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# They Vote Today

"Finalists for any campus election shall be chosen without the use of a ticket prerequisite." This one sentence will undergo Student Council vote this afternoon as an amendment to the Council by-laws. It was presented at last week's meeting in the acceptable form of a by-law and, according to Council law, must be acted upon today.

A committee headed by Dean Linscott will give its report, at this meeting, on hearings held for individuals and organizations affected by the proposed amendment. The results of Linscott's committee report will undoubtedly affect the consequent vote.

Several groups and persons have been championing action of this sort for quite some time. The entire matter started when 24 women's organizations signed petitions to rid the campus of ticket-balloting which included a Jan. 1 boycott clause. From that time to this, the Council, feeling that they must be fair, has conducted hearings for the persons involved and the backers of this movement have put their request into legal form.

The Daily Nebraskan would like to put in its final plea for acceptance of this plan. We have stated time and time again our reasons for wanting the Council to rule out all elections on the

campus that required the purchase of a ticket for voting requirement. At the beginning of the proposal, we firmly believed in the principal of the entire movement. Then the issue began clouded with traditional debate and it looked like a compromise would be the only method of solving the situation created by avid believers and opponents of the plan.

When the matter boiled down, it looked like members of Kosmet Klub were the only real opponents of the anti-ticket-balloting plan. This writer, at least, now can see no benefit of a compromise in the offering. The by-law, as rewritten and thoroughly discussed, seems to cover the situation well.

If the Council sees fit to adopt the by-law amendment many, many errors in many campus organizations will be cleared up—not just for this year, but for as many years as the present constitution and by-laws stand. It will take time but if ticket-balloting is ruled out, our campus elections will regain some of their lost prestige.

To the individual members of the Student Council, The Nebraskan asks that you vote in favor of this amendment. It has been judiciously and thoughtfully worked out. Its long-range advantages are obvious. It will be an act of progress in the annals of student government. —R.R.

# Mystery Story

If you like mysteries, the type that withhold the solution until the very last minute, you'll get a big kick out of the appointment our ex-governor is supposed to have received from the president-elect.

Although he didn't wear a big, black overcoat with a black fedora pulled down over his eyes when he got off the plane from New York last week, the ex-governor was just as mysterious. He wouldn't talk. His appointment, you see, is a secret.

The press has had its hands full trying out the mystery and so far reports have been anything but specific. Of course, The Nebraskan does not have Washington, New York and Statehouse reporters around to cover all the press conferences to pick up all the off-the-record comments which are undoubtedly being dropped about this affair. The frustrating thing about having all those correspondents is that they can only report one-third of what they hear—the rest is always told in confidence.

The Nebraskan can't shed any light on the thing but a World Herald correspondent ran into an unconfirmed source Monday which indicated that Peterson would probably be placed in the White House as some sort of administrative assistant with work in reference to state governors.

Since Peterson served as chairman of the national Governors Conference, he has had a good background for the job. He also served in India during the Second World War and this training was expected to influence Eisenhower to appoint the former governor to the ambassadorship of that Eastern country.

The Herald's unconfirmed report indicated that such an appointment would not be practical because it would have to be confirmed by the Senate and Hugh Butler is a senator. Evidently, Senator Butler is still licking his wounds over the fact that Peterson ran against him in the primary. At any rate, it looks to the unconfirmed source as if it would be foolish to even try to put a Peterson appointment into the Senate with Butler around. Therefore, talk is flying about the possibility of the White House job—which doesn't need confirmation.

But, mystery fans, there may be an end to the frantic waiting. President-elect Eisenhower's press secretary—probably because of an on-slaught of mystery-hungry reporters—announced Monday that the news of the Peterson appointment will be made soon. In his words, the announcement will be made "in the near future." Anyway you want to look at it, a darn good mystery will come to an end before long.—D.P.

# Something To Investigate

If Sen. McCarthy wants to investigate the colleges of the country, he might consider a problem suggested by a well-known newspaper columnist, Dr. Albert E. Wiggam, D. Sc., in his daily column "Let's Explore Your Mind."

Dr. Wiggam recently said: "There are many, many young people in college who ought not to be there. Some have ability but lack interest; others have interest but lack ability. Some lack both. Even if by some miracle they could be pulled through to graduation it would pay them and the country better for them to spend three years in some useful job."

The problem, non-students in college, seems to call for an investigation of the educational system and the students in it. The reward for their disclosure is certainly a worthy one for any senator—greater service to the country, as Dr. Wiggam has pointed out.

Some persons, however, will protest against such an investigation on the grounds that Wiggam is wrong in saying some of the young people in college should not be there. Even if they admit that these attendants are not college intellectual material, they explain their place on campus in at least two ways. First, they maintain that perhaps a little college education will rub off on the non-interested and non-able as they bump shoulders with professors and students in the halls of learning. Second, they argue that college is not just a place to study, study, study—but is rather intended to offer many education facets beside development of the intellect.

The first explanation may have some merit. But the second loses any reasonable significance when one considers that, in essence, the only characteristic which distinguishes college from any other occupation in which young people could be engaged is that of stimulation and development of the intellect. While a well-rounded college education must consist of much more than this, the other facets are generally found in all areas of living.

Thus, in passing through the halls of learning, the uninterested and unadapted student merely consumes space, slowing the movement of other students and receiving nothing for his stamina except bruised shoulders.

This discredits the first excuse for the presence of non-students in college—the hope that they will acquire the graces of education through touching intellectual giants and breathing the air of a college campus. As has been said, there may be some truth in this assumption. But a student has little success as a parasite in an institution of learning. What is available here must be dug out—not rubbed off shoulders.

