

Nebraskan Editorials:

An Anonymous Committee

A committee met last Monday to discuss the request of the IFC for a clarification of the University's social policies.

This was the same group that had banned the Fall Show of the Kosmet Klub—and then gave it a reprieve—and the same committee that denied the Student Council powers over certain campus organizations last year.

This group has the responsibility for all student affairs and is the final appellate body for decisions of the Student Council and other campus organizations.

And yet, who knows anything about this Committee on Student Affairs which is established in section 19 part five of the Board of Regents by-laws and rules. (Jan. 7, 1956).

Does their picture appear in the 1956 Cornhusker? Are their meetings ever attended by students or Nebraskan reporters? Are changes within the committee ever noted in The Nebraskan? Will committee members report on what goes on behind the closed doors of Dean J. P. Colbert's office when the group is in session?

Obviously, the answer to these questions is in the negative.

The committee on student affairs is one of the least known and most important organizations in relation to the student scene and yet, not one member of the Nebraskan staff or one representative of the Student Council is able to name more than four persons who have membership on the committee.

Any information concerning the actions of the committee comes from Dean Colbert who is permanent chairman of the committee.

Whenever The Nebraskan asks to attend a committee meeting, usually when an issue of campus interest is before the organization, the committee votes to have a closed meeting. Recently, when the committee met to hear the IFC complaint, a Nebraskan photographer was dispatched to take a picture of the group. The committee on student affairs decided by vote that they didn't want their picture taken.

It seems only logical that students have some right to know what is going on in the committee which year-in and year-out deals with student problems—and remains almost anonymous. If the committee is working for the welfare of the student body, then it seems unlikely that there can be any harm in reporting the actions and the words of the committee members.

The Nebraskan will concede that on some occasions, the committee should be allowed to exercise their judicial function in private—that is, when they are making a decision after deliberation. But, closed meetings should not be an informal standard operating procedure.

We have no way of knowing if student organizations are getting a fair break or if the committee is merely acting as a rubber stamp for the Student Affairs office.

We are not accusing the committee of perpetrating any monstrous wrong. We just believe that the students should be entitled to know something about the University's committee on student affairs.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



WHAT SMELL? YOU KNOW THE RULES ABOUT HAVING FOOD IN THE ROOMS!

Voice of The Turtle



Well, I finally got home, in spite of the snow and the railroad. The blizzard kept a lot of chicken-hearted people like me from driving home, so we all took the train Out West and sat on one another's luggage and slept sitting up.

There was also a group of Nebraska Wesleyan people who insisted on singing their school songs until two a.m., which is not con-

juice, which I dislike. Don Comstock, who scored Nebraska's touchdown in the 1955 Orange Bowl, has been kicking up his heels for Alabama U. this fall. Now scaling over 200 pounds, Comstock scored the Crimson Tide's first touchdown in a 13-13 tie with Mississippi Southern. He has one more year of eligibility left, and has apparently cleared his scholastic hurdle he ran into here.

Fred Daly

ductive to good relations' between our two institutions, as far as I am concerned.

For breakfast I had some chocolate-covered almonds some nice girl offered me. Gee, but it's great to go home on the train.

When I got home I found that my mother can still cook better than anyone in the county, and that we have live television Out West. I don't know if Tennessee Ernie Ford will ever replace Elvis Presley, but I certainly hope so.

I also went to the dentist, who told me my teeth are just fine, but if I don't watch my gums those fine teeth will fall out. He told me to drink lots of orange

Sources have informed The Nebraskan that the Student Council will soon begin rumbling to life over a proposed student judiciary committee, and the possibility of an honor system.

Debate on these two institutions should be interesting, as the likes of them have not been heard of before on this campus. I hope all the Council members take sufficient interest to study these two matters carefully before deciding anything.

Huzzah! The Nebraskan staff is now at full strength for the first time since October. It is fine for people to say that your strength is the strength of ten because your heart is pure, but it got a little hairy at times.

The Silent Majority



Several weeks ago, I happened to see Yogurt Z. Kritich again (you remember he was the poor chap who had so much trouble with parking). Our discussion somehow settled on the position of the Independents in the University society. Yogurt had been doing a

to get ahead in school activities or start a discussion club on international culture, he did not get much support.

