

Editorial Comment:

# Mayor Hopefuls Have Disappointing Planks

"Why don't you do something on the mayor's race," our friend said to us the other day.

"Why?" was our reply. "What interest has that for University students?"

"Oh, I don't know, but why don't you check up and find out how many University students are eligible to vote in the municipal elections?" replied our friend.

So we did, and came away a little surprised.

According to figures in the registrar's office, there are 500 married students on the campus. Add that to 2,000 Lincoln students and approximately 600 faculty men and their wives and that's quite a batch of votes.

Of course not all of these people have reached the voting age. But enough have the voting rights to make 1500 a fairly conservative estimate of the number of people who have a direct electoral interest in the May 5 elections.

Therefore, we decided to do a two part series on the two candidates for mayor, Bennett Martin and Pat Boyles.

So we hustled around and got the two platforms supported by the contestants. And that's about when disappointment set in.

Because neither of the two seemed to come to grips realistically with the problems of Lincoln.

As we see it, these problems are:

1.) The loss of industry from Lincoln. This is the most pressing problem the city faces in our opinion. The Western Electric plant cut down operations drastically this summer, releasing 800 employees out of a work force of approximately 1200. The Elgin watch works pulled out last spring, leaving about 460 more unemployed.

Both candidates skirt the issue. Martin supporters say he has aided industrial development by completing the Lincoln water system and asking for the creation of an airport authority. Boyles wants to lure industry with an up to date tax assessment system, whatever that entails.

But neither has suggested the creation of a Lincoln industrial site developed by the city, the appointment of a municipal committee to lure industry here or favorable tax adjustments for new industry on a long term basis. These devices have been used with notable success in other cities in the nation, and Columbus, Neb., follows a program along these lines with outstanding results.

To many Lincolmites, these may sound like drastic measures, but they were not too drastic to work elsewhere. All they need for success is some imaginative

planning and hard work.

2.) The condition of Lincoln's streets. Some good work has been accomplished along these lines recently. But as traffic continues to pound outmoded brick pavements and hastily constructed stopgap blacktop, the problem will be a continued one.

On this issue, Martin takes his strongest stand. He plans an 11 year improvement program with funds from the new wheel tax supplementing normal property tax revenues.

But Martin says nothing about city snow removal practices, which were a bit shoddy during last winter's storms. (Anybody with a Volkswagen had a hard time crossing O Street for a couple of days after each new heavy fall.)

Boyles counters with a request for a reappraisal of the street situation. He also wants "qualified" personnel in city administrative offices so that outside experts won't have to be hired to review city problems.

Neither of these suggestions offer anything concrete but it may be argued that nothing concrete can be done until the effectiveness of the present program has been appraised.

With property taxes what they are, an increase for street needs seems to us unwise at the present. The wheel tax is as good a solution as there is for the present, but it may take some time to ease the problem in this fashion. As for snow removal, the city presently has enough equipment to handle the problem well if it can be efficiently utilized.

There are many side issues involved including a couple that could be classed as major. These are sewers and parks. Neither side has anything likely to offer on these two questions.

Boyles says that new subdivisions ought to set aside land for parks and money for sewers. There is little likelihood that this could be done, but it is at least an idea.

These are the issues and our opinions of them. One further thing needs to be added:

Vote May 5.

## Confusion

Before the Letterpers in the Poly Sci department unlimber their typewriters, we'll say it ourselves.

Yes, Hubert Humphrey is a senator from Minnesota and not the former Secretary of the Treasury as we stated.

But George Humphrey was. Confusing, isn't it?

# from the Sideslines

By Gretchen Sides

Shades of Joe McCarthy!

Turn in your I-Go-Lenin buttons, boys and hide your last issue of Pravda. We may have a name-calling, issue-raising investigation designed to protect Democracy, Mother and all innocent little students.

