

Independents Form New Fusionist Party

A new political party has been formed on the University campus, the first in several years.

At a meeting held late Thursday night, the leaders of four independent groups convened and originated the Fusionist party. RAM, ICC, BABW and Residence Halls for Women representatives were present for the formation of the new party.

The party was formed due to an apparent need of such a group to select and back a slate for the forthcoming Student Council elections. It was from this selection committee for independent nominations for the Council, composed of the leaders of the independent groups, that the party evolved.

Doug Jensen, president of Sellen Quadrangle was elected to serve as temporary chairman of the central committee of the Fusionist party.

The preamble of the party and its basis were as follows: "Whereas the slate of candidates elected to last year's Student Council was presented as the best members of a factional group and whereas we are disappointed in the performance of this slate we have formed this party on the premise that Student Council membership should be selected from the student body in general."

Six planks of the party platform were also announced. They are as follows:

- 1) To obtain a clear definition of the powers, rights and duties of the Student Council.
- 2) The repeal of the 5.7 minimum grade average requirement and reinstatement of a 5.0 for board members and presidents of student organizations.
- 3) The separation of governing bodies of housing units (i.e. IFC,

ICC, RAM, BABW) of activity type organization with regard to Student Council action.

4) To make "Campus Wide" activities truly campus wide.

5) To create an all-university spirit in place of factional spirit now existing.

6) To base all campaigns of this party on issues and not on affiliations.

The party will release their slate for Council nominations sometime Tuesday, it was announced.

Mitchell:

Ag Faculty Considers Chairman

A meeting discussing the chairmanship of the department of Agricultural Economics was held by staff members prior to Easter vacation. Present chairman is C. Clyde Mitchell, temporarily on six months leave of absence to Rome, Italy.

Adam Breckenridge, dean of faculties, and Chancellor Clifford Hardin said at the Cornhusker Roundtable Wednesday that Mitchell is still chairman and that they have not been informed that a change has been considered.

Dean William Lambert of the College of Agriculture said that he has made no recommendations concerning a change in the chairmanship of the department. Acting departmental chairman Howard Ottosen declined official comment.

Mitchell, who will return in June, drew severe criticism in 1953 from the Hall County Farm Bureau Federation and a member of the Board of Regents for an article he wrote for a national farm magazine favoring fixed farm support prices.

In the article, entitled "Let's Not Go Back to 1920," published in the November '53 issue of Capper's Farmer, Dr. Mitchell said: "During the 30's farm leaders and Congress forged the realistic laws that help agriculture maintain its place in our economy — an economy that is both free and not free."

"Despite all the talk about free enterprise, much of the non-agriculture economy is not free. For that reason, agriculture demands and receives help from the government so that it can compete with industry and labor."

At that time the University Board of Regents expressed its confidence in Dr. Mitchell by adopting a statement defending freedom of expression by University faculty members.

The statement submitted to the Board by Dean Lambert, upheld the rights of professional persons to publish results of research and to express themselves freely in the classroom.

Although the Board announced no decision concerning criticism of Mitchell's conduct, the statement was interpreted as a full endorsement of his action.

Poetry Overlooked, Says Poet

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Workers Meet

A special mass meeting for Farmers Fair workers will be held April 11 at 8:30 p.m. in the Ag Union. Different phases of the Fair will be explained and students will be given a chance to sign up to work on the different committees.

Al Treadle said. Theme of this year's Fair is "Husker Hoe-down". Committee chairmen are Jim Peters, rodeo; Leo Danckrogger and Mary Sorenson, publicity; Sharon Egger and Shirley Slagle, dance; and Judy Oeltjen, midway.

Whisker King Contest cards have been printed and may be picked up April 9-11 in the Ag Union.

Sociologist:

Dr. Riesman Opens Series

Dr. David Riesman, Jr., nationally-known sociologist, will visit the University campus next week to present the first University Lectures in Humanities.

The University Research Council established the lectures in Humanities for the purpose of bringing to the campus recognized scholars who will, from the background of their own specialties, explore and interpret the implications of their knowledge for man and his place in the universe.

This will be the first year for the lectures.

Dr. Riesman will present three lectures during the week dealing with the topic "Education and Countervailing Power."

The first lecture will be Monday at 8 p.m. in Love Library Auditorium and will concern "The Academic Procession." The second lecture will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Library Auditorium on the topic "The Intellectual Veto Groups." The third will also be held at 8 p.m. in the Library Auditorium Friday, April 13, and will concern "Constraint and Variety in the Secondary School."

