

Just Between Us . . .

By DON PIEPER
Editor

Filings opened yesterday for Student Council and class officers.

Here is something that would-be candidates should think over:

"To begin with, we think the predominant emotion of your term of office, if you are elected, will be frustration. You will work, and talk and talk, going back and forth between administration and students. You will finally convince all necessary people that what you are proposing is correct and should be done. Then you will find out that most of your classmates won't even notice what you've done, or if they have they will just shrug it off."

This cynical bit comes from the Notre Dame Scholastic—a weekly news magazine. It was written as advice to candidates for class offices at the South Bend school.

Cynical thought it may be, there is a great deal of truth in that description of class officers—or, for that matter, Student Councilmen. Consider what else that Scholastic has to say on the subject:

"However, in spite of all the above (great deal of the above was devoted to cynicism), you will reap much enjoyment and satisfaction from service as a class officer. That satisfaction will come in part from a picture in the Dome (yearbook) and another line on a job application, but there will be much more. You will get experience in getting along with all kinds of people, which is always valuable, and you will know more, and understand more, about the inner workings of a large University than a great majority of your compatriots."

"But, most of all, we think, you will have the satisfaction of having tried to improve your lot,

and you will have earned a right to gripe. It takes no intelligence to sit around a room and expound on what's wrong with this and that. It does take intelligence—and ambition, perseverance, and fortitude—to try to correct this and that. Talk is very cheap, and talk which will not be backed up with action has no validity. Only constructive criticism, from someone who is willing to act on his beliefs, carries any weight. The rest is just a rattling, and an empty wagon can do as well."

I think that there are some very sensible ideas here. There is no reason for cynicism to get the best of candidates. Rather than cynicism, we need ambition and interest. Evidently, there isn't much more interest at Notre Dame than there is at the University of Nebraska.

This lack of interest is a very grave problem indeed. A graduate student who has studied on several other campuses said the other day that this campus was almost "insipid." He complained of apathy on other campuses, but never had he seen so little interest in school affairs as he sees at our school.

A good barometer of student interest is the Student Council. At no time have Council members jumped headlong into campus problems. With the possible exception of the parking investigations, the Council hasn't done one thing beyond its normal duties. I know about the Regents Book Store affair. I also know that it was administrative pushing that made Council action effective. I do not condemn the administration for asking student cooperation in the matter; nor do I condemn the Council for its cooperation. I think both were handled well.

I do think, however, that more initiative could have been shown. If you think that you can do better next year, go to the Administration Building and get an application.

NEBRASKAN EDITORIALS

They Played UN Roles

University students forgot they were students and Americans last week as they assumed roles of delegates to the United Nations in NUCWA's mock General Assembly.

The conference, for the most part, was convincing if not an admirable example of the operations of the UN Assembly—student style.

But two factors prevented the conference from being a complete success. The first was poor attendance at times. The second was the small number of delegates who actually participated in the Assembly and in committee meetings.

Lack of attendance was extremely troublesome Saturday morning in particular, when the Assembly recessed two or three times in an effort to round up a quorum and finally adjourned when it became evident that quorum could no longer be reconstituted.

A number of delegations attended none of the sessions, while many missed one or two of the general meetings. The number of absentees was so noticeable that the Assembly passed a resolution Saturday morning censuring all delegations not attending at least half of the meetings.

The small number of vitally interested participants was first indicated on the initial roll-call ballot on Wednesday afternoon. A large number of delegates either voted "wrong," i.e., not in accord with the actual UN voting record, or simply followed the voting of other members of their respective blocks. NUCWA supplying the block lists.

The lack of working knowledge of UN and world events was further demonstrated by the number of delegates who spoke during the four-day conference. Few countries outside of the Big Five and India offered resolutions or participated in debate.

Only part of the reason was the naturally dominating position held by the United States, United Kingdom, Soviet Union, Nationalist China, France and India. Lack of pertinent information on foreign affairs, lack of parliamentary practice and fear of public speaking undoubtedly contributed to the reticence of many delegates.

Several delegates remarked during the conference that the part played by the United States in the mock Assembly surprised them. Most observers were rather shocked to hear United States delegates hollering, calling names, making snide remarks—in short, using what Americans normally consider Russian tactics. Little difference was evident between USSR and U.S. delegations.

The bull-headedness of the Americans and their lack of concern for smaller UN nations did not

win admiration for the United States in the mock Assembly.

Part of the character of the American delegates was undoubtedly provided by the University students. But some of it certainly was based on actual attitude of the government toward world events and smaller nations. In this respect, the Assembly proved an eye opener.

