

EDITORIAL OPINION

Campus Election Signifies Trend

Homecomings come and go. Displays are built and burned but the independents are here to stay.

The Huskers staggered, stumbled and blew another game. No surprise. The Kappa Sigs won first place in the homecoming displays again which shocked no one. An independent was crowned as the 1961 homecoming queen and everyone was shocked except the independents.

Nebraska was an underdog from the start, most houses did not expect to win or place in the display judging and the Greeks should have expected the independent queen.

The days of one or two houses blocking together to push a single candidate to the top in an all-University election under the "vote for one" ballot are over. The Greeks should have sensed the results of this election a year ago. A mass independent vote gave this campus its first independent queen in 1960 and a similar vote did it again last week.

The rise of the independent does not stop with queen elections. Most alert students noted a strong move by the dormies to reorganize the method of selecting Student Council members last spring. Although no action has been taken to date on the latter proposal, there are indications already that a reorganization of the Council's membership selection is on the way.

Before the Greeks criticize the dormies for mass block voting, consider your own situation. In past elections when Greeks came out victorious, mass and block voting was not unheard of. It still goes on today but in a less effective method. Prior to last year, the competition was centered around the Greek houses with independent candidates in the background. The situation has changed. We now see two political factions: the independents and the Greeks.

Ten girls were chosen as finalists for the 1961 homecoming queen election. Two were independents and eight were members of sororities. Perhaps the results of the election last Wednesday comes as no surprise, now. The Greeks were competing with each other as well as with the independents.

It is not our purpose to widen the split between the independents and the Greeks, far from it. We do not propose that the dormies put up one candidate and the Greeks do the same and then let the chips fall where they may. We feel both sides should compete honestly for finalists and the campus voters freely select what they feel to be the best individual for the queen, king, prince, etc. Therefore, we condemn block and mass voting. Such organized tactics do not always lead to the best results.

It matters not if our homecoming queen is an independent or a Greek. What we want is the individual who best meets the criteria demanded by the title, position or what ever. (NB)

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Sponsored by Pi Mu Epsilon National Mathematics Honorary Fraternity.

Alice, Betty, Clara and Dolly are playing a simple game with a set of 28 dominoes. They have seven dominoes each to begin with, and starting with Alice, take turns (in the order set out above) in the building of a chain.

It is a condition that one end of each domino played must be numerically identical with one of the open ends of the chain that is being built.

The total "pip values" of the first two dominoes played by each are:

Alice's two dominoes: 23
Betty's two dominoes: 20
Clara's two dominoes: 18
Dolly's two dominoes: 16

On the third round, Alice plays the 6-2. What, in sequence, are the first eight dominoes played?

Answers to last week's problem: There were 79 mangoes. Correct solutions were submitted by Louie Dagger, Tom Eason, Earle Bailie, Tom Pralle, Mack Owen, Don Hanway, W. Burkholder, Alan Strand, Tom Hare, George Killebrew, Lennart Swenson, Steve Braley, Wan Wizard, Gary Hiatt, Kenneth Fox.



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Parking Problem Prompts Letter

Dear Editor of the Daily Nebraskan:

There is a news headline concerning a campus parking posted on the door of Professor Gaffney's office. The news article, from the Daily Nebraskan, states that the parking problem has now been solved, according to a current issue of the same paper. But, says the newspaper, the problem is one of convenience or the lack of it. There are not enough parking spaces in front of the Student Union for the people who want to drink coffee in the morning or in front of Andrews Hall for the students with classes just inside the door. In other words, we do not want to walk five blocks to class after finding that promised parking place.

I enjoy walking, but when I am late for a class, it is irritating to park far across the campus. Two days ago, I came on campus at one forty-five for a two-o'clock class and parked several blocks from my class. Out of breath, I raced across the campus lawns, squeezed through a hedge, and ran up to the second floor of Bessey Hall. About four o'clock I remembered that I had parked in a two-hour zone! I slipped out of the botany laboratory, squeezed through the hedge, and raced across the lawn to my car. Exhausted and limp, I took the ticket from under the wiper blade. I was too late to beat the police, but I had had a great experience as a pedestrian.

