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**Vandaleer tryouts at Music hall 11 a. m. Sunday.**  
**"I" club meeting at Ridenbaugh hall 11 a. m. Sunday.**  
**Blue Key meeting today at 5:15 at Beta Theta Pi house. Initiation.**  
**Home Economics club meeting at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon in Women's gym.**

**Blue Key to Hold Initiation Friday For 11 Pledges**  
Blue Key, national upperclassmen's service organization, is holding an initiation at the Beta house at 5:15 this evening for the following men: Cecil Greathouse, William Wetherall, Maurice Malin, Frank Bevington, Robert Campbell John Lukens, Dwain Vincent, Russell Honsowetz, William McCrea, Conrad Frazier, and Robert Bennett.  
These men have been chosen from the ranks of upperclassmen who are most outstanding in leadership, campus activities, and personality. Following the initiation, a dinner will be held at the Blue Bucket, and election of officers will be held.

**MUSIC CLUB CONCERT**  
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Where I have Sung My Songs. Charles De Graveyard Rabbit (M S) Wood Shortnin' Bread Wolf When I think Upon the Maiden Head Maurice Friedman  
**SIGMA TAU**  
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**Cardinal Key To Give Banquet for Initiates**  
Dean French, Jean Collette, Frances Wheeler, and Elizabeth Stickney To Be Guests  
Cardinal Key, upperclassmen's service honorary, will give an initiation banquet at the Moscow hotel Sunday, at 1 o'clock for the women who were pledged to the honorary last December. Permeal J. French, Jean Collette, sponsor, Frances Wheeler, and Elizabeth Stickney will be special guests at the banquet.

**Clarinet-Baritone Positions Are Still Open in Pep Band**  
The second tryout for a baritone and a clarinet player for the Idaho Pep Band will be held soon, announced Bob Campbell, leader of the band Wednesday. "There were so few men who turned out last Wednesday night that we are having a second tryout."

**Idaho Debate Team To Speak Over KNQ**  
An Idaho debate team will present a discussion with a Gonzaga debate team over radio station

**at the cinema**  
at the Kenworthy—Described as a fast-moving story of college life—"a college picture without a football game"—Fox Film's "Bachelor of Arts" will begin tonight. American's foremost satirical humorist, John Erskine, author of "The Private Life of Helen of Troy" and other notable books, wrote the novel from which this Fox production was filmed. Erskine knows college life intimately (he is himself a professor at Columbia University) and he has confessed that he was irked by the far-fetched and fantastic college stories and films recently current.

**Bulletin Board**  
Mixed chorus 36, will be held in the women's gym on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30. Those who have signed up for chorus 36 will please meet there Monday evening.  
The Luther League at Our Savior's Lutheran church is sponsoring a good-time party at the church this Friday at 8 o'clock. All Lutherans and their friends are invited to come and join in the fun.  
Hell Divers tryouts for second semester will be held next Wednesday evening at 7:15 p. m. at university pool.  
Curtain meets Sunday 7:30 p. m. at the Blue Bucket Inn.  
Women's "I" club members will meet at the Blue Bucket Inn, Sunday morning, 9:30 a. m. for breakfast. Important!

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Band show. Some good acts were shown at the tryouts Wednesday afternoon, but more will be needed, according to the leader.  
The Pep Band has started its practice for the show to be held in April. All baritone players, clarinetists, and any students having musical acts should get in touch with Bob Campbell as soon as possible in order that a time for the next tryouts may be fixed.

A Harvard chemistry professor recently wagered that he could eat his shirt and won. He dissolved the shirt in acid neutralized the acid with a base, filtered out the precipitate, spread it on bread and ate it.

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# SOCIETY

**S**Ocial events on the campus are again taking their places now that the second semester is well under way. Valentine's Day, with its many decorative schemes, form motifs for several of the dances to be held this weekend. The Phi Delta Theta underclassmen's dance and the Delta Teth Gimmel dance, both to be given Saturday night, will feature the colors and other traditions that accompany Valentine's Day. The Alpha Chi Omega upperclassmen's dinner dance on Saturday night and the Gamma Phi Beta fireside Friday night complete the social schedule for the weekend.

