

A STUDENT LOOKS TOWARD POLITICS

Eight Months Of Hectic Politics Ends At NU



KEFAUVER... Sen. Estes Kefauver from Tennessee made a favorable impression on University students last spring as he spoke to them at a University convocation. His coonskin hat and cries of "Estes is Bestes" became institutions on the campus.



KERR... Sen. Robert Kerr, with his long arms and loud voice, charmed his University audience when he spoke last spring. But the log cabin-born Democrat couldn't make the hit his Southern opponent made. Kerr began campaigning as Truman's stand-in, but ended as a candidate in his own right.

By KEN RYSTROM Managing Editor The nation sighed with relief Wednesday as the last votes of the 1952 election were counted. University students prepared to return to their long-neglected books—after more than an eight-month struggle to balance books with politics.

Although the prospects for the coming two years appear rather dull and unexciting, the mud-slinging and political wrangling of a primary election, a national convention and a national election will always stick in the memories of University students, even though the majority of them were unable to vote.

To have watched and heard the campaign antics of under-age students, one would have guessed that the decisions of the election depended entirely upon them. They forgot their studies and classes as they became lost in the swing of thunder-and-blood politics. They attended and sponsored speeches, they organized rallies, they signed and circulated petitions, they participated in panel discussions and question periods and they argued no end—night and day.

Campaigning got into high gear something around the first of March last winter—a month before the state primary election. Students found particular interest in the presidential battles on both Democratic and Republican tickets and in the long-term senator's and the governor's races on the GOP side.

Crime Investigator Sen. Estes Kefauver, Sen. Robert Kerr, General Wedemeyer and Congressman Howard Buffett spoke to University audiences in attempts to sell students, in the cases of Kefauver and Kerr, on the speakers themselves, on Robert A. Taft, as were Wedemeyer and Buffett.

Young Democrats for Kefauver sprang up on campus, donned coonskin caps and strutted around the University, yelling, "Estes is Bestes." When the famous senator came to town, his youthful supporters escorted him during a full day of campaigning.

Mammoth orange and blue badges distinguished Taft enthusiasts, but they failed to impress many University students. They were solid for Eisenhower. The remainder of the state, however, leaned toward the gentleman from Ohio.

Needless to say, Coonskin Estes hit it off right well with students and their voting parents out-state.

In state races, Gov. Val Peterson challenged incumbent Sen. Hugh Butler to his seat in Washington. From Val's side, the political charges flew hard and fast—perhaps bolstered by a lengthy petition signed by University students in which they declared their allegiance to him. Nothing much came from the elder statesman, however, who was in Washington much of the campaign. Again University students disagreed with out-state voters as they gave Peterson a substantial majority. Butler had little difficulty among his real constituents, however.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the primary was the all-out battle between former Lt. Gov. Robert Crosby and Lincoln Mayor Vic Anderson. Sponsored by the YWCA Battle for Ballots commission, the candidates fired potshots and compliments back and forth before

several hundred University students. Crosby, had less difficulty carrying the mock University vote than he did the primary election among voting citizens.

The YWCA commission provided the climax for University political campaigning with a mock election a few days before the April primary. The results, however, did not influence out-state voters sufficiently to duplicate the University's preferences.

This fall the heat was on from the word "class." The national presidential campaign was already rolling along, and University students were in no position to resist popular sentiment.

Although no rough-and-tumble gang fights were recorded, partisan feeling ran high. Pictures of candidates were torn down, mutilated and be-mustached. Campaign stickers were pasted in nearly every vacant window and on every other car bumper. Badges of every size—up to the 25-cent special—flashed from every shirt and sweater.

Democratic Vice-Presidential Nominee John Sparkman addressed University students as did Crosby, but, except for them, students saw and heard little from candidates on campus. A delegation traveled to Omaha to hear Eisenhower; groups assembled at Presby House and other places to see and hear leading candidates on television; students hastily read articles and editorials to determine what the candidates were saying and what everyone else was saying about them.

