

EDITORIAL PAGE

Much Ado About Nothing

(This is the first of a series of editorials concerning the Junior-Senior Class Council-Student Council dispute.)

The Junior-Senior Class Council is fighting to continue existence and to become an officially recognized organization.

The present Junior-Senior Council would like to become the All Class Council—with members from the four classes. The All Class Council would then "offer coordination and advice to the class officers of the four individual classes for the enrichment of spirit within these groups for the ultimate cultivation of all school spirit."

To accomplish these ends, the Junior-Senior Class Council needs Student Council recognition. The Student Council will not give recognition if its officials have their way.

Both sides are collecting forces, soliciting opinions and making much noise. A fight, now developing, will erupt in Wednesday's Student Council meeting.

The fight will erupt with all the force of a penny firecracker. For the issue of class spirit, if there ever was one, is unimportant at the University.

In high school, the class to which one belonged made a difference. Students attended class together, flocked together socially and had friends from within one class. In a small college, the same situation exists. In the University, however, the logical division of students is not along class lines. Seniors attend freshman courses; juniors slip

into primarily graduate courses. In activities the four classes get mixed into one another, and social life is by no means confined to students in the same class.

In short, the All Class Council would attempt to promote unity of classes when the only forces operating are those encouraging non-unity.

In this day, at this university, class spirit will not be encouraged by a freshman-sophomore tug-of-war. If freshmen had much interest in "spirit" they would wear those red beanies until the first snow. If sophomores were inclined to be rah-rah, they would insist the beanies be worn. If the two classes cared to be traditional-minded, they would not have let the annual tug-of-war die an unmourning death.

Neither will a Senior Week be the answer. Seniors are busy with plans for post-graduation jobs. They are saying goodbye to friends, having a quiet beer or parting in farewell. They are not inclined to attend large-scale functions.

In addition to the impossible task the Class Council would attempt, the Council would try to achieve an unnecessary goal.

Class spirit and school spirit are two different things and the first does not lead to the latter.

School spirit, to this generation, does not mean "do-or-die-for-dear-old-Rutgers." That spirit went out of style with goldfish swallowing. School spirit is pride in an institution—and can be bred only by the worthiness of that institution.

Class spirit, to this generation, does not exist. There are more important matters to think about. In our scheme of values class spirit is unimportant.

The Junior-Senior Class Council should recognize this lack of demand and need for "class spirit." The fight for existence and recognition is not worth trouble.

If the students of this school have a love of the University, if they become loyal alumni, it will not be because they were injected with class spirit with procedure handed out by a Class Council.—S. H.

Resident Riddle

A complaint by a non-resident University student over a traffic ticket brought up what seems to be a very unfair situation.

The student, a native of Wyoming, noted that he had been fined for not having a Nebraska driver's license when stopped for a minor traffic violation by Lincoln police.

On making an appearance in court, the student was informed that three months' residence in the state made him a resident, which in turn made it necessary to have a Nebraska driver's license.

The student raised the question, "Why, then, am I compelled to pay non-resident fees at the University? If I am considered a resident when a fine is levied in a traffic court, why am I considered a non-resident and forced to pay \$160 rather than \$80 for tuition at the University?"

A check with the political science department and the Associate Dean of Student Affairs showed that laws governing residency in Nebraska require different periods of residence for different privileges. To vote, a person must have resided in the state for at least six months. To obtain a divorce in the state of Nebraska a residency of two years is required.

The state law governing classification of resident and non-resident students generally states that a student must have taken residence in the state for purposes other than attending the University in order to be classified a resident. This would apply to persons whose parents are residents of Nebraska or persons who have lived in the state for some time before entering the University.

Students whose parents leave the state are re-classified as non-resident and are expected to pay non-resident fees.

The reasons for this are obvious. The non-resident student who lives in the state solely to attend the University or one of the state colleges pays little taxes other than the one on gasoline, but receives benefits Nebraska taxpayers provide. In Nebraska, tax money on property makes up the bulk of state funds and a large portion of the University's source of income, while student fees account for a comparatively small amount of the total money spent by the University.