## Town Women Will Honor Pledges

Deleth Teth Gimmel will give a Valentine dinner dance Saturday at the Blue Bucket in honor of the new pledges. Programs will be heart shaped and the hall will be decorated in red and white hearts. Bob Whitakers orchestra will furnish the music for the dance. Patrons and patronesses will be Mr. and Mrs. Abe Goff and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hickman.

## Phi Deltas To Give Dance

The underclassmen of Phi Delta Theta are entertaining at a Valentine dance Saturday night at the chapter house. Bob Campbell's Blue Bucket orchestra will furnish the music. Patrons and patronesses will be Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, and Mr. and Mrs. Roger McConnell.

## Gamma Phis to Use Valentine Motif

Gamma Phi Beta will entertain Friday at a Valentine dance and fireside. The Valentine motif will be carried out in the programs and in the decorations. The patrons and patronesses will be Maj. and Mrs. Augustus B. O'Connell, Miss Katherine Jensen, and Miss Harrison S. Devereux.

The upperclassmen of Alpha Chi Omega will entertain at a formal dinner dance Saturday. Patrons and patronesses will be Dean and Mrs. J. A. Kostalek, Dr. and Mrs. Erwin Graue, and Mrs. Laura Campbell. The Blue Devils' orchestra will provide the music for dancing.

Tau Kappa Epsilon entertained Delta Gamma at a dinner dance exchange Wednesday. Guests were Mrs. E. C. Given, Esther Fienner, Doris Papesh, Josephine Breckenridge, Kathryn Kendall, Mary Virginia Congdon, Abigail Davis, Constance Turner, Betty Groves, and Edna Simpson.

Sigma Chi entertained at a dinner dance Wednesday night. The Valentine motif was used in the table decorations and favors were given. Guests were Lois Davies, Phyllis Peterson, Fern Erickson, Nina Varian, Isobel Gibson, Mary O'Neil, Dorothy Brown, Martha Boles, Evelyn Jenkins, Mary Braxton, Margaret Kjosness, and Mrs. Lenore Scott.

Kappa Kappa Gamma honored Mrs. Lenore Scott's birthday with a Valentine party Thursday night. The party was followed by a shower.

Delta Delta Delta entertained Kappa Sigma at an exchange dance Tuesday.

Robert Muffit was a dinner guest of Alpha Tau Omega Tuesday.

Kappa Alpha Theta entertained Amber Wolfe, Jane Merrick, and Dr. J. C. Brosnan, at a dinner Thursday night.

Beta Theta Pi entertained Louis Mann, and Conrad Unterdahl at dinner Wednesday.

## Evans and Preuss Chosen on Tuesday To Head W. A. A.

W. A. A. held its annual election of officers and pledged 35 new members Tuesday at 5 o'clock. The following women were elected to offices: Ruth Evans, president; Dorothy Preuss, vice-president; Jane Post, treasurer; Mariette Kalbus, recording secretary; and Lucille Nelson corresponding secretary. Members voted to carry over roller-skating and bicycle points from one semester to another, but horse-back riding, leisure-time tennis, and swimming, and hiking points must all be made in one semester.

## Gonzaga Ties Idaho On Audience Ballot

Debate on Munitions Problem Ends With Audience Divided on 25-25 Vote

Idaho and Gonzaga debaters tied here last night with an audience decision giving each squad 25 votes. Arguing in favor of a munitions embargo, Smithmoore Myers and Henry Barrett, the Gonzaga debaters, presented what was termed by A. E. Whitehead, debate coach, as "one of the strongest cases we have heard this year."

The Idaho debaters, Cecil Great-house and Lewis Orland, were forced to scrap a large part of their material when Gonzaga presented a case different from any case they had encountered during the 16 previous debates which Idaho has had on this question.

Mr. Whitehead said he felt that there was little prejudice in the Idaho audience which would be reflected in the balloting, for last year Idaho was defeated here by Gonzaga in an audience vote, seeming to indicate that "patriotism" played no part in determining decisions.

## Theta Sigma Begins Contest for State High School Papers

Theta Sigma is conducting its annual contest for high school newspapers edited entirely by girls. The deadline for entering the contest is set for March 1.



