

Some members of Student Council are experiencing a new feeling—the people they represent are complaining. We see this as a most encouraging and healthful trend.

We are not speaking of the controversy between some Arts and Sciences students and their representatives. We refer to all representatives (and holdovers) and all students.

The Constitutional Convention has created a great deal of interest, an interest that goes above and beyond the handful of students which have always been concerned. People who never before even cared that we had a Student Council are now beginning to discuss representation and other issues.

This interest also carries beyond the coming reconstruction of student government and focuses on our present Student Council. The big issues of the year have been fought and refought in many dorm rooms and union booths which had never heard the words "Student Council" before.

It has always been a problem with Student Council that not a large enough sampling of the constituents' opinions could be found. Whenever an issue was discussed, it followed, rather than preceding the action. This was both fortunate and unfortunate.

It was fortunate because a representative, no matter what body he sits on, should be bound to defend his opinions and votes before his constituents. It was unfortunate because the issues on debate often transformed themselves into battles of personalities.

As we have said before and will say again, campus politics are cheapened by personal battles (and, in some cases, by personal loyalties.) Too many times campus politicians let personal feelings color our decisions on important actions.

Now, we need to know about upcoming issues in advance. The sparks for an energetic student body are beginning to

fly. We must begin to talk these things over with our representatives.

The campus as a whole is starting to think, at least to think like the students at other Universities. We hear the cries for racial equality, personal freedom, etc., which have never before brightened our drab establishment with more than a few feeble rays.

Thought is always good, and we encourage a little more of it, both in general and Student Council in particular. We are happy with the Constitutional Convention, but we know that it can do little without thought from the students.

THE PRECEDING EDITORIAL was written before the approval yesterday of a resolution by Susie Segrist providing for new business to be submitted to the Student Council president in time to publish a weekly agenda of the Council meeting before the meeting.

The Daily Nebraskan pledges its cooperation to this resolution, feeling, that, as stated above, discussion before issues arise is imperative to the success of the representation system. Miss Segrist, this is . . . its great. An agenda will not provide full discussion, but it should, at least sometimes, plant the seeds of interest in minds that have been heretofore completely dormant.

We are sorry we were not able to attend the meeting personally, but the fact that a day has only 24 hours greatly hampers our activities. We feel that we have missed one of the more important Council meetings of the half-gone year.

The resolution is not the final answer, but we are confident that we can do our part, both by printing an agenda, and by commenting editorially, to arouse some interest.

We repeat our appeal to all students—Council members especially—to come down to the Daily Nebraskan office and talk things over at any time.

• FRANK PARTSCH

Editor's note: The name of John Cosier was inadvertently omitted from his letter in the campus opinion column in yesterday's issue of the Daily Nebraskan. We are sorry that this happened, for the letter was of such nature as to be misunderstood without the name. Cosier's letter was run under the heading "My Belief."

The (sic) following Cosier's misspelling of a word was added at night news by an unauthorized person. It shall hereafter be the policy of the editor of the Daily Nebraskan to correct spelling errors in letters to the editor. Grammatical errors will be left as they are.

Locke Related?

After the letters from Mr. Cosier and Mr. Moore in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan, I should probably withdraw meekly from the fight, especially after the references to Locke and Burke demonstrated the firm philosophical base of my opposition.

However, I fail to see the relevance of John Locke, whose view on government has been summarized by saying that, "sovereignty resides with the people, and it is they alone who can decide to change its form or to appoint new governors."

This would seem to indicate that, if an elected representative should violate the trust of his constituents, he should be willing to accept the consequences.

In contrast with the arch-conservatism of Edmund Burke, who is not universally accepted as the ultimate authority on the duties of a representative, I should like to refer Mr. Cosier to the consensus expressed by such philosophers as Marsiglio of Padua, Thomas Jefferson, Jeremy Bentham, John Stuart Mill, and Robert LaFollette, Sr.

The consensus here expressed is that the representatives of the people ought properly to express and reflect the opinions and act in the best interests of the people.

The Student Council Constitution makes provision for the recall of college representatives. If this is not merely window dressing, it seems only logical that this provision can legally be used by a student desiring recall.

I am not denying Mr. Cosier's right to have an opinion, as he seems to think. I am asserting my belief that his opinions do not coincide with those of a majority of his college.

Since the student body is kept in the dark regarding the Student Council agenda, we have little opportunity to express ourselves directly to our representatives on specific issues.

It therefore becomes the duty of the representative (if the significance of that title may be taken at its face value) to determine the consensus of his constituents and to represent that consensus.

An excellent case in point might be the resolution on discrimination. Surely Mr. Cosier realizes that student opinion can be expressed in other ways than direct communication.

If he had ventured out of the Phi Psi house or the Crib last semester, he might have been struck by the large support friends of SNOC has gained on campus, most of it from Arts and Sciences.

If he had talked with any Arts and Sciences students aside from those wearing fraternity blazers (although I do not mean by this a blanket condemnation of fraternities) or Goldwater buttons, he might have realized that his college is probably

the most liberal in the university.

This, perhaps, should have been some indication of the sentiment of his college. In addition, I do not recall a single A&S student speaking against the resolution on the floor—except for the A&S representatives. This action can only be seen as a gross misrepresentation.

Let us take another example, since Mr. Cosier demanded examples to be presented. Mr. Cosier's opposition to Student Council action on the "Bobby Kerrey Case" can be interpreted in two lights.

