

EDITORIAL PAGE

X Marks The Spot

The election locomotive chugged on deep into the night at the Union Monday night as YM-YWCA workers counted ballots of the all-University mock primary. The results were gratifying in every way. The turnout was good; the write-in privileges were used intelligently; and the right men were elected.

The Daily Nebraskan wishes to give the heartiest congratulations to everyone connected with the Y's election program. Co-chairmen, Sylvia Krasne and Marvin Stromer, worked many hours to provide the campus with the first University mock election since 1932. Truly, it was a successful endeavor.

Students were not the only ones interested in the results of the election. The Daily Nebraskan received many calls from campaign managers of different candidates wanting the results for last minute speeches before the state went to the polls for the regulation preferential primary Tuesday. Sen. Estes Kefauver, after speaking in a Y-sponsored panel discussion Monday afternoon, waited for the early results of the campus election before leaving to keep a loaded list of appointments. City newspapers and national wire services sent the story to readers over the state and region. When a University-sponsored event can raise so much excitement outside of the campus, the school should be proud of the students and organizations responsible.

In a speech later Monday evening, Senator Kefauver mentioned the "primary" and the interest

in politics of the young people of this state. It is perfectly possible that the quiet spoken Tennessee Democrat (who won Democratic support for the presidential nomination in the campus primary) was merely trying to make the voters in this state feel good. Nevertheless, his thesis that youth in politics is a step towards cleaner politics is valid.

If students get a firm background and interest in the possibilities of clean politics, it is more likely that they will support and demand honest government when they are graduated. During the campaign, which featured several appearances on campus by important candidates, The Daily Nebraskan gave many inches of space to political news. The Nebraskan felt it was important that the complete election story be brought before the student body. Several people have criticized the paper for taking stands on the candidates, the staff felt should be elected. They said a school paper had no right to take stands. This is a school newspaper; The Nebraskan staff is convinced that a school newspaper should be more than a bulletin board where organizations announce their meetings. We are trying to encourage student interest in the freedoms the constitution guarantees them. We commend the YW-YMCA for also working in this behalf.

In Tuesday's state primary election observers expected the heaviest turnout in recent years. In some places the polls had to open early to handle the crowds. Perhaps this country is coming out of the dirty depths of political slime. Senator Kefauver had a point when he pointed to youth to do the pulling. D.P.

On To The Olympics?

If you've ever had a yearning to speed down main street in an open convertible shooting Roman candles or rockets, the night the Kansas Jayhawks returned after winning the NCAA championship would have been ideal for you. This editor, who watched the rallying Kansas fans at Lawrence for four hours and heard them for eight hours, has never witnessed such enthusiasm and rallying as those University of Kansas students displayed that day.

The night before, when news of the victory reached campus, one coed reported that women living in organized houses simply marched out in masses and celebrated until 4 a.m. The next night the team was expected about 1:30 a.m., and there were no hours for University women until after the welcome. The students make good use of the opportunity to celebrate.

When this editor arrived on campus about 6 p.m., Thursday, the evening the team was to return, horns already were honking, banners were hanging from buildings, cars and sign posts saying "Welcome home, champs—on to Helsinki." The theater marquis flashed all night with "Welcome, Phog Allen; On to Helsinki." Students carried banners along the streets and in the cars. The weather was ideal.

What does a celebration—which marks the beginning of a chance to participate in the Olympics—include? Almost everything. Cheerleaders paraded the streets all evening and a loud speaker announced periodically when and where the rally was planned.

Cars—scores of them—sped up and down main street traveling the same path hour after

hour, horns honking and the students cheering. It was like a big college party, with the doors wide open so that everyone could watch.

We counted 25 persons hanging onto one convertible, the fenders were just inches from the street. Cars stopped in the main intersections to let kids in and out.

The drivers weren't reckless for the most part, but you could certainly tell they were celebrating. Although the same vehicles passed by every few minutes, onlookers were completely fascinated watching the entire procedure.