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## Chemists Club Plans To Entertain Speaker

Official of Carnation-Albers Company To Be Guest at Dinner Meeting

F. B. MacKenzie, director of research in the Seattle laboratories of the Carnation-Albers company, will be the speaker and guest of honor at a dinner meeting of the Idaho Chemists club Wednesday at 8:05 o'clock at the Blue Bucket Inn.

Mr. MacKenzie will give an illustrated lecture on "Vitamin D in the Dairy Industry," explaining new trends in the industry, particularly the processing. His firm owns the famous Carnation farm of which an Idaho graduate, R. E. Everly, '24 is superintendent. He will make a similar talk on the Washington State college campus on February 19, the day preceding his appearance. Reservations for the dinner should be made in advance, said Branch Walker, president of the club, either with him or Edgar Renfrew, secretary. Anyone interested may attend.

The papers are placed in two classes, mimeographed and printed, and are judged by a point system for efficiency of style, make-up, news, features, and general appearance.

Judging will take place March 4 when the winner of each class will receive silver cups and runners-up will receive honorable mention.

Any school winning a cup three times will be allowed to keep it permanently. Moscow high school won the cup for the printed paper last year for the second time, and Emmett high school won the cup for the mimeographed paper.

## INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL MEETS

Because of crowded conditions in fraternity houses this year, the Interfraternity Council voted at its meeting last night to go on record as opposed to accommodation athletic or vocational organizations in the respective houses. It was felt that the added financial burdens on the houses this year made this accommodation practically impossible.

The council defeated a motion to have exchange dinners among the fraternities. A committee was appointed to draw up plans for next year's date cards. The committee is composed of Bill Simons, chairman, Paul Rust, John McManamin, Eddie Woods, and John Lukens.

The council's annual formal dance was definitely set for March 9 at the Beta house. Broken pledges of the last semester were announced.

## Presbyterians Give Three-Act Play Next Sunday

The Presbyterian young people of the University Christian Endeavor will present the three-act play "The Tinker" in the social hall of the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. The leading part, that of the Tinker, is taken by Kenneth Platt.

The play tells the story of how the Tinker left some \$100,000 to the Whitney family consisting of father and mother, Jane, Jack, which parts are taken by Glen Kunkel, Hazel La Certe, Alice Lyons, and James Oxenham. The part of Margaret, friend of Jane

is played by Almy La Certe. Jerry Mills plays the part of Jeremy. The family spends a good part of the money before they actually get it, which leads them into difficulties both humorous and tragic.

## FOUKE WILL LEAD

Final arrangements have been made for the youth conference for all university students which will be held in the Wesley parlors of the Methodist church, under the direction of the Rev. Hugh B. Fouke, Jr., pastor of the First Methodist church of Boise. The conference which will occupy the greater part of three days, February 15, 16, and 17, will

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- BROSAN—History of Idaho
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- SCHAPIRO—Modern & Contemporary European History
- SNYDER & MARTIN—Book of English Literature

## STUDENT BOOK EXCHANGE (AT SHERFEY'S)

consist of mixers, refreshments, social problems, and lectures on service opportunities.

## FORESTRY PROGRAM

(Continued from Page One) range of electives. A new course has been included in wood utilization under Dr. Jahn. An outstanding feature of the

meeting was a forest service show boat which furnished entertainment in the form of movies including educational films and Mickey Mouse. These show boats are furnished by the United States Forest Service and travel in trucks giving their movies or performances at CCC camps. Dean McArdle expects to see more of them at the university.

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## P. R. QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE VOTED ON TUESDAY

### "Straw Ballot" On Proportional Representation Brings Many Pertinent Questions Before Students At Class Elections

Tuesday from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. the polls in the main hall of the Administration building will be open for voting on class officers and student policies. Proportional representation as a system for selecting the executive board of the ASUI and its officers will be the major item considered in a questionnaire which will be handed at student at voting time. Other questions considered at this time will be those concerning the selection of editors of publications, yell king and dukes, and May queen, maid of honor, and page for Campus day.

In the columns which follow will be discussed the various phases of the plan for proportional representation and the revised selections of the other offices. An attempt to be as impartial as possible will be made.

"This questionnaire concerning P. R. and other offices does not mean that a vote one way or the other will settle definitely the question," said Dave Kendrick, president of the ASUI, today. "It must be pointed out that this is only for the purpose of sounding campus sentiment on the matters. The committee in charge and the executive board proper want to know how the students feel about it."