According to University administration officials, the fee paid by the student makes only about 30 per cent of the total cost of the instruction he receives.

Thus, students whose parents help support the University by paying the property and other state taxes are not expected to pay as high a fee as non-resident students, whose parents make no tax payment to the Nebraska treasury.

Establishment of a regular non-resident fee and determination of resident and non-resident status according to state law has been the University policy for some years. Officials have decided this policy is more desirable than one of reciprocity, where universities charge a student from a particular state the fee charged out-of-state students in his own state university.

The University has done its best to create a fair, consistent policy toward non-resident status and fees. However, the state laws governing residence offer a picture in contrasts in consistency. It is for this reason a University student may be a resident of Nebraska and yet be forced to pay non-resident fees at the University.—T. W.

Sectionalism—Again

Sectionalism, long a factor in United States politics, has come to the foreground once again.

The US Air Academy, only recently voted into existence by Congress, has reached the highest hurdle of a path filled with obstacles. The Academy, to become the West Point of the air, can't find a home. Despite extensive research by a committee headed by General Spaatz some years ago, no definite conclusion has been reached as to where the school is to be located.

The findings of the Spaatz committee have not and will not be made public. In fact, they will not be available to the men now making a re-study of possible locations until they have completed their work.

The needless expense of making another survey is a direct result of the States of the Union trying to get something their neighbors won't have. It's disgraceful that special interest groups can delay the establishment of an institution noted, "vital and important," by leaders of both parties.—T. W.

Margin Notes

People's Place

People seemed to be complaining Thursday with the little rain and light snow flurries that graced the campus.

"This isn't very good on the populace," one student remarked to a friend of his. The major point was overlooked.

In Nebraska, what's good for the CROPS must be good for the populace.

Let's face it, in Nebraska the people's true position is behind the crops.

My Baby!

An Arkansas police station received a frantic phone call one night from a distraught mother.

The time was 10 p.m. The mother wailed that her son had not yet come home, and that he had never stayed out so late before.

The policeman who answered the phone began to fill out an official report and inquired the age of the missing boy. "He's 55," the mother replied.

Sonny must never have gone to college.

His Own Enemy

During a performance at a theater in Edinburgh, Scotland, cowboy film star Roy Rogers shot himself and his horse Trigger.

During a demonstration of pistol marksmanship, Roy's bullets ricocheted off the stage and struck him. The cowboy escaped with a slight nosebleed, but Trigger received a stung flank.

Strange that Roy could do accidentally what countless numbers of film desperadoes have been unable to do, even after years of practice.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"Call 'Visual Aids' and see if they have a movie they can show my class—I just don't feel like lecturing today."

Aggie News, Views

4-H Plea Would Defeat Ag Board Member Plan

By DALE REYNOLDS

Word has it that beards are the greatest on Ag campus now, and clean shaven Aggies are clear out of it. There are more than seventy entered in the Whisker King contest this year, but as in the past, the mortality rate of peach fuzz has been very high the first week.

Latest thing in Ag activities is that one Ag organization is seeking to gain more recognition on campus. A movement is underway by the 4-H club to gain one more member representing them on the Ag Executive board. This petition is now being carefully studied by the board and will probably be decided at the next meeting.

But I would like to ask the 4-H club if they considered all the facts and the basis of representation set up by the Ag Exec board constitution?

It seems to me that they have not, and this move to gain another member on Ag Exec is actually unreasonable.

Representation on the Ag Exec board at the present time is: one member from each of five departmental clubs; one member from each of two religious organizations; one member each from each of two honoraries; two members from the Home Economics club; and one member from the 4-H club.

There are two reasons why the 4-H club thinks it deserves another member. Number one is that their accomplishments and promotion of activities on Ag campus is higher than that of other organizations having equal representation, and the second one is that their total membership and average attendance at meetings is high enough to be deserving of two members.

Actually, I cannot see that their accomplishments—4-H leadership

training, 4-H club week, State Fair Booth and Style show, plus strong participation in Ag campus activities are so much greater than other Ag groups that they should deserve twice as much representation on the Ag governing board.

