

Editorial Comment

Democrats?

What is a Democrat? This question isn't really too silly for a University student to ask. The simple fact is that most University students have never known what a state-wide Democratic representative looked like. Back in 1941 or so when the last Democratic governor was serving out his term in the Capitol, most of the studentbody wasn't much past the learning to walk stage. Even for many Korean War veterans a Democrat is something that he only heard talk about until this week: folks 22 or 23 were only starting in the kindergarten or first grade back in the early 40s.

What does the election of a Democrat or two or three or more mean to Nebraska?

This question is even more significant. The answer will probably never be complete and can't even begin to be made until the Demos have a try at their new jobs. Was it just time for a change? Did Nebraskans finally tire of a conservative Republican government which ran the economy platform into the ground? There isn't a single person in the state who can give you an honest or comprehensive answer at this moment.

It is certain that the few Democrats in power won't be able to make a great change in the state scheme of things during the next two years. Republicans, as of now, are still very much in control of the strings throughout the state. Come next election and Nebraska will probably see one of the most interesting campaigns

it has ever known. Republicans will be anxious to regain the ground they lost and Democrats will be enthusiastic to see continuance of the "trend" away from solid Republican conservatism in the state.

More than 50 per cent of the persons who are now enrolled in the University of Nebraska will be eligible to vote in that next big election. That is one of the major reasons why they should begin now to take a greater interest in the ways of government. Students and their counterparts would have enough votes in 1960 to swing the governor's election if it were as close as it is this year. One by one the votes could pile up to compose a powerful voice in Nebraska.

In a way, it's kind of prophetic that the year of the establishment of a Young Democrats club at the University was the year for the Demos to break GOP's vise-like grip on government posts. If anything should serve as a spur to the Young Demos, it is the glimpse of victory the Democrats have known. The same election results should likewise kindle more fire among the Young Republicans.

Apathy is a term that may or may not be appropriate to use in describing many of Nebraska's past elections. One party power for long lengths of time sometimes breeds this. It seemed at times that this was occurring in Nebraska. Again, though, this is a thing we are too close to to clearly evaluate. But we most assuredly shouldn't see apathy in 1960. And we say, "Hurrah!"

No Man Is an Island

Robert E. Gordon, associate director of the Wesley Foundation on the University of Nebraska campus, is author of today's article.

A student at the University of Minnesota composed the following prayer:

Our God: In the next few minutes we want to find you—to know that you are. Because of the hurry and worry of our lives here at the University, many of us apparently have felt that we do not need God any longer. We have gone on without having time for God, then suddenly we have found that there is a great emptiness in our lives. Suddenly, we ask: "What is it all about? Why go to school? Why live?" We discover we have no peace or rest; we discover that we need something else; we need insight and peace and calm; we need you, God... Make us awake. We want to live. We need you more than any generation ever has. Come down to us, O God, and we'll go up to you.

Who of us does not feel this craving? And where can we find help in achieving for ourselves a more vital experience of the divine presence?

Of necessity, an experience of God must be our very own—never a duplicate of the experience of someone else. We can make use of some things in life at second hand. We can wear other people's clothes. Or we can give expression to their ideas. When it comes to finding God, we must do it for ourselves, in our own way, or we do not do it at all.

Furthermore, finding God is largely a matter of letting God find us. Sometimes we talk about seeking God as though

He were lost or hiding somewhere. But the plain truth is that God is not lost or playing hide-and-go-seek with us. God is here, where we are.

In order that we may be found of God, we need to remove any barriers that tend to shut God out. Sometimes these barriers take the form of preoccupation with secular affairs, moral failures, intellectual confusion, or emotional tangles. If these things be removed we can more readily make a response to God, who is continuously and patiently seeking us.

There are certain areas of spiritual experience, common to almost everyone, by which many have found God. A transforming experience of God, when it comes, is not something utterly new and strange. Rather, it is the discovery of new depth, new meaning, and new dimensions in experiences which we have been having all along, so that, like Jacob rising from sleep, we exclaim, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it..."

Finally, we should not become unduly disturbed because of the ebb and flow of religious emotions. Rather, we should give ourselves steadily to doing the things that God presumably wants done. There is something like a tide in our moods. A sense of God is at one time clear and at other times rather vague and unreal.

When our mood is at its lowest, we can find encouragement in the Bible, whose writers lay stress on obedience to God's will. They see discipleship as not being dependent on intellectual acrobatics or on high-powered emotions. Action is the key word—obeying God day after day.

Let us be assured, then, that God is not far from any one of us. It is only our response to Him that is missing.

From the Editor

A Few Words of a Kind

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The welcome mat is out for nearly 700 Nebraska high school journalists who are making a two-day visit at the University to think about the "Rewards of Journalism." I note that they come from 52 schools, including my alma mater Grand Island.

The program is terribly impressive and indicates that the pros are extremely interested in the development of the next generation of professional reporters. Reporters and editors from some of the state's top dailies and professors from journalism school are all enthusiastically supporting the convention.

Journalism in high school was the first break for many of us who now labor on the Nebraskan. There was the mimeographed junior high school paper, which must now be yellowing somewhere in my pile of things I decided long ago never to throw away, but the glossy papered Islander was the big time. It's impossible to evaluate how much high school journalism classes helped. There is no doubt, however, that it is there that many begin

to adopt or discard the idea of journalism as a career.

