

Nebraskan Editorials Something New In SC Elections

With Student Council elections coming up, it is time for the student body to take stock of events of the past year and apply any conclusions they may have to the results they wish to see after elections.

The campus knows, for example, that the Student Council can no longer be classified as a do-nothing organization. The members have asserted a great deal of authority and managed to get their thumbs into many pies. This is what has been cried for in the past years, and whether student body resents it or not, increased Council activity is here to stay.

Moreover in view of the co-ops' anxiety to be represented on the Council, and the objections raised by the new defunct Faction, it looks as though interest groups will be playing a part in Student Council activities next year wherever there is an opportunity to do so. How many of the Council's decisions of the coming year will be of a nature that special interests are involved in remains to be seen. Internationally Council announcement that it will attempt to get as many of their Greeks as possible into Council positions, opens up new possibilities. Special group interest will not be shown merely by Greek vs. Independents questions, but also may be shown in special interests of other types.

These two points—1, that the Student Council will be doing more things effecting students, and 2, that welfare of smaller groups rather than the student body as a whole will be served by representatives—contrast sharply with the Student Council situation of a year or two ago.

What this amounts to is the possibility of a great deal of controversy by virtue of the fact that the representatives individually will be more important. The Council members will no longer be considered as a whole; it will be considered from the stand point of this member or that.

In past years, election of Council members could be viewed in a different light. If a person was well-known, it could be assumed that he had become well-known through holding offices which proved his relative ability to be on Council. Outside of the one-sided pressure brought to bear by the Faction, this was the way elections went. A student knew a minority of the candidates running; he voted for these because by the time the ballot was placed before him, he found he knew nothing about the others running.

This is a condemnation of University elections in general, but its effects will be felt in the Student Council as never before.

It may be necessary at last for students to devote a little time to discussing candidates and whether or not their votes in the Student Council next year are going to give rise to a great deal of griping.

One of the best things that could happen to this campus would be a forcing of more than passive interest in the Council membership and what it is doing. The IFC does not necessarily have the election nicely in a bag. If, as rumor has it, independents in the dorm are beginning to organize, they will supply some sort of threat to the Greeks. Where this leaves women candidates remains to be seen.

The important thing is that if the Council actions are going to effect students as greatly as they have begun to this year, students cannot afford to vote on representatives without knowing a little about all of them. Student Council can no longer be something by which activity-minded students fill in to get that last AWS point before being over-pointed. It is no longer, a busy-work organization or the floor for oratorical showing off.

This is something to keep in mind as Student Council candidates are announced and the ballot set up. —K.N.

On With The Show

The show does go on, at the University of Nebraska. And both Kosmet and University Theatre are to be continued for a season which is almost certain to end in financial, dramatic and musical success.

Trouble put in its nose last spring when University Theatre proposed a new plan to Kosmet Klub. It all began five years ago when Kosmet Klub agreed to sell University Theatre season tickets in return for technical and directional aid with the Klub's spring musical. Then last year Theater decided it could not break even without an additional production. Kosmet Klub's spring show was to be added to the four Theater productions and included in the season ticket. In addition to selling tickets, KK would underwrite the entire program.

Klub members did not agree. They believed persons who would usually buy separate tickets to their show would not care to pay the expense of season tickets which included Theater productions. They believed the new Howell Theater would not attract as many non-University persons as would the Nebraska Theater, which also has a larger capacity. All in all, the Theater proposal was considered an "unreasonable ultimatum."

Compromises failed, and the two groups split with Theater officials predicting "unsurmountable difficulties" for KK in producing its musical. As yet, however, difficulties seem minor.

The commendable thing is that Theater is assisting KK, in spite of last year's threats. Equipment, suggestions and criticism have been offered freely to the Klub. KK officials have expressed their gratitude over the cooperation given them by Theater, and all are looking forward to a successful and entertaining presentation of "Blommer Girl." University Theatre cooperated with the music department to present "The Consul" as the additional production, and this group, too, is enjoying a year of achievement in the entertainment field.

One serious problem remains however. What is to be done about the expense of having the KK show at the downtown theater? Because the show is a University production, The Nebraskan thinks it reasonable financially and logically that the show be presented in Howell Theater, a University building. It is hoped that Kosmet Klub and University Theatre may reach an agreement concerning this. As regards the remainder of the situation, this year's arrangement of independence plus friendly cooperation seems the best. —M.M.

