

Nebraskan Editorials:

'...Demand All The Facts'

Here are the facts which have appeared thus far in the case of Clyde Mitchell, according to Nebraskan sources within the College of Agriculture:

1. A meeting of the Agricultural Economics Department and Dean Lambert was held prior to spring vacation to discuss Clyde Mitchell, present chairman of the department.
2. Professors in the department who attended the meeting have told The Nebraskan that they were told that Mitchell would have the opportunity of returning to the University July 1, but would not be retained as department chairman.
3. Administration spokesmen, including Chancellor Hardin, Dean Breckenridge and Dean Lambert, have not commented further on the issue. All maintain that Mitchell is still chairman and that no recommendations have been made for a new one.
4. Several individuals, including one from Michigan State and another from Iowa State, have been contacted as possibilities for chairman of the agricultural economics department.
5. The implication of "outside pressures" was discussed in the special meeting as influential in the decision to relieve Mitchell of his chairmanship duties.
6. Several professors and students in the Col-

lege of Agriculture have told The Nebraskan in private interviews that they were "certain in their own minds" that "outside pressures" and "special interests" were an important influence in the administrative action.

7. Mitchell has been under severe opposition for some of his farm policies, notably attacks in 1953 by the Hall County Farm Bureau Federation and Regent J. Leroy Welsh of Omaha.

8. Mitchell has been described by his colleagues in the agricultural economics department as a professor whose administrative and classroom abilities are beyond question.

In the light of these above facts, which have been given to The Nebraskan by a variety of reliable sources, it becomes imperative that this air of mystery, contradiction and speculation be replaced with an immediate presentation of all the facts in the case of Clyde Mitchell.

It must be remembered that any attempt to make professors fair game for irresponsible charges, any attempt by pressure groups unduly to influence the academic position of University personnel, any attempt by special interest to influence improperly administrative appointments is an abridgment of the spirit of academic freedom and those principles of free communication protected in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.—B. B.

Toward Voting Independently

After several weeks of preparation and three interviewing periods, the newly-formed Fusionist party has presented a slate of candidates unlike any this campus has seen before.

Far from being an all-independent or an all-dorm party, the Fusionists have included four Greeks—three sorority women and one IFC candidate on their endorsed slate.

Whether this is a matter of mere political expediency or the result of a real conviction that the party is backing the best possible candidates regardless of affiliation, as the party has stated, is not the most important point.

Students are being offered a chance to vote

"independently" whether they happen to be Greeks or Independents. It gives Independents an opportunity to actively support candidates, and gives Greeks a choice which has not been pre-determined by the IFC.

Whether this slate will succeed in the Council elections and whether it would really result in an improved Council is a matter for the future.

If this slate, however, leads students to vote out of an honest appraisal of candidates instead of a "party-line," it will have served an important function which may eventually result not only in a better Council but in better student government at the University.—L.S.

Student Tribunal: Pro Or Con

In this first of a series of editorials explaining the functions of a student tribunal, The Nebraskan will present some of the areas in which a tribunal might have control, and some of the functions it might perform.

The Nebraskan is presenting this series in an endeavor to explain the purposes and successes of student tribunals and honor systems before the issue comes to a student vote May 7.

On the basis of what is done at other schools, a student tribunal would cover the same areas of student activity now controlled by the Office of Student Affairs.

This action by such a governing body would not be additional restrictions on students, but would operate in the same areas as these officials.

This is the situation at universities and colleges having student tribunals, according to information received by a Council committee doing research on student tribunals and honor systems. No matter what the system, all decisions and functions of the tribunals are subject to the president of the school and its Board of Regents.

The extremes of student tribunals run from having student members on a faculty disciplining committee to a complete student committee, including defense attorneys, prosecutors and powers of expulsions.

Student tribunals usually have authority to

enforce all university regulations, sometimes including scholastic matters and the honor system. This authority can include fining, expulsion, probation and restricting students to the campus for a specified length of time.

In all schools having tribunals, punishments handed down by the groups can be appealed to the president or chancellor of the school.

A tribunal might be given the authority to control drinking rules, along with other university rules. Students are usually not given voice in moral matters.

The main point of each type of tribunal or governing body is the same—giving students more voice in governing their own affairs.