Reporting is a field in which you never gain perfection. One day's or one week's edition is no more than to the press when you have to begin thinking about the next day's. You learn very early that reporting isn't like the movies, which is I believe the first thing that was told me by Arch Jarrell, editor of the Grand Island Daily Independent. (He's among those helping out with the convention.) Reporting also entails countless routine, what seems like endless rushing, and only now and then a by-line.

The most valuable lesson you learn from working with good journalists and on reputable papers is that facts are sacred. You can't be continually careless or negligent in gathering facts or you never get past calling the hospital for birth notices.

But how did I get to that? This is supposed to be a welcome, not a long dissertation on the practices and philosophy of journalism. Again, welcome to the high school journalists. And I'm sure they'll learn much from the convention. Journalists never stop discovering that there is more to learn.



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Conservative Estimate

By John Hoerner

Hurrah for the In-Effigy-Hangers, at the University of Houston that is.

A sign on a dummy prominently hanged at Houston U.

The coach doesn't need it. THIS IS THE STUDENT BODY!"

Reasons given were failure to support the rallies, failure to give support at the games, and failure to support a good football team in general.

Well at last one mob of dummy builders placed the blame a little bit closer to the mark.

One of the duties of the student council is to serve as ballot validators or judges at campus elections.

At the last election it seems that only four members out of 33 could make it.



Hoerner

Are the five "raiders" going to be punished... or is just one of them going to take the rap for the rest? The Lincoln police evidently aren't going to press charges.

Really though it was kind of funny, all that money and long hours of work going up in flames. Really makes you laugh when you stop to think about it. I wonder though if the four raiders who went free aren't laughing the loudest of all.

Amidst the tremblings and shakings of falling organizations and activities a newcomer rears its head.

Name: Student Apathy and Parasite League. Meetings are in the Crib on Wednesday night. Anyone interested is eligible to join but there is only one catch... come to a meeting and you're automatically out.

The campus beautification committee wants to remove the 27 parking spaces that block the view from Love Library to the coliseum—"a natural Mall" they called it. This isn't terribly shocking until you hear the advance-advance planners discussing the removal of all parking on campus.

Write your congressman or something before you come to class some morning and try to park in a reflecting pool with the goldfish or in a bed of flowering lobelia.

This question I hesitate to ask, it may cause some hurt feelings or raise a lot of rabble but here goes: "Why aren't there any windows in the back of the geography building?"

NU Studying 13 Counties' Leisure Likes

The University's Council for Community Study is gathering information about the leisure and recreational likes and dislikes of residents of 13 Kansas and Nebraska counties.

Questionnaires are being mailed to 4,000 residents picked at random. Dr. Richard Videbeck, assistant professor of sociology, and a crew of graduate students will visit the area next week to interview 100 to 125 individuals.

The survey will attempt to determine what park ends, Swanson and Strunk Lakes play in serving the recreational needs of the residents of the counties. From the survey, the University hopes to be able to suggest improvements, value of the lakes for recreational purposes and the lakes' use.

A \$12,000 grant from the National Park Service and the National Bureau of Reclamation is financing the survey.

YWCA Chaplain Workshop Set

A chaplain's workshop, sponsored by YWCA, will be held Sunday at Rosa Bouton Hall.

Beginning at 2 p.m., the workshop will feature Rev. Rex Knowles who will discuss the promotion of religion on campus. The group will review resources material for devotions and discuss problems and ideas. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome and chaplains of all organized houses are particularly urged to attend.



Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 300 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

All University Fund as it opens its drive on the Nebraska campus.

The worthwhile causes that will be aided by these monies deserve our very real concern and active effort. We individually pledge support and urge campus wide participation.

The slogan of the campaign, "We are giving not to AUF, but through AUF," has real meaning for every one of us. Here's hoping this will be another huge success.

Panhellenic Executive Council LYNNE MEYERS MARILYN PICKETT NANCY PRESTON

Queen Election

The Nebraskan this week carried an article about the revision of the Honorary Commandant election procedure. A vote of confidence should go to the ROTC department for allowing all-campus elections for this campus queen.

More important, it is finally an end to the old idea that if the finalists for any event are released beforehand that there will be too much politicking. Now an interested student will be able to find out about the different finalists and when he goes to the polls he will be able to cast his vote intelligently.

Hats off to the Military Ball committee and here is to the hope that some of the rest of the groups on campus use the same method.

Richard M. Tempero

AUF Support

Panhellenic, speaking for the 15 member groups, pledges its full support to the

Md. Parents, Teachers Hear Saylor

"The first prerequisite in planning programs of education for the new era is that we keep the doors of opportunity open to all children and youth."

This was the opinion of Dr. Galen Saylor, treasurer of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and chairman of the University department of secondary education. He spoke to the annual convention of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers in Baltimore, Md., Thursday.

Dr. Saylor suggested that a broad program be developed "with a varied approach to learning, with the learning activities for each child geared to his own individualized set of standards, so that he is called upon to stretch himself."

Democracy?

Dear Sir: Is this or is this not a democratic campus? We of the Women's residence Halls would like to express our doubts concerning this matter. Recently the question of electing dorm officers arose.

We were told that we could recommend nominees for offices, which we did. However, the girls we recommended were not placed on the election slate. We feel that this apparently deliberate neglect is due to prejudice on the part of housemothers, dorm counselors and the dorm director!

Who, by the way, are the ones who selected the girls for the election slate. We feel that our rights are being infringed upon. Everyone should be able to nominate any person of their choice. Discontented Dorm Residents

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