NUCWA and Assembly participants presented a remarkable replica of the UN in action. Speakers became so enthused at times during the conference that they appeared to forget they were University students. Communist delegates rallied at the mention of Stalin, stamped their feet when Russia was criticized and waved the flag of peace. Delegates representing India remained free from Eastern or Western entanglements and almost established a third camp consisting of Asian, Arab and South American countries.

Debate was intelligent, parliamentary procedure excellent, the atmosphere convincing. But too few delegates ran the show. Too many delegations failed to appear for plenary sessions. The training was superb for those who were interested.—K.R.

Public Interest

Today The Nebraskan begins a new service to its readers. A daily report of student and faculty traffic violators appears on the front page. Although the listing is in conjunction with the safety campaign of this paper, the news recorded is a matter of public information and regular newspaper reporting.

Our primary concern is to publish news in the public interest; our secondary concern is to point up the very real necessity for concern in the matter of safe driving.

Driving is not a game—neither is the effort of The Nebraskan to make University students conscious of this fact.

We are not irresponsible youngsters, sitting in our office trying to fill up the front page, we are seriously concerned with the problem so outstandingly brought to our attention in the two recent and very serious accidents.

Our safety pledge which accompanies the traffic violations is not a game. We feel that its function is complete if students do no more than recognize its existence, if they talk about safety, they are thinking safety. Many or most accidents are caused by more thoughtlessness—an awareness of this would, in itself, alleviate a bad situation. This is our campaign.

fired at X, but instead of injuring him the shot kills him. Now could D be prosecuted, Mr. Comstock?"

"You can't prosecute a dead man," decided Comstock, who had been enjoying the beauties of spring through the open window. And once again the brown derby, so well known on the Nebraska campus, finds a resting place on the head which uttered the condemning remark.

"The tradition of wearing the brown derby was started by a freshman class a few years ago. The freshman making the most unintelligent remark in classes was to receive the hat for one week and it was imperative that he wear it on all occasions. The avoidance of making such thoughtless answers to questions asked in classes was in mind when the tradition was started. Few desire to have their ignorance revealed."

WORLD REPORT

By PAUL MEANS
Staff Writer

TODAY'S HEADLINES... Sen. Taft (R-O) reported Monday that President Eisenhower is standing pat on his nomination of Charles Bohlen to be ambassador to Russia. Taft, the Senate majority leader, and Chairman Wiley (R-Wis) of the Foreign Relations Committee had a private meeting with Eisenhower after the regular Monday morning conference of GOP congressional leaders with the President. . . . Sen. Joe McCarthy (R-Wis), fighting Bohlen's nomination, called in the Senate Monday for Bohlen to submit to a lie detector test on certain security information he said is in Bohlen's files. . . .

A State Department official has testified that Alger Hiss made "unofficial" reports to the United Nations in 1946 on Americans seeking UN jobs. . . .

Gen. James Van Fleet, recently retired because of age, said Monday that he doubts that the United Nations forces in Korea have enough ammunition to repel any major offensive the Communists might mount. . . .

Mao Bends Knee To Moscow Reds

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article by Thomas Lo Stokes appeared in the Cleveland Press.

Mao Tse-tung salutes the new regime in Moscow, says Chinese and Russian Communists "are bound together by indestructible ties of friendship."

China sent an official delegation to Moscow for Stalin's funeral. Chinese Communists already are familiarizing themselves with the views of Premier Malenkov, as expressed at the All-Union Congress last October. So Mao's knee bends to Malenkov & Co. without question. Moscow's tutelage continues without break as the Chinese delegation consults the new Russian leaders on political, military and economic questions. . . .

That may be disappointing to many, who had hoped that the two great Communist countries could not work together. However, during the last year, there has been increasing evidence that the Chinese and the Russians were getting along very well.

The Chinese have recognized Russia's experience with Communist development and the Russians seem to recognize that development in China will take a long time.

Of course, the Russians may get impatient, as they did with Tito, try to hurry development faster than China can take it.

However, it may be that NATO was responsible for Russia's impatience with Tito. The threat of developed military power that could be used offensively, to detach the Eastern European states from the Russian sphere, made Russia in a hurry to complete its control in Eastern Europe, wipe out all doubtful elements.

China has demonstrated, in its intervention in Korea, which drove our forces back from the Yalu River (at heavy cost to the First Marines) that it can do well enough in protecting the back door to Russia. I suspect that China's concern over the possibility of action by Chiang Kai-shek's forces does not match American optimism. American military authorities have made it quite plain that we do not intend to engage operations on the Asiatic continent. While that can change, as it did in Korea, it seems plain that Western power does not menace China or Far Eastern Russia.