But the most active part of the campaign was carried on in bull sessions or on street corners.

Again, as a climax, YWCA, together with YMCA, sponsored a mock election. This time, however, the University picked every winner—both in the state and in the nation.

As Tuesday approached, campaign harangues became vociferous, posters grew more numerous and ominous predictions multiplied in number and blackness.

Tuesday arrived, a few elderly students went to the polls and then everyone settled back for what was expected to be a long, long night of suspense.

But by midnight the trend was obvious. Students—and the nation—were shocked at the suddenness of the political decision. They either turned off their TV sets and went to bed or remained at their posts, not believing that the fight could be over so soon.

Wednesday morning was a new day—the beginning of a new period—unknown by University students for eight months. There was no campaigning, no mud-slinging, no candidates.

Some students slept until noon. Some had long, grey faces. Others ate their breakfasts with new zeal. For some the day was long—it was hard to meet their classmates. For others shaking hands and slapping backs were the most wonderful experiences in the world.

But by Wednesday night the campus was settling down. Everyone had presented his angle on the reason for the outcome of the election and had heard at least 15 or 20 other angles from self-appointed political observers. The campaign was over.

And now—back to the books—but with wonderful memories.



CROSBY... Crosby, again, had a long trip to governorship. After defeating Anderson, he had to face Walter Raecke, a popular Democratic attorney. His insistence upon cutting governmental functions and federal aid finally won him the spot in the Capitol.



RAECKE... Walter R. Raecke was drafted by state Democrats to be their candidate against Crosby. He had no trouble in passing the primary, despite his pleas for citizens to vote for someone else. Rated as a definite threat to Crosby, he fell before the Republican landslide.



BUTLER... Sen. Hugh Butler was opposed by a strong vote-getter Gov. Val Peterson. Despite his absence from the political scene during most of the primary, the septuagenarian defeated the three-term governor by a comfortable margin. He had no real trouble in the Nov. 4 election.



PETERSON... Gov. Val Peterson started in the primary with his attacks on Butler for his absences from the Senate. He lost. This fall he turned his attention to campaigning for General Eisenhower—ended up, at least momentarily, in a Missouri corn field.



CROSBY... Robert Crosby, former state senator and lieutenant governor, had quite a tiff with a fellow Republican last spring when he ran against Lincoln's mayor for the GOP nomination for governor. He was successful.



ANDERSON... Victor E. Anderson took time off from his job of being Lincoln mayor to argue with Crosby over basic state issues. He attempted to convince the Nebraska voters that what they needed was a businessman. For some reason, he fell before Crosby.



SPARKMAN... Sen. John Sparkman spoke to University students when his hopes for victory were high. Although he failed to figure prominently in the campaign, as did his GOP counterpart, Sparkman drew a usual number of criticisms from the opposition.



TRUMAN... President Harry Truman, whistle-stopping to his heart's content passed through Lincoln on his way east. But the hour was early and H.S.T. was still in bed when the train stopped momentarily in the Lincoln station.



EISENHOWER... Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the man of the year, didn't get to the University during the campaign, but he did get as close as Omaha—at about the time he was having worries about his running mate and his finances. A number of students were attracted to Omaha to hear the general, and were impressed, as was all America. One of the students, Del Harding, took this picture of Ike, perhaps one of the best of the entire campaign. By Wednesday, Eisenhower, was no longer a candidate. He was the president-elect.

Fifty Students To Manage Journalism Convention

More than 50 University students have volunteered to assist with the Nebraska High School Press Association, Nov. 7 and 8, according to Director William Hice, assistant professor of journalism. Student chairmen and organizations they represent for the convention are: Gerry Kirk, Theta Sigma Phi; Ken Rystrom, Sigma Delta Chi; and Shirley Murphy, Gamma Alpha Chi. Builders members assisting are: Joy Wachal, convention committee chairman; Sue Brownlee, tours committee chairman; Dennis Knopik, reservation head; and Dick Ralston, who is in charge of financial receipts. Committee members who drew up and prepared the convention contest were: Sally Adams, Barb Bell, Jim Clark, Lyle Denniston, Ron Gibson, Hile Goodrich, Norris Heiniman, Jerry Krieger, Miss Kirk, Joan Krueger, Don Pieper, Ruth Raymond, and Bill Torrence. Most of the contest committee members will proctor for the contests.

