

EDITORIAL COMMENT

A Question Of Motives

A study improvement course, offered by the Junior Division and Counseling Service, will begin Nov. 1. Courses like this one have been regularly offered each year for some time, and have shown steady increased enrollment each year.

It is encouraging to note increased student interest in the fine, though seemingly lost art of studying. Registration for the course this semester opens Oct. 25 and closes Oct. 30. If registration follows its usual trend, there should be a large group of students to take advantage of the opportunity to improve study habits and methods. The Nebraskan adds its encouragement to that of advisors, instructors and friends who have urged a student to take part in the improvement course.

However, The Nebraskan feels it is equally important for the individual to think carefully before registering in a course aimed at helping him. Though this seems like one of the things an individual would be perfectly safe in rushing into without preconsideration, there are some considerations the prospective "improver" should make.

First, he should go to the study courses be-

cause he wants to. Guidance Consultant L. Edmison, in charge of the study improvement series, said "motivation from within" is one of the prime factors which makes taking a course a success or complete waste of time and effort. Being forced into the program for improvement of study habits is not the avenue to improvement, but a desire to use the information which will be presented at the sessions can result in habits which will eventually be of help to the individual.

Second, Edmison noted the course is not aimed at producing students who will all become Phi Beta Kappa members, but to provide training which will be assistance in learning. He said that students could gain much from taking the course, but how much was actually gained would depend entirely upon the individual.

Third, students should realize the study improvement series will not be a series of revelations on how to make high grades. There will be no formula for making a nine in any course. There will be no secrets of how to learn with little or no work. Sadly enough, there simply are no such formulas or secrets.

Finally, students are being offered a chance to help themselves, but they must also carry their share of the load. To merely attend the sessions without any attempt to learn the methods taught there or to use what is taught would be foolishness. It is more than a safe wager that Junior Division and Counseling Service would rather not have at the meetings students who have come for the ride, students who are looking for the easy way or students who have been forced to attend. Actually, these people take up space and produce attitudes which are hardly conducive to good instruction for the rest of the group.

These study improvement courses are fine projects. These and programs like them will always receive The Nebraskan's wholehearted support. Publicize and work as they might, The Nebraskan and Junior Division personnel can never make the program really worth while alone. This must be done by the students.

If you think you can benefit from learning to study better, and want to make the effort to achieve such improvement, enroll in the improvement course. If you are not satisfied with your grades and are looking for a sure way to bring them up with little effort, for Heaven's sake stay away.—T. W.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"Now that you have exchanged and graded papers—do we have anyone who made a '100'?"

This Is It . . . Or Is It?

Political Circus Features Elephant, Donkey Antics

By CYNTHIA HENDERSON

Come, come to the Big Top! Three rings filled with galloping, cantoring, trotting and stumbling elephants and donkeys! Major attraction begins on Nov. 2 at 8 a.m. The gallery will traditionally represent the more interested Circus lovers. In the morning hours sleepy conscientious followers will come to the Big Top. They have watched the preliminary parade of animals and are anxious to again see their favorites in action.

This is a pay as you leave circus. Why? First the gallery is allowed to observe and judge the antics of the elephants and donkeys. Instead of bargaining on a prepaid surprise package show, they get many weeks of preview, then a final viewing on circus day.

The ringmaster struts into the ring. He knows the answers. He is familiar with every gyration of the animal's motions. He is predicting their falls, their stumbles, their cantors and their gallops in advance. He is the scholarly barker, a newsman who may yet become America's nearest home-grown candidate for Plato's ideal—the philosopher king. He is Samuel Lubbell, the circusman's Gallup.

According to this particular ringmaster, the elephants have caught a touch of Ol' Joe's virus and are weaker than in the '52 show. However, the gallery cheers loudly when Ike, the major attraction of the center Administration ring, enters. However, the donkey's have been feasting too heartily on GOP hay since the '48 circus and will not shine as they did in that regrettable memorable performance. Lubbell predicts the donkeys will out perform in the first ring, the House, but would still leave the tuskers a fighting chance in the second ring, the Senate.

The ringmaster may be right, for he knows the behavior of these strange creatures. However, let's go into the din of cotton candy, reds on strings, bouncing balls, and daredevils. We can judge the individual acts before leaving our ticket at the exit gate.

In the first ring we see 870 animals scrambling for 435 seats. Just a bit more organized than musical chairs, the donkeys leap and the elephants plunge on the

nearest vacant chair when the music stops. We do not know yet who will be seated when the final cymbal clashes and fades. However, now we can see a few cinched seats. The donkeys have their hoofs set on several chairs in the South of the ring. Near the Middle West of the circle the elephants set a cocky eye on their claim.

