

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

Kennedy's Talk

The student body of the University is taking a big step in sponsoring the appearance of Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts May 18.

Senator Kennedy is a well-known public figure and would, almost automatically, draw a large crowd because of his service to his nation and his recent Pulitzer Prize.

But the student body is taking on a rather serious responsibility in inviting the Senator to address an All-University Convocation that Saturday morning.

There seem to be a number of strikes against the project:

- 1) This is the first time the student body has attempted to sponsor such a convocation.
- 2) It is being held on a Saturday morning.
- 3) It is being held just prior to the pre-IFC Ball festivities.

4) No "crowd guarantee" is available.

But the members of the committee which has worked to bring the amiable young legislator to the University are confident that the student body will not let them down. For whenever the student population can get behind a move in such numbers as they have gotten behind this convocation so far there is the shadow of success behind the movement.

Student-sponsored convocations could be a great boon to the University. And even if there are no further convocations of this nature sponsored by the students alone, the University Convocations committee will know that the student body is capable of doing an effective job for such gatherings.

There are other by-products of this convocation which could be very useful in future bargaining with the administration. If the officers of the University, for instance, discover that the students are ready, willing and able to stand

behind a job like this and arrange all the details in a mature and complete fashion they will be inclined to believe that the student body has grown out of the panty-raid stage and into their mature place in society.

This would almost automatically mean new and renewed responsibilities for the members of the undergraduate population of this institution.

This would mean that the administration would think twice before saying that student votes on faculty committees should be stopped.

This could possibly mean a closer scrutiny of the proposed Student Tribunal might result and the students would be given the duties and responsibilities of their maturity.

We are happy to note that such a convocation as this one has fallen into the hands of the students.

We are confident that the students will make a sincere effort to fill the Union Ballroom on that strategic Saturday morning to hear a man who has served dynamically and vigilantly in the United States Congress for over 10 years.

In all if there are any "eye-openers" that Saturday morning it should be the Administrations eyes which are opened. We trust that the students will get behind their organizations which have placed their names on the Kennedy Speech Committee and come to the convocation Saturday, May 18.

Only if the entire student body supports the convocation will the administration know that the young people here have an interest in their government and in the prestige of their University.

The Daily Nebraskan—as one of the sponsoring organizations—is looking for a "full house" that morning as a vote of confidence by the students in their own organizing abilities.



Letterip

To the Editor: Perhaps it has already come to your attention, but, if not, let me refer you to the April issue of the American Bar Association Journal. There, commencing at page 307, you will find an article entitled, "A Comparative Analysis: Do Citizens Have the Right to Travel?"

It is a very comprehensive discussion of the concept of the passport and of the nation's interest in control of travel of Americans in foreign countries.

The legal decisions cited in it would prove to be very interesting reading. Whatever else may come forth as a result of such reading, of this I am certain: That it is not a simple subject, nor one which can be disposed of by adoption of a simple doctrinaire position. It will not do to simply cite the first amendment guaranteeing freedom of the press and predicate one's case thereon. There are many qualifications which must necessarily be made in this very complicated state of civilization in which we now live.

One of the principal questions to be answered is this: On the assumption that there will come times when limitation of travel is desirable for the best interests of the Republic, in whose hands is it best to vest the decision as to whether or not American citizens may travel abroad to given countries? Should this decision be left to individuals who are for the most part not totally informed as to the entire picture? Or, on the other hand, should the nation, through its duly elected representatives in Congress, vest that authority in some government agency, such as the State Department, or any other qualified agency? The latter would presumably have all of the facts that would be currently applicable, and their probably impact upon the nation's well being, interests and safety.

As a corollary of these thoughts, consider that whether or not a person has a passport, America considers itself a sort of guarantor of the safety and of the safe conduct accorded any traveler abroad. Hence, the necessity for some sort of control.

When there are flagrant abuses of such control, then the question arises as to appeal. To whom should appeal be had, and under what circumstances. You will

The Religious Week

By CINDY ZSCHAU Religious Editor Baptists and Disciples of Christ Student Fellowship 1237 R

Friday and Saturday: Baptist Christian Student Conference. Sunday: 5 p.m., supper and Parent's Night with panel discussion. Wednesday: 12:30 p.m., chapel. B'nai B'rith Hill Foundation

Friday: 8 p.m., service at South Street Temple, 20 & South. Sermon will be "The Story of Two Mothers." Friday: 8 p.m., service at Congregation Tifereth Israel, 32 & Sheridan. Saturday: 8 and 10:45 a.m., services at Congregation Tifereth Israel.

Christian Science Organization Thursday: 7-7:30 p.m., worship in Room 316 of the Union. Lutheran Student House 535 No. 18

Friday through Sunday: Midwest Regional Lutheran Conference in Rock Springs, Kansas. Sunday: 9:45 a.m., Bible class; 10:30 a.m., coffee hour; 11 a.m., worship; 5 p.m., LSA meeting with speaker Bob Larson, assistant executive director of Lutheran College and University Work from Chicago.

Wednesday: 7 p.m., vespers. Methodist Student House 1417 R

Sunday: 5 p.m., Wesley Fireside supper and exchange program at the Lutheran Student House. Newman Catholic Center 1602 Q

Sunday: 8, 9, 10, 11 a.m. and 12 noon, Masses. Monday through Friday: 6:45 and 7:15 a.m., Masses.

Presbyterian-Congregational 333 No. 14

Sunday: 5:30-7:30 p.m., forum on "Pacifism" led by The Rev. Kenneth Yingst of the First Church of the Brethren.

find this a partial subject of discussion in the Supreme Court cases cited in the American Bar Association Journal.