Globetrotting

Harlan Appointment Opposed For Reasons Of Self-Interest

By CHARLES GOMON

Four United States senators last week opposed the appointment of John Marshall Harlan as associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. The fact that a Republican joined three Democrats on the senate judiciary committee to vote against confirmation of a Republican may be unusual, but the reason given by the group seemed to approach a nadir of rational thinking.

Sen. Herman Welker (R-Mo.) voted against Harlan because of Harlan's alleged affiliation with the North Atlantic Union Committee and the Citizens Association for the U.N. Sen. Welker violently opposes the program of the United Nations and attacks the organization regularly.

Harlan replied to the "charge that he never attended any meetings of the NAUC and that his only connection with the UN Association was to attend one of their cocktail parties and to contribute \$55.

Sen. Welker evidently believes that anyone who professes an interest in international affairs is unfit to be a supreme court justice. It is this type of on-track thinking which prompts an Al Capp to ransack the dignity of the US Senate.

Sensors James O. Eastland (D-Miss) and Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.) remembered that Harlan's grandfather had been a supreme court justice and wrote the dissenting opinion in the "separate but equal" decision on segregation many years ago.

Greater self-interest can hardly be imagined than that of these men who felt that Harlan's racial views would be unfavorable to them. Who is competent to decide whether a man's beliefs are wholly correct or not?

There is merit in the "separate but equal" tradition, but to use compliance with this doctrine as a qualification for the highest judicial post in the country would seem to be the height of narrow-mindedness.

It remained for Sen. William Langer (D-N.D.)

to offer the most astounding qualification which Harlan failed to fulfill. Sen. Langer declared that he was tired of having jurists from eastern states fill the Supreme Court bench, and he would vote against any appointee who was not a native son from a smaller, western state such as North Dakota. Harlan is from New York.

Whether or not Harlan would make a great jurist is difficult to know—he is now a member of the New York Circuit Court of Appeals—but opposition to his appointment to the supreme court might more profitably have been directed at his actual qualifications for the post.

The four senators apparently had little to say about Harlan's judicial ability; they might as well have criticized his religion, his taste in ties or his brand of cigars. The New York Herald-Tribune reports that Harlan was "praised" unanimously by representatives of bar associations, but was criticized as a "one-worlder" by nationalist groups.

These senators represented, instead of "the interest of the nation, the self-interest of a minority. Loyalty to one's beliefs is a vanishing virtue, but the acquisition of an ossified mind hardly heralds the advance of reason.

Afterthoughts A Square Beef

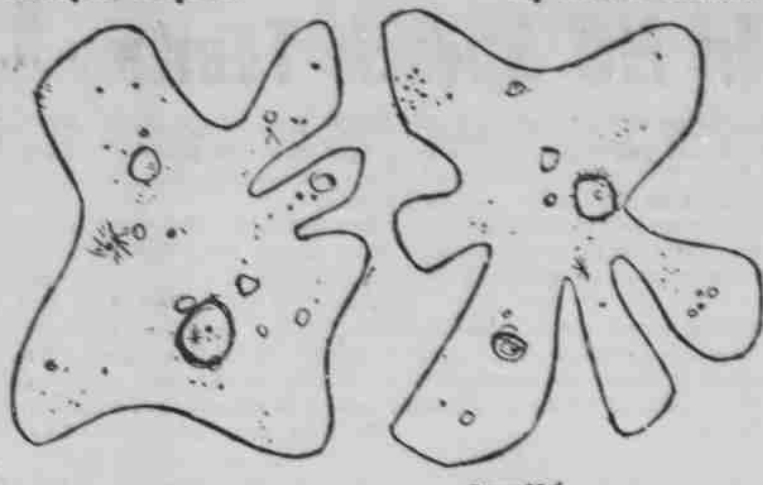
It almost seems a sure thing that Nebraska auto license plates of the future will bear the statement, "The Beef State," on them.

Not too much opposition has come forth to the proposal except from a few hog producers who would like to see the plates read, "The Meat State."

And although there has been some reaction to square cows on the capitol's walls, there isn't too much criticism to a beef slogan on the state's rectangular license plates.

Campus Capers

By Bruce Conner



"I'll be darned if I'll split in two while that guy's watching me through the microscope."

The Self-Governed Judge Hand Urges Moderate Spirit

By LOUIS SCHOEN

It was good news that the banner headlines in last Friday's Nebraskan heralded — good not only for independent students but for the entire University.

