

VOTE NOW:

Benefit Later

By the time most students get this copy of the DAILY NEBRASKAN, they will have between seven and eight hours remaining to vote in the campus general election.

The polls close at 7:30 p.m. They opened at 7 this morning. Last year the student body made a miserable 21 per cent showing at the polls. Yet, this year a much greater portion has complained about and argued against Council affairs. Those who voted gained their right to complain and condone. But those who could find neither the time nor effort to drop their ballot cannot justify their criticism on the basis of being an interested party—an "affected" party, yes, but interested, no.

It has become increasingly clear with the passage of the present school year that the Student Council, because of the nature of the issues and because of the nature of the Council itself, will be concerned with issues which will more and more affect a greater proportion of the student body. That fact makes the need for a large number of student voters a prerequisite to a qualified responsible Council—"responsible" in the sense that it can be blamed without a waste of time.

If a voter, and care enough about yourself and others to have a Council which will represent you, and haven't kept up on the candidates, read today's FIRETRUCK, talk with friends and informed sources and vote before the polls close.

The present Council has made many efforts to make voting this time faster and more convenient for the student. At least, let's not waste that effort.

Insight Elsewhere  
What to do with Pompidou?

by Kenneth Tabor

If you wander down the beach at St. Tropez, it is just a possibility that you will see a gentleman about fifty years in age sun bathing and mixing with the bikini set.

The particular man in question is known to Americans as "Pompey". To the French he is Premier Pompidou, the nominal head of the French government.

Until de Gaulle brought him into his government, Pompidou was a complete unknown in French politics. His career had been successful and varied. A master of literature, he taught the subject for some years and gathered various works of French poets into an excellent anthology. Turning from this some years ago, Pompidou went into the banking under the Rothschilds. In a comparatively short time he had risen to general manager, a post second only to the Rothschilds themselves.

His present pastimes recall his past. He is much more likely to be entertaining French authors such as Malraux or American movie stars such as Jane Fonda than he is to be acting as host for members of the French government. His austere home is conspicuously covered with modern art topped off by the presence of a lovely, blond wife.

In a word, Premier Pompidou is both worldly and witty. And in another word, none of this seemed to matter much to Frenchmen let alone the rest of the world until recently, when word was given to the world press that de Gaulle was in the hospital undergoing an operation of his prostate gland. Then it began to matter.

When Pompidou was not at de Gaulle's bedside, he was busily engaged in leading the Parliament. And his lead presented a rather startling contrast from that of Charles de Gaulle. For the first time in many years, those in attendance at the meetings of governmental bodies were allowed the privilege of smoking. The "de Gaulling" austerity was not to be found.

And just somehow throughout all of these proceedings, Pompidou made it quite clear to his colleagues in government that two signatures were needed to pass a bill into law and that one of those was his. The government was left with the rather heady inference that his signature was not always so easy to come by as they had formerly thought.

Despite the impression he left with the French legislature, only one difficulty between him and de Gaulle has ever received much if any publicity. When de Gaulle announced his intention of beheading or otherwise executing Edmond Jouhaud for his supposed treason with regard to S. A. O.

activities involved in the Algerian crisis, Pompidou and de Gaulle split forces and walked off in two different directions. Fortunately enough for the French government at the time, their two paths converged as soon as the crisis was over.

Now, and not any too oddly at that, the French and American press are talking of Pompidou as a likely successor to de Gaulle in the future, or even by the next election should de Gaulle choose not to run or if ill health should forbid his candidacy.

This man whom the foreign press has conveniently ignored for some time is sure to figure ever more largely before the public eye. De Gaulle joined hands with the American government in the Cuban crisis, then turned around and broke policy with this country by recognizing Red China. This hardly presents a situation which any simple idea will solve or even cope with. Many will desire to know how Pompidou will stand on similar issues. I rather suspect that even Frenchmen and St. Tropez bathers will be asking such questions.

As far as we here in the states are concerned, the question is not whether Pompidou will do what we would like him to do or even if he would do what de Gaulle would do. The question is whether Pompidou could maintain a unified, strong French government as de Gaulle has done. And looking at the post-war history of France, the question is not only could he do the job, but also what could we as an allied nation do to help him should he gain leadership of the French government.

We could wait and play it by ear, but it would seem much better for us to plan ahead; because if he does become the true head of the French government, there would not seem to be much of alternative left to us but to help him if we are sincerely interested in the strength and welfare of the countries of the free world.

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"IT'S GOOD FOR HIM—LISTEN TO HIM PURR."

Firetruck:

Little To Offer Campus Voter, But Here's Some Tips On Candidates

By Arnie Garson

The polls will be open today from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Last year only 21 per cent of the student body took advantage of the Student Council polling hours.

For the last week or two, the campus has been plagued with silly looking posters. The DAILY NEBRASKAN has been cluttered with unintelligible platform statements. The IFC has been pushing their slate. Diners have been rudely interrupted by singing (?) coeds.

Little, if anything has been done to help the 21 per cent of the students who do care to vote make intelligent decisions at the polls. The lone effort to elevate the Council election from a popularity contest to a meaningful battle of issues was the IFC forum. Yes, it was a miserable flop.

So now that election day is here and issues have been

mostly ignored, any analysis would probably be futile. Yet hopefully, some of the following thoughts will stir the imagination of a would-be voter.

In Teachers College five boys and eight girls are vying for four positions. Tradition has it that three boys and one girl will be elected. Yet the IFC, in its interview sessions decried to slate a single man. This seeming lack of quality among the Teachers College men might best be rectified by electing three girls from the impressive list of hopeful coeds. Associates Pam Hedgecock and Susan Graham also have earned consideration.