In addition, Dr. Riesman will conduct two seminars, the first on Tuesday at 3 p.m. in Room B-16 of Burnett Hall and the second on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Historical Society Building at 15th and R Streets.

The topic for the first seminar will be "The Interview as a Form of Communication," and the second will concern "Print and Its Competitors."

Dr. Riesman, Jr., was born September 22, 1909 in Philadelphia. He attended William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia, graduating in 1926 and then after a year at the Evans School in Tucson, Ariz., attended Harvard College.

Sunday:

Home Ec Club Plans Silver Tea

The annual Home Economics Club Silver Tea will be held Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at Love Memorial Hall, according to Carolyn Johnson, chairman of the event.

The purpose of the tea is to help sponsor a foreign student on the campus. This year's student is Mrs. Primitiva Manalo from the Philippines. Miss Johnson said.

Committee chairmen in charge of the event are Vivian Long, food; Betty Pearson, program; Pat Stalder, publicity; Marian Sokol, hostess and receiving line; Sylvia Nuttelman, decorations, and Helen Barnett, clean up.

Invitations have been sent to organized houses on the Ag campus and to housemothers and presidents of organized houses downtown.

History, Education:

Gerlach, Lindley Receive Graduate Scholarships

Don Gerlach, University graduate student, has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship for study in England for the coming year.

Earlier this week, he was announced as a winner of a \$1500 University Regents Fellowship. The Fulbright award will allow Gerlach to study history at University College, University of London.

Ann Lindley, senior in Arts and Sciences, was named as the winner of an \$1800 fellowship for study of elementary education at the Cornell University school of education at Ithaca, N.Y.

The fellowship Miss Lindley will receive is given by the Ford Foun-

dated Harvard College. He majored in biochemical sciences, graduating magna cum laude in 1931. He was an editor of the Harvard Crimson.

Attending Harvard Law School, he graduated magna cum laude in 1934 and was an editor of the



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Harvard Law Review. In the year, 1935-36, he was law clerk to Justice Louis Brandeis of the U.S. Supreme Court.

After practicing law and doing research on public opinion problems, civil liberties and the law and politics of defamatory, Dr. Riesman went as Visiting Research Fellow to the Columbia Law School where he continued his researches.

Dr. Riesman came to the University of Chicago in 1946 as Visiting Associate Professor of Social Sciences in the College; he was made a full professor in 1949, became a member of the Committee on Human Development in 1951, and of the Department of Sociology in 1954.

In 1948 and 1949, Dr. Riesman was a visiting professor at Yale doing research which resulted in two books, "The Lonely Crowd" and "Faces in the Crowd."

Dr. Riesman is presently chairman of the University of Chicago's Center for the Study of Leisure. He is a member of the Council of the American Sociological Society and an editor of the American Journal of Sociology; he is also on the Board of Editors of the American Quarterly and the American Scholar.

He received an honorary LL.D. degree from Marlboro College in 1954 and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

"I think this lecture series gives students and faculty a chance to meet one of the most stimulating minds in the field of sociology today," Dr. Alan Bates, Associate Professor of Sociology, commented.

Dr. Riesman was recommended to the Research Council by the Sociology department.



Don Gerlach and Ann Lindley.

Gerlach expects to receive his Master's degree, with a major in

history, this coming June. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education with distinction in June, 1954, from the University. While an undergraduate student, Gerlach was awarded three Regents scholarships, and in 1954, a \$1600 Donald Walters Miller Fellowship.

Miss Lindley will be graduated from the University in June. She is majoring in English. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, honorary society in sociology, and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

Approximately 1600 grants for graduate study abroad in the academic year 1956-57 are being awarded under the International Educational Exchange Program of the U.S. Department of State.



Union To Consider Idea Of Spring Day Carnival

... Street Dance, Birthday Party Planned

A carnival, to be set up in the Union parking lot with a stage in the center, is under consideration by the Union as part of the All-Campus Spring Event, May 4.

Continuous entertainment would appear upon the stage and the carnival would operate around it.

The Art Thomas Shows are available for the carnival and would include various concessions along with a Ferris Wheel, Tilt-A-Whirl, Round-up, Spitfire, Dodgem, Boatride and a Tankride.

The Ronnie Bartley band will play for the street dance, which will be held in front of the Union from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. AWS has extended the hours for women to 2 a.m. for the dance, according to Mary Huston, secretary.

