

Nebraskan Editorials:

A Sour Ending

The most recent experiment in student participation and co-operation—the Mock Political Convention—ended on a sour note Friday.

Thus, the Democrats, for all their cries of pain and accusations of injustice, found themselves looking a bit silly. In spite of what they could do, the Convention ended with a candidate chosen, and its purpose fulfilled.

The Ruling Bypassed

Reports from the Interfraternity Council Executive Committee indicate that the IFC will bypass the Student Council Judiciary ruling in its Wednesday elections.

The mechanics of the Convention were accomplished, and well. The committee in charge must be commended for the work that was put into it.

Both sides in the dispute have excellent cases, even though precedence resides with the IFC. But the question cannot and will not be solved by the IFC bypassing the decision or the Student Affairs Office ignoring it.

The actions of some of delegates show both these extremes true to a point. Because of all these factors, the true worth of the Mock Political Convention can never be estimated.

An Honor System

The story in today's news columns, explaining the disposition of student discipline on many other campuses, points up the surprising acceptability with which the principle of a student tribunal has been received in a cross-section of colleges and universities.

The letters was that almost every school, where the tribunal was operative, enforced its student discipline under some variation of an honor code, either an established code in writing or an accepted code in principle.

All schools indicated in their letters that the tribunal was not a revolutionary element in student discipline, but merely an extension of student responsibility, which had been granted previously in the case of student councils, student-faculty committees, etc.

Such a code, preferably in principle, must be set before the University student body and completely accepted before a student tribunal can even be seriously considered at Nebraska. The reasoning is that, if the University or the Council is entertaining the idea of a student court, the court must first of all have jurisdiction over a well-defined area of student affairs and, secondly, have a clear-cut policy to enforce.

Roger Hahl Columnist Takes Note Of University Events

Since, regrettably, there is a free press around this country, and the citizenry is subject to misleading news stories, boring editorials, and insulting columns, I frequently have to take note of the events of the day as recorded in the tabloids.

two years ago, it will almost make going to school worth while. I also noticed in the same issue of the Rag that one of the leading candidates for Joan of Arc was already rehearsing her part.

disturbing to my common sense than the hordes of readers that besiege me with questions about what I "really meant" in my last column. About the latter I can at least console myself knowing that they were probably set upon me by my many enemies.

My Bootless Cries

been the annual art exhibit, which as usual proved to be a rewarding experience. It is a shame though, to have to hang these paintings in the rib cage of Stegosaurus, so to speak.

But this political convention became absurd and disturbing in no time at all. It's all right if students want to follow national politics and solve the world's problems, and it's all right if they want to play politician and berate each other, but it's not all right to mix the two together.

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The Campus Green

Years ago a company used to advertise that "we couldn't improve the wrapper so we improved the product."

I say that's jolly, provided the wrapper really is improved. However, there seems to be little sense improving the wrapper to the extent that no one can get at the product.

Now the wrapper may be shock proof, water proof, germ proof, dust proof or 36% proof, with a dash of color thrown in here and there for novelty, but if you have to send for a mechanic to get the thing off, something is wrong somewhere.

The other day I walked into the Union and bought a roll of mints, as I usually do when I'm skipping my 1 p.m. class. I started clawing at one end of the roll with my fingernail. It was obviously not the end to begin prying at, so I turned the pack over and began working on the other.

This end had been clamped down with a lever press usually reserved for splicing REA electrical wires. I tried biting and scraping at both ends (one after the other, naturally) with my teeth and gave up just before a filling dropped out.

I finally saw that the whole thing was going to get the better of me unless I got down to business. (I'm not one to shirk an unpleasant task, unless it be getting an assignment in on time.)

I tossed the roll into the drinking fountain, intending to soften up the wrapper. This wasn't playing cricket with the hygiene men, but, as the inspector in "Dial M For Murder" said, "My blood was up!" It bobbed up, still as hermetically sealed as an oil drum. I cracked the pack over my knee a time or two and slashed it against the woodwork.

Finally, the blood rushed to my head, I dashed the whole works to the sidewalk. It broke into several pieces, but the ends still held together, as intact and tightly clamped together as they were when the masons finished with them at the foundry.

These past few weeks I have been carrying a small tool kit about with me, complete with pliers, screw driver and corkscrew. This is much easier than trying to make it to my one o'clock.

By PABLO PICANO

For The First Generation Of The Cobalt Age

Mildly wearily the chant of the jukebox blares. In the worship of our want we have lost our cares.

Whispered sounds of terror pass Deafened hopes and fears, Shattering a whiskey glass empty thirty years.

We are gentle, we are kind, We are sadly wise. How we wish that God would blind our unfocused eyes!

-G. Thomas Fairclough

Prayer To Three Saints

For Genesis the Comedian there was a stage and a mask, and buffoonery stripping the soul naked before an unmasked God.

For Simeon There was a boiling blue dessert sky and a minute octagonal world of sinlessness covered with his own excrement.

For Lady Julian there was a cell beyond the wall, without incense, without images, only a round pellet in the hand. "What may this be?" And the answer: "It is all that is made"

Saints, forgive us and pray God that He forgive us for all our adoration.

Turn our faces toward the divine emptiness which was your life. -G. Thomas Fairclough

Spring Rain

Gruel clouds Shake their dog-ears. From their coats grain-drops spring And bound into April's fresh welcome mat. Glenna Berry

First Snowfall

Brave leaves With rustling swords Slash the young invaders. Crystal blood spills on grey cement, And melts. -Glenna Berry.

Nebraskan Letterip Convention A Fiasco

To the Editor: The Mock Political Convention was a fiasco. But let us consider the reasons for this failure. I blame the radicalism of a few persons, and the lack of individualism on the part of the supporters of these few radicals.

Should a citizen become a mere pawn, to be moved about at the discretion of the individuals who want to be "big wheels"? My answer to these questions is "NO."

showing any signs of civility at the convention were the Republican factors. I was especially impressed with the fine showing given by the delegations representing the states of: Arizona, Vermont, Idaho, New York, Wisconsin, New Mexico, Oregon, Massachusetts and New York; and the Canal Zone.

Bill Grapes



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