One, Cosier did not feel an investigation should be made because he felt the actions were in good faith—despite the somewhat seamy exposures made in Council.

This is either extremely naive or openly in disregard of the facts. The other light possible is that Cosier's ultimate goal on Council is not the improvement of the university but a red hood next spring, and his action in this instance was motivated by the knowledge that Kerrey is really innocent.

Finally, we might look at an example of negligence on Cosier's part. Anyone who has used an office in the Union knows that janitors empty the wastebaskets. Cosier, however, "stored" a large number of ballots in a wastebasket! He was surprised and shocked, needless to say, when the wastebasket was emptied.

Mr. Cosier asked for examples. I hope these are sufficient to show his irresponsibility and his misrepresentation of the interests of his constituents.

He should realize that the position of Student Council representative entails a responsibility and not merely a basis for "gunning."

Apparently he has forgotten this. For too long, the student body has tacitly endorsed such abuses by looking the other way. Now we will finally see whether the student body is concerned. If they are not, they deserve the representation they are getting.

Robert Cherny
EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Cosier did not oppose the Council investigation of the discount card case on the floor of Student Council. He raised several questions concerning the principle of a Council member making a profit, but the vote in favor of a judiciary committee investigation was unanimous.

Concerning Mr. Cherny's comments about the Council

agenda, we refer him to today's Page One story on Miss Segrist's motion.

Misconceptions

This letter is in answer to Fox's Facts by Gale Pokorny who evidently has misconstrued his facts or really has no idea of what the facts are.

Every college at the University is represented by an athlete and each athlete is required to pass the same courses with the same passing grades as everyone else. During the season the football team has practice six times a week and a game on the seventh plus various meetings at night during the week.

Members of the track team work out almost every day the year round. This is no excuse for not getting good grades and athletes need no excuses. Athletes despite their rigorous work schedules managed to come within two tenths of a percent of the all men's average last year.

Many of the athletes at Nebraska come from different parts of the country and as a result have different backgrounds. Many haven't had the fundamentals in English that others have. I believe the Nebraska coaches when recruiting look for certain qualities in boys that make for winners not only in the athletic field but in the classroom and also in later life.

This quality is the willingness to make the extra effort or pay the price of greatness. This has much to do with the rise of the Huskers this last year.

The common idea stated by writer Pokorny that athletes receive many extras, i.e. convertibles, money, etc. is absurd. Athletes on scholarships receive exactly what is stated in the scholarship.

The football team has been fortunate to have three bowl games in the past three years. For many boys on the team it meant foregoing the chance to go home and take it easy for a few weeks after a real strenuous fall.

But each year the team unanimously chooses to practice hard for another

month to play another game. This is not to say that these bowls are not a wonderful experience because they are. Also there was nobody more firmly behind the team going to a bowl than Chancellor Hardin and the administration. The fact that the team has been on coast to coast television and has had coverage in national newspapers and magazines gives prestige to the school.

Mr. Pokorny singles out the athlete as exemplifying everything bad. Athletics in general has grown rapidly both in participants and spectators. Athletics in both the pro and college levels are million dollar businesses.

So whether you are in favor or not, Mr. Pokorny don't blame the athlete but blame the society that places a high priority on athletes and athletics.

The idea that athletics does not do anything for the University and Lincoln is also false. On game days business in Lincoln is greatly enhanced. The Sheldon Art Gallery has also often had its best attendance on game days. After a winning season this year the contributions to the Nebraska Foundation which provides money for instructors, research and scholarships are larger than ever before. Also athletic scholarships themselves provide the finances for a young man to go to college who probably wouldn't be able to do so.

Such things as snowballing, firecrackers, and yelling are isolated incidents and happen in all parts of the campus.

This letter should rectify and clarify a few of the misconceptions that appeared in the Feb. 12 issue of the Daily Nebraskan. Other questions concerning Nebraska athletics and athletics will be gladly answered if and when they are raised.

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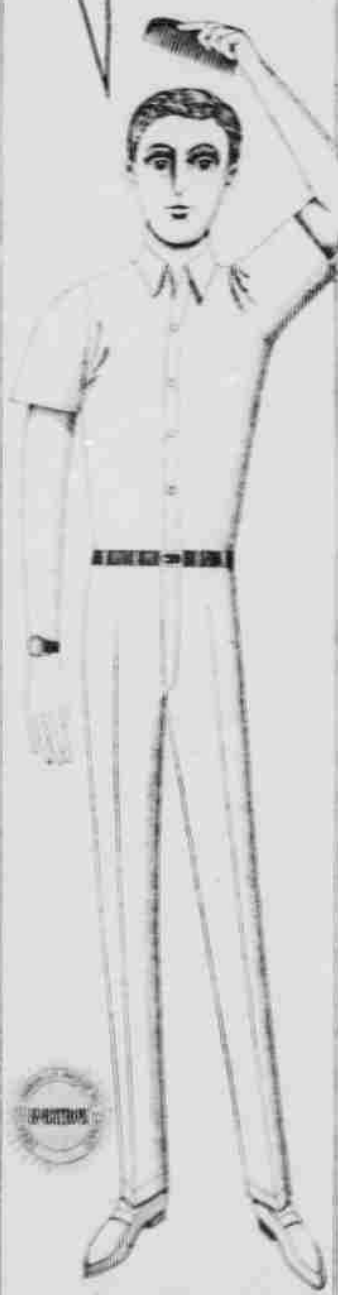
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