Outdoor movies will also be shown that evening in the Union parking lot.

The Union Birthday party, held annually on the day before Ivy Day, will be held this year in conjunction with the Spring Event. The theme of the party will be "Carnival Capers."

The Union will celebrate its 18th birthday this year. A birthday

cake will be set up in the main lounge during the day and will be cut and served at the street dance intermission in the evening.

"The party gives all students an opportunity to help celebrate the Union's birthday," Kay Christensen, Union Special Activities chairman said.

Highlights of the celebration will include reduced prices in the Crib, decorations of the entire building in a carnival theme and entertainment in the Crib and the main lounge.

The Bartley band has been a great favorite in eastern schools and night clubs, Miss Christensen

said. They have had past engagements at such spots as the Tune Town and Hotel Chase in St. Louis, the Hotel Roosevelt in New Orleans, Hotel Manhattan Towers in New York City, the Brass Rail and Tantiella in Richmond, Hotel Monticello in Norfolk, Casanova Club in Detroit and the Pia-mor in Kansas City.

Bartley himself is one of the nation's top trombonists, as well as ranking high in the vocal department, she said. His musical experience ranges from appearing with the country's most famous bandleaders to playing with the Juilliard Symphony Orchestra and

the Little Symphony of New York.

He has played with such bands as Blue Barron, Sammy Kaye and Jimmy Dorsey and he writes all of his own arrangements.

"The Union feels that the Carnival will add immensely to the success of Spring Day and hopes that the students will enjoy it," Miss Christensen said.

Other features of the Spring Event Day include the barbecue and the individual and house competitive events as chariot races, egg toss, tandem bike race and greased pig catching contest.

Classes will be dismissed at noon Friday, May 4, for the event.

Tribunal, Honor System:

General Election Slated To Test Student Opinion

Student Council voted Wednesday to refer the student tribunal and honor system issues to the student body in the general election May 7 for student opinion on the matter.

The referendum is not to determine whether or not there will be a tribunal or an honor system, but whether students would approve of the ideas, Marv Breslow, member of the committee investigating the possibility of a tribunal, said in a report Wednesday.

The questions to go on the ballot are general in nature and no specific program is to be included, Breslow said.

If the student body approves the measures, next year's Council will formulate a plan for implementing the ideas, he said.

There is no reason to work on any definite plans unless the student body approves the general ideas, Bruce Bruggmann, Arts and Sciences, said.

The vote is not binding on the Council in any way, Breslow said. "Under an honor system, students pledge not to receive unauthorized help especially on tests, Breslow said. Faculty members usually respond by not proctoring and by allowing students to leave the room and other freedoms during examinations, he said.

The system is employed in many schools including Tulane, the University of Virginia, Harvard, and Stanford, he said.

The function of a student tribunal would be to enforce University regulations and also to enforce an honor system if one were developed, Breslow said.

Graduation:

Officials To Obtain Speaker

Attempts are being made by the University administration to contact a speaker for June's exercises, Dean of Faculties Adam Breckenridge said Thursday.

Previously, the Faculty Senate had discussed either having a student speaker or no speaker at all in place of the traditional speaker, he said.

The matter was referred to the Student Council, which discussed the matter, the majority of members stating that no commencement speaker was preferable to a poor speaker.

There definitely will be a commencement speaker, Breckenridge said.

"We have contacted several persons and hope to have a speaker within two or three days," he said.

Independent Filings Open For Ivy Day

Ivy and Daisy chain applications for Ivy day are now available for independent women in the Mortar Board box in the Union basement.

Filings will close Monday at 5 p.m.

Women are selected on the basis of outstanding service to the University. A 3.5 cumulative average is required.

Those women selected will be notified.

Attendance is required at one of the following song rehearsals in Room 313, Union, at 5 p.m. April 17 or 19. An additional band-chain rehearsal which is compulsory will be held April 25 at 5 p.m. in Temple Building.

Women having questions may contact Suzy Good, 4-5117 or Phyllis East, 4-2125.

Council judiciary committee will look into the possibility of removing RAM Council, the governing body of men's dorms, from the

SC Favors Spring Vote On Tribunal

Student Tribunal Report

The committee, upon the basis of ideas obtained at the Big Seven Student Government Conference and information obtained from other schools and a consideration of the situation at the University of Nebraska makes the following recommendations:

1. Although the Student Council has approved by resolution the idea of a Student Tribunal, the entire student body should be given an opportunity to express itself on a matter of such potential importance. Therefore, we urge that the following question be placed upon the Spring ballot: Do you favor the general idea of a Student Tribunal that would be empowered to judge violations of student discipline?

