

EDITORIAL OPINION

Johnson Doesn't Pull Punches

LBJ didn't set the campus on fire with his speech yesterday afternoon. It was typical political conversation supposedly geared to college level. However, he was extremely tired from a grueling campaign schedule which has kept him going for two weeks at an extremely fast pace.

Much more impressive were his answers to questions directed to him by students. The questions covered wide territory and except for one, were well thought out.

His answer regarding his stand on the loyalty oath required of recipients of the National Defense loan—he supports it—showed that he is not going to be evasive in his stands. This is not a man who regards reelection or election—whichever the case may be as he is running for both senate and vice presidency—as tantamount. The majority of opposition to the oath has come from the campus and he knew he was going out on a limb by answering the question honestly.

Lyndon Johnson is a politician in every sense of the word. He has become one of the strongest majority leaders in the history of the United States senate. His motives for accepting may never be known. The New York Times probably came as close to anyone in guessing them when they simply said he knew that vice presidents got their names in history books more often than majority leaders.

It is ridiculous to attempt to compare him with Henry Cabot Lodge, because their careers have followed two different paths. Many forecasters have said that voters will cast their ballot on the basis of the vice presidential candidates. How they will make such a choice and on what basis is hard to visualize, because these men are both as American as any two persons in the country today. Both would serve their country equally well. When the time comes, the intelligent voters will cast their ballots on the basis of the presidential candidates, because between these two men is the real difference.

Massachusetts Frats Pool Finances

Fourteen fraternities at the University of Massachusetts have pooled their financial resources to form a fraternity manager's association. The aim of the non-profit association, which will have the purchasing power of approximately \$250,000 annually, is "to promote and maintain a high degree of financial competence in the policies and operation of social fraternities at the school."

Under the new arrangement the fraternities will cooperate in the purchase of food, fuel, supplies, furniture, equipment and services for all fourteen houses. Based on similar operations at other large universities, the new system will involve training of stewards, house managers and treasurers; central buying procedures; more efficient accounting of finances and maintaining of records; and development of centralized resource material on menu planning, kitchen operation and house-keeping practices.

A professional fraternity manager, to be employed on a full-time basis, will be in charge of the entire operation. He will be responsible to a board of directors which will oversee all association activities. The board is composed of two fraternity presidents; the president, secretary and one member of the council of fraternity stewards; a fraternity treasurer; two faculty members; two alumni; and the faculty adviser to the Interfraternity Council.

This would be a program for the University to investigate. Fraternities are probably hampered more by financial problems than any other, including bad publicity. The IFC would do well to make a thorough study of this plan which appears quite sound.

Student Council Off to Good Start

The Student Council wasted no time in getting off to a good start Wednesday. If the first meeting was any indication the Council should have a successful, productive year.

The dictum set down by President Ken Tempero on absences is a sound policy. To produce effective legislation needs the help of all members and the small amount of time available to devote to the Council means a cooperative effort from everyone.

In the past, there has been little if any attendance at the meetings by the student body. Although this has not been encouraged, it is welcome and important.

In many cases where legislation would have meant improvements on the campus and would have provided added benefit to the students, there has been no opinion from the outside and this has resulted in the failure of sound proposals.

If necessary the Council will meet in a larger room. But for an hour or two each week, it wouldn't hurt the student to take a more active part in his student government. If the same support is shown of the Council as has appeared at the Young Democrats and Young Republicans meetings, there cannot help but be a sounder Student Council.

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THE BAND WAGON

Strictly Partisan

By Sam Jensen Lyndon Johnson visited the campus yesterday. After announcing that he would take the second spot on the Democrat ticket, he said at Los Angeles:

"I looked into John Kennedy's eyes and I liked what I saw."

This admission for Sen. Kennedy was rather late in appearing for a man who differed with Sen. Kennedy 238 times in votes in the Senate in the period between 1953-60.

Sen. Johnson looked into the eyes of Nebraskans Thursday. Whether or not he liked what he saw, his visit to the campus in the first week of classes signals increased political activity at the University. This column and the column of my Democrat colleague will be a part of that activity—a part that is designed to provoke interest in government, for politics is government.