The 4-H club is the largest organization on Ag campus, with more than 130 members. However, number of members in an organization does not seem to be a factor in deciding on how many representatives they have on Ag Exec.

The 4-H club argues that since Home Ec club with over 100 members has two representatives on Ag Exec, they also should have two. But they fail to realize that Home Ec club is a special case, and does not have two representatives just because of large membership.

There are five men's departmental organizations represented on Ag Exec, while there is just one women's—Home Ec club. This is because Home Ec activities are all combined in one organization and not spread out in five groups as are the men's. Therefore, they were awarded two members to help balance the representation between men and women.

The 4-H club does not fit into any special case. They were just considered as another one of the departmental clubs.

The Ag Exec constitution states that each organization entitled to representation must keep an attendance average of only 10 members per meeting. Therefore, number of members does not make a difference on how many representatives they have, just as long as they maintain a minimum number of 10.

An afterthought—why should an organization worry about representation on Ag Exec board—they don't do much anyway.

Copped Copy

'Problem' Letter Answered; Radio-Active Chicks Stolen

By BRUCE BRUGMANN

A special letter written to the Editors of the Denver University paper has seemingly solved the problem of "reader interest and letters."

"Dear Jack Fosterfield:

I am a better-than-average looking girl student at this university. I have two fraternity pins. How can I wear them both?

VOLUPTUOUS

Dear VOLUPTUOUS: The usual practice is to wear one fraternity pin over the left bosom. I am sure nature has provided you with an answer to what to do with the second pin."

J. F.

Students of beginning psychology at San Diego State College (Calif.) were asked recently to write down what they considered to be their "most valuable asset." Two answered "intelligence"—and both misspelled it.

From the Drake University Times-Delphic, student paper:

"Senator Joseph McCarthy told an American Legion group recently that 'men of little minds elevated to high position' are trying to make Communism a political issue.' We (the editors) agree 100 per cent, no reservations."

At the University of Alberta, three radioactive chickens have been stolen from the University's research laboratory. They aren't fit for human consumption, but, unless they have a Geiger-counter, the thieves will never know.

An Oklahoma City university coed advertised in the school paper for some items she had lost. They were: two mechanical pencils, a suitcase, a purple formal, one shoe, a billfold, a \$3 check, two cornets, a pajama bottom, a suit of long underwear and a white shirt.

"It's normal for a girl to lose these things," she explained.

In an attempt to add realism to the course, Military Justice System, at Iowa State college, a mock "attempted murder" was held. A cadet, reprimanded

Student Forum

A Second Glance

By PAUL LAASE

If last weeks squabble between Secretary of the Army Stephens and Senator McCarthy served no other purpose, it did illustrate that some reform needs to be made in the methods and procedures used by Congressional investigating committees. The problem is not confined to McCarthy nor is it a new one. Misuse and abuse of investigating committees has occurred since the first one was established in 1892.

Investigating committees serve three purposes. First, they are a means of obtaining information which serves as a basis for future legislation. Second, they act as a check upon the executive branch of the government by serving in a supervisory capacity. In the third instance, they may inform the public about vital issues, so the electorate will have some basis for making decisions in coming elections.

It must also be recognized that investigating committees are not courts of law. While public opinion is a powerful influence in a democracy, and while the investigating committee may influence public opinion, the committee does not pass sentence upon individuals called before it as witnesses. The committee may make value judgments, but legal condemnation is reserved for the courts.

Nevertheless, the misuse of these committees has grown in recent years. Much of this stems from the fact that there are no settled rules of procedure to govern the conduct of the committee or serve as a basis for conducting committee hearings.

A witness called before one of these committees has little protection. He is not assured of the right of counsel. Many times a witness may make no statement in his own behalf—and some have been silenced in the middle of a statement. Often a witness may answer only "yes" or "no" to questions put to him — they are allowed no chance for explanation.

Letterip

Nebraska Student Support Doubted; Quality Lauded; 2 Columnists Rapped

(Letters-to-the-editor are invited but must be signed. Names will be withheld if requested, but must accompany the letter to be considered for publication. Letters should be limited to 250-300 words.)

