

EDITORIAL PAGE

Two-Party Politics

... To Be Or Not To Be

With the advent of spring elections, May 5, several attempts are being made by members of the All-University party, the Faction, "Seniors With Guts," and other interested parties and persons to put some real life into voting for junior and senior class officers and Student Council representatives.

These attempts consist of, for the Faction, drawing up a slate of candidates to be backed by the entire fraternity membership eligible to vote and setting up a system of "checking off," to make sure that all Greek men vote. For the "Seniors With Guts" the process also has been to draw up a slate composed of selections from the persons that have filed and to begin a rather amiguous campaign, through a letter in The Daily Nebraskan, to garner support from seniors, out of the reaches of political pressure, for this slate. This group of seniors contends that their purpose is to elect people actually deserving of office in contrast to the reputed faction system of "passing the offices around among the houses." Their methods appear to be 'anti-Faction' rather than constructive.

It is heartening to see organizations and persons taking an interest in the election of candidates to several of the most important offices of student government. However, one rather

lamentable fact becomes more and more apparent with each campus election. All the innuendos and smoke-filled rooms of national politics find their place at the University, in exaggerated form, because not one of the supposed party holds publicized meetings, selects candidates on the basis of platforms, announces their candidates or openly campaigns for the election of their slate.

It is good that some persons, whether Faction, "Seniors With Guts," or otherwise, are interested in backing certain candidates. But it seems ridiculous that such activities are carried on in secrecy and without faculty or administrative approval.

Whether Greek or Independent, whether from Engineering college or Business Administrative, whether male or female—The Daily Nebraskan, at this time, does not care. The Nebraskan's point of interest in this coming election is that the various interested groups make public their slates, decide upon platforms and actively campaign for their candidates.

A two-party system possibly would affect the caliber of persons in student government and perhaps add prestige and worth to junior and senior class offices and Student Council membership.—R.R. rag krueger—WE CAN FIND OUT...office seekers

Sin And Green Grass

(Editor's Note: Following is a guest editorial by Dr. Nathan Blumberg. The Daily Nebraskan from time to time this reviewer has asked various faculty members to contribute to the paper.)

By DR. NATHAN B. BLUMBERG
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"D'ye know I'd like to be an iditor," said Mr. Dooley.

"It must be a hard job," said Mr. Hennessy. "Ye have to know so much."

"Tis a hard job," said Mr. Dooley. "But 'tis a fascinatin' wan . . ."

"I shud thing the wurruk wud kill thim," said Mr. Hennessy, sadly.

"It does," said Mr. Dooley. "Many gr-great iditors is dead."

—Finley Peter Dunne

Somewhere up in the Journalistic Yathalla, where there are neither deadlines nor deadbeats, no publicists or politicians, and certainly never a typographical error, there should be a place reserved for all the editors of newspapers who actually said something significant while here on earth.

Unfortunately, their number would not be large, especially when compared to the mass of editors who regularly produce sheets of paper covered with ink once a day, or once a week, or once a month. There are editors and there are editors. Some recognize the function of public service inherent in the establishment of a press in a free society; others regard their chattle as nothing more than a business enterprise which, if it pays off handsomely, is a journalistic success.



Courtesy Lincoln Star

Thus we find the editor who stands four-square against holes in the highway, who is unalterably opposed to sin, who crusades vigorously for green grass in the public parks, and who is willing to stand up and be counted on the issue of pure milk. This type usually is also a practitioner of "Afghanistanism"—an editorial device by which the writer gives hell to the prime minister of some foreign country, preferably Afghanistan, but never says a word about the City Council.