Firecrackers were lit continually, getting louder every hour. The next day's paper estimated that 10,000 fans had turned out to welcome Phog Allen and his basketball team.

Finally, about 1:45 a.m., the victors arrived—amid horns, train whistles, sirens and a police escort. They were wearing firemen's caps on a firetruck. Hundreds had piled on it to ride along. A university band escorted the truck which was surrounded by thousands of cheering fans. Torches were lit and the yells were heard for miles. Clyde Lovellette wore the fire chief's white hat.

The rally probably will go down in history. Regardless of whether our Kansas neighbors get to the Olympics at Helsinki, that rally, that victorious feeling, that glorious American enthusiasm for sports will be memorable to every student now at the University of Kansas. It is already memorable to this editor, just as a by-stander. The thought arises as to whether Cornhuskers would be as enthusiastic in a similar case. Probably so.

At any rate, this was a great rally for a great team.—J.K.

Problem In The Primary

The state attorney general's office and the office of Nebraska's secretary of state have been busy during the pre-primary weeks delivering opinions and decisions on the state election laws. It has been decided, in reference to L.B. 486 passed by the 1951 unicameral, that an "X" is needed beside the name of any write-in candidate in the state election.

Reports from local election boards Tuesday carried the news that many ballots had been invalidated because the voter neglected to mark the necessary "X" beside their candidate's name. Gov. Val Peterson last week maintained that the marking or neglect to mark an "X," if the candidate's name was discernible, should not validate or invalidate the vote.

Another question that has come up concerning the write-in vote in state primary concerns the correct spelling of the candidate's name. James S. Pittenger, secretary of state, said he interpreted L.B. 486 to mean that the last names of candidates must be spelled correctly to be counted but also stressed that county clerks and election commissioners are free to interpret the statute for themselves.

Governor Peterson declared, on this issue, "We're not running a grammar school in Nebraska. We're attempting to let a free people express their choice for president without dictation from the political bosses." The Governor went on to say that he would count a write-in vote of "Ike" for

General Eisenhower and "Bob" for Senator Taft.

It would appear that the "X" is here to stay, at least until L.B. 486, the contested, lengthy election remedification bill, is changed. But the choice of whether to count votes with misspelled names seems to be up to the local election officials and boards. And, in accordance with law, these officials have the right to validate and invalidate ballots, without any higher-up control on their decisions.

However, it would seem in more fairness to candidates, even those who have not expressed their political ambitions and yet win many votes, to have a national or state law regarding the write-in votes, to clarify this confused issue.

Perhaps Nebraska, in a revision of the disputed election law, could set up specific rules regarding this aspect of primary elections. The "X" controversy could be definitely settled and the use of nicknames or misspelled names could be clarified.

Of course, this situation brings up the problem of checking on the validation or invalidation of ballots by the local election officials. This and many other problems would come up in any attempt to codify the confusing write-in laws.

But the voter could go to the polls, not only able to write in the name of his favorite candidate, if it did not appear on the ballot, but exactly informed on what must be done to make his vote valid. R.R.

Margin Notes

With the spring sun beginning to peak through the gray Nebraska skies, campus lawns are taking on a green hue that is faintly reminiscent of summertime. And before long, the inevitable student paths through the grass undoubtedly will begin to provoke the wrath of the building and grounds department.

Latest campus organization, Beta Delta, for University blood donors, will kick off their drive-plans this evening with a rally for all such donors. The Daily Nebraskan sincerely hopes that the latest efforts of the Red Cross board members in charge of blood donations will stimulate University students to a more active participation in donations for our fighting forces.

The Senate has passed a bill granting combat pay of \$45 a month to all members of the armed forces fighting in Korea. On the muddy, dreary peninsula, GIs probably won't be greatly impressed by this latest act of Congress.

Daily Thought

Indeed the idols I have loved so long, have done my credit in this world much wrong. Omar Khayyam.