2. We also urge that a test of student opinion be taken in the same manner on the following question: Do you favor the establishment of a plan which would put school work on an honor system?

3. Finally, if student opinion favors either or both of the above questions, we urge the members of next year's Student Council to use the material gathered by this committee to further the formulation of a program of greater student responsibility to specifically include a Student Tribunal.

Respectfully submitted, Marvin Breslow, John Fagan, Sam Van Pelt, Dick Fellman, special consultant, John Gourlay, special consultant.

'Rock And Roll Regression':

Discord Invades Culture As Records Go Primitive

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The heretics and those that blaspheme are undermining the social order of the U. S. of A.

At the beginning of 1956 a group of social misfits gathered behind the sound-proof doors of a West coast recording studio and planned their strategy with the accuracy and discipline of a military organization. Their purpose was clear, to corrupt the American scene with a new popular front.

Leaders of the record industry, Das Kapital, Deika and Viktor, joined forces with the reactionary group. A slogan was needed to interest the American youth in the "Return to the Native Language" movement. A member of the group, during a fit of hunger, shouted "Tutti Frutti" and the cry became the password of the movement.

From the lowly beginning of the movement on the wave battered shore of out continent, it spread across the apathetic Midwest and "Tutti Frutti" echoed against the granite of Plymouth Rock. The shrill sounds of Bee-Do-Do-Bop shattered the symbol of endurance and dependability dear to all our hearts.

The song lyrics of today differ little from the utterings of the Neanderthal man. Oooh, Ahahah, Yema Marie and Shoo, Boon Shoo could well have been hummed in 1,000,000 B. C.

The public would be able to endure the primitive sounds of Uru

list of activities required to conform to Council average rulings.

Len Schropfer, RAM, proposed that action be taken on the matter. RAM is an organization of limited membership which governs a group of men but is not trying to bear resemblance to the Interfraternity Council, he said.

Although RAM is the governing body of a house-like structure, its constitution still comes to the Council for approval, Breslow said. The size factor makes enough difference to make actions of RAM council of all-campus interest, he said.

IFC, Panhellenic and the Union are exempted from the ruling because of particular Regents' by-laws—and interpretations of by-laws, president Andy Hove said.

According to Schropfer, the question is essentially one of authority residing in the wrong place. Ram is also faced with a dearth of men eligible for offices with the required average, he said.

In other Council business, Charlie Gomon gave a financial report on the Mock Political Convention. Gomon served on the conventions executive committee.

Law Aptitude Tests Scheduled April 17

Aptitude tests for students who intend to enter the University College of Law next fall will be held beginning April 17, Dean E. O. Belsheim announced.

The examination will be given in two sections. The first half will be given April 17, at 1:30 p.m., and the second half, April 19, at 1:30 p.m. Both sessions will be in Room 301 of the Law College.

All prospective law students must take the examination, Dean Belsheim said. Registration should be made at the Dean's office, Room 298, College of Law building.

Minimum requirements for admission to the college is 63 undergraduate hours.

Ba, e-Bop Do Be Ah, but the heretics have gone too far. Not satisfied with revamping the vocabulary, the dissenters are bent on establishing a new rhythmic pattern.

The blues, the ballad and the love song have disappeared from the top 20 listing of hit songs. Replacing them are musical hybrids "Rock and Roll Walks," "Bl. Louis Blues Mambo" and "Heart Break Hotel." The critics haven't decided whether the last is a hill-billy song or a second rate Johnny Ray selection.

The Easter season brought more confusion to the musical world. The traditional chants of the various religious denominations were played with reverence on the crystal sets and television. But, it was difficult to distinguish the simple and holy chants from the repeating pop tunes such as "Play That Tune" which has a monotone background of phonograph, phonograph and phonograph.

Rubbing salt into the public's wounded ears, the recording people started an educational crusade. Bridle Marjorie, the reincarnated red-head, is working with Stan Freeberg to teach everyone lunaticism.

If the music industry doesn't make an abrupt about-face the students of this University will be burning "Rock Around the Clock" and "Star Spangled Banner Mambo" as they walk to their ivy-covered classrooms.