Although the School of Journalism at the University has no control whatsoever over The Daily Nebraskan, which is an independent newspaper, members of the faculty naturally follow with great interest the extra-curricular activities of their students. The vigorous, aggressive news and editorial policies of the student newspaper this year have been a source of satisfaction and pride to the faculty—not only in the School of Journalism but among some colleagues in the College of Arts and Sciences — and The Daily Nebraskan has emerged as something more than a "Rag." Makeup and news presentation have improved remarkably,

Smoking In Classes

... Not Generally Approved

That students generally disapprove of smoking in the classroom about two to one was the conclusion drawn from a recent Associated Collegiate Press poll in which the University participated. Freshmen and women evidently disapprove the most.

When students across the nation were asked: In general, do you approve of disapprove of students smoking during classroom session? 29 per cent approved while 58 disapproved. Men opposed it to the tune of 54 per cent while 65 per cent of the women opposed it.

As a student spends more time in college, the trend toward approval increases. For example, only 25 per cent of the freshmen polled approved, while 42 per cent of graduates did. Other figures were: sophomores, 28 per cent; juniors, 21 per cent; seniors, 34 per cent.

The University has no rigid policy or ruling on the matter, according to Charles Fowler, director of the division of buildings and grounds. The decision is left mainly to chairmen of departments and instructors. However, there are some hazardous areas, where no smoking rules are quite strongly enforced. Temple building

also has no smoking signs posted.

So long as the status which the University follows in regard to classroom smoking continues without serious consequence, this appears to be the wisest course to follow. Some schools are extremely strict in prohibiting smoking, or pretending to prohibit it. University smokers should be thankful that there is no iron clad blanket ruling on classroom smoking.—J.K.

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Margin Notes

Congratulations of the highest order go to the 48 University students selected for Phi Beta Kappa, or Sigma Xi membership (or both) Friday evening. It is gratifying to note that academic honor finds its place among the typical college life crammed with athletics, activities and social doings.

Daily Thought

It is useless to attempt to reason a man out of a thing he has never reasoned into.—Swift.

What Am I Doing Here?

—Bob Reichenbach

Just to get on the bandwagon, this reporter will climb out on the limb with all the rest of the so-called writers and predict various and sundry outcomes of the present season.

The New York Yankees will make it four in a row and cop the American League flag. The Trolley Dodgers from Brooklyn will win the Senior Circuit bunting. The World Series will go six games and will see the Yanks taking all four games to two, naturally.

As for individual performances... Gus Zernial will repeat as the American League home run leader and Ralph Kiner will repeat in the National. George Kell and Stan Musial will win the batting crown in the American and National respectively.

Orestes Minozo will win the RBI title in the American and Gil Hodges will do likewise in the National. Most valuable Player of the Year will be Phil Rizzuto in the Junior Circuit and Gil Hodges in the National.

Ed Lopat will have the best ERA in the American and Sal "The Barber" Maglie will hand-cut the batters in the National.

Rookie of the Year will be Andy Carey in the American League and Wilmer "Vinegar Bend" Mizell in the National. National League. Gil Hodges will also be the goat of the World Series, dropping a good peg from "Pee Wee" Reese with two out in the last of the ninth, the score tied, and a man on third. This faux pas will allow Gil McDougal to score from third, giving the Yanks the fourth and final game of the Series by a score of 5-4.

More news also on the Phi Phi's and their formal which was held Friday evening in the Terrace room of the Lincoln hotel. Some more dates to the dance were: Cathy Corp and Sandy Crawford; Janet Rogers and Larry Popp; Shirley Ly-singer and Larry Eatherlon; Jane Jordan and Dick Axtell; Susie Tewell with Jerry Fenton; Muriel Pickett and Jim Tracy; Barb Shields and Bill Farmer; Barb Colwell and Jim Pilhall; Marilyn Bourck with Larry Dunning; Barbara Hof with Joe Gordon; Maryanne Harris and Fred Moshier; Loraine Johannes and Bob Tooley.

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Sound-Off

Flood Proves Americans Will Work As A Unit When Enemy Attacks

Tom Rische

The recent Missouri river flood crisis proved something that Americans are too often prone to forget—Americans may fight among themselves, but when another enemy attacks, they will work together.