Roman Hruska U.S. Senator Nebraska

- Monday: 7 a.m., Book of Revelations study group.
- Tuesday: 8 a.m., Teachings of Jesus study groups, 7 p.m., Sigma Eta Chi.
- Wednesday: 7 a.m., cabinet; 7 p.m., vespers.
- Thursday: 8 a.m., Teachings of Paul study group. University Episcopal Chapel 346 No. 12
- Sunday: 9 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Holy Communion; 6:30 p.m., Canterbury Club.
- Tuesday: 10 a.m., Holy Communion.
- Wednesday: 7 a.m., Holy Communion; 7 p.m., choir rehearsal; 8 p.m., Inquirer's group.
- Thursday: 10 a.m., Holy Communion. University Lutheran Chapel (Missouri Synod) 15 & Q
- Sunday: 10:45 a.m., worship; 5:30 p.m., Gamma Delta supper followed by film "More Hands for Christ."
- Wednesday: 7 p.m., choir rehearsal.
- Thursday: 3:30-5:30 p.m., coffee hours; 7 p.m., doctrine group.

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Line's End

Now that the Student Council elections have been completed and a relatively strong leadership has been insured for another year, the Daily Nebraskan hopes that the end of the line has come to student politicking.

Not that a sound and sincere difference of opinion isn't healthy for a student—for any—government.

It's just that when the council gets bogged down in politics and maneuvers are made left and right, little real business can be accomplished.

This past year the council has done some significant things. They sent a resolution to the Faculty Senate seeking voting rights for student members on faculty committees. They prepared a charter for a student Tribunal which will now fall into the hands of the next year's group. They polled the student body on the tuition increase. And they did some revision of their constitution.

Each one of these items is, of course, important. But the major job of the council—to direct the student body within itself and to represent the students with the administration—has not been handled outstandingly.

This might be expected. It is indeed difficult to operate a completely efficient organization and when the goals of the council were set there must have seemed to be more important tasks in sight.

The council has done some fine work on the parking problem. They have sought the cooperation of the Administration in obtaining new facilities and protecting the old facilities in a more adequate fashion.

But despite the Chancellor's promise of last fall to seek an answer to the parking problem none has been presented thus far.

We hope that the council will begin hammering on the vitally important issues on campus this next fall.

They should: Offer the students some sound proposals on the parking situation.

Polish the Tribunal charter so that it is more than just a piece of paper with no authority.

Seek the cooperation of students in all phases of University life in matters which pertain to the entire campus.

Continue the unfinished jobs of the '56-'57 council.

Work to keep students voting on strategic committees.

Voice the feelings of the student body and not just some interested parties to the administration on the issues before them.

We trust that the council will take these words to heart and develop for the students of the University a sound and effective representative government.

From The Editor's Desk: A word or two

before you go...

By FRED DALY Editor

As the second semester of the 1956-57 school year draws to a close, there are two issues still undecided that vitally involve the University, the faculty, administration and student body.

They are: The hearings on the accusations levied by C. Clyde Mitchell on the University, and the pending report of the University liaison committee.

The "Mitchell Case," as it came to be known, was first brought to the attention of the campus by the Nebraskan last spring. Dr. Mitchell, former head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, charged he was removed from his post because of his economic views.

The case was then referred to the Faculty Committee on Academic Privilege and Tenure. The committee held hearings on the matter this spring, and transmitted its findings to Dr. Mitchell, now in Mexico. It is hoped that the results of these hearings can be released to the public before the school year is over. The University and the entire state will be affected by these results—good or bad. It is for the best interests of the Uni-

versity and all concerned that the validity or lack of same of each of Dr. Mitchell's charges be revealed through the committee hearings.

Anything of this nature that is not revealed to the clear light of public knowledge can only rankle and fester in the dark recesses of anonymity.

The other issue, that of the liaison committee's pending report, is more obscure. The issue itself is nebulous, existing only in rumor and "undisclosed sources." These rumors, mostly unproved, hint at faculty discontent in certain departments and colleges.

It is the committee's job to investigate charges brought to it by faculty members. If faculty members have done this, perhaps these rumors, too, can be brought out into the open where they may be examined more thoroughly.

The recent Student Elections bring at least one thought to mind: no one who got elected ever had to tell the voters what he thought about anything.

The only campaigning that took place was the putting up of posters, containing only names, pictures and meaning-

less catch phrases. None of the candidates had to commit themselves on the student tribunal charter, student voting in faculty committees, the tuition raise, etc.

Last year The Nebraskan gave candidates an opportunity to print opinions and "platforms" on the paper's editorial pages. Only a few took advantage of this, the rest apparently lacking interest or preferring to ride through on fraternity or PAM tickets.

As representatives of the students on their own governing body, candidates for office should be allowed and encouraged to state their views before election time.

This could be done through the pages of The Daily Nebraskan or through poster and leaflet campaigns. While perhaps emphasizing the "political," this still might cause candidates to make public what they do (or do not) know about student affairs.

Nominations for Outstanding Nebraskan will be open for ten more days. This is not a popularity contest, but one designed to recognize outstanding service to the University. Keep those nominations coming in.



Finality

- A sigh. The last gesture of resignation;
- A prayer. To petition divine relation;
- A tear. A widow's despondent word;
- A sermon. Sad, eloquent and unheard;
- A grave. Open to welcome and embrace;
- A peace. The black, the silence, the cold.

Russell Champion

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