

EDITORIAL OPINION

'Leaders' Should Brush Up on Meeting Procedure

Do you discuss an amendment to a motion? Can a motion be tabled and removed from the table in the same meeting? Can the president of an organization voice opinion or does he (she) only have the authority to conduct the discussion of others? These questions confront leaders of campus activities and organized houses each week in their meetings and most of the time go unanswered or disregarded. Why? Because too many "presidents" have not taken the trouble to verse themselves on parliamentary procedure. The result of lack of parliamentary formality in campus meetings is wasting the time of many "little Indians", the workers, assistants, members, who must sit patiently while the "big chiefs" argue over whether or not the amendment to the motion should be discussed before voting. Activities would become far less "busy work" if they were organized organizations run by organized leaders with authority. Part of this leadership quality could be developed if a group such as Student Council were to print a handbook on parliamentary procedure. Last year the Council sponsored a workshop for officers of organized houses and activities on campus. A good idea, but was it effective? Judging from the manner in which many of the campus meetings are conducted, these workshops were either not sufficient or some groups themselves made poor choices of leaders. This is not to say that all groups are negligent. Many hold dignified meetings, and these are the groups that maintain the interest of the workers—the little people—and provide an incentive for the workers to aspire toward leadership in the organization. When a leader lacks respect of the members, he fails to guide the organization effectively. Student Council would do well to expand its workshops and to further promote leadership among students. Leaders on campus will be future leaders in other communities. It would be a shame if we were molded into a busy-work-but-do-nothing generation of Time Wasters. G. S.

Singers Concert Preview Of Fine Seasonal Shows

If the Christmas concert presented Sunday by the University Singers is any indication of the seasonal entertainment to be presented, then we are in for many fine shows during the next two weeks. The ninety-five member chorus put on two excellent shows Sunday afternoon to overflow crowds in the Union ballroom. Fine solos by Carolyn Rhodes, Paula Knepper, Jocelyn Sakc and Louis Lawson, plus the appearance of the String Quartet, added to the Singers hour-long presentation. In the coming weeks we will be able to hear more fine musical presentations such as the Madrigals concert and the annual presentation of the "Messiah". (D. C.)

Sitting In

By Carroll Kraus A return to the Daily Nebraskan office is rather refreshing after a semester's absence. And it's rather stimulating to sit in the editor's chair once again, at least for a day, while Editor Probasco is back in New York City, rubbing elbows with the bigwigs of the journalism world at the Sigma Delta Chi convention. There have been some physical changes in the underground office the Rag staff calls home, both in the staff per se and the office in general. But largely the atmosphere is the same. It seems to be an atmosphere of trying—in the way the staff feels it can do best—to better the university community in some perhaps intangible but sincere way. If the University is better off for the information and opinion it may glean from this newspaper, the staff's job has been done. If the staff intends to use the experience gained in this office to help in a life in journalism or if it uses the experiences in leadership and personal contacts in any other field, the Daily Nebraskan has served another purpose. Errors creep in during the length of the working day in this office, as happens everywhere else in "the University community", or downtown or in Washington, D.C. But the sincerity and the quest for helping others in this sometimes intangible way has always been something that has impressed me about all the staffs of this newspaper. Few other organizations, I feel, have as strong a feeling of loyalty as do Rag staffers; maybe every other organization on campus may say I'm wrong, but I think few past editors or managing editors or reporters on this paper will disagree. As for my part, my formal relationship with the Nebraskan ended months ago, but it's kind of nice to think that a few of the things that you have thought were good or worth fighting for in the past are carried on every day in a living establishment—a college newspaper—perhaps never entirely right but never really wrong, if for nothing else but sincerity itself.

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European Socialist Movement: If Brandt Succeeds in Germany, Gaitskell's Chances Should Rise

By Eric Sevareid Herr Willy Brandt, the big shouldered mayor of Berlin, may very well be remembered in history not as the practical organizer who defied the armed Communists surrounding his city, but as the political thinker who led European socialists through the agonies of their final break with Marxism and showed the way for reconstructing European politics in the American pattern of two parties agreed in aim, disagreeing only in method. He has an excellent chance to do with the German left what the beleaguered Hugh Gaitskell is desperately trying to do with the British left. This is the importance of Brandt's extraordinary speech accepting the Social Democratic nomination for the chancellorship—not his dramatic, head-on admission of the truth in the rumors about his illegitimate birth. If Brandt succeeds, Gaitskell will have a better chance of succeeding, and before 1961 is out we should see the two leading European socialist movements at long lingering last on all fours with the realities of the mid-20th Century. These rebirth pangs are severe, for they mean the final abandonment of illusions, the most painful process the human psyche can go through. The price to be paid includes giving up the illusions that the class struggle is the central driving force of history; that some special, peace-loving virtue inhabits the breasts of "the workers;" that in a workers' party the voice of the majority is the voice of infallibility; that workers organized can somehow avoid the human evils of other big scale organizations; that socialists in power will have an inherently better chance of reaching an over-all "settlement" with the Soviet Union; that giving up atomic arms in the west will somehow cause the Soviets to give up their drive for world communism. The evils of social injustice are plentiful in German and British society, as they are in our own, and as long as this is true there will always be a left-wing party—call it Socialist, Labor or Democratic. But two immense changes have destroyed the old philosophical basis of European socialism. One is that the dominant characteristic of the Soviet spectacle is no longer egalitarian social transformation but aggressive nationalism. The other is the scientific revolution, more funda-