Sunday Show To Feature Cummings

Lucile Cummings, concert artist and "Telephone Hour" soloist, will be featured Sunday night at the Union Ballroom at 8 p.m., in the annual fall concert of the University Symphony Orchestra. Miss Cummings was graduated from the University of Oregon, and since then has received wide acclaim from coast to coast. She made her first appearances on the West coast, and then came East to appear for three consecutive seasons at the Radio City Music Hall. Following her appearance on the University campus, Miss Cummings will be heard again on the "Telephone Hour," Nov. 24. Conducting the Symphony Orchestra will be Emanuel Wishnow, Director of the University's String Department. Wishnow who has been conductor of the University Symphony Orchestra for 10 years and head of the University's string department for 13 years, will appear this winter in a series of chamber music recitals in Lincoln and Omaha in effort to bring school activities conflict that ensemble music before the public.

STUDENT PROBLEMS

Adequate Sunday Financial Status Could Solve Supper-Time Drawbacks

Sunday night has three drawbacks: (1) It comes before Monday morning (2) It calls for the lock-up of women at 10:30 p.m. (3) It means you forage for your own supper if you live in an or-

ganized house—or an unorganized one for that matter. The first two drawbacks are easily survived with a reasonable amount of action or finagling, but the third requires forethought, decision and action to survive.

Dinner at six prevails from Monday through Saturday at most houses, but Sunday is skipped to save money, give the cooks a rest and jar the student out of routine, which is bad for his soul.

Come Sunday at six the student's stomach, which adheres to routine because it doesn't have a soul, gently issues the reminder that it's chow time. The reminder may be a growl which interrupts a radio concert, or simply a silent pang that cuts through twentieth century history.

The moment of decision is at hand. The decision? Where? How? What? How much? Where generally depends on what, how and particularly how much.

Some students have the happy faculty of forgetting to write a check on Saturday or forgetting Sunday night supper on Saturday night or to put it bluntly, being broke on Sunday night. This rules out the swanky haven which must be reached by taxi or bus. If he is lucky maybe he can borrow enough from his roommate to manage a Taster, if he is willing to walk after it.

Those fortunate ones in the middle group, who manage to have enough so that the wolf (proverbial not collegiate) is not besieging the door on Sunday night may dine on cheese-

burgers and French fries in a middle group restaurant.

The wise student, who skips cokes and coffee during the week—or gets someone else to buy them for him—can save enough to splurge on Sunday night. He can be reasonably sure of seeing few people that he knows if he can afford atmosphere and food at the same meal.

The Sunday attitude has a definite bearing on student appetites. It is a reasonable cliché that if you can afford the best steak in town you won't feel like swapping your jeans for a suit to go and get it, so you'll settle for soup and coffee at the Union. Or you'll just feel like getting away from people so you'll dash to the Taster and haul your dinner home with you.

If you are a girl you may pool resources with a few of your neighbors and buy something to cook. What could be more fun than making cocoa in a teakettle and drinking it out of the spout? Or heating soup in a skillet and drinking it out of a pie plate? It gives you such a competent, housewife-like feeling.

Some students may use the opportunity of buying a meal away from the house to try different foods which are not included on the house menu. Included under this heading are pizza, ravioli, French fried shrimp and thick T-bones.

One small group is composed of dieters, who skip Sunday night supper because it's too much work to go after it.

Union Dance Instructions To Reconvene

Union-sponsored dance lessons will resume again Tuesday, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Union Ballroom.

The last two lessons in this current series will deal with basic steps in such dances as the charleston, jitterbug, tango, shag and rhumba.

Donna McCandless, dance instructor in Lincoln, is instructing the dancing classes. She has already instructed students in the more basic ballroom dancing steps.