All students are urged to express themselves on the questionnaire just as seriously and with as much thought on the matter as if it were to decide it definitely. The committee and the board will proceed in their work on the matter with the results of the "straw ballot" as a guide to further action on the matter.

#### DO YOU WANT P. R. AS A SYSTEM FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASUI EXECUTIVE BOARD?

Perhaps the first question which should be considered is whether or not we want P. R. as a system of election at all or not. In this connection we analyze the objectives which are sought for in a democratic and equitable system of government.

The nomination process should be one which tends to bring out many worthwhile candidates. The voter would face the prospect of having a real choice between many and not a hampered choice between two or three. The voting should encourage the voter to make his real wishes known upon the ballot. The counting process should be one which makes each voter effective in helping elect a candidate that he desires to help, and the elected person should have the free choice of substantially the same number of voters.

Now, after glancing at the above requirements for a good form of election, the question arises as to what form of procedure most closely fits this plan. The one which accomplishes these aims better than any other is known as the Hare system of proportional representation after one of its original exponents, Thomas Hare. It is also known as the method of the single transfer vote. Several members are elected together from a large district, which in the case of the executive board can be the entire student body.

The nominating system is a simple and efficient one. Petitions signed by a reasonable number of voters are used for this purpose. The exact number can be determined later, although 25 names of students whose names appear on no other petition has been suggested. There is no need for a primary election since all the candidates are voted on at the same time.

#### Process Different

The voters do not proceed in this kind of an election as they would ordinarily. Instead of placing opposite the name of a candidate an "X" the voter marks his votes "1, 2, 3, etc." He makes choices for as many candidates as make a favorable appeal to the voter. In other words the system uses the full preferential ballot, because the voter by means of numbers indicates preferences among the candidates. His vote is not thus thrown away if the person for whom he makes a first choice fails to qualify. His vote will then be effective according to second or possible third choice as designated on it.

Now we come to the more important advantages of the Hare system of proportional representation. It ensures both majority rule and minority representation. It allows a voter to have and express a free choice among many candidates without the fear of

"throwing his vote away." It accomplishes all the objects of the primary system without the additional expense and inconvenience that two visits to the ballot box entail.

It encourages voting since all votes are, practically speaking, effective in helping elect a candidate of the voter's choice. It has been shown mathematically that under P. R. the number of ballots which are effective is around 80 per cent while under the popular vote system the number of effective ballots is only about 55 or 60 per cent.

It tends to eliminate corruption at elections because a few votes illegally or corruptly cast do not have the great effect of deciding the result that they have at the usual election. For the same reason it robs the "pressure group" of its power. Such a group, of five per cent of the voters, can affect the result to that extent, but cannot change the result 100 per cent as they can under the present system. It makes the representative body, the executive board, so truly representative that it can be trusted to choose the administrator who shall carry out the policy the body decides upon. In other words it is the best method of creating an executive board which is to choose and control the student body president and the other officers.

There are many arguments advanced against P. R. The strong political parties are shorn of their power. It puts the power in the hands of a few, but if that few is purely representative the students need have no fear that their desires and interests will not be looked after. There is the charge that the majority may not be the type of student most desirable as the governing group. This is not dangerous, however, since the examples of this are cited more often in cases of municipal elections under the P. R. system where a labor group or other illiterate class got control of the affairs of the city.

#### PLAN A—DO YOU WANT THE ASUI PRESIDENT ELECTED BY POPULAR VOTE AND HIM TO BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD WITHOUT VOTE

The argument has been brought out that the student body will object to the selection by the board of one of their members as chairman and president of the student body. The feeling was expressed that the students will object to this manner of picking the president since they have no direct voice. Some therefore will desire that he be selected by popular vote in order that a direct voice in his election can be had. However, it is pointed out that in so selecting a president for the ASUI it would be necessary to withdraw his voting privilege in the case of a tie even though he would still be chairman of the board. This is obviously necessary since for him to vote would spoil the perfect proportion of the representation of the mass on the body. This, it is pointed out, would take some of the power from the office and might lead to trouble in matters which involve his control of that body.