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Barb Wylie

I may be taking too much for granted, but I'm going to go on the assumption that you have all heard about Senator Kefauver's caravan through southeast Nebraska Monday. For those students that accompanied the Senator on his "get acquainted" tour, it was a never-to-be-forgotten experience. Of course, the usual funny incidents happened that always spark up a tour such as this.

While in a hotel ballroom at Beatrice where the Senator was to speak, student members of the caravan were busy distributing literature and information to the throng gathered to hear Kefauver. One avid supporter stopped in front fully dressed of one carefully dressed woman and asked her if she wouldn't like some information about the Senator. Finally, wondering at her evident confusion and silence, he glanced up. "Mrs. Kefauver," he gasped.

A factor that was proven by the hundreds of people at Kefauver's talk Monday night and has been evident at Senator Kefauver's and other political talks at the University is the strong interest college students are taking in world affairs and the 1952 elections. It is a sign that, if we are to be called the "silent generation," we are certainly not the unthinking generation.

Students are better informed on critical topics and search for varied opinions and informative material with which to form their own. If we are to be labeled with the title of "silent" generation, perhaps it would clarify matters to say that we are "silent" until we have studied and have built a strong and logical case; then do our talking.

Some members of our older peers have said that we have it no harder than they did fighting two world wars.



Wylie



Stolen Goods

Diamonds Replace Clubs As Love Tokens

Marilyn Mangold

In the spring, a young man's fancy, lightly turns to thoughts of love. With such poetic meter in mind, let us continue with several notes on the subject from the Kansas State Collegian.

Love hasn't changed much since caveman days, except that diamonds have replaced clubs. And as good clubs cost a pretty penny in this inflationary period, a guy might as well buy a diamond. Besides it's not as bulky to carry around while waiting for the proper time to strike.

From a man's point of view the above paragraph is probably hilarious, but please don't forget diamonds last forever. They are a girl's best friend.

And then there was the boy who asked his girl if he was the first boy she'd ever kissed. "Are

you being funny, or are you working for Kinsey?" was her reply.

A New York authority on kisses says a girl's lip prints can help you analyze her character. Wonder what kind of college course you could enroll in to become an authority on kisses? Probably it would be an extra-curricular study.

A local sorority girl swears she has never been kissed by a man. It's said that's enough to make any girl swear.

A man may incur skin irritation by kissing a woman who uses lipstick containing ingredients to which he is allergic, a noted doctor of skin diseases has informed the college male. Looks like that favorite indoor and outdoor sport is on its way out! Just another passing fad.

California Campaigns

Turning to some things of more interest to college students—Students at the University of California are going all out for elections too this year. Election officials hope to shock everyone into voting by buzzing the campus with a light plane bearing a "Get-the-h—out-and-vote" sign.

Poor Syracuse

A new ruling at the University of Syracuse will no doubt make students a bit more cautious about cutting classes. After the third cut, parents are notified. However, the student gets a chance to explain his reasons for cutting, and these reasons too are sent to the parents. More than 12 cuts, says the administration means an automatic "F."

Prices

Students at Oregon State have been putting pennies in pay phones instead of dimes. It all began when the price went up from a nickel.

A Toothpaste Smile?

Among the educational exhibits at the Boston Museum of Science is a facsimile of a human tooth, enlarged 30 times. Museum officials said that if the tooth were real it could have grown only in the paw of a man 180 feet tall and weighing about 250 tons. Would he use Ipana on that one?

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Since Wilcox has announced that filings are open, it seems to me that the least he can do is to provide application blanks and information to Dean Hallgren.

For an election as important as class officers may well be, every provision should be made so that candidates will be encouraged to file. As an answer to the present unfortunate situation, the least that can be done is to extend the filing date until Wednesday, April 9, giving all those who wish to file an opportunity to do so.

Wilcox, what do you say?

ANGRY CANDIDATE