

Nebraskan Editorials:

Indications Of Success

Spring Day, although held in a gently falling rain under gray skies, was not a washout. Even though participation in the athletic events and attendance at the carnival was held down by the wet weather, the general opinion of those who took part was that Spring Day was a good thing. Obviously, it would have been much better had it been sunny and warm. The important thing, however, was the feeling that Spring Day could be a success, given a few breaks in the weather. The tie-in with Ivy Day kept more students around for the weekend who otherwise might have gone home. The RAM Glee Club sang at the Ivy Day festivities, showing the way for more independent participation. The winning of second place in the women's sing by the Women's Residence Halls indicated this participation well on its way. A number of congratulations should be handed out. The first, of course, goes to Doc Beck, who took charge of the Student Council committee on the Spring Event, and guided the whole project to its culmination.

The Council, for giving Spring Day its initial push, deserves congratulations. The Union for the merging of its birthday party with the event, the N Club for taking charge of the athletic events and the Ag Exec Board for the barbecue should also be recognized. And finally, to the vast army of committee workers who did the final pushing and pulling after the leaders had set up the mechanism, goes the final congratulations for putting the event over. The Nebraskan firmly believes Spring Day was success. If it did not draw as large a crowd as it hoped because of the weather, it at least aroused student interest in what was going on, and drew favorable student opinion. The student body seems to approve of Spring Day, combined with Ivy Day for an all-University event. For this reason, the new Council should make a point of keeping Spring Day alive next year. Maybe some of that time-honored Cornhusker spirit the old-timers talk so much about would be given a boost.—F. T. D.

Apathy And Representation

The general apathy of the student body towards Student Council has been reflected in Monday's elections. For in this election representatives for eight colleges were to be elected but due to a constitutional ruling three colleges will not have representatives next year. More specifically, only one name was submitted for the ballots for Pharmacy, Dentistry and Law colleges. The Council constitution states it is necessary for two names from each college to appear on the ballot. Therefore, these colleges will not be represented unless a special election is held, and the Council has no policy requiring or sanctioning such an additional election.

It may be interpreted here that there is a distinct apathy in the student body toward how their affairs are run, especially in the colleges involved here. The Council should recognize this and attempt to solve this problem, as their body is weakened by the lack of representation from these areas. Also an injustice is being done here on an individual basis, for the people whose names were submitted in good faith are being denied their right to run for Council positions, through the lack of other's actions, not their own. The Council should investigate this matter, for the older, more mature members of the professional colleges are not being properly represented.—B. C.

... This Is The Tragedy

The statements by Chancellor Hardin and Dean W. V. Lambert in Saturday's Board of Regents meeting should send a chill down the spines of many faculty members at the University. Not one word of conciliation, not one phrase of favorable comment, not one gesture of encouragement was extended to Dr. Mitchell in the official releases—save the one back-handed compliment that "though he has established himself as a popular classroom teacher and achieved considerable notice as a public servant conversant with farm problems..." he does fulfill the requirements to head the department. The administration has operated entirely within its prerogatives. It has the authority to remove an administrative official—such as a department chairman—at anytime and with it has the accompanying privilege of announcing this decision at any time. But nevertheless in the action of replacing Dr. Mitchell—in hesitating to make his demotion official, in failing to encourage him to remain as a full professor, in refusing to grant him a conciliatory statement, in neglecting to mention his professional competence in the field of agricultural economics, it is apparent that the administration has been waiting for sometime for a reason "to get Mitchell."

Except that in all recent cases the administration has taken the fight underground, where it cannot be seen by students, where it cannot be watched by fellow faculty members, where it can be safely withheld from the newspaper reporters, where it can be effectively kept away from the watchful eye of the American Association of University Professors. In short, where Mitchell specifically and professors and administrators generally can be dealt with more quietly and effectively with the gentle methods of administrative coercion—manipulating tenure, cutting back appropriations, refusing to raise salaries, withholding leaves of absence, assessing impossible work loads, etc. And under these conditions, whether the University administration is acting legally or not, The Nebraskan is convinced that the sum total of these conditions does not work toward a better University and a stronger faculty. In 1952, when E. N. Anderson was under fire, and in 1953, when Mitchell was under attack, the assault came from individuals and organizations detached from the University. The deadly factor today is that the attacks upon professors and administrative officials, whether they are legally justified or not, whether they are brought before the public or not, whether they are made known to the rest of the campus community or not, have been levied by our own University officials. This is the tragedy.—B. B.