I am referring, of course, to the resolution introduced in the State Legislature to investigate the hiring of the members of our law college. The resolution was introduced presumably because professor Merton Bernstein admitted once belonging to the Americans for Democratic Action. Other ambiguous statements also mentioned the participation of University professors in the Grandsinger and Fugate cases.

Said our Senators—

"For the benefit of the youth of Nebraska and to prepare their pureness in thinking, we must eliminate these left-wing-thinking educators."

Noticeably lacking is proof that there are left-wing-thinking educators in the University. For that matter, what is a left-wing-thinking educator? Let's come right out with it gentlemen, do you mean a communist educator? Or if not that extreme, just how far to the left are these educators you propose to investigate? After all, this is partly a relative thing. Extreme conservatives are still fighting Social Security and would condemn as leftist any person who claimed it wasn't a bad idea.

These same questions can apply to the ADA. If it is leftist, what does that mean—that it is a communist-front organization or merely is liberal in its views? And

does the mere membership of a man in that organization, a membership apparently so insignificant that he forgot it when first asked about the group, signify that he is automatically associated with its views—whatever they are.

And evidently it's not only that one man no, there have been black doings (or perhaps we should say red) in the whole darned law college. Quote, "Bernstein is not the only one."

The charges reduce themselves to such monuments to ambiguity, that it is difficult to discuss the whole affair without getting lost in a mish-mosh of words and innuendos. A definition of leftist would quite clearly help the whole matter. And then proof that these professors or Bernstein in particular did meet this definition and that he was in some way harming some poor little minds over in Law College might give more reasonable appearance to the affair. Perhaps something will come out at the hearing on the resolution.

Say, Beatnik—you've raised quite a bit of interest on the campus. I'll be waiting any old time to do a story on your philosophies, hatreds, complexes, anything you want to tell me about the group.

Either just come down to the Rag office or if you'd prefer we could hold a rendezvous in some more secluded spot—like the Union boiler room or any other place that has some of that old atmosphere.

Actually I do hope that Beatnik is still on campus. I received that letter some time ago and misplaced it in the pile of old Rags, copy paper, paste bottles and hot tips that masquerades as my desk.

## PEANUTS



## Mayor's Race:

# Boyles Is Storybook Candidate

By George Moyer

This is the second in a series dealing with Lincoln's candidates for mayor. The first was printed Wednesday.

Boyles is a 52 year old attorney for the First Federal Savings and Loan Company of Lincoln.



He is a graduate of the University Law School and his previous political experience includes service as Lancaster County deputy election commissioner.

Boyles' candidacy for mayor is a storybook affair that is a hallmark of the democratic principle that a citizen has a right to run for any elective office in spite of previous experience or absence of backing by any organized group.

Boyles was nominated by write-in vote in the city primary April 7. The day before, April 6, he had announced he would run if nominated by the write-in route. Although this left him no time to campaign for the nomination, he still polled approximately 1500 votes and actually carried two of the city's wards.

The campaign fact sheet distributed by Boyles supporters holds that Lincoln-

ites shouldn't spend money for additional services unless the funds come from other than the property tax; citizens should make sure the wheel tax money is being used for what it was intended; citizens should get prompt and impartial hearings from city officials on any matter; and responsible city department heads should be qualified to solve their problems without calling in highpriced outside experts.

The fact sheet does not mention Lincoln problems involving new sewage facilities, the street lighting program, new park and recreational facilities in the city and the loss of industry from the Lincoln area.

However, it is apparent that some thought has been given them.

Boyles wants an up to date tax assessment in Lincoln to attract new industry. He maintains that new subdivisions should donate land for new parks in their area and contribute more heavily tax wise to the installation of sewage facilities. This, he claims would free city funds for improvements in existing sewers.

Boyles also wants a reap-

praisal of the street repair and development system. The street lighting program, he claims is two years behind schedule.

He also attacks the practice of having closed city council meetings beginning at 1 p.m. with the open sessions beginning at 1:30 p.m. All city business should be transacted in the open, according to Boyles.