Regarding the other column in this series, one of my few regrets is that one day I happened to mention to Dick Shugrue that he

should apply for a position on the Rag. He applied and got the job—probably because he was qualified. Since this time he has wielded his pen—or typewriter—in an irresponsible manner, that is, he has favored Democratic candidates and Democratic platforms and promises.)

Back to yesterday's visitor, LBJ, and his leader. The Democrats at Los Angeles, where Sen. Johnson changed his mind about the youthfulness and inexperience of JFK, wrote a civil rights plank which promised the moon and then nominated for the number two spot a man who has spent 20 years in Congress voting against or watering down civil rights measures.

In 1960 Johnson voted against ending debate on the civil rights bill. He opposed temporary aid for schools which have desegregation. Johnson, apparently seized by the White House bug, did vote for civil rights bills after 1957. However, here are a few excerpts from his past history:

He has voted against legislation to outlaw lynchings. He has voted three times against legislation to outlaw the poll tax, a promise of the 1960 Democratic platform.

Another promise of the Democratic platform, the FEPC Bill or Fair Employment Practices bill, failed to get his support in 1950.

In 1959 Johnson announced that he, as Senate majority leader, would accept a mandate for leadership in the recently expired session of Congress. Later he devised the so called "Bobtail session" of Congress after the conventions for his own political purposes. It didn't work out very well for LBJ or the "majority leader's leader"—JFK.

Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, the Republican Senate leader, speaking in Nebraska Wednesday expressed some doubt about the leadership ability of Johnson and the leadership "potential" of Sen. Kennedy. Rightly so.

Johnson and Kennedy voted to table—and as a result, not discuss—a civil rights measure offered by Dirksen. Minimum wage legislation couldn't be reported out of conference committee even though Kennedy was manager of the Senate conferees. A school bill couldn't be rousted out of committee even though the Democrats outnumbered the Republicans 8-4.

Sen. Kennedy promised in July to offer farm legislation in the bobtail session because "January would be too late." He named persons who would help him draft the measures. No legislation was introduced by either the "New Frontiersman" from Massachusetts or the "Old Frontiersman".

And yet, these men who can not lead their own overwhelming majority in the Senate, denounce the leadership abilities of Richard Nixon, Henry Cabot Lodge—and Dwight Eisenhower.

On May 17, in Eugene, Ore., referring to the U-2 flight, Sen. Kennedy said this:

"I certainly would express regret at the timing and give assurance that it would not happen again. I would express regret that the flight did take place."

On May 31, in Spokane Wash., Sen. Johnson shouted:

"I'm not prepared to apologize to Mr. Khrushchev. Are you? I'm not prepared to send regrets to Mr. Khrushchev. Are you?"

On July 8, Sen. Johnson suggested that Mr. Kennedy as "a young man who needs experience" might take second spot on the ticket. "It's a good place for a young man who needs training."

If our visitor of yesterday was suggesting that perhaps Sen. Kennedy is inexperienced, immature and somewhat naive, I agree.

The Satyr

By Dick Masters

Enough of the "welcome eager faces" jazz! Peace to the old crib rats and grill goers! Papa Geis, Black Sam Hall and the bearded sage, Tom Sloan, are cavorting among us. When the solitary reaper know as Senioritis stalks these elders, rebellion is in order.

Ward off graduation, children. Remain and party perpetually! So be it for the somber addages department. Time and column inches sends us to the heart and core of these obtuse ramblings.

First, congratulations to Myron P. and cohorts for a sparkling and interesting column. Second, a few words of criticism on said bit.

It behooves each and every one of the badge-bearers to give assistance to the brothers less fortunate than ourselves. On the other hand, to condone the actions of which we have all been guilty shows an incomplete grasp of the situation.

As for criticism of the IFC in this instance, it is completely out of the question. The action was taken by the administration and the Fraternity Board of Control. (This comment is not intended to point fingers at adminmy with looks of bitter regret.)

By our past actions (and this means all of us) the system has just been putting its chin in the way of a big punch. It is my observation that the system is dragging its heels. By this I mean that we are failing miserably to make

our set of behavior patterns change to meet the patterns of "acceptable" societies today.