If the student body at this University should decide it wanted a student tribunal, it should be up to next year's Council to draw up plans, and for the Administration to pass judgment on these plans.

Whatever the outcome of the vote, The Nebraskan hopes University students will go to the polls with their opinions fixed as to what would be best for the school.

The University should not be saddled with a tribunal system that the students don't want, or don't care about.

It should also not go without such a system if the students want it, but don't bother to give their opinions by voting.

May 7 will decide the issue, pro or con.—F.T.D.

More Student Representation

The resolution passed in Student Council Wednesday recommending further student representation on Faculty Senate committees is an extension of the privilege of student participation in University affairs already established.

This resolution, if accepted by the Faculty Senate, will be a big step in strengthening the liaison between student government and the administration that does so much in maintaining good student-faculty relationships.

Students already have representation on such faculty subcommittees as the convocations committee, the subcommittee on student affairs, calendar committee and final exams committee.

The Council resolution proposes student representation on the Student Affairs Committee and the library committee.

Having students on the student affairs committee would, according to the Council's report to the Dean of Student Affairs, create a stronger bond between student government and the Administration, and would enable the committee to debate both the faculty and the student sides

of the questions that come before them.

Since the committee deals directly with the students in all phases of their University life, the Council feels it only right that their opinions be heard. This is true.

The library committee, which discusses plans for future library expansion, should logically have a student opinion, since the library's facilities are used more by undergraduate students than any other group.

The director of the University Libraries has advised student representation on this committee for these reasons.

The final decision on this Council proposal rests with the Faculty Senate. The Nebraskan has strongly backed the Council in its movement for more student representation in Administration affairs involving the students.

The Nebraskan urges that the recommendation will be received favorably by the faculty, and that students will have still further voice in this, their University.—F.T.D.

Well-Earned Praise

Tuesday night, the University's top scholars were recognized at the annual joint Phi Beta Kappa-Sigma Xi banquet. Quietly, without the pomp and circumstance that surrounds the election of activity officers, results of one of the year's most important elections were announced.

The Nebraskan wishes to extend its congratulations to the new members of both scholastic honoraries. Phi Beta Kappa, long renowned as a mark of achievement, is the greatest honor for the Arts and Sciences student.

Sigma Xi, although less familiar to the average University student, recognizes outstanding scholars in the field of science.

It is gratifying to note the unusually large

number of Innocents and Mortar Boards represented in the groups. These students have gained prominence in the two main areas of University recognition, scholarship and leadership.

The students elected to membership in both organizations are especially deserving of praise because they have fulfilled the basic aim of attending a University at all. They have done exceptionally well in gaining academic training.

The fact remains that the new members of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi are not one-dimensional book-worms. They are outstanding individuals and deserve the praise of their fellow students.—J.B.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



—Continued Development—

University Served By Alumni Group

By JAMES S. PITTENGER
Former Secretary of the
University Alumni Assoc.

To many of you Commencement will mean the end of your University days. As time goes on, however, the coming of spring will bring back pleasant memories of your years on campus. It will mean that you have an opportunity to return to the campus, see the favorite old haunts, buildings, professors and meet former classmates.

When you get to feeling that way you are fair game for the University Alumni Association. Each spring the Association sponsors a Round-Up for alumni and former students. During the three-day program, special class functions are held, ten year classes are honored, and distinguished alumni honored.

Just what does the Alumni Association stand for, mean or have for its purpose? I don't know what it will mean to you, but I think I know what it should mean to you. It should eventually mean as much to you as the University itself.

Why? Because as we proceed through life I'm sure most of us realize just how much the University and higher education actually means to us and to the overall progress of our state and nation.

We appreciate what the people of Nebraska have made available to us and have maintained for our use.

As alumni is hoped that you will want to make certain that the people who are to follow you

through our system of higher education will have opportunities that are equal to or better than you received.

The alumni as individuals may find difficulty in continuing and maintaining the University, but united through the Alumni Association they represent an extremely potential group.

You have read and heard a great deal about the coming "Tidal Wave" of students. You will read and hear a great deal more about it.

No institution can ever be better than its students. If the University

(Eds Note:) The Upper Chamber for today was written by James S. Pittenger, past Secretary of the University Alumni Association, and now an Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor.

is to progress it must continuously get its share of the outstanding and better students from throughout the state.