The final plank in the Boyles platform is an appeal to Lincoln voters to elect a mayor who has not been hand picked by the city council.

This is a reference to the fact that the last four Lincoln mayors have first been named by the city council to fill a vacancy and then have run for reelection at the end of the term they are filling.

The first of these mayors was Clarence Miles. He was followed by Victor Anderson, Clark Geary and the incumbent, Bennett Martin.

## Student Council:

# Teachers, Law, Dent Candidates Reviewed

(Editor's note—In an effort to encourage intelligent voting the Nebraskan has run a series of articles explaining the background of the Student Council candidates their views on important issues and election platforms. Statements of more than 50 words turned in by candidates have been condensed with the meaning retained.)

### Engineering

The following candidate's platform was left out of the series appearing in Wednesday's Nebraskan through our error. His platform was submitted on time.

Dennis Nelson, a sophomore, plays intramural football, basketball and swimming.

### Porcupines

Today is known as college jitter day. The reason is that every eligible junior is worrying about the Saturday selections of the Mortar Boards and Innocents.

The columnist is going to break precedent by naming the crystal ball Blue Sheet specials for this dubious honor. The Mortar Board selections include president, Nancy Spilker, vice-president, Karen Petersen, secretary, Gretchen Sides, treasurer, Sondra Whalen, historian, Polly Doering, publicity chairman, Diana Maxwell, Gretchen Saeger, Angie Holbert, Sally Downs, Karen Schuster, Sue-ann Schnabel, Marcia Boden, Dorothy Glade, Elizabeth Smith, Marilyn Pickett, Dorothy Hall, Linda Walt, and Helen Hockabout.

The Yellow Sheet Special picks the Innocents as David Godby, president Robert Blair, vice president, George Porter, secretary, Vern Feye, treasurer, Robert Paine, sergeant at arms, Larry Romjue, Jack Muck, Carroll Novicki, Robert Theede, Fred Bliss, Norman Rohlfing, Harry Tolly, and Jack Nielsen.

A crystal ball special is Sandy Kully Freed as the May Queen. All in all selections could have been much different in both organizations but the list is compiled from a great deal of political pull and strong leadership on the part of a few within the organizations.

Oh for the mask of Zorro.

Robert J. Prokop

Arts & Science Sec:

**KAREN DEMPSEY**  
Student Council

Cumulative Average 8.2.

Nelson feels that the whole student body should know what the Council is doing and that there should be no executive sessions of the Council. He will work to find an effective method of polling student opinion.

### Teachers College

Two representatives, at least one a woman.

Margaret Aikens; No information submitted.

Shirley Chab, a sophomore, is a member of Alpha Xi Delta, Tassels, University Singers and is secretary of UNSEA.

Cumulative average 6.5.

Miss Chab favors Daily Nebraskan representation on the Council to improve the effectiveness of Council publicity. She believes changes are necessary in campus organizations to keep student interest.

Patricia Johnson: No information submitted.

Kitzi Lee, a sophomore, is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She is a Builders assistant, AUF chairman and a member of French Club. Cumulative average 7.3.

Miss Lee favors a reading period before final exams, annual revision of the Council constitution, correction of ill-defined social regulations and longer library hours. She is a former member of the Mills College governing board.

Ray McCormick: No information submitted.

Barbara Kay Miles: No information submitted.

Roy Neil, a sophomore, is a member of Delta Tau Delta, Union Advisory Board and is a past gymnastics team member.

Cumulative average, 6.4.

Neil is running because he thinks the Council fails to tell students what's going on. He thinks students should know before, not after, what the Council intends to do. After soliciting student opinion he intends to present it to the faculty and administration so they will have it when formulating policy.

Nori Yost, freshman, is a member of Pi Beta Phi and Red Cross.

Cumulative average, 5.6. Miss Yost definitely believes in students governing their school, so she wishes to represent her school. Describ-

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**RON KAHLE**  
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to  
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**ROY COOK**

TO STUDENT COUNCIL

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