—From The Editor's Desk—

Questions Submitted To C. Clyde Mitchell

- By BRUCE BRUGMANN Editor
- Following the Board of Regents final approval of the demotion of C. Clyde Mitchell as chairman of the department of agricultural economics, The Nebraskan has submitted these questions to Dr. Mitchell for consideration. These questions have been raised by staff members of the Nebraskan, students, professors and interested citizens:
1. Do you feel that the reason given by the administration for your replacement as department chairman—namely, that it is being done to strengthen the program of the department—is the full reason?
  2. Do you think that the pressure from conservative political elements in the state was influential in this administrative decision?
  3. Do you feel that if pressure were instrumental in this demotion, the administration's stated reasons constitute an attack on your professional reputation as a scholar, administrator, economist and professor?
  4. Why do you feel the administration was hesitant in making your demotion official?
  5. Dean Lambert's press statement and his letter to

- Chancellor Hardin indicate that you were advised several times that you would be replaced as department chairman. Does this mean that you agreed to this course of action?
6. One of Dean Lambert's statements mentions that he had sought a replacement with the help of members of your department. Several members have indicated to The Nebraskan that they were disturbed with the implication that they "had been made to appear that they were in on the move to replace you?" Did the departmental personnel know of Lambert's decision prior to the staff meeting early in April of 1954, at which they were told you were being removed because of "pressure?"
  7. Chancellor Hardin and Dean Brockbridge told the Cornhusker Roundtable on April 5, 1954, that they "had not been informed that a change was being considered" for the chairmanship of the department. Had you discussed this matter with either administrator before you left in December, 1953, and did you acquiesce in the matter to either?
  8. A recent letter writer mentioned that real academic freedom was not apparently

- wanted even by all professors, citing the refusal of the Graduate Faculty to elect you to membership as evidence that your liberal ideas might possibly be resented by scholars and research people on the Nebraska faculty. Do you have any pertinent comment on this subject, particularly, in reference to the fact that both Chancellor Hardin and Dean Lambert said this was an important factor in your demotion?
9. One of your staff members told me that you had stayed at Nebraska for seven years at a considerable loss in salary below your former salary and below competing offers. If this is true, did the factor of academic freedom, particularly in reference to the statement adopted by the Board in 1953, enter into your considerations?
  10. Chancellor Hardin said in his statement Saturday that the recommendations of Lambert raise "no issue on the point of academic freedom." Do you feel that your demotion has raised an issue on the point of academic freedom, if not the letter of academic freedom?
  11. Since the formal announcement of your demotion, have your plans to return to the University undergone any change?

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"OUR SORORITY HAS ONLY ONE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENT, ELSE ME"



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(Eds. Note: The following article is reprinted from The Lincoln Unitarian, a weekly publication of the Unitarian Church, Lincoln. This article appeared in the May 4 issue.)

A strictly Fictional Tale About a Lion, A Camel, A Parrot and A Cow, Having No Significance in the Contemporary Lincoln Scene.

"No," said the Lion, "as the King of the Beast, I can definitely say that no changes have been discussed in the Animal Kingdom. These rumors that I planned to replace the Camel and demote him are untrue."

"True, some have questioned the Camel's water-holding capacity, saying that it has diminished greatly in recent years. But I do not hold with this."

"Yes," echoed the Parrot on the Lion's shoulder, "we have considered no animal to replace the Camel. It is pure coincidence that there is a visiting cow at the court. As far as we of the Animal Kingdom are concerned, the Camel still heads our transport section."

"But," said I, "ever since the Camel suggested a new way for digging oases in the desert I've heard a great deal of criticism of him."