There is a certain sport in being a pedestrian because the other drivers who are looking for a spot to park their cars resent the fact that you have already found one. For example, there is the driver who creeps through the crosswalk - almost running down one's heels - and the "yellow-light jumper" who races through the light - endangering all the pedestrians. The drivers who are the most hair-raising are the lawless "red-light turners." They wait until the pedestrian is well on his way and then turn right in front of him unexpectedly on a red light. The pedestrian stops on his toes. The passing door handle unravels his tie.

The sport of finding space is so organized that one must have a permit to participate. If one owns a car which he must drive each day to the university's city campus, the first project every morning is to find that spot in which to park. Each stu-

dent buys this right at the beginning of the school year. The parking permit does not insure a parking space, nor does it promise safety while the car is parked. It is, rather, a permit to play the game. The words "Campus Parking" are the student's first clue as to what to expect. The word "campus" comes from the Latin and means "battlefield," hence battlefield parking. There are only two rules to the game, but they are very important. Rule number one is, "Foot-soldier, beware!" Anyone crossing the street at ten minutes of eight is in the same situation as a rifleman before a machine-gun. Rule number two is, "Any parking place is fair game - regardless of which side of the street." When a place is spotted, apply the brakes quickly and turn the front of the car half-way into the other lane, to insure parking squarely. The man behind will screech to a halt, the one coming toward you will scrape past. They may blow their horns, but be not distracted - the place is yours. For example, this morning as I contested for a spot to park with another car, the driver applied the brakes and backed rapidly two car lengths. I backed just as rapidly and just as far to keep from being mangled. He did not get the place, however, because another car skillfully maneuvered between my car and the parked

Staff Views Out Of The Woods

By Jim Forrest

For all the arm-chair lawyers and followers of the invincible Perry Mason, there is an interesting case now running the legal gamut of Lincoln and Lancaster county courts.

Les Elgart and six members of his band were arrested early Sunday morning and held on open charges after police said they found a large quantity of marijuana and heroin and assorted narcotics in the band's hotel rooms. All have been charged with possession of narcotics and the six band members have pleaded guilty to the charges, but Les Elgart has pleaded not guilty.

During the search of the hotel rooms, narcotics were found in coffee cans, bottles, plastic vials, shaving kits, paper bags and wrapped in metal foil. The police really must have made a thorough search of the rooms. This was normal, good and in the line of duty, if it was legal.

It is this last "if" that throws doubt into the legal machinery. Apparently the initial search made while the band was playing for the Homecoming dance was done without a search warrant.

(Police entered the hotel rooms of the band members with the permission of hotel managers. Lincoln police would not comment Monday when asked by a Daily Nebraskan reporter whether or not a search warrant had been issued.)

Police Capt. Robert Sawdon, who along with seven officers waited five hours to make the arrest, said that the rooms in the Lincoln and Capital hotels were searched with permission of the hotel managers. Nothing is said about a search warrant. Why? Legally speaking, the room belongs to the person who pays the rent, and a search warrant is still needed.

There is an exception. When there is suspicion that a felony is being committed law enforcement officials have the right to enter without a warrant. For example, if

a policeman hears a scream from a person about to be murdered, he may enter in order to prevent the felony; however, the police officer must find a felony being committed or about to be committed, or else legal action may be taken against the law enforcement agency. This exception is based upon the idea that there would not be time enough to get a warrant and still prevent the felony. The question is, was there such a time element in the arrest of Les Elgart and band?

Reports say that Captain Sawdon and seven other officers waited for five hours to make the arrest or until after the band had finished at the Homecoming dance. Also, a member of the Lincoln Journal reporting staff said that Captain Sawdon phoned the newsroom around 8 p.m. Saturday informing the Journal that there was to be a big story breaking around 1 a.m. He couldn't say what it was, but that it had something to do with narcotics.

In all these hours before the actual arrest couldn't they have got a search warrant so that they could have entered the rooms in a manner that would satisfy any legal doubts or questions? As it now stands, it seems likely that the case could be thrown out of court on a technicality.

Yet, there are extenuating circumstances to this search without a warrant. The police received the phone call from the pharmacist who reported two men wanting to buy an excessive amount of the drug codeine on Saturday when all the courts are closed. The subsequent investigation followed by the search of the hotel rooms was carried on even later Saturday and Sunday morning. With the courts closed there was no way to have a warrant issued, maybe, but does it take a formal court setting and atmosphere to have one issued? Couldn't the police have

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