Dwaine Rogge

lot of thinking on this subject so all I had to do was lend a ready ear to his sagacious remarks.

He said that in past years, Independents were almost entirely unorganized on this campus. As a result, not much effect was made on University life. One man wanted to have a party so he called up a buddy and went out on the town. Similarly, if one person wanted

However, Yogurt thought that today the scene had changed somewhat. Now, the Independents are making a strong effort to organize and function effectively. For instance, we have several co-operative houses, Selleck Quadrangle and other organized groups. Presently, Independents are pushing to show their ability to be good productive workers and leaders of University life. Yogurt compared the attitude of independents to one philosophy of Samuel Gompers, the labor leader. The Independents are striving to do and get more today than yesterday. We will gain our higher position by evolution not by revolution. This was Gompers' belief about organized labor. Mr. Kritich muses we may not erupt like a volcano but we will progress just as steadily as the molten lava flowing down the mountain.

Yogurt figures that the Independent movement has an inevitable climax. Many universities have very strong and effective Independent groups. Mr. Kritich knows that the Independents here at Nebraska want equality of life and thought—not necessarily supremacy but definitely equality. I feel that the Independents will fulfill the prophecy of the old saying, "you can't keep a good man down." Give credit to the people who earn it. More Independents are continuously joining that group of people who earn credit.

Yogurt had to rush off to a calculus class so I didn't get to hear any more of his ideas. If you see him, why not stop and chat with him. He will quickly impart to you his belief in Independents. The belief is contagious.

Letterip

Dear Editor: "American newspapers can be proud of the fact that the sixty-one million voters of the nation split the ballot. Not because each man's candidate was not elected, not because there were some drooping jaws Wednesday morning, but because the end of a "straight" ticket means a beginning of an informed electorate." This is the leading paragraph of a recent editorial entitled "Aftermath."

Ridiculous! This is obviously the most thoughtless piece of nonsense ever set in type. In the first place, any political scientist will confirm the fact that when the great mass of voters split their ballot between principles and personalities, as was certainly the case on 6 November last, anything but a better educated electorate is evident. In this type of campaign, the various forms of propaganda inevitably emerge victorious over logic and common sense.

Secondly, the American press has in no way attempted so much as to inform the electorate. In contrast 90 of the nation's newspapers made every effort to send to Congress, conservative "old guard Republicans" on the coat tails of the "Majestic General's" demagogic campaign. The sober judgment of John Q. Voter thrashed this flagrant use of our free but not necessarily unbiased press.

Finally, the editorial in question condemns "give-and-take legislation." May I remind the author that the very Constitution of our country is a product of compromise. Further, to bring the argument up to date, the major reason for the defeat of the R.E.A. Fort Randal Line appropriation was the fact that Nebraska's sorry congressional representation had opposed R.E.A. expansion in every state with the exception of Nebraska. The ability to compromise is undoubtedly one of the more necessary attributes for legislative leadership.

Considering the above exposed fallacies, I consider this editorial hardly worthy of file thirteen. I hardly suggest for the authors consideration, a message I recently read: "Be sure 'in' is in gear before mouth is moving."

Tom J. Henderson

it happened at nu

Probably for the first time in the history of this University, one whole class got a complete mental picture of the situation at hand. As roll was being called in P.E. 63, a dance class composed of both sexes, one girl answered from the dressing room stairway, "I'm here but I can't come out. My—my zipper broke."

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Moscow Disapproval

Students in Moscow are finally learning that the "button mouth" policy might be the lesser course towards finding truth. It happened last week when students at the University of Moscow balked at the party line in Hungary. And up until now the Reds in control have sat flabbergasted at the more than extraordinary activity.

Students aren't necessarily kind hearted. It's just that when they learn of atrocities such as were effected by the Reds in Hungary they cringe a little to think that this is the destiny of all those seeking freedom.

It is strange to note, however, that in Moscow, of all places, where the party line is the strongest and license of the state is the center of all high ideals, the students reacted as they did to the squelch of the freedom push by the Hungarians.

The Associated Press reported that in one classroom at the Russian school, every student stood up when asked if there was any objection to the policy of the Reds in Hungary. That takes courage, but it doesn't take much of a conscience. When we in America heard that thousands of Hungarians were slaughtered in the streets and thousands were shipped to Siberia, we stood against. We expected those who have lived the life of the one party push to rationalize that it was the best for the security of the state.