Rische

Workers and leaders alike were lavish in their praise of the work and co-operation of thousands of people in stemming the onslaught of the muddy waters at Omaha and Council Bluffs.

What was accomplished there in only a few days would ordinarily have taken months or years.

The response was amazing. People from all walks of life, all parts of the region went to Omaha to aid in the battle against the flood. It proved again the basic solidarity of America.

The country is like many families. The family may tear each other apart at home, but woe to be to anyone who criticizes any member of the group.

Americans proved their solidarity on Dec. 7, 1941. Quarrels were forgotten, and Republicans and Democrats joined together in a common effort. Foreign potentates

often mistake the division of opinion for weakness. But they are wrong.

The vast majority of Americans are Americans first, and Republicans and Democrats second. Or they are Americans first, and of German descent or Irish descent second.

There are always chiselers and profiteers. Even during the floods, a few sought to take advantage of the situation by looting. Most of them ended up in jail.

The vast majority of Americans are clean, honest and decent, regardless of the hullabaloo created when some noted person is caught doing wrong.

The majority of Americans will rise to the occasion when the need arises.

'Round The Campus

Pinnings, Parties Highlight Society

—Connie Gordon

Got some more news about some of the weekend house parties and formals.

First on the list is the Fiji Islander party which, as usual, turned out to be a terrific success. I've got some more Phi Gams and their dates to the affair. They are: Ken Osborne and Joyce Finney; George Hancock with Sally Murphy; Bill Holmquist and Jeanne Smith; Bill Nelson and Charlotte Trudenabe; Dave Minard with Pat Glibreath; Dan Wolkenstorfer and Joyce Hays; Jack Shull and June Hartzell.

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were showered with two candy passings last night. Sue Porter announced her pinning to Howie Dennis, former DU at the University. Wibby Gass also passed candy to announce her pinning to Jim McGeachin, a Phi Gam.

Sig Delt Rita Krantz announced her pinning to OU Phi Ep Harold Novak at an after hour spread Saturday evening.

Add Peg Diestel's name to the list of diamond-wearing girls around campus. Peg passed candy at the Gamma Phi house last night to announce her engagement to Glen Reeder.

Sig Delt Charney Taub has her doubts about the Navy department. She received a letter from them asking her if she would like to be a Naval cadet flyer. Charney could have joined except she didn't meet one of their qualifications: she wasn't a male! How about the WAVES then?

NU BULLETIN BOARD

TUESDAY

Y. W. Battle for Ballots commission, Ellen Smith dining room, 4 p.m., leader, Sylvia Krasne.

Red Cross blood board meeting in Red Cross office in Union at 4 p.m.

YW Current World Problems commission, Ellen Smith dining room, 4 p.m., Nancy Dark, leader.

Convocation 10 a.m., Coliseum, Sen. Wayne Morse, speaker.

Election for Goddess of Agriculture in Ag Union from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

YW Comparative Religions group, 5 p.m., Ellen Smith southeast room, leader, Bobbie Dunn.

Cora Cobs, 316 Union, 5 p.m. Attendance is required for new members.

YW Jobs and Futures commission, 5 p.m., Ellen Smith dining room, Mary Ann Pasek, leader.

Provo Corp, cadet lounge, 7:30 p.m. No uniforms required. Sophomores welcome.

Red Guidon, Motor Truck lab, 7:30 p.m. Election of officers.

Panel on world affairs, 7:30 p.m., Ellen Smith hall, Ginny Cooper, moderator.

Letterip

Flood Or KK?

To The Editor:

During the past few days, I have noticed that The Daily Nebraskan has devoted a considerable amount of its news columns to reports of student activities in the flooded areas of Omaha. These stories and pictures have been of considerable interest to me since such efforts seem commendable from all points of view. I particularly feel I must commend The Daily Nebraskan's activities in connection with the flood since these occasional student moves reflecting charity and nobility appeal to the intelligence of a few.