mentally affecting man's life than the industrial revolution to which Karl Marx was reacting. No spectacle in Britain is more embarrassingly sad than the spectacle of many socialists who came of age in the '30's still trying to equate "socialist" Russia with peace and "capitalist" America with war. This is true of some, like Anthony Greenwood, now challenging Gaitskell, who are by no means Communists or conscious fellow travelers. They are simply "true believers," and to them historical facts that interfere with their emotions are non-facts, to be ignored. Einstein is superseding Lenin. The scientific revolution means, as every day's evidence shows, that almost no matter what kind of political system a nation enjoys or endures, material abundance can be available to all, given sufficient resources and technical know-how. The resulting drive of affluence forces the enlargement of a prosperous middle class—after all, the goods must be consumed. It forces the shrinking of the laboring class, as research and capital (in the form, for example, of automation) outweigh the ingredient of direct labor in the total value of goods. Brandt and Gaitskell know what time it is, and they know that the prewar—that is, pre-scientific revolution—social structure is torn apart, never to be restored. Knowing the time of day, they also know what another revolution, the revolution in the understanding of human psychology, has taught us. They know that human nature is identical that, for example, the "organization man's" sense of imprisonment and ego castration pertains also to those men whose organization is the trade union. The present plague of almost daily wildcat strikes in Britain reflects exactly this. Gaitskell, victim of the union's block-vote in favor of British neutralism, must have envied Brandt's freedom in boldly telling the German trade unions that they were not going to boss either himself or the party. Altogether, the signs are good for a return to reality in the European Left. Brandt seems firmly in charge and Gaitskell, increasingly believe, will regain mastery in his own house, partly, when the time is ripe, by outright expulsion from the party of the Silvermans, Mikardos and Zilvercans. All this is vastly important to the worldwide cold war. A year from now, the Kremlin should be encountering in the European Left a hard crust, not the soft dough it has been kneading and molding so hopefully.

Ferac Naturae—QUAERE

The right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure is not a slight one to be discarded by the whims of the campus police or any other group. In defense of last week's rifling of a glove compartment we are informally informed that the act took place so that the officer could determine to whom the car belonged. This may be legal, although there is some doubt on the point, but we wonder if it is justifiable. Had the patrolman found liquor in the car, we wonder what he would have done. In good conscience he could not have ignored it. The end result would have been that a citizen was found violating a law and properly would have been reprimanded, when nothing in his behavior indicated that he was doing so. Over the last weekend a member of the gendarmes ran across a certain notorious offender of the law in their eyes. This gentleman had done no wrong but the patrolman in good faith thought that he had. Remark said officer "You have gotten away with it for long enough. If you so much as breath loud we're going to get you with something that will stick." Such a student now not only has to live up to the ordinary student behavior, but he must make certain that he does not in any way commit any offense within the discretionary power of the officer. Such an offense, of course, would be usual things as rapid, but not distinctly careless driving, racking up pipes, or stopping for a few minutes on campus with an unopened bottle in a glove compartment. We can't say that such a situation is reprehensible but it seems undesirable, unnecessary, and a slap at the thought of equality before the law.

Staff Views BOVINE VIEWS

by Jerry Lamberson The Career Opportunity Conference held Thursday provided Ag students with the opportunity to become more familiar with various professions. Such a conference was organized on an experimental basis and the decision of the conference committee was to evaluate it before plans would be made for a similar conference in future years. The committee asked all students and faculty to voice their views so the amount of interest could be determined. In order to keep the committee's request, "Bovine Views" will present its outlook on the conference. The conference in itself took considerable planning on the part of the committee. The schedule of the sessions and banquet were well prepared and conducted smoothly. Both the students and the faculty on the committee spent many hours preparing for the conference. Suggestions for next year's program might be a compulsory attendance at the conference unless attending classes on city campus which must have signed excuses by the instructor. The choice of a career should not be made mandatory, but when almost 200 students take such an opportunity as a day off from classes, then compulsory attendance is almost a necessity for a success. Students should value this as an opportunity to learn more as well as to become interested in a profession and looking for a job. But maybe the non-attending students don't plan to do anything when they finish school. Another improvement in the program that might develop more interest and prove more helpful to the students would be to cut the time of the sessions and include one or two more sessions. Then it could be set up that each of the professions would remain a day longer and would set up a temporary office. Interested students then could talk with representatives during their free hours and become more acquainted with the profession as well as interviewing for a job. With this system, students that decide they are not interested do not have to spend so long at that session and would have the opportunity to attend more sessions they might like. This might also aid the professional representative as he would not have to spend so much time with those that are not really interested, once they find out about what that job might consist. A greater variety of professions might be contacted to include the interest of all the students. Some of the students were disappointed this year because their particular professional interest was not included in the conference. Such a variety might be an opportunity for the freshman and sophomore students to find more about related industries and what ways they could go in developing their major. Another improvement might be to include more non-agricultural professions but ones that college students could easily succeed in. Such professions might be related to agriculture but not involved directly with it. This would be helpful for those students who plan to leave agriculture as the demand for professions outside of agriculture increase. Such a conference could not be set upon a perfect standard because no conference could satisfy some 360 students but such criticisms may benefit to the satisfaction of the greater portion of the student body on the Ag campus. Judging Teams Place in Contests Two University livestock judging teams placed 15th and 18th in the intercollegiate judging contests at the National Livestock Exposition in Chicago last week. The livestock judging team placed 15th as they competed against a field of 37 teams. The team placed sixth in the sheep division with Fernando Lagos placing tenth among individual judges in that division. Other members of the team were Paul Bengston, Richard Frahm, Gary McDonald, Larry Williams and Charles Williams. Twenty-six teams competed in the meats judging contest. Morris Beerbohm placed fifth in the beef breeding section and helped the team to place seventh. Other members were Herb Kraeger, Vance Uden and Gary Johnson.

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