Fraternities, from the time of their conception, were intended to be bands of brothers sharing congenialities, a few hearty rounds and friendships that naturally arise when Christian gentlemen gather.

The system here is a very fine one and we may pat ourselves heartily on the back. Nonetheless, in order to exist both locally and nationally, fraternities must realize their obligation to the University community and to the city surrounding that University.

We must do more than clean old people's homes, sponsor orphan parties once a year, collect for AUF, and all the rest of the charitable things done each year. The impressions that the system will make upon alumni and visiting parents must not be a shallow covering of more notorious activities. Only through constant improvement of our individual conduct and our conduct as a group, will we be able to keep the place on campus that we deserve.

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Inside View

By Phil Boroff

The 1960-61 University Theatre season will offer three classics of dramatic literature, an original opera, and the winner of the Fred Ballard playwrighting contest. All should prove stimulating and entertaining since every production is centered around the playwright and the correct interpretation of his play.

On November 2, 3, 4, and 5, the season's premiere show will be Luigi Pirandello's finest work, "Six Characters in Search of an Author." Pirandello, Italy's greatest modern playwright, won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1934.

"Six Characters in Search of an Author" is continually produced and received as a true classic of modern theater. As recently as December, 1955, it was presented in New York City as part of the Phoenix Theatre season. That production starred Kurt Kasznar, currently of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music."

Tennessee Williams Pulitzer Prize winning play of 1948, "A Streetcar Named Desire," is the most popular play of the season. This American classic will be seen December 14, 15, 16, and 17.

Providing strong character studies in almost every role, "A Streetcar Named Desire" has attracted such talented performers as Tallulah Bankhead, Diana Barrymore, Jessica Tandy, and Anthony Quinn. The 1951 motion picture won Academy Awards for three of its

principle players — Vivien Leigh, Karl Malden and Kim Hunter. The play and film also rocketed a young actor to fame in his torn T-shirt and slob mannerisms. The young actor was Marion Brando.

Nebraska's own take their place among the impressive list of authors with the February 8, 9, 10, and 11 opera. The Department of Music will collaborate with University Theatre on the original opera entitled "The Sweetwater Affair." This "Cattle Kingdom" western with music was written by composer Robert Beadell, Assistant Professor of Music, and author Bruce Nicoll, director of the University of Nebraska Press.

Another original offering will have its first production in Howland Theatre when the Fred Ballard playwrighting contest winner is presented March 15, 16, 17, and 18. Last year's winning play was "Rockspring" by R. G. Vliet. Another of Vliet's plays, "Legions of Noon," had several engagements on the summer stock circuit this past June, July, and August.

Through translation and adaptation, two of the finest European playwrights are associated with the May 17, 18, 19, and 20 production, "Ring Around the Moon." The original French version was penned by Jean Anouilh who also wrote "Legend of Lovers," "The Waltz of the Toreadors," and the retelling of the Joan of Arc story, "The Lark."

The adaptation is by the famous English playwright Christopher Fry.

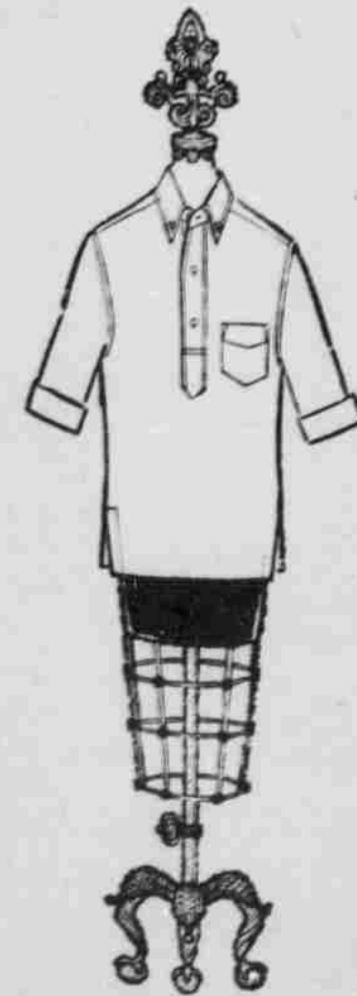
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