Dear Editor:

We are of the rapidly growing group of students who believe that the function of The Nebraskan is to protect the hair of coeds on rainy days. Since most coeds own scarves which do almost as good a job, we question the advisability of continuing to disburse (sic) University funds on paper hats.

If, however, the function of the paper is to busy the idle hands of journalism students, those students alone should pay the expense or see that the paper pays for itself. As for the argument that The Nebraskan serves as a carrier of the torch of truth to the student body, we question whether a candle wouldn't shed more light with less smoke. Furthermore, we question whether the students are really in the dark; whether they really want the Rag at all.

We challenge the editors of this paper to publish this letter (without editing); and with it, a request for letters of confidence from members of the student body (other than staff members and workers) which would have to be signed and delivered in person to the Rag office. In this way, we would test how many students really want The Nebraskan badly enough to make this slight effort to back up the staff and its policies. No petitions, please; and no surveys—just personal letters delivered in person.

Even twisted journalism can be interesting and well written; but how about you? Or is bad journalism better than no journalism? Pat and Jerry Weinberg

Dear Editor:

Returning from the service to spend my last semester in the University, I want to compliment you on the excellence of the formerly Daily Nebraskan. Maybe the improvement is due in part to the dropping of the "Daily" and the consequent increase in time and effort per issue.

However, there are several features of the editorial page which I can't conscientiously compliment. In fact, I can only mutter "Why?"

Why "Pollyanna Says" by S. H.—especially Friday's bit recommending the instigation of mud as a tradition on the campus? If S. H. had been in Korea, as maybe he should have been, the word mud would be the equivalent of some of the more popular four-letter vulgarities. In the brief spell since my return, I have seen enough serious problems on

Even more inexcusable is the fact that some witnesses are not told the specific reason for being hauled before the committee nor are they told who is making the accusations against them. Those who are unfortunate enough to be labeled "subversive"—as well as others — have no right to cross-examine other witnesses.

The committee chairman is in a position to wield considerable power. He calls and presides over all meetings, which quite often means he is the only one present when an investigation is being conducted. While subpoenas are supposedly issued only with the approval of a majority of a committee, they are signed by the chairman. But, as in Representative Velde's case, the chairman sometimes issues them at his own discretion.

Publicity releases are made through the chairman, with the approval of the committee. Often the chairman by-passes this step and releases whatever he thinks fit. Some chairmen have taken it upon themselves to hire and fire the committee staff without committee approval. Questions to witnesses are directed through the chairman, who quite often rephrases them as he sees fit.

What is needed is a public law, setting down the rules and regulations for conducting investigations. Witnesses should be guaranteed their rights—right to counsel, to cross-examine, to make a statement, to give full answers, and to know why he is being hauled before the committee and who is his accuser. Some curb is also needed upon the powers of committee chairmen. A chairman should not take any action without first securing the approval of a majority of the committee, particularly as regards publicity releases. Provision should be made so that those who violate the law would be subject to legal punishment.

While we cannot do away with nasty and noisy individuals, we can eliminate some of their abuse of their privileges. Such a law would do exactly this.

University Bulletin Board

- TUESDAY
Kosmet Klub Workers Meeting, 6:45 p.m. Union.
Coed Folies, 8 p.m., Nebraska Theatre.
Paul Meadows, "Art as Protest," 8:30 p.m., Gallery B, Morrill Hall.
French Club, 7:30 p.m., 316 Union.
WEDNESDAY
Hasty Heart, 8 p.m., Arena Theatre, Temple Building.
Love and Marriage Lecture, 7:30 p.m., Love Library Auditorium.
ASME Meeting, 7:15 p.m., Room 206, Richards Lab.
Young Democrats Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Parlor A, Union.
Kappa Alpha Mu, 7:20 p.m., B-4, Burnett.
THURSDAY
German Club, 7:30 p.m., 315 Union.

Vic Vet says
IT'S A LOT EASIER FOR YOU AND FOR VA IF YOU MAIL YOUR GI LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS IN THE SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE VA SENDS YOU FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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