"His ideas have been called visionary and un-animal like; and some have suggested that perhaps a more sluggish, more plodding beast would be better to head the important transport section."

"This may be true," squawked the Parrot, "but we have discussed no changes. We believe in freedom of opinion here in the Animal Kingdom."

So it was that our interview terminated and the sun set and the night came. The next day was

calm and peaceful and hot, but I could not help noticing the way the vultures insisted on making lazy circles in the sky right over the Camel.

If I had not been lulled by the Parrot's words, I would have thought there was something foreboding in this sudden attention by the vultures for the Camel.

But then the parrot was after all the spokesman for the King of the Beasts. The sun set and night came — another day and yet another followed as before.

But as the sun arose to start the new week, I heard a sudden racket among the messenger jacks; and then the words became clear as they sprang to about the news to the far corners of the Kingdom:

"New head sought for transport department. Camel fails to emphasize research on water capacity. Camel liquidated."

"My," though I, "I know such things take place in certain varieties of red wheat, but I didn't know they happened in the Animal Kingdom." So I sought out the Parrot once more.

"Good morning, friend," said the Parrot, "Have you heard that the contented, cud-chewing Cow is to be the new head of the transport department?"

"Now look here," I replied, "three days ago you said no change in the transport department had been considered."

"Oh, that," remarked the Parrot mildly, "You didn't ask me if any change would be considered. That was a different question entirely. Would be is quite a different matter than was. As a newsman you should know that!"

—Ashland Gazette—

Nebraska Editor Bemoans Resignation Of Swindler

Editors Note: The following article was run as an editorial in the April 26 edition of The Ashland Gazette.)

Last week's announcement that Dr. William F. Swindler would cease to head the journalism work at the University of Nebraska has greater significance than the dimming of the star of the man who has created most of whatever journalism training Nebraska offers.

For Dr. Swindler in the past decade has striven to develop a distinctive "School of Journalism" on the pattern of several other great universities in the nation. Now his efforts are to be submerged into a department of the School of Arts and Sciences. Although he himself is supposed to be staying, we doubt that it can be anything but temporary after such a demotion.

The result will be that Nebraska's journalism hopefuls will resume attending outstate journalism training centers, and the Arts and Sciences "journalism department" will dwindle to a couple of courses for high school English teachers to take.

Dr. Swindler has waged a sturdy fight, but his objectives seem to have been torpedoed.

It Happened At NU

The ultimate elements of purest bureaucracy have finally made their way into the cloistered circle of University campus activities. It took a long time, but the whirl of activities seems to have whirled its way into a situation right out of a Washington agency.

A certain vice president of a certain well-known campus activity was given an assignment pertaining directly to his department. In fine administrative fashion, this vice-president delegated the job to an efficient and hard-working senior board member.

The senior board member, realizing the responsibilities of the task, in turn delegated it to a junior board member.

The junior board member, quickly realizing the way such



Brownell Rises To Fill Breach

Today, dear readers, you are witnessing the result of a great sacrifice.

It was only at the incessant urging of the editors of this paper, who realize the sad shape it would be in without Brownell, that I dragged my broken body and shattered muse to the typewriter. It isn't fair to ask a man to work

Jess Jestling

so soon after the Ivy Day week-end. But despite my physical and emotional condition, I will fill the breach for the Nebraskan as best I can. If I seem to be a bit hazy about events which occurred recently, I am sure that you will understand and sympathize with me.

First of all, I want to thank the young men who wrote and published the Pixie Press for putting my name in it. I sent a copy to

mummy and she was over-joyed at such recognition for her little boy. I am a bit angry about your calling Roger Henkle, "famous," though. That sort of favoritism shouldn't be allowed. Why, just ask anybody on the street who is more famous, Henkle or Brownell, and you will learn that neither of us has ever been heard of.

I understand that Spring Day was fairly successful in spite of the weather. As for myself, one of the reasons I'm such a mess this week is the amount of energy I was forced to expend in avoiding Spring day.

Hundreds of people, having heard of my tremendous brute strength, wanted me to indulge in such sports as Pushball and the Tug of War. However, I fought them off with a jagged bottle, and thus managed to preserve my honor.