#### PLAN B—DO YOU WANT THE ASUI PRESIDENT ELECTED BY THE PROPORTIONALLY REPRESENTATIVE BOARD FROM AMONG ITS OWN MEMBERSHIP AND HIM TO BE CHAIRMAN WITH VOTE IN CASE OF A TIE?

This is undoubtedly the ideal situation under the proportional representation set-up. The board members will all be elected by P. R. Then upon convening for the first time they will elect one of their number as president of the student body. He will then

### A. S. U. I.

## Questionnaire

For the Information of the Student Body Executive Board

**I. Do you favor the P. R. system as a method of electing the ASUI Executive Board to office?**

**Plan A—Do you favor the election of the ASUI president by popular vote, the president to be chairman of the board without vote?**

OR

**Plan B—Do you favor the election of the ASUI president by the proportionally representative executive board from among its membership, the president to be chairman with vote in case of a tie?**

Yes  No

Vote for One

Yes  No

OR

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

Yes  No

A BALLOT LIKE THE ONE ABOVE will be presented to each of you at the class elections next Tuesday. On it you will mark your decisions regarding these pertinent campus questions. Read the material on this page and then vote your personal opinion.

assume the duties of chairman with a vote in case of a tie. If the board is thus truly representative it can be trusted to select a worthy president for the ASUI. He would preside at student body meetings and other occasions as does the present president.

Thus we conclude the discussion of the two plans which will be placed before the voters next Tuesday. Of course, the primary consideration is whether or not we want P. R. at all. A number of schools have used proportional representation with a considerable degree of success. Columbia university in New York City, Antioch college, Northwestern university, Haverford college, Colorado university, and a number of others have found the plan to be worthwhile. Colorado used it for one year only when student politics was taken out of the hands of the students. If the plan is adopted at Idaho it will be the first school west of the Mississippi to take it up.

In conclusion we might show how the voting works. The voter upon naming his preferences for two or three men has numbered them according to first, second, third choices, etc. When the votes are ready to be counted the total number of seats to be filled is compared with the total vote cast and a "quota"—the lowest number of votes any one candidate can get without electing more than the required number of men to the board—is determined.

Since when the quota is reached in counting the preferences for one man it would be useless to give him more, the remaining votes are made effective by voting them according to second or third choices as the case may be. Thus a larger percentage of votes are effective. When a voter cannot help one candidate it is voted accordingly to another choice since if the voter were able to say so he would wish that done.

In beginning a discussion of the other questions on the questionnaire it is well to look first at the modern and progressive trends in political organization. The tendency is turning rapidly in both state and municipal political organizations toward the "short ballot."

That is, the plan is to cut down the number of officers elected by popular vote and increase the number of appointive positions—provided, of course, that the appointive positions are under the control of a responsible official or body. An executive board elected under P. R. would be such a body.

When a political body is organized it is important that all the component parts of that unit be coordinated and well-olled. By delegating the powers of appointment to a few specially fitted individuals or bodies plus the control of a truly representative political entity (the executive board) perhaps the most efficient student body organization conceivable is apparent. Under the present system popular vote is depended upon to select from among a number of eligible candidates the ones most fitted for the position. However, we must admit that few of the voters know what qualifications are required for the best interests of the office or the student body as a whole.

#### DO YOU WANT THE EDITOR OF THE ARGONAUT, THE GEM, THE BUCKET SELECTED BY A COMMITTEE OF PUBLICATION OFFICIALS, THE GRADUATE MANAGER, A FACULTY MEMBER, AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RATHER THAN BY POPULAR VOTE?

This is a suggestion which has been advanced by editors of various publications and has been looked upon by both past and present ones as a move favorable to the best interests of the papers. True, it will take the organs and their control a little farther out of the direct hands of the students, but it is felt by many that the average student does not know the necessary qualifications for these posts.

They do not know who is a good newspaper editor, a good yearbook editor, or a good director of the humor magazine. They vote personalities rather than abilities.

There have been various boards suggested which might best select these officials. One suggestion was—for instance for The Argonaut—the editor and managing editor, the graduate manager, the president of the student body, the journalism professor, and the entire executive board to which this committee's selection must go for approval. All men or women would be considered impartially from every angle and the one selected would be the best that could be found.

The committees for the other publications would be about the same except, of course, for the editor and managing editor. The selection of the personnel of this committee is purely arbitrary and could be altered at any time when the final arrangements are made. If you like the idea, however, vote for this method of selection.