Among those in the Husker's prime district is one of Charley's boys who is a true thoroughbred kennel elephant. A donkey whose feet are smooth from frequent running also canters with spunk. In a special corner of this Husker section is a lady pachyderm who swaggers her long ring experience in effort to sign a short billing. Opposing her is the Husker donkey trainer. Neither will yea or neigh on Joe's censure, the only issue they will have to stomp upon.

Across the field under the Big Top is another ring, filled with Senate competitors vying for top ring seats. One from "Jolsey" has a real case for he is the only elephant not supported by Joe. What a disgrace! He hides his trunk. Cantoring vigorously in spite of a lame hoof is Illinois' prize Francis. From Western Husker land, an elephant with experience and the traditional long memory strides forth. However, a donkey with an ironically longer memory enters to challenge him.

Leaving the three rings, our fancy is caught by the capering of many clowns, special charms of any circus. One clown wears a worn coon's cap. Another clown tries the firecracker gag to blow up a nifty suspicious red-coats. Donned in a Missouri mule costume, another strikes up the percussion section of the circus band. Other sideliners include the steel-plated man with franchises and dog biscuits in his pockets.

So goes the galloping, cantoring, trotting and stumbling of elephants and donkeys. Soon, in reflection, we will see, with apologies to Bill, that "all the campaign's a circus, and all the politicians are merely performers, having their exits and their entrances"—cheered and boomed by spectators now, but forgotten by the time the next Big Top rolls to town.

Copped Copy

Student Signs Subscription For Sofa—Sitting C. Slouch

(Reprinted from The Battalion, the school newspaper at Texas A&M.)

Cadet Slouch will receive Life magazine at his favorite sofa in the Memorial Student Center regularly now, thanks to the unknown student who filled out an unpaid subscription blank for him.

The subscription was addressed to "Cadet Slouch, Sofa 3, MSC, Texas A&M."

When the subscription was received, the publishers of Life wrote Wayne Start, director of the MSC, to find out what was going on. Was there really a cadet named Slouch, did he really have a favorite sofa in the MSC and who was going to foot the bill for his magazine, they asked.

Star asked Carl Birdwell, manager of the Exchange store, about the matter. Birdwell scratched his head, and decided that since the exchange store was indirectly

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So now Cadet Slouch can sit on sofa number three in the MSC, directly across from the main desk in front of the television set, and read Life magazine.

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The Other Half

Origin Of Dill Pickle Attributed To Nero

(Mutterings and misquotes inspired a columnist on the Branding Iron of the University of Wyoming to write the following dissertations.)

Legend Department: Once upon a time in a faraway place called Denver, there lived a sports editor. His name was Hack Crudberry.

Hack Crudberry was a bitter man. Once he had gone to a place called Laramie to write a story on an athletic contest there. He had promptly gone to the press box and ordered a ham salad sandwich with mustard. He had been given horse radish instead. Hack had become very mad and threatened to jump from the press box to the distant ground far below. No one seemed to care, and Hack became much angrier.

He went back to Denver, a bitter man. So now, Hack Crudberry sits behind his little typewriter and says nasty things about everyone. It makes him very happy. It doesn't take much to keep Hack happy.

Hack is at the head of his class. He is the only one in that particular class. And so Hack, his little typewriter and his caustic wit, lived happily ever after. Much to the dismay of sports lovers through out the region.

Origin Department: Origin of dill pickles — One day a fellow named Nero was cavorting wildly with a bunch of the boys down at a local drinking establishment. You might say that Nero was just fiddling around.

While gaily munching on a frayed cucumber, and pouring something that passed for joy juice down, Nero and a fellow by the name of Brutus both belched at precisely the same moment.

At this gay little exchange, our potted hero Nero spun on Brutus

and cheerfully commented "Et tu Brutus," at which the whole establishment immediately burst into hysterics and a fellow by the name of Will Shakespeare, who was a struggling sports writer for the local paper covering the Lion matches at the local coliseum, pilfered the saying and later incorporated into a play by another name.

But, back to the plot, and while gaily whirling and giggling at his clever little jest, Nero spun into a wine vat. He wasn't discovered until three months later, at which time he, with a terrific hangover, was removed by a fellow named Dill Pickle. Clutching Nero's pudgy little paw, was a fermented cucumber. Thus, what else was more appropriate than to term the new discovery a dill pickle, after its founder so to speak.