Then I had quite a battle with myself on Ivy Day. I really wanted to attend the annual festivities, but I also wanted to watch the Kentucky Derby, and the sporting side of my personality won.

I dressed myself in my best white suit, a little thin at the knees but still presentable, concocted a mint julep, and watched one of the most exciting Derbies in years.

I suppose I should say something about Student Council elections, the Student Tribunal, and the Honor System, but I just can't find it in me to do so.

The girls are coming out in their summer dresses, and the smell of lilacs is about campus, and all these activities seem unnecessary. You know, it's almost romantic enough to make me lift my body from its pallet and take a walk. And I hope to be well enough by next week to do just that.

—Nebraskan Letterip—

Textbooks Not Enough

To the Editor:

I was shocked to learn from a recent issue of The Nebraskan that because of outside pressure and the influence of special interests Professor Mitchell is being replaced as head of the Department of Agricultural Economics.

I know Clyde Mitchell well and admire his ability and forthrightness. He has continuously appraised the probable results of various proposed agricultural programs and activities — public and private — and presented his conclusions to students and farm people in terms which they can understand.

Many individuals and interest groups do not welcome such forthright appraisals and statements.

But if the economists and other social scientists in our agricultural colleges and experiment stations are to continue to make significant contributions they must be free to study emerging problems and proposed solutions, and make their findings available to the public.

Teaching from textbooks and conducting research on so-called non-controversial subjects are not enough.

Howard R. Tolley

SC Campaigning

To the Editor:

I feel that there is some significance in the fact that, in spite of open offers of editorial page space for elections platforms, only one individual running for Student Council has seen fit to have his views and goals published in the campus newspaper.

One immediate conclusion would be that the numerous candidates on several slates have ignored this opportunity to present a concrete basis for judging them because of overconfidence (in popularity or house pressures), or lack of initiative (the sterling quality of some of the outgoing Council's "members in name only.")

But whatever their reasons for neglecting to publicly present a platform, candidates should remember that they will be expected to represent the views of the student body through own ideas and actions if they are elected.

What better way is there to present these than in the Rag? Perhaps they are all too busy campaigning to stop to think about what they are after.

Harpsichord Soloist

To the Editor:

Will the unidentified individual who comes to the "Silo" at 3 a.m. to play "Come Down, Come Down From Your Ivory Tower" on the

harpsichord please desist? We members of the Cadaver Chorus at Bessey are practicing for the Ivy Day Sing, and you disturb our harmony.

A. Specimens



Columnist Incites Council Upheaval

Dear Mother,

I haven't been able to write lately, because, as you have undoubtedly heard, there has been suppression of academic freedom on this campus, and I have been afraid that it might extend to letters-home, and I have been hesitant.

I finally decided that perhaps disguising a letter as a William

late) in the Union at 4:00 Wednesday, I influenced the faculty committee in my ubiquitous way to declare Student Council action null and void.

Now I'll admit that "outside pressures" had led me to favor removing certain organizations from E. C.'s pernicious list, but I had hardly wanted to see the fine old body reduced to a numbing, quivering, distracted wraith. I just can't help wondering if I'm not more influential on this campus than I think.

I understand that not everyone joined in the ovation given the production of Romeo and Juliet by Eugene Hare, promising young graduate student, Friday night.

A certain clique, raised and spoon-fed on Maura Shearer, Leslie Howard, Booth, Garrick and the printed page, not desiring to suffer the slings and arrows of any amateur two-hours-traffic, left Arena Theatre to follow happier pursuits, forsaking the Dionysian rites for something a little more Bacchanalian.

The Parvenu

Box greeting card would get it through.

There has been a great upheaval of power on this campus; it seems that the administration and faculty have decided that it would be advantageous for them to have more of a voice in the government of this University.

What is particularly disturbing to me is that I understand I was the direct inciting force for them to make their move. By some device, unbeknownst to me, who, like that Japanese ambassadors in 1941, was sitting equanquely (meaning No. 3—Webster's New Colleg-