Among the Teachers College coed candidates is Halle Drake, who along with one of her sorority sisters (Janie Agee, Arts and Sciences candidate) submitted one of the best new ideas I have heard in a long time—a campus

bank. I don't know where the idea originated, but it certainly deserves consideration.

In the College of Arts and Sciences, four boys and seven girls are competing for five positions. Unfortunately only one of the girls will probably be elected as the IFC slate usually reigns supreme. But several of the seven girls including incumbent Susie Segrist, and associate Jean McClymout would make excellent Council members, judging them on the basis of past performance.

Business Administration and Graduate College elections will be insignificant contests with only as many candidates filed as there are positions open. In Agriculture three men are competing for two positions and the girl will be automatically elected. Only one of the four candidates will not be elected in Engineering and Architecture. That filings were so scant is unfortunate. But that most students will vote on the basis of popularity or the Slate is even more despicable. Voting is not a haphazard action. It requires thought and intelligence. If we as students of higher education cannot act accordingly, it is a sad reflection on our socio-educational system.

CAMPUS OPINION

Is Recker For Real?

Dear Editor:

Is Dick Recker for real? In recent columns he has (1) rewritten history (re. General MacArthur); (2) redefined one of the basic concepts of our society (getting fired); (3) dismissed all contemporary historians; (4) diagnosed all the ills of campus organizations; (5) elevated Nebraska's toleration quotient to the highest in the nation; and (6) made individualists out of the backers of Senator What's-his-name. This last deserves comment, if only because the first five could not conceivably survive any comment.

Youth for What's-his-name, we are told, has stayed small only because there are only a few rugged individualists around. In the same column, Recker makes the following points:

1—student apathy stems from a lack of good "leaders" in campus organizations.

2—some anonymous bad-guy type dares oppose those promoting the political fortune of What's-his-name.

3—an opinion poll is to in-

clude the opinions of non-Republicans.

4—Spring Day is more important than political concerns (all those people are working so hard in the houses.)

5—a parade might jeopardize campus-community relations (just when City Council is building good will with its apartment statutes).

Mr. Recker's kind of individualism is what we need. Let's form an Anarchist's Club. We can meet in the crib. We'll show contempt for social modes by wearing hand-embroidered jackets and flying our own planes. We can avoid being "used" by outsiders or having our image smeared by excluding all those who try to corrupt us. And once we get strong—pinko professors beware! We'll burn the history department, appoint good leaders for the campus organizations, and reschedule Presidential elections so as not to interfere with Spring Day. Nothing can withstand the might of righteous individualism, once it is properly organized.

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VOTE TODAY

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ARTS & SCIENCES

ERIC SEVAREID—

Education Is Barrier To Negro 'Good Life'

By ERIC SEVAREID

Negro leaders are forecasting a "long, hot summer" in the civil rights struggle. There is a growing sense of foreboding in the big Northern cities; and the struggle seems, indeed, to be moving toward some kind of climactic. In New York, where this is written, there is much private speculation about the possibility of an explosion in Harlem, that festering prison where Negroes are hemmed in as if by glass walls through which they can see the unattainable good life all about them.



Sevaraid

There can be little doubt that there is a stiffening of resistance among many white people through Northern and Western states. There is no doubt at all that a younger, angrier, more irresponsible type of Negro leadership is appearing here and there, although they have had a setback in New York with the failure of their threat to wreck the opening of the World's Fair.

They will impatiently reject the word "irresponsible." What is happening is indeed a revolution in terms of the status sought for the Negro, but it is a revolution which can only be set back by the use of revolutionary methods. Since Negroes constitute only 10 per cent of the population, it is the height of irresponsibility for any of them to try to shift from methods of civil disobedience to criminal disobedience. This social revolution cannot succeed without the support of white liberals. For any Negro now to sneer at the white liberals as fair-weather friends is neither justified nor sensible.

The young hotheads trying to strike out blindly against all of society in their long pent-up and totally understandable resentment will have to consider that their point of view is not reflected or represented in a single constituted organ of authority in this society—not

in the Congress, not in state legislatures, not in city councils. The attitudes of the old-line Negro leaders, those of the white liberals, those of the "Uncle Toms," those of the white segregationists, even the attitude of sadistic policemen—all these are represented. But angry young Negro leaders who seem to welcome violence can expect no help except from the street.

What is now happening was predictable and predicted, because it has many precedents in history. It is not when a submerged people is far from its goal, but when it senses the goal is near and attainable that its behavior becomes frenetic. The civil rights movement has come into the period of splitting, of violent intramural disagreement on strategy. But this is not a situation in which the Lenins can take over from the more moderate Kerenskys, because the Negro movement seeks and can seek only a just place within an existing society, not its overthrow. In the long run, extreme methods cannot comport with moderate goals, not, certainly, for a minority group.

The movement will get through this uncertain phase, and one way or another its goals will be achieved; it is too widespread, too fervent and too obviously justified to fail. Voting barriers are falling and will fall more and more rapidly. "Public accommodations" will open up because, save in Southern back-country regions, this is not really a fighting issue. More and more employers are seeking qualified Negroes now, and this movement will accelerate; recalcitrant craft unions will not withstand the pressures against them.

But even when these specific barriers have fallen, there will be anguish and protest because the fundamental barrier to the full accreditation of the American Negro in American society will give way only in a time scale measured in decades, not years. This barrier is education. It is, perhaps, a sad coincidence of history that the Negro revolution has come about simultaneously with a revo-

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