

Editorial Comments:

AUF Constitution Wording Causes Solicitation Question

Article II of the All University Fund constitution states that "No organization may be permitted to solicit for funds from the total student body of the campus without the permission and approval of AUF."

This statement has always seemed clear enough for the last five years of the constitution's existence. On April 7, the meaning of this clause became such an issue that AUF took the startling step of introducing an executive session into its usually staid run of meetings.

The question seems to be this: Does AUF approval mean that it approves of the requested permission to canvass or does it mean that AUF has an obligation to endorse a drive if it permits that drive?

A simple consideration that one of the reasons for AUF's existence is that it protects the campus from unwanted or too numerous canvasses in return for its campus-wide monopoly on solicitations demonstrates clearly that the distinction is more than a mere draftsman's quibble.

It is certainly incongruous that AUF at the first of every drive year takes elaborate precautions, polls and self-surveys before it picks the charities which are to be represented, but in the middle of the next semester it suddenly discovers that seemingly all that must be done in order that another drive be conducted is that AUF board members decide that the group wishing to solicit has a worthy cause.

Original members of the AUF constitutional group of 1954-55 undoubtedly thought

the matter was clear when they inserted under the heading of "Requirements for Solicitation" the following:

"All campus and off-campus organizations desiring to solicit money through the AUF must submit a request before the ensuing year and meet with the executive board before a deadline set by the executive board."

Such a statement would again seem to establish a clear criteria: There shall be no drives for any organization other than those set up after the student poll procedure at the first of the year.

Again the problem hinges on the ambiguous word—does "through" AUF merely mean with its sanction—since it is the only group that can sanction—or does it mean only those drives in which the full organization of AUF is to help?

Undoubtedly there are many constitutions on campus with far worse wording problems than AUF's and certainly AUF is to be commended for the fact that it was trying to rewrite its constitution before the controversy arose.

But in view of the important obligation that AUF has assumed in becoming the sole agency to protect the campus from unwanted solicitations and the sole agency to represent the many worthy charities, we can only hope that it will be able to quickly revise its constitution and make clearer its position on requests for additional drives beyond the annual efforts of AUF itself.

From the Editor's Desk:

It Seems to Me . . .

By Carroll Kraus

There's an art department head at Monterey Peninsula College in California whose talented pen is likely to take a swipe at any of us any time.

The teacher referred to is Dick Bibler, the creator of the "Little Man on Campus" cartoon series which graces the pages of this paper from time to time.

His annual repertoire of cartoons cuts wide swaths. His subjects, as readers may have noticed during the last couple of semesters, are students in general, Greeks, the athlete, professors and administrators.

His favorite classes seem to be Marriage and Family Relationships, English, and Chemistry—where all sorts of calamities happen, mostly centering around another blunder by Worthal, his "Little Man" and central figures in the cartoon.

Other favorites for jibes are student unions, advisers, libraries, daters and dating habits.

On the latter subject, and on cartoons centering around the marriage and family relationship classes, Bibler sometimes runs into trouble, with his moderately risque cartoons. One letter he received said, "We have no policy at all, but don't send cartoons showing any beer, sex, or any with smoking in them; also we don't want cartoons that poke fun at our faculty or administration."

It must have been a king-sized job to suit that paper. But on the other hand, I'm sure Bibler delighted in another letter which asked, "We have a very liberal policy here—send your sexiest cartoons," and "... let the faculty and administration have it."

Bibler and his wife Carolyn go through the yearly agony of trying to select the best and funniest cartoons to be released on the unsuspecting college student during the coming school year.

About 20 per cent of the year's work is thrown out for various reasons, largely the letters of opinion from student editors and faculty advisers.

Bibler has been turning out the cartoons since 1946, when Worthal—the buck-toothed, down-trodden little man who is continually late for classes, flunking biology and appearing to be heading for graduation by the process of osmosis—slipped out of the Bibler pen.

His cast of principals has been built up during the years to include exam-happy Prof Snarf, shapely Louise and Dean Bel-

lows. New character on the way is "Rugpad," a thoroughly beat froshnik who in one cartoon informs an English teacher that he doesn't dig "this jazz of bugging us froshniks with the termsville of this crazy foreign language bit."

With "Little Man" in 350 newspapers last year in all 50 states, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico, college humor is beginning to become synonymous with Bibler. And what better kind of humor is there?

Census takers completed most of their work yesterday and will be able to rest for another 10 years.

