

EDITORIAL OPINION

Open House Program Needs New Twist

Somewhere in the ebb of suggestions, proposals and investigations passing before Student Council this year, the idea of an All University Open House lies buried.

Perhaps the Council did lack funds to conduct the program. Perhaps the number of people involved would prove too unwieldy.

At present, Builders is the only student organization on campus designed to act as a public relations service for Nebraska U.

Members of the Student Council are supposedly the leaders in any school or college. High school students would undoubtedly respect opinions from such leaders of our campus if they were to tour state secondary schools.

This idea may not be a sufficient replacement for an Open House. It is easier to "sell" our product, the University, when prospective students come to us.

A Liberal View

By Herb Probasco

At the risk of appearing overly critical and repetitious. I find it necessary to comment on the most recent development in the Student Council (that is, most recent except for the proposal that the Council build an all-campus Christmas display in front of the Student Union).

Faculty evaluation by students is not a new idea. It has come up before, both at the University and on other campuses.

In years past, the student voice has been the loudest when the academic freedom of a faculty member is being discussed. I refer to the C. Clyde Mitchell and Merton Bernstein cases as two of the most recent examples where students have jumped to the support of a professor, because they felt he was being denied his rights.

Before the Council committee which is studying the possibilities of an evaluation goes any further, it should be proved beyond reasonable doubt that there exists a definite need for such a program.

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'JUST A BUMP!'

Spirit Can Hardly Match The Size of the Election

By Eric Sevareid

Last Tuesday night's drama wrung out the spectators as well as the principals. In the gray early hours of Wednesday, when these words are being written, the spirit can hardly match the size of the event.



Sevareid

You have done an astounding thing, considering that your face and name were obscure until one night in the Chicago stockyards four years ago. But perhaps this is astounding only in traditional terms.

Anyway, the country has not responded to what you were, did or did not do in the past. In your case the country considered the past "a bucket of ashes."

Like political writers, I am a romantic at heart; belief in heroes is my secret vice. It has been bad form in recent years to reveal this particular vice.

On its face, the vote seems to say that half the country is against you. I don't think it is. You have too much thrust to be intimidated by the statistical result, anyway.

On its face, the divided vote gives you no mandate. Forget about that, Lincoln was a minority president; so was Truman.

date, and a whole Congress is there to witness and endorse your signature.

On the face of the divided vote, half the country wants to "move forward" as you have put it in a manner that makes even the emptiest cliches seem bursting with meaning.

Actually, the country wants to go somewhere, it just doesn't know the address it has in mind. It knows it wants something different but doesn't know how to label it.

I am persuaded that you are one of the men in politics, one of those who want position in order to do something with power.

So the place ought to be jumping for months to come. Covering Washington in recent years has been a bit like covering an endless convention of certified public accountants.

It's strange how the world's image of America always becomes the image of the single individual who sits in the White House. So you can't create a new image of America until your own image is completed.

Under the Letterip headline your policy reads, "Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name."

Just A Thought

By Dave Calhoun

It's a pity more people couldn't have seen the Talent Show presented Sunday evening at the Student Union.

It was so nice to see University entertainment, with fresh, virtually unknown talent going through their routines for the enjoyment of the audience.

As in any production, the Talent Show took up a lot of time with practices, try-outs and final polishing. Let's hope the final benefits are provided for the entertainers.

Last year, a similar show was presented by University students, with the end result being a proposed tour of big Eight campuses. The idea was to merge the cream of the crop from each of the Big Eight schools and tour the campuses with this review.

But, alas, like so many other dreams, this one fell through and the Nebraska

entertainers had to be satisfied with the routine trips to state institutions, the University excluded.

It should be pointed out that the cancellation of the trip was not because the Nebraska troupe didn't fulfill their part of the bargain. It seems Nebraska was the only campus in the Big Eight to have enough spirit to have a talent show. It was the other members of the conference who failed.