If after these two advanced dance lessons, students are interested in a six-lesson series of advanced ballroom dancing, they may contact Delores Carag or Jack Nelson, co-chairmen of the Social Dance committee of the Union.

Lessons in the current series will continue through Nov. 18. Students wishing to learn the more advanced dance steps need not have attended the four former lessons in this current series.

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Election night woes did not all pertain to the outcome of presidential, senatorial, and local elections—at least one individual had memory difficulties. After leaving his pinmate, he decided to buy an apple at the stand across from the women's dorm. He parked his car in front of the stand (wrong side of the street), left the lights on and the motor running. He chatted a few moments with friends as he bought the apple. The friends wandered across the street—he followed. Finding himself almost home, he ambled across the street and went peacefully to bed.

Awakening in the morning with a hideous thought, he leaped out of bed and into a pair of trousers and raced to find his car. Some kind soul had moved it to the right side of the street, turned off the motor, turned out the lights, and rolled up the windows.

Gamma Alpha Chi Convention Activities Thrill Two NU Coeds

"Quite a convention!" That was the comment voiced Tuesday by Shirley Murphy, who with Connie Gordon represented the University at the 11th Biennial Convention of Gamma Alpha Chi, National Professional Advertising Fraternity for Women in Norman, Oklahoma last week.

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Alpha Chi, she reported, won the Chapter Reporter Award, which is given to the group contributing the "most news, and the best news" to the Fraternity's national magazine over a period of two years.

The program for the two-day convention included, an address by Dale Rodgers, vice president of the American Federation of Advertising, panel discussions concerning advertising, radio and television; actively reports from 17 university chapter representatives and a discussion by Bea Adams, "Advertising Woman of the Year" for 1950.

A war dance performed by the Sequoi Indian Club, a tour of the University of Oklahoma School of Journalism and a visit to the home of Oklahoma's governor were other highlights of the convention.

Vocational Homemakers To Meet At 7:30 Tonight

The first business meeting of the year for the Vocational Homemaking Education Association will start at 7:30 p.m., Thursday.

Florence Corbin and Mrs. Rhea Keeler are faculty sponsors for the meeting to be held in the Vocational Education Parlors of the Food and Nutrition building.

Library To Honor Memory Of Chilean Scholar, Medina

Love Memorial Library is one of the fifty-two libraries and institutions throughout the United States which is arranging exhibitions of their Medina holdings in honor of the hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Chilean scholar, Jose Toribio Medina.

The exhibition, under the sponsorship of the Pan American Union in collaboration with the Library of Congress and the Embassy of Chile, is on display in the Social Science Reading Room. The display includes many interesting brochures covering his private and literary life.

Although known especially as a bibliographer and historian, Medina has contributions which extend to the fields of numismatics, lexicography, literary criticism, geography, cartography, editing, printing, publishing and collecting. He has been referred to as "the greatest bibliographer in Christendom."

A private collection of books and manuscripts, which he bequeathed to the National Library of Chile, is considered one of the best sources for research in the colonial civilization of Spanish America.

KAM To Initiate Four On Thursday

Four new members will be initiated into Kappa Alpha Mu, honorary fraternity in photojournalism Thursday.

The initiation ceremony will be held in B-5 Burnett Hall at 7 p.m. for Rex Ross, Jane Jordan, Janet Beran and Shirley Posson. Following the initiation a short business meeting will be held. Pledging ceremony for new pledges will be held at 8 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served after the pledging. Pledges are welcome to attend the business meeting.

Health Display

Efforts of pedodontics, aided in setting up the dental health display.

Dr. S. I. Fuennig, director of Student Health Service and associate professor in public health, has served as consultant. The plans were laid for the gallery long before, but the actual work began on May 1, one month before opening date. The entire staff of museum donated labor and ideas to the preparation and completion of the displays. The gallery was opened on June 1, for the 1952 Commencement.

The result of these combined efforts is the Health Science Gallery, something new in museums in this part of the nation.