Even if the unqualified, uninterested student accomplishes little in college, what difference does it make? He can waste his time if he wishes, some say.

Dr. Wiggam disagrees. The country is losing potential services, he says. Such an investigation should appeal to Sen. McCarthy—to benefit the nation is indeed a noble goal.

But this is not the only objection to non-stu-

dents in colleges. A number of professors, at least a number of articulate ones, go a step farther. They express their concern over the crowded hallways where everyone is jostled and distracted from the primary purpose of college education. The wholesale presence of these non-students fills classrooms with millions of faces but the extra heads, the professors say, simply dilute the number of studious minds. In other words, mass education has forced colleges to gear their programs to slower, less capable students in order to pull through an increased number of persons. The lowering of standards and the presence of more pupils naturally mean that the highly qualified student will receive less attention; his capabilities will remain undeveloped and unused.

A comparison of the curriculum of American colleges with that of comparable European schools discloses the inevitable decline in standards when the gears are molded to accommodate the masses.

Let someone suggest an extended educational period for the particularly qualified student, consider two points. The first is that additional length of education steals time from the lives of young people who are eager to assume positions in the world. Both time and a certain percentage of qualified students are lost.

Consider also what Dr. Wiggam has pointed out. Non-students would be better off in other positions.

Rapid, high capacity development of youthful minds should appeal to Sen. McCarthy and any investigating committee. The entire nation would benefit. Of course to remove some students from college and to push the rest through faster means, in the present emergency, that the men will be spending time in the armed forces—if not longer at least sooner.

But, after all—and here is what should appeal to the senator—the army is apparently a wonderful place to develop red-blooded Americanism.—K.R.

# The Daily Nebraskan

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# Just Around House Parties, Formals Made Busy Weekend

Jan Steffen

Beside the two formals and several house parties which provided entertainment for the past weekend, several organizational gatherings were held at local night spots.

A number of Phi Delt's and their dates spent Saturday evening at the Continental, and a group of Sigma Chi couples were dancing at East Hills. Several engineering students and their dates held an informal party at Italian Village.

We have a wedding to report this week. One of the Christmas holiday ceremonies, the newly-wedded pair are Lt. and Mrs. Orval M. Conner, Lt. Conner, an Acacia, is now in the Army. Mrs. Conner, the former Miss Marlene Wall, lived at Wilson Hall before her marriage.

More Christmas vacation engagements: Jo Michelson, Alpha Xi, and Herz Olson, TKE; Joyce Hobbs, Alpha Xi, and Doyle Beavers, Acacia; Nancy Lindell, Pi Phi, and George McQueen, in the service; Jean Spetidel, Tri Delta, and Marv Johnson of Wilcox. Jean Smith, Gamma Phi, and Bill Holmquist, Phi Gam; Mary Lou Solfermoser, Wilson Hall, and Dick Peterson, in the Army; Mary Lois Glots and Richard G. Post, Pi Kappa Phi; Gladys Humann and Bill Walton, Pi Kappa Phi.

Another newly engaged couple—Dolly Rhoades, Chi O, and Rusty Richards—plan to be married Jan. 24.

We also have four more vacation pinning to announce. They are Faye Jones and Don Cunningham, Acacia; Diane Carl, Alpha Xi, and Fred Dowden, ATO at South Dakota University; Shirley Pollock, Alpha Xi, and Al Blaha, Theta Xi; and Alice Staley, Alpha Chi, and John Dick, Phi Psi.

# Union Plans Fun For Exam Week

The Union will feature special entertainment for students during final exam week.

Included in the Union's plans are entertainment in the Crib in the form of student combos soloists and pianists. A special area will be set aside for card playing, games and refreshments.

The Music Room will remain open during the week and there will be dancing in the Round-Up Room. Also maintained by the Union will be television in the lounge and reading facilities in the Book Nook.

# D.N. Interviews Slated Thursday

Applicants for positions on The Daily Nebraskan will be interviewed by the Committee on Student Publications beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Interviews will be held in the Music Room on the second floor of the Union.

Applications for business manager and assistants will be considered first, followed by circulation manager, and feature editor.

Applicants for other positions need not report until 7 p.m.

# Once Over Lightly Final Exams Take Stamina From Students, Professors

Marlin Bree

Finals, for most students, is an extremely trying time. It is the time when strong men turn weak, and weak men break into sobs.

But what most students don't know is that it is equally trying for the professors. "It isn't easy to watch all that suffering," said one professor.

"Take this room where I have given finals. It certainly has taken a beating from students while they were taking the test."

He pointed over toward one corner of the wall. See that?" he asked, indicating some scars on the wall. "Claw marks. That's where students have tried to get out of the room. They didn't quite make it, as I

recall. They used their fingernails.

"Ah yes, I can look back over the years and recall how the finals have always gone. The first part of the exam goes rather quietly—with only the occasional tapping of fingers.

"The second part, as the tension increases, is a little noisier. Occasionally, a student squirms about in his chair. Pencils tap on the desks.

"The last part of the final is always the worst. This time is devoted mainly to composing nasty thought to be directed at the instructor. Common practice is to wear a hounded expression."

After the final is over, the instructor says that he usually managed to ask the student how the test was.

"The answer to the question was usually given in the form of a weak guffaw. A few of the bolder students said that the test 'wasn't bad.'



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# Daily Thought

Men must decide on what they will not do, and then they are able to act with vigor in what they ought to do.—Mencius