Not the youth in the Russian University. They, who are being trained to lead the Soviet Union and ignite the world with the Communist line resented the action of the USSR in halting any freedom move by the Hungarian people.

The nerve that it must take to stand before the firing line of well calculated party jumble

and reject the policy is a strong nerve. It is such that any free student over the world must admire the students who stood unanimously before the shocked professor in their denouncement of the Red actions.

At present it is difficult to predict whether this mass action will have any effect on the future of the party line. Perhaps as University communities have traditionally been the citadels of doubt, students will protest what is most difficult for them to accept. Hungarian students are credited with the beginnings of the revolt which might have saved that nation from future Red blood spillings. They may have doubted the hard-to-accept "no deviation" line of the Party.

American universities have been labeled citadels of doubt, too. However, The Chicago Tribune said Sunday that Americans are turning back to God. Whether this means that the fruits of philosophy and truth are being implanted better today than were jumbled theories of the past, is only for the future to predict. It is safe to say, though, that if the Russian Universities can become citadels of doubt against the Party Line, that is a fair sign that Communism, fed from the ranks of youth, will be on the way out. The Paris political analyst for NBC claimed that Communist thought is on the downward trail. This remains to be seen.

We are concerned that doubt leads to truth. In the case of the Hungarians it meant the truth that freedom and slavery cannot stand side by side. In Russia it meant that searchers for truth at Moscow University believed that oppression and "rights-o-man" could not be tolerated by intelligent, if daring, young men.

Never A Dull Season

Another University football season was completed Saturday with a rather resounding thumping by the University of Oklahoma, top-ranking team in the nation.

This defeat was not representative of the season, as the record shows. The Cornhuskers finished with a four-won, six-loss record, and three wins and three losses in the Big Seven. Three of Nebraska's foes (and three of their losses) were teams ranked in the top 20 of at nation—Oklahoma, Ohio State and Baylor.

One team at least—Colorado—will play in a major bowl game, and Baylor is a top prospect. Taking all this into consideration, the Cornhuskers played as rough a schedule as anyone in the conference, including the touted Sooners, who finish their season this week against Oklahoma A and M, a gridiron non-entity.

New life was injected into the 1956 Nebraska edition by its new young coaching staff. Working under the handicap of inexperienced backs and the loss of the number one quarterback, no lettermen at the ends and the prevalence of sophomores at many positions, Coach Elliott and his staff turned out a squad that was hard-hitting all the time, and that invoked praise from every rival coach.

The season could never be considered dull. Last-minute victories over Iowa State and Missouri will not soon be forgotten. Neither will the brilliant offensive display against favored Kansas die in the minds of Nebraska fans.

The play of seniors Jim Murphy, Bob Berguin, LaVern Torson, Max Kitzelman, Gordie Englert, Willie Greenlaw and Jack Fleming was inspired week after week, but it was the play of underclassmen such as George Harshman, Jerry Peterson, Larry Naviaux, Jerry Brown, Dick McCashland and numerous others that

gave Cornhusker followers glimpses of fine and wonderful things that could happen next year.

And, of course, there is the freshman team that was undefeated this year. It is these factors, plus the hackneyed old expression called "Cornhusker Spirit" that keeps the people coming back year after year.

It is also the thing that, ultimately, results in a winner.

Fraternity Problems

(ACP)—Fraternity leaders at Iowa University have expressed concern about the problem of gaining new members. Two leaders on campus have expressed the belief that fraternities may be losing their appeal to new students entering the University. They said that too many incoming students lack interest and knowledge of fraternity life. One of the leaders, Interfraternity President Jay Ryan, attributed the interest lag to the fact that not enough contact was made with high school graduates planning to enter college. The other leader, Austin Sandrock, president of Sigma Chi, said some students believe fraternities are highly expensive and limited only to the elite class. He said the advantages of fraternity life must be explained to prospective students and that contacts should be made before the student makes plans to live elsewhere on campus. "This means," Sandrock said, "that students must be contacted first in the spring of their senior year and again during the summer."

Sandrock also credited another state school, Iowa State College, with doing a better job in this field than Iowa University. He said students receive a better picture of fraternity life at Iowa State and, because of this, more of them go out for rushing.

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