This year, however, the dream may become a reality. According to Bill Connell, chairman of the Student Union Special Activities Committee, the entire group hopes to be able to take a regional tour including Kansas, Kansas State and Iowa State campuses.

Each and every participant of the Show deserves loud applause for their performances. Let's hope they get a chance to take their Nebraska talent to other schools.

Gossip Column

By Leon Gosip

To Neil Ferguson: c-o Phi Kappa Psi; Dear Neil:

Regarding your request for suggestions on the Christmas Display: Flush it, buddy.

This Student Council project (the latest of many to come out of the mouths of babes) is as ridiculous as any seen on this campus in many a moon. What could be more revolting than a bunch of half-crooked students sipping cider and putting a ho-ho-ho Santa Claus in front of the Student Union!

He knows as well as everyone else around here that the only ones who would help erect the Santa would be eager little activity girls and clods. So, I repeat, forget the whole idea and do something worth while.

Like abolishing the All-University Fund. In the first place, why should we contribute to the World University Service, which is backed by the National Student Association, an organization infamous in past years for its control by Reds?

Or is the council afraid we aren't such great shakes as a school?

and don't work, you're hitting your old man for the dough, and he, the poor guy, is also paying through the nose out in Oshkosh.

This hypersensitive Student Council, which doesn't want to get its nose wet doing anything decent for the benefit of the university could be writing a resolution condemning the Regents for hiking the tuition.

It could be out raking the as yet unpaved parking lots. It could be lobbying for five cent coffee in the already too expensive Union chow lines.

But no. It seems content to sit on its sitters and say, "Oh, that's a fine idea, Jack. Let's rack the worthwhile campus organizations." "Thanks, Judy, and your idea about a huge Easter Egg in front of Love Library will be great guns, too."

Why is it that the Student Council vetoed the idea of an All-University Open House? I'll tell you why. It's too much work, and they'd rather rah-rah than dig in. Or better yet, the faculty doesn't want to get involved in an experiment when the big load of work would be on the shoulders of a bunch of Christmas Decorations "experts".

If the Council wants to talk about a project that "all the campus can work together on", then do something worth while, like this open house thing, which could be a State Fair for NU. What's wrong with showing off the products of a great state University?

Nebraskan Letterip

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Hoerner Replies To 'Shortfellow'

To the editor:

The Student Council legislation concerning student organizations which has currently been receiving so much publicity and comment is the work of the entire council.

The procedure was passed unanimously three times by this year's council and was set up by unanimous vote of last year's council.

As long as this legislation remains in effect it is my job as an officer of the Council to see that it is enforced and I intend to do so. H. W. Shortfellow notwithstanding.

JOHN HOERNER VICE PRESIDENT

Asks Comment On Letterip Policy

To the editor:

Under the Letterip headline your policy reads, "Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name."

Would you be good enough to comment on your interpretation of this policy. It is my personal feeling that the recent letters signed by "Facts", "Council Member", and "H. W. Shortfellow" were not only

critical of individuals but were pretty well ill-informed and unfounded. Shouldn't these have been signed with the author's name?

JOHN HOERNER

A clarification of the Letterip policy appears at the head of this column today.

Ohio State Takes Poll on Classics

Ohio State University's newspaper, the Lantern, polled students recently on their knowledge of the classics and found that the one book almost all were familiar with was Charles Darwin's "The Origin of Species."

Other survey results: —Almost all knowledge the average student has about the classics stems from being confronted with them in the classroom—more specifically, in college.

—Few had read French and Spanish masterpieces, indicating, the writer felt, that though isolationism may have left the United States political scene, it still reigns unshaken in the field of education.

—Many OSU students requested copies of the poll questionnaire because it made a good reading list.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



HE'S NOT REALLY HARD UP FOR PAPER - IT'S JUST RUGGADO'S WAY OF SUGGESTING YOU TAKE MORE TIME IN PREPARING FOR YER LECTURES.