#### DO YOU WANT TWO YELL DUKES PICKED AT TRYOUTS BEFORE THE STUDENT BODY AND SELECTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WITH THE YELL KING AS AN ADVISOR?

This plan will introduce into the method of selecting the yell dukes on the campus here a competitive plan which has admittedly been needed for a long time. The candidates for the two positions of yell dukes would try out each year, it is suggested, before a regular meeting of the ASUI or at a major athletic event. At the tryouts the student body would get a chance to look them over and the judges, the executive board and the yell king, would have an opportunity to determine the students' reaction to those trying out. This is a system which is being used at a number of other schools with a great deal of success.

and elect a student whose abilities as a yell leader are not known outside of the fact that he might have served as such somewhere else before coming to Idaho, is nice looking, or comes from the right political party. Year after year this has been the case. Some years we have been fortunate in picking a good one. Others we have not been so lucky.

#### DO YOU WANT THE YELL KING PICKED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM AMONG ANY STUDENTS WHO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST ONE YEAR AS A DUKE?

Under this plan the yell king will be picked each year from among students whose abilities are recognized and have been thoroughly tested. Carrying further the competitive spirit of the plan for selecting these important officials, it will not be impossible, should the situation arise, for a particularly able yell leader to be selected for a second or even a third term. As to this part of the plan, however, it could be worked out later when the student reaction to the idea as a whole is determined. Yell dukes would then be picked only as vacancies arise. Some have suggested that all dukes, experienced ones and new aspirants, be required to try out each year in order to select the best students fitted.

Under this plan a duke may have served one year to the satisfaction of everyone, have been forced to stay out of school a year, and then be eligible at the beginning of the next year to become yell leader whether or not he served the year just preceding his selection.

#### DO YOU WANT THE MAY QUEEN, THE MAID OF HONOR, AND THE PAGE SELECTED BY THE A. W. S. CABINET?

This question brings to our attention another group of honorary selections which have for some time been "grapes" for the various political parties to hand out in swinging the women's groups to their way of voting. This method has been recognized for years as a necessary evil of the political set-up on the campus and one with which we must put up. The positions of May queen, of Maid of Honor, and Page for the Campus day festivities in the spring of the year should not, in the opin-

ion of the majority of thinking students, be allowed longer to remain as just another political job. The women who are selected for these honors should be the outstanding co-eds at Idaho and as such, on the basis of beauty, personality, etc., should be chosen to carry on this pretty tradition on a strictly merit basis rather than what house they belong to or how many votes they can carry.

This method of selection has been favorably considered by the officers of the associated women students for some time and they feel that a radical change must be made soon in order that Campus day may remain one of the fine traditions of the Idaho campus.

In conclusion, then, it is necessary that we point out the purposes and the set-up of the complete questionnaire to clarify its function and meaning to the voting students.

Question I and Plans A and B are concerned directly with the proportional representation idea and should be considered as such. Question II, III, IV, and V are progressive revisions of the present set-up of these office selections as suggested by student officers most interested in these particular divisions. It should be pointed out that the last four questions are not dependent upon P. R. for their operation and might be used under the present popular vote system.

However, it is the opinion of the committee in charge that should these last four questions receive the appropriation of the students they should see that P. R. is necessary for the control of these offices and to keep the whole set-up from becoming a political patronage plan. P. R. would put into office an executive board which would be a cross-section of the student body and one which would function accordingly.

We caution students to vote carefully and thoughtfully on the questions before them. Think what you firmly believe to be the best interests of the student body and then mark your questionnaire when it is presented to you at the class elections next Tuesday.

#### P. R. COMMITTEE:

- Norman Roberts, chairman
- Mary Ellen Brown
- Harold Boyd
- John Daly
- Carl Buell

## Election Instructions

Since the committee does not classify the students according to classes except at the beginning of the year, the executive board announces that all students are to vote with the class in which they registered at the time of the election last fall. This rule will have to be borne out in every case and no exceptions will be made by the committee in charge of the voting. Students who have gained enough credits at the beginning of this semester to enter the next class above should note this announcement.

THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

The polls will be open at the north end of the hall on the first floor of the Administration building from 9 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. Tuesday, February 19.

# VOTE!