Obtaining numbers of students is not now the problem nor will it be. But obtaining the better students is a big job for the Alumni Association and the alumni.

As we grow and improve as a University we will have to find more and more ways of informing the people of the problems of the University. With the development of any institution comes the need for additional funds.

If the people of Nebraska are properly advised as to the facts I have every confidence that they

Student Council Platforms

The Nebraskan invites all candidates for election to the Student Council to submit their individual platforms to the paper for publication. The Nebraskan, in its drive for interested, qualified Student Council members, believes that all candidates should be given the chance to present their ideas and feelings on the Council to the student voting public.

All platforms submitted should be brief, not to exceed 250 words. The Nebraskan reserves the right to edit all platforms received. Platforms must be statements from individual candidates, not from any organized group of candidates or party.

All platforms received will be printed on The Nebraskan's editorial pages as a special service to student voters.

The Editor

Student Drivers Need New Space

A severe blow came to hundreds of Independents and affiliated students alike last week. The Lincoln police began enforcing a law which prohibits the parking of a car for more than 24 hours in the same location.

This enforcement has further complicated the already serious parking problem. Especially hard hit are the men of Selleck Quadrangle.

The Silent Majority

range who have virtually no other place to park when the city streets are denied to them.

A fact little known to many non-car owners is that the large parking areas between 14th and 15th Streets are not open to students who live on the campus.

The men of Selleck Quadrangle are allowed to use a lot located at North Side Avenue and 17th St. This lot is available to students living in other organized housing on the campus.

The lot is large and it is passable in wet weather. Why is it not used? Simply because no one with a car which he intends to keep will park there. The lot is lighted by a single, dim street light on 17th St. Police protection is nonexistent.

Cars parked there overnight are a constant source of hiccups, radio antennas, mirrors and other accessories for Lincoln's hoods.

Where can the Independent park? Or the Greek who finds the parking lot at his house filled? It's simple. There are 21 parking spaces on 15th Street which are open to him. Fifteenth is a University

street and therefore not subject to Lincoln ordinance on parking.

The problem lies in the fact that 21 spaces are inadequate for the several hundred cars registered to Quadrangle men plus the luckless Greek who finds his lot full.

The unreasonableness of the situation is brought out sharply when one drives at night and sees the lighted, polished lots standing empty all night so commuters can use them for three hours in the mornings.

Meanwhile the campus residents, the one for whom the University should be most concerned, are forced to park in a lot unsafe for any car.

The solution to the problem is to open the 14th Street lots to campus residents because these lots are the logical place for night parking since they are lighted and patrolled.

The lot at North Side Avenue and 17th Street could then be freed for use by commuters. This lot is just as good for daylight use as those on 14th Street. However, because of its location and facilities it should be cleared at night.

Early last fall the Residence Association for Men, representing the men of Selleck Quadrangle, asked for lighting and police protection. The request was refused. The situation became less critical during the winter when many cars were taken out of circulation.

Now, however, with the return of warm weather coupled with enforcement of the 24-hour parking laws, a crisis has descended upon the students who live on the campus.

Tale Of Old West Told By Derelict

My column last week, which recounted an incident of my childhood, resulted in numerous requests to tell more of my early life. Well kiddies, my past is shrouded in mystery and it's going to stay that way. There are some things better left unsaid, as far as I'm concerned.

However, for those of you who are truly interested in stories of the Old West, I have a pleasant surprise. It is the story of an old fellow I met some years ago on a camping trip with my lifelong companion, Ragged Nerves, and I give it to you just as he told it to us.

"Life on the plains in the old days, (he said) was not an easy one, and for this reason I spent the first fourteen years of my life in the family wine cellar, fortifying myself for the hardships to come.

When I came out, I was as healthy and redcheeked a lad as ever had delirium tremens, and the entire countryside soon looked upon me as a loony.

"Not one to be swayed by popular opinion, my father, a strict but honest man, locked me in the

Jess Jestin'

chicken house, where I spent several years taming unruly Leghorns and writing the Theban plays.

(Not the Theban plays you study in college, but a series of six plays about Sad Sam Theban, the Thumb-Sucking Iceman. They were later produced in Deaf Smith County, Texas with no success at all.)