China is about to start on a program of industrialization, as Russia urged. But any realistic survey of China's resources, which are large but inaccessible, must have indicated that Chinese development will not proceed as rapidly as Russian development. The Russians, indeed, may be quite satisfied with a slower tempo in China, particularly in heavy industry, lest China aspire to be the senior partner of the Communist alliance.

35th And Holdrege

All-Ag Banquet Would Weaken Club Affairs

Chuck Beam

A quick tour of the campus for the activities for the coming month.

First we find the Dairy Royal set for the weekend. After that we have the Block and Bridle Show, Farmer's Fair and the Starlight Dance.

With this quick tour out of the way we will start on another suggestion presented to the Ag Exec Board. This group has been toying with the idea of having an all-campus banquet supported by all organizations on the Ag campus.

This idea is very sound in some respects, but I find some loopholes which should be cleared up. First, I would like to say that I am definitely in favor of an all-campus get-together.

However, I am wondering if such a banquet as it now stands would be good for the campus. First, to me it takes all the glory away from the clubs which have been built up during the past years. It is hard to believe that the clubs could support this banquet and have one of their own. For example, let me take the Block and Bridle honors banquet, which is held primarily to pay tribute to some outstanding livestock man in the state and to the members of the livestock judging teams.

I don't see how it would be possible for the club to continue with this banquet and yet support the one suggested as an all-campus affair. Other such affairs are the Alpha Zeta initiation, the Home Economics Honors Dinner and the Tri-K Dinner.

My second point is that the clubs have at the present time a hard time getting their members to attend their own banquets. Again I raise the question: "Would such an all-campus affair receive the support to make it a financial success?"

The next point which I would like to present is that the clubs usually hold their spring banquets

to honor members of their clubs which have received awards during the year. If time were allotted to each club to present their honors, it could very easily turn into an all night affair.

I would like to suggest to the members of the Ag Exec Board that they try to schedule this all-campus get-together sometime in the fall when a lack of campus affairs is noted. Perhaps this could be the answer to all the previous points.

One parting thought—congratulations to the Ag Exec Board for coming up with this idea.

MICHIGAN

Opinion Is Divided On Age For Voting

Michigan legislators are considering three separate bills which would lower the legal voting age by anywhere from one to three years.

The Michigan State News, in an informal poll of the student body, has decided that "student opinion is split about equally" on the three measures. Some student comments:

"People are forcing more and more responsibility on 18-year-olds. I believe that most people, if they have that responsibility, will mature a lot faster. . . ."

"To be frank, I don't think there are very many 21-year-olds who can vote intelligently. What point would there be to allowing 18-year-olds to vote?"

"There's altogether too much reasoning being done along the lines that if I'm old enough to fight, I'm old enough to vote, I'm

What? So Late?

Closing hours for Women's houses at Kansas State College have been extended a half-hour to 10:30 p.m. on week nights. The ruling was made despite strong opposition from fresh coeds.

The freshmen feared a time extension might hurt scholarship result in less sleep. Upperclassmen had no such doubts—they voted for extension.

Union Cues

Union Workers Plan Roller Skating Party

Shirley Murphy

Union workers will go whirling about a skating rink Thursday night.

A worker from each committee planned the roller skating party slated for 7:30 p.m. Union personnel will meet at the Union before they go to the rink. Admission is 50 cents. Union workers may bring dates.

Events during this week and the week in which vacation begins are:

Tuesday—Chess club meets at 5:15 p.m. Donna McCandless teaches dancing from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Wednesday—"Ruggles of Red Gap" with Charles Laughton will show at the Esquire Theater at 7:30 p.m. in the Film Society series. Craft shop is open at 7 p.m. in the Union basement.

Thursday—Union workers meet at 7:30 p.m. for roller skating party.

Sunday—"Keys of the Kingdom," starring Gregory Peck, Thomas Mitchell and Roddy McDowall, will show at 7:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. The movie is based on H. H. Cronin's novel of a Scottish priest in a China mission.

Monday—The function of a University in society will be discussed at the 4 p.m. seminar in the Faculty Lounge. Donald Moore, assistant professor of physics, and Robert Knoll, assist-

ant professor of English, will lead the discussion.

Tuesday—Dance lessons from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Pnion Ballroom. Chess Club meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday—Craft shop meets at 7 p.m.

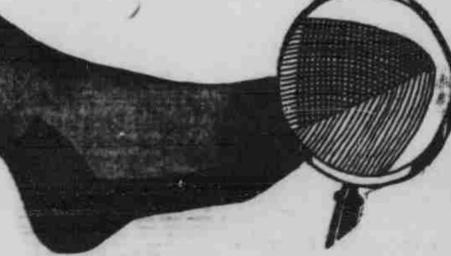


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