And for a lot of them, I'm sure they're glad they don't have to make nose-counting an annual chore.

The lady who canvassed most of the campus residences was pretty patient but very conscientious of getting all the facts on who is living where.

After no less than three trips to 519 No. 16th, several telephone calls and advising that destroying census sheets was illegal (according to the U.S. Supreme Court, no less), she happily called up again Thursday to inform us the census was complete.

The census takers are generally pretty demanding about getting their information. Perhaps there is a clause saying their pay will be docked if they don't get forms returned from all their appointed rounds.

Sitting at home during vacation one afternoon watching television, someone knocked. I opened the door, and immediately a middle-aged woman flashed a lapel card in my face.

"Census taker," she says.

"Oh," I says, "come in."

Enter lady, quickly sitting down in soft chair. No interest in television program (A Day in Court).

Census form presented to her, I uneasily resumed my seat.

"Your name isn't listed," I was informed.

"No," I said, "I don't live here."

Silence.

"I mean I'm going to school and am living in Lincoln."

That was the end of the conversation and also the end of the TV program. The lady made her final notes, closed her official looking books, straightened her lapel card, got up, and exited without a word.

It's things like that that make it hard to keep a straight face while being a good citizen.



UCLA Hikes Rates— NU Not Only University With Parking Problems

Loyalty oaths, academic freedom and the "crisis in education" aren't the only problems facing American universities today. Parking problems are more than abundant. The problem at the University has been up for much discussion recently in the Student Council and also has been the subject of much discussion at the University of California at Los Angeles.

But after months of rumors, the New York Times reports, U.C.L.A. Chancellor Vern O. Knudsen has announced that the University's parking fee would be raised from \$10 to \$50 next fall. (The NU Student Council has discussed paving the Selleck Quadrangle parking lot with higher parking fees or the use of parking meters suggested to offset the cost.)

The fee-raising problem at UCLA has brought into focus once again what the

Conservative Estimate

By John Hoerner

More than 40 students apply for seven positions. What is it that warrants such a show of enthusiasm from students who have been sometimes termed apathetic and downright lazy?



The Student Tribunal members present and previous are certainly to be congratulated on their success in bringing this much criticized body into a secure position enjoying the respect of the students.

They chose the hardest and wisest possible course of action in the face of criticism which usually always results with the formation of a new organization, especially one with as much power as the Tribunal.

They decided what they thought was right (I refer to closed hearings, rules of procedure, etc.) and they went ahead and did it.

In one instance, a case was referred to the Tribunal which the members felt was not within their jurisdiction—on this they stood firm even though the University went ahead and dealt with the case.

Certainly there is room for improvement of the Tri-

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Nebraska Scene

Editor's Note: The following was written by a Washington University (St. Louis, Mo.) student after a recent trip to Nebraska. His first view of the state is a rather harsh one.

To the Editor:

I rode toward Omaha entirely devoid of prejudices concerning Nebraska or Nebraskans. In fact it was with some eagerness that I anticipated Falls City as nothing stronger than water can be served on a train crossing Nebraska's southern neighbor.

Falls City introduced me to the state with its ramshackle buildings hovering close to the railroad track and black mud covering every object. As the train pulled north I wondered increasingly if there were any paved roads in the state and if all the cars covered with mud and mired in the ditch represented the usual spring scene.

Evidently the farm to market road campaign had passed by Nebraska when Missourians voted to take Missouri out of the mud back in 1928.

My doubts about the state received additional confirmation as the train pulled into Omaha. However we did come by train and what city appears a garden spot from a railroad train?

Later I found that there is little in the way of public transportation in Omaha. I hailed a cab for the reportedly short trip to Benson. Some time later after hitting every chuckhole in the city and noting the coating of black grim that covered everything I arrived at my destination secure with all the knowledge the cab driver had imparted about the city.

After cleaning up and changing from my mud-spattered clothes the rest of the evening we talked Nebraska politics. My host was proud to tell me that Nebraskans paid less taxes than residents of any other state.

My thought was that from the quality of the municipal amenities I had observed I wondered if taxes were collected at all. I was frankly amazed that no one seemed to have any ambition for the state in terms of the basic services and amenities of living.

I had never seen a place so completely bypassed of the phenomena of the mid-20th century. It seemed as though even the newspapers were opposed to establishment of the fundamental services of an industrial civilization.

John G. Roach



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