



Student Politics

Politics is now the absorbing topic of conversation. The interest of the students is fast being centered on the approaching student body election. The election is held on the second Wednesday in May. Nominations for office are made one week earlier.

The students of the University constitute a small democracy. And in accord with the principle that political parties are necessary to the continuance of self-government we have here two well-defined parties. But the factor which determines a student's politics is not wholly of principle or policy; party lines are drawn largely by social lines. A man is either Fraternity or Not-Fraternity, and ordinarily that is the way the votes run.

As the various offices at the disposal of the Student Body carry with them not only the honor of the position but also the valuable training that comes from administrative duties, competition between candidates becomes keen. And as it is but natural that any organization or association of people should work for its own interests and advancement, each party puts forward its best material in the hope of victory.

Perhaps it is the "community of interests" and the "group likeness" or the "consciousness of kind" that swings the fraternity and sorority with an almost solid vote for the "Greek" candidates; certain it is that the non-fraternity elements for protection generally unite in support of the Independent candidates. This is ordinarily the case, other things being equal. But when either party has an exceptionally strong candidate a just appreciation of his worth and "running ability" leads the opposing side to refrain from nominating any one against that candidate—perhaps the dread of defeat is the greatest deterrent to opposition. This aside, however, competition has not yet become so keen or factional strife so intense that the really strong man, no matter what party he belongs to, can not win out.

Last year, under the whip of injustice, supposed or real as it may have been, and under the sting of sarcasm coming from two