Dissolution of the "All-University Party" leaves the ultra-Greek interest without an official vehicle of expression. It relegates this interest to a status comparable to that of the extreme independent interest, which despises everything and everybody that is Greek.

It is proper that neither of these extremist interests should have the power of political action which the Faction possessed illegally—and with the illegality achieved of its own initiative. For when such power is placed in such hands, the spirit of moderation so essential to a democratic society may easily perish in the consequent turmoil of partisan vilifications and promotions from the opposing interests.

The great Judge Learned Hand has placed the spirit of moderation in its proper contemporary perspective. He wrote:

"... I think . . . that a society so riven that the spirit of moderation is gone no court can save; that a society where that spirit flourishes, no court need save; that in a society which evades its responsibility by thrusting upon the courts the nurture of that spirit, that spirit will in the end perish.

"What is the spirit of moderation? It is the temper which does not press a partisan advantage to its bitter end, which can understand and will respect the other side, which feels a unity between all citizens — real and not the factitious product of propaganda — which recognizes their common fate and their common aspirations—in a word, which has faith in the sacredness of the individual. If you ask me how such a temper and

Well-dressed man, cigar in hand, falling through the air from an airplane: God! That wasn't the washroom after all."

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I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU

It is my earnest hope that an occasional column of mine has pleased you enough to make you want to clip it out and keep it. But I'm sure that being preoccupied with more important things — like getting down to breakfast before your room-mate eats all the marmalade — the impulse has passed and been forgotten.

So I am pleased now to report that the makers of Philip Morris Cigarettes, bless their corporate hearts, have published a booklet called MAX SHULMAN REVISITED, which contains six of my favorite columns, along with some brand new material, all of this profusely illustrated—all of this available to you gratis when you buy a couple of packs of Philip Morris at your favorite tobacco counter on or near your campus.

But this is not the only news I've got for you today. Following you will find a roundup of news highlights from campuses the country over.

Southern Reserve University

Dr. Willard Hale Sigafos, head of the department of anthropology at Southern Reserve University and internationally known as an authority on primitive peoples, returned yesterday from a four year scientific expedition to the headwaters of the Amazon River. Among the many interesting mementos of his journey is his own head, shrunk to the size of a kumquat. He refused to reveal how his head shrinking was accomplished. "That's for me to know and you to find out," he said with a tiny, but saucy grin.

Northern Reserve University

Dr. Mandrill Gibbon, head of the department of zoology at Northern Reserve University and known to young and old for his work on primates, announced yesterday that he had received a grant of \$80,000,000 for a twelve year study to determine precisely how much fun there is in a barrel of monkeys.

Whatever the results of Dr. Gibbon's researches, this much is already known: what's more fun than a barrel of monkeys is a pack of Philip Morris. There's zest and cheer in every puff, delight in every draw, content and well-being in every puffy, flavorful cloudlet. And, what's more, this merriest of cigarettes, king-size and regular, come in the exclusive Philip Morris Snap-Open pack. A gentle tug on the tab and the package pops obligingly open. A gentle push on the open pack and it silently folds itself back, sealing in the savory vintage tobacco until you are ready to smoke again.

Eastern Reserve University

The annual meeting of the American Philological Institute, held last week at Eastern Reserve University, was enlivened by the reading of two divergent monographs concerning the origins of early Gothic "runes," as letters of primitive alphabets are called.

Dr. Tristram Lathrop Spleen, famed far and wide as the discoverer of the High German Consonant Shift, read a paper in which he traced the origins of the Old Wendish rune "pt" (pronounced "krahtz") to the middle Lettic rune "gr" (pronounced "albert"). On the other hand, Dr. Richard Cumberbund Twonkey, who, as the whole world knows, translated *The Pajamas Game* into Middle High Bactrian, contended in his paper that the Old Wendish rune "pt" derives from the Low Erse rune "m" (pronounced "gr").

Well, sir, the discussion grew so heated that Dr. Twonkey finally asked Dr. Spleen if he would like to step into the gymnasium and put on the gloves. Dr. Spleen accepted the challenge promptly, but the contest was never held because there were no gloves in the gymnasium that would fit Dr. Twonkey.

(The reader is doubtless finding this hard to believe as Eastern Reserve University is celebrated the length and breadth of the land for the size of its glove collection. However, the reader is asked to remember that Dr. Twonkey has extraordinarily small hands and arms. In fact, he spent the last war working in a small arms plant, where he received two Navy "E" Awards and was widely hailed as a "manly little chap.")

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