However, I would like to relate an incident in connection with The Nebraskan's flood coverage which took place last Friday. I overheard a conversation between two persons, whom, I presume, are known as Big Men On Campus.

One of the men was obviously a member of Kosmet Klub because he was railing against The Daily Nebraskan for not devoting more space to Kosmet Klub news. Editorial policy on The Nebraskan seems to lean more heavily in favor of flood coverage instead of Kosmet Klub publicity about their spring show. This champion of the rights of an activity as opposed to humanitarian work, felt The Nebraskan's space devoted to the flood was rather ridiculous in the face of the impending KK show.

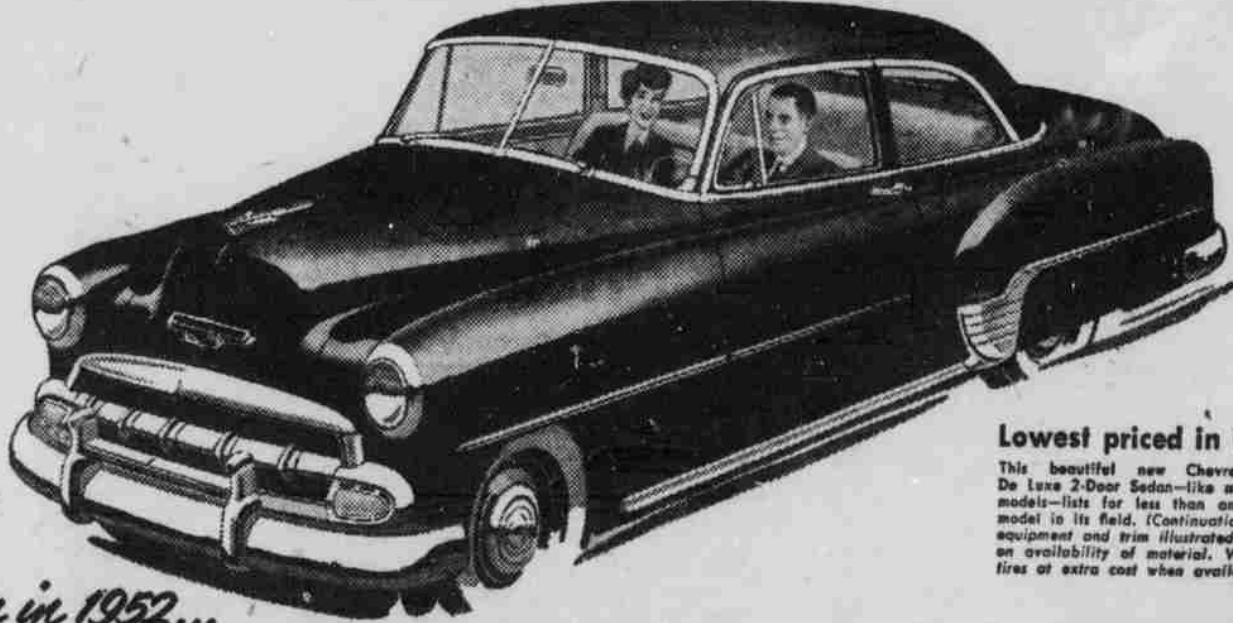
For such an attitude, I would like to register my resentment against the typical, stupid collegiate attitude that would feel the activities of Kosmet Klub, however worthwhile, should take precedence over student work in an area devastated by the waters of a flooding river.

The Daily Nebraskan's decision to devote more space to the flood work than to Kosmet Klub activities is commendable and justified, in my mind. The other attitude is disgusting and inexcusable.

(Name Withheld By Request)

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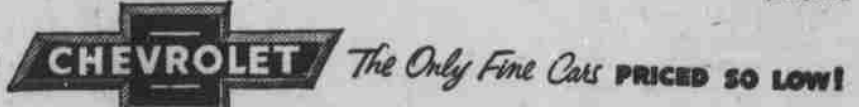
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