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# The Puppies meet the president

Last week, presidential candidate Celeste, her housemates, her campaign manager and her friends were giving a dinner party for President Reagan and his lady fair. This week, the party continues. The dinner was rapidly reaching its climax when an unexpected intrusion occurred. It came in the form of several Puppies (i.e. Poor Unprofessional People) whom Celeste had collected among her followers.



## Mary Louise Knapp

Ronnie and Nancy, seeing the ragged crew, pretended to ignore them. A certain Edwin Meese, who had been invited by the guests of honor, belched loudly and proclaimed:

"There go some of the 'falsely needy' I've been telling you about, Mr. President. Waiter, more soup, if you please."

"Yes, well, if they are that way, I'm sure it's only by choice," Reagan murmured, cutting into his second filet mignon. Nancy smiled weakly and brushed the crumbs of Quiche Lorraine from her lips.

"Ronald, you are a genius," she said, "and an inspiration to all American husbands." She looked around the table at the men. Harley, Otis and Addison, bachelors all, stoically continued eating. Celeste, an unwed mother, merely poured herself a glass of

brandy.

The puppies, spotting their favorite candidate, made for the table.

"Celeste!" cried one. "May we have your autograph?" "You can do better than that," she assured them. "Sit down and have a drink!"

Ronald and Nancy exchanged dismayed glances. Otis, Harley, Addison and Antoinette looked relieved. The five or six Puppies, with a flourish of unwashed denim, seated themselves and called for beer. They then proceeded to bicker among themselves about who should pay for it, until Antoinette settled the question and paid for it out of her own ample purse. "It's on the house, my dears," she said.

"Gee, thanks, Toni," another one said. The Puppies, it should be noted, were a group of potentially powerful young people. Since most were liberal arts students who were neither qualified for nor trying to get jobs, they had plenty of time for campaigning. Celeste, herself a student at the age of 45, had become their role model.

The Puppies rejected Reagan, not because of his political affiliation, but because he believed in hard work. Work was something the Puppies avoided with a studiousness which was curiously absent in their college courses.

They disapproved of Mondale because he was boring, Jackson because of his Baptist upbringing and Glenn because he was too "spaced-out."

They liked Celeste because she drank cheap beer. *Next Week: A Puppie Leader Speaks.*



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### Radio

• Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, KZUM (89.5 and 99.3) will feature poetry written by Native Americans. In addition, Woisha Cloud-North of UNL's ethnic studies department and Lilly Shanguex of the Lincoln Indian Center will share their thoughts about native American poetry.

### On Campus

• *Just Remember My Name*, a play by Kim Hines, looks at the impact of feminism and racism. The play is set in a women's studies class. It will show Saturday in the Centennial Room of the Nebraska Union, 1400 R St. Admission is \$2 for students, \$3 for the general public. Tickets are available at the north desk in the union and at the door.

### At the Sheldon

• Robert Altman's *Streamers* will play throughout the weekend at the Film Theatre. Screenings are at 7 and 9:15 p.m., with 3 p.m. matinees Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3.

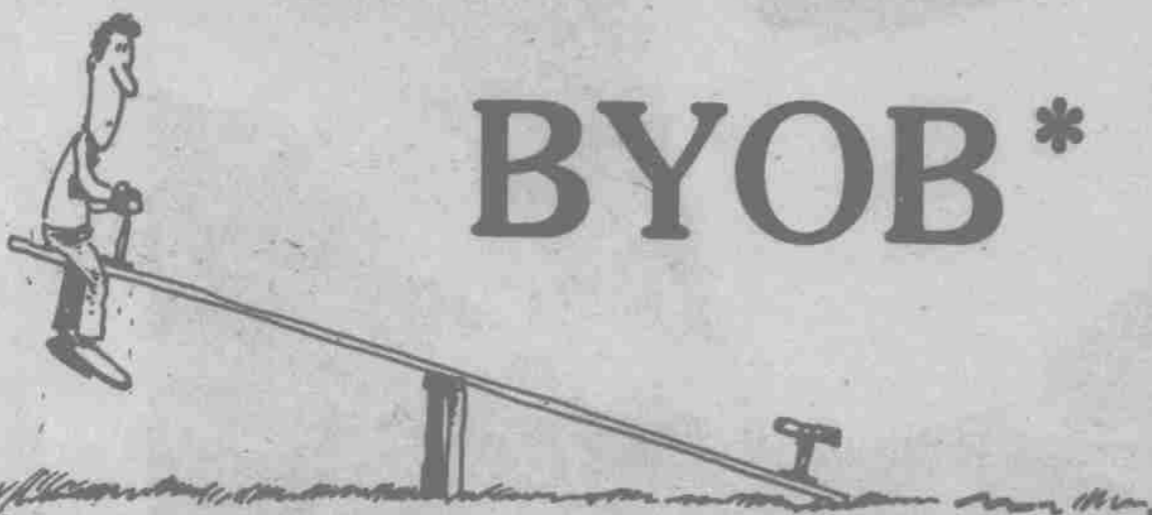
## HOTSPOTS



American Public Radio

Many people still don't know about *The Prairie Home Companion*, which airs 9 p.m. Saturdays on KUCV. Hosted by Garrison Kellor (above), the show is a delightful mix of humor and down-home music. The show is presented live through the auspices of American Public Radio.

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