he would reorganize state departments, cut down on state administrative expenses, and end up eliminating some departments and some state personnel, a few state employees might start running for political cover elsewhere than under the Crosby wing.

The same applies to a few people on Nebraska assistance rolls. Crosby feels that some people can very well be cut from state assistance.

Vic Anderson might have a few words to say to members of the huge national administrative regime these days. Perhaps Lincoln's mayor's platform for governor, we need-a-businessman-to-run-this-state, would apply to those in Washington, D. C., who seem to have lost sight of business principles and ethics.

In regard to the balloting at Ellen Smith hall Tuesday, it is sincerely hoped that the women to lead four extremely influential campus organizations will have been chosen on the basis of their individual merit, and not on the "she's my sorority sister" or "I've heard of her" basis.

A certain member of the All-University party was heard to ask a coed, as she left Ellen Smith hall Tuesday, if she had "checked off." It is interesting to note that, although women's politics on this campus are not organized as are men's politics, through the individual organizations and houses, the motives for voting certain ways are the same. Greek or independent, faction or non-faction, the old "get our own man into office" theory seems to hold true.

The Daily Nebraskan would like to inquire just why Sen. Hugh Butler has consistently re-

Daily Thought

What has truth done to us that we should be afraid of it? Edwin Arlington Robinson.

Barbed Wire



Barb Wylie

Shades of spring '51, TNE's and the pink rag. A certain sorority president was going through her mail the other day when she ran across a telegram addressed to the sorority. The message read, in full, "Congratulations to your 10 new Rho Delta pledges. They are a grand bunch and we know they will go far. Best wishes for a successful year. The T.N.E.'s."

Several other sororities received the same message. At last reports, two of the more serious minded sisters had their heads together trying to figure out who the 10 were.

Along this line, I recently read an article which stated that early office-goers in England did double-takes when they spotted a white flag bearing a black skull and crossbones flying over the home of Britain's Parliament. British police attributed the stunt to the work of "prankish students."

Could this be a sign that, after being rusticated from our University, TNE has spread to Oxford?

Anyone attending the political discussion between Vic Anderson and Bob Crosby in the Union Monday could not help but laugh at the antics of Doris Carlson, chairman of the discussion. At one point, when introducing Anderson, she said, "I know you all must be familiar with Anderson; I saw him circulating in the audience."

The epitaph on a New England grave reads: "Here lies an atheist. All dressed up and no place to go."

If you want to know the opposite of New York City, it is a place called Douglas, Ark.; a one-man town on the bank of the Arkansas river. You never can tell, information like this might come in handy some day. Things is tough all over, Joe.



High School College Day

To the Editor:

Your editorial of March 17 on the high school 'College Day' points up a valuable means that high schools can use to inform their students about higher education. I should like to emphasize one point of your editorial.

One of the great values for high school students rests in the participation by college students. High school students gain a very close, personal view of college when they learn about college from college students. This was exemplified at Nebraska City when Joan Krueger and George Wilcox participated in panel discussions. Their parts were exemplary. In a few minutes they showed the high school students more about college than can be found in catalogs and college "representatives." They stood out clearly as high point of College Day! The University can well be proud of them. This same quality is present in the excellent work done by the Builders.

There is a very close connection between present University students and future ones. I hope that College Days in other high schools taken advantage of this connection.

Yours sincerely,  
ARTHUR A. HITCHCOCK,  
Director, Junior division and counseling service.

Kefauver's 'Drawbacks'

Dear Editor:

In his Tuesday column, Tom Rische presented a few so-called "drawbacks" to Estes Kefauver's presidential aspirations.

First, Tom asserts that Kefauver will be handicapped by the failure of any congressional leaders to openly announce their support for the Tennessee senator. Because of this, Tom draws the questionable conclusion that Kefauver is at odds with the Democratic party.

If this line of reasoning is correct, then all the Republican presidential candidates and their parties are incommensurate for the simple reason that they already have created more friction than Kefauver will ever equal. So if Tom's first point is valid, the Republicans cannot possibly win the election. At this stage of the game, most of the "big wheels" are still busy choosing up sides.

Furthermore, Kefauver, through his crime investigations, has earned the respect of both Democrats and Republicans, as Tom pointed out. Though this harmony probably will not prevail throughout Kefauver's administration, it is still a bit early to start ringing the bell about Democratic disension with Kefauver. No matter how good he is, any president will have trouble, and neither a Democrat nor a Republican can en-

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tirely avoid it. Hence, Tom's first argument is irrelevant.

His Democratic affiliation further leads Tom to believe Kefauver will lose. This statement is merely a repetition of the overflowing confidence expressed by the Republicans during the 1948 election—a case of overconfidence that proved fatal. The Republican ballyhoo did not defeat such a mediocre man as Truman, and it will have far less effect against an am-possessing the stature and integrity of Kefauver.

At a state level, the Crump machine undoubtedly wields much more power than does the Republican party on a national scale—putting their respective strength on a percentage basis. Yet Kefauver, despite his politics, bested the Crump machine.

Contrary to the apparent Republican belief, the intelligent person will cast his vote for the individual and not for the party. And as Tom pointed out, "Kefauver has been a good senator—showing fearlessness, humility and complete honesty."