If there seems in the least bit illogical, one must remember that Shakespeare actually was much older than he looked during his writing peak.

Oh well. Seriously there was a man named Dill Pickle. While thumbing through Who's Who in Siberia I ran across his picture. He is really of French descent but was kidnapped by the Russians after the war and sent to Siberia to develop cheese holes. In the book under his picture it reads: "Comrade Dill Pickle is a leader in his profession. As you can see by the product he holds in his hands, he has absolutely nothing to show for his work."

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Political Press Conference

Candidates For Governorship Comment On Campaign Issues

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of interviews with opposing candidates of the Republican and Democratic parties who are running in the November elections. The series will cover the senatorial and gubernatorial candidates and will follow in successive issues of The Nebraskan. Candidates interviewed in this article are running for the office of Governor of the State of Nebraska. Questions were asked these men concerning both national and state issues. Their answers are printed in full, exactly as they said them in a personal interview.)



Victor E. Anderson, Lincoln businessman, age 52, married and has one son. Anderson attended Havelock public schools and the University. Currently he is president of the Cornhusker Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He has been a trustee of the Lancaster County Sanitary District, a member of the Legislature, a candidate for Governor in the '52 primaries and Mayor of Lincoln from 1950 to 1953.



William Ritchie, Omaha attorney, age 68, widower, no children. Ritchie was superintendent of schools in Cheyenne County from 1907 to 1908. During World War I he enlisted as a private and was discharged as a captain. Ritchie has been a long-time delegate-at-large to the national Democratic Conventions and was a Democratic Party nominee for the Senate in 1952.

Ritchie

Anderson

Should the present farm parity price support program be continued or should the parity price be further raised or lowered?

A.—As a candidate on the Republican ticket, I would go along with the present administration's farm program.

A.—Yes. I think it has been about 18 years since the districts were set. Naturally, in this period changes in population have occurred. Redistricting would give better representation. There is nothing wrong with starting a study to see if changes are needed in the original formula. At least every 20 years a study should be made and the districts brought up to date.

R.—I think the 90% parity should be continued, for it is the correct way of holding agricultural prices at a fair level. It is as fair to agriculture as the tariff is to industry.

Should the proposed plans for a "turnpike" in Nebraska be carried out?

R.—I don't think so, unless the population increases.

What should be done with the increasing farm surpluses the government is storing throughout the country?

A.—We know that turnpikes are working successfully in other states. My program is to build as many toll roads as is feasible. We should take advantage of the Federal Defense Highway Plan. (Cost split—Federal Government 60 per cent and State government 40 per cent.) To have a good highway through Nebraska is important to travel. It will help the economy in many ways.

Should the "Missouri Plan" for judges be adopted by Nebraska?

A.—I haven't given any study to the farm problem, and as a Republican candidate I naturally would have to support the Eisenhower administration.

R.—Not at the present time. Nebraska does not yet have a properly constructed through highway system.

A.—It's a step in the right direction. We should give some consideration to the recommending body so that there will be some representatives from lay groups.

R.—They should be used for school lunches, sent to countries having famines and should be held for future use.

Should the present unicameral, non-partisan Nebraska Legislature be changed to a bi-cameral, partisan body?

R.—No. Absolutely no. I believe judges would not be as well selected under the "Missouri Plan" as they now are. It has proved to be wrong. It doesn't work the way people claim it does. It has put a gang in control.

A.—I favor a partisan legislature, because I believe it would place party responsibility and be much easier for the governor to work with the Legislature. My program means nothing to the legislature, for there is not gubernatorial control. The change to a bi-cameral body is up to a vote of the people. I have no criticism of the unicameral. I believe there should be more members, for this would give better representation.

Why are you running for the office of Governor of the State of Nebraska?

R.—I'm opposed to bi-cameralism. I'm in favor of a larger portion of legislators. New members should be elected from each of 43 districts and one member from each county in the State. All representatives should sit together in one body.

A.—It is the duty, the obligation and the privilege of all citizens who can to serve their community and state in whatever way they are able, in both civic and governmental service. I believe the combination of my 30 years business experience and service in public offices as Mayor of Lincoln and in the Legislature qualifies me for the office of Governor and service to the people of Nebraska.

A.—I favor passage of amendments, now being proposed on the ballot—a step in the right direction—in an effort to bring our tax laws up to date. I believe in continuous study by a legislative commission of our tax laws in Nebraska. I realize that real estate is carrying too great a burden of taxation.

Is there a need for redistricting of Nebraska's legislative districts?

R.—Nebraska should adopt the

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