"Some years later, a brush with the law nearly launched me on a life of crime. A fellow from the East was staying at the ranch, and one night while everyone was gathered around the camp-fire regaling the visitor with bloody tales of pemmican down each other's throats, I stole the Easterner's silver snuff-box and a month-old copy of the Police Gazette, and struck out across the wilderness.

"A sheriff's posse, by following the sound of my sneezes, soon found me curled up in a hollow tree, cackling lecherously over a picture of Lillian Russell. My horse, untrue to Western Tradition, was not grazing near by.

"Well, I served my time like a man and after my release, my rise to fame and fortune was so meteoric that the very mention of my name was enough to turn Phil the Fiddler green with envy.

I swindled my partner in the lively stable, married the parson's daughter, and eventually won a seat in the state senate.

And if I hadn't bet my whole poke on James G. Blaine for president, I might still be a respected member of the community, instead of the lonely derelict you see before you today."

And with these words, faithful old Cy turned up the road toward his cabin, sure in his heart that Stacy and Tess would find true happiness in their new home.

Nebraskan Letterip

Fusionist Party

To the Editor:

I request that you publish the following letter, under the pen name signed to it, in the "Letterip" column of The Nebraskan. Thank you.

An open answer to the letter of Petronius Arbitrator:

Dear Mr. Petronius:

I agree with you that there is nothing the matter with a political party on this campus. The party does claim to be a responsible organization, as you say.

However, you have been misinformed as to whom the party represents. The Fusionist Party was organized to provide a voice for those people on this campus who feel that apathy and one-party rule are not the best ways of handling student government.

The party was formed to fuse all those who agree with the principles set forth in the party platform.

Now with regard to your erroneous belief that the party candi-

dates are required to "swallow the absurd catechism of a political platform".

The party has set its goals and is backing the candidates who are best qualified and seem most likely to follow through on the party's program, which is eminently just and reasonable.

The party platform cannot in any way appear to be aimed at destroying the Student Council, at least when considered in the light of reason.

In fact, an unbiased consideration of the six plans in the Fusionist platform would clearly indicate a desire to strengthen the Student Council and have it be a real governing body instead of an elective debating society.

The party clearly desires the Student Council go get some reason into its activities, and proceed on a sensible basis. For that reason, the Fusionist are supporting candidates which seem likely to do just that.

"Pro" Fusionist

To A New Song

To the Editor:

I fully agree with Sam Jensen and his proposal for a new alma mater song. I haven't heard "Nebraska Alma Mater" but I don't see how it could be as bad as "Dear Old Nebraska U." Why not let us students in on the words of

"Nebraska Alma Mater?"

Here's to a new song—at any cost.

A Graduate

(Eds. Note:) The words to "Nebraska Alma Mater" will be published next week on The Nebraskan's editorial pages. A record of the song will be premiered at the East Prom Club Luncheon Friday Noon in the Union.

Chinese Recognition Criticized

(Eds. Note:) The article referred to in the following letterip is an editorial page column called "The Portfolio," written by John Hecatt, news editor of The Nebraskan. This column was headlined "Foreign Policy Looks Awful," and appeared in Wednesday's Nebraskan on the editorial page.

To the Editor:

I don't agree with your article concerning our government's attitude toward Red China. Furthermore, I resent the implication in your last paragraph that anyone who would disagree with you has no common sense.

Why are our friends and allies "frustrated and antagonized" at our stand? Take Britain as an example. She gladly takes our foreign aid money with one hand while she trades with the Chinese Communists with her other hand?

Do you think for a moment that the Reds would trade with their enemies unless it was definitely to their advantage? I don't. No wonder the British are sweating.

Sickening Green

To the Editor:

After reading The Campus Green, I see why this title was chosen for the column. It is truly a sickening green, and by reading some of the poems one can see that the authors are a little green also.

I read in the papers that obscene literature is being outlawed from publication. It is my opinion that the students of the University do not wish their college newspaper

to become filled with the same second rate trash that has only recently been struck from the nation's newspapers.

I would like to nominate L. J. M. as the official gutter-sweeper for the University. It is evident that this type of work is well suited to him, and I am sure that he could keep his mind on his work.

In short, let's keep our newspaper clean.

A Student