It is true that the Truman administration has been marred by corruption. Just because many people are Democrats, however, does not mean they support this corruption proven in the New Hampshire primary election where Kefauver defeated Truman. A change in the presidency, as Tom implied, is certainly needed. But in making his statement, Tom failed to point out that it is a change in men and not in parties that is by far the most important.

As a matter of fact, Tom says that Kefauver, being a Democrat, would likely keep many of the barnacles gathered by the Truman administration. In other words, Tom is saying that because one Democrat is bad, all the rest are too. If this is correct, then one assumes that because all horses are animals, likewise all animals are horses. Admittedly Tom qualifies his statement when he says that chief executive will have difficulty eliminating all the corruption. From his column, however, I inferred that Tom meant this as at-tempting only to the Democrats. That point of view is hardly sound.

Kefauver proved his crime breaking ability as a senator, and there is no reason to doubt that it will lessen merely because he moves into the White House.

If Tom's point of view is representative of the Republican party, then one still must concur with Bob Reichenbach's opinion that Kefauver is the best man available for the presidency.

Sincerely,  
BOB BANKS

'Illogical' Rische

To the Editor:

Your Ike-crazy columnist ("Sound-Off" Rische) today got off a dilly in his criticism of Sen.

Estes Kefauver. Several of his comments are quite true, e.g., "Kefauver has been a good senator—showing fearlessness, humility and complete honesty" and "Eisenhower's views on domestic policies are largely unknown."

"Sound-Off" boy, however, presents a couple of arguments against Kefauver which, while they may be true as individual statements, certainly sound contradictory of each other.

His first point is simply that Kefauver has not received the support of the democratic party leaders—in other words, that he is not a party man.

The second argument is the reverse—Kefauver is a traditional Democrat, who would keep the "barnacles" (Columnist Tom runs rampant over this word) which were attached during the party's period in power.

In other words, "Sound-Off" Thomas implies that, first, he is against Kefauver because he is not a party man; and, that, second, he is against him because he is a party man.

Well, is he or isn't he? Undoubtedly Senator Kefauver is neither one extreme nor the other. Therefore, either of Tom's arguments might be used to discourage Kefauver support. But when he utilizes both arguments, he's burning the Coon Cap from both ends.

I won't argue with 'Ritin' Rische on the validity of either point. I wish only to point out that he is hardly employing logic when he mentions two contradictory arguments.

For clean politics,  
FRANK PIERSON

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'Farmers Fair Fever'

Dale Reynolds

With the coming of a few days of warm weather, Farmers Fair fever began creeping into the bones of many Ag students. And with the coming of rain, Aggies have refused to let their spirits be dampened, and are going ahead with plans for the biggest fair ever.

With just a little more than a week's growth, many of the entries in the Whisker King contest have a good start for what seems to be one of the best crops in years. Barring a few crop failures, due to insufficient seedling, more Aggies are growing Farmers Fair than in previous years.

It used to be that only a few of the best whisker growers competed in the contest, but this year many of the Ag male students are supporting this traditional event.

However there is some opposition to the males participating in the whisker contest. And most of it comes from the female side of the college. But it looks like they are here to stay girls, so you just better start getting used to them.

The official Farmers Fair jackets are now on sale. The jackets are denim, and have the words "Farmers Fair" and the



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date printed on the back. If you are wearing this jacket, it may make it a lot easier to explain your beard.

The Fair board is also selling plaques with the letters written on them so you can put them on your own jackets.

The Farmers Fair board has stated that if fewer than 20 entries are received for the parade, it will not pay to hold one. Before they take any action, they should take into consideration the fact that there is considerable overlapping of students in the many organizations on Ag campus, and that

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Wednesday  
Dr. Robert Sears speaks in Room 201, Social Science, 8 p.m.  
Dr. Harold C. Urey speaks in Love Library auditorium, 8 p.m.  
Cosmopolitan Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 316, Union.  
ASME meeting, 7:15 p.m., Richards Lab. Panel discussion on "Problems of Manufacturing."  
Kefauver - for-President meeting, 7:30 p.m. Parlor X, Union.  
"The Man in the Bowler Hat," 201 Temple, 8 p.m.  
Thursday  
Search Week Program Committee, 4:30 p.m. 212 Social Science.  
The First Piano Quartet, 8 p.m., Coliseum.  
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many students may be working on two or three different floats. The real solution, might be activities and organizations on Ag campus, because there are enough organizations, but many of them do not have enough members or interested members to sponsor an event such as a Farmers Fair float.

One of Ag college's most worthwhile events will be held Friday night—the annual Estes Kefauver Carnival. Proceeds from the carnival help to finance delegates for the Estes conference, which is held in Colorado each summer.

The Saturday Night Cabaret at the Ag Union this week features the movie "Come to the Stable." Lorreta Young and Celeste Holm star in the film, which portrays two French nuns who are trying to establish a hospital.

Main Feature Clock  
Schedule furnished by Theatre  
Esquire: "Fantasia," 7:09, 9:18.  
Varsity: "Bugles in the Afternoon," 1:36, 3:37, 5:38, 7:39, 9:40.  
State: "A Girl in Every Port," 1:15, 4:02, 6:48, 9:35. "Jungle Of Change," 2:53, 5:39, 8:25.

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