EDITORIAL OPINION

Electoral Reform Has Its Merits

Across the country, charges of voting frauds are being investigated, with irregularities being found in many instances.

The campaign is being led by Republicans in several states, Illinois being the most prominent, with the investigation there centered around Cook County, which includes Chicago.

A group of political scientists meeting in Texas were of the general opinion that Vice President Nixon probably had won the election but lost because of some fast dealing election judges who were partial to the Kennedy-Johnson ticket.

Dead people were discovered to have voted and other flagrant violations of the voting laws are being charged by GOP leaders, of whom Nixon is not one. There will not be a reversal of the national election, of course, no matter whether enough errors are found to give Nixon the electoral vote. The Republicans hope to gain stricter enforcement of state voting laws through their moves.

Whether there is a case for electoral reform is difficult to ascertain, as the same charges might have been made by Democrats if Kennedy had been edged in the Nov. 8 election. We don't favor national voting laws as we doubt if this would do anything but add salt to the wound. We do urge, however, a sound and thorough review by the state courts of their respective laws, so that future charges will not be heard.

Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. They may be submitted with a pen name or initials. However, letters will be printed under a pen name or initials only at the editor's discretion. Letters should not exceed 200 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writers views.

Criticizes Boroff's Reviews of Union Film

To the editor:

In order to do justice to Bergman's beautiful "Wild Strawberries," it is necessary to peer deeper into the movie than did the illustrious cinema critic, so hastily employed by the Rag. First of all, some primary mistakes of Mr. Boroff. The "examiner" in the trial scene is not the disagreeable husband from the wrecked Volkswagen. Rather, he is a completely new character. The charge is not incompetency, but rather is "guilt," ie, the Doctor is guilty of the most heinous crime of mankind, that of not being human. His God-like aloofness is criticized by Bergman throughout the movie.

Mr. Boroff apparently missed the central Freudian concepts which are the vehicles in which the theme of the movie is expressed. For instance, the dreams reveal to Borg his lack of human qualities. Thus, the dreams are weird and frightening to him in his waking moments. These dreams reveal the pulsations of his id, less controlled by the ego than during his waking hours. Thus, the guilt is the guilt of rationalizing that which his dreams revealed to him.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Boroff completely missed the theme of the movie. Anyone should understand that the movie was about Borg's rebirth, rather than about "what one thinks of life when one is about to leave left." Was Mr. Boroff so naive to suppose that the childhood scenes were merely nice little memories which pleased an old man? Hardly! These scenes symbolized the old man's subconscious attempts to "return to the womb." Borg is exonerated of his guilt when he realizes that he has been wrong in his intellectual aloofness. His dreams take on meaning when the doctor states "he sees an all pervasive logic," which at least some of the viewing audience noticed. This explains why the savage birds in his earlier dreams are transformed into twittering spring-time birds in the last dream. The final dream can only mean that at last Borg accomplished his rebirth. There are so many other aspects of this movie which should have been reported in a "mature" movie review that this writer can only assume that the title "Inside View" means that Mr. Boroff was inside the theater, and nothing else.

James P. Anderdorf

Young Republican Replies to Editorial

To the editor:

In your editorial yesterday you asked the question: Since when has it been the American tradition to resist the desires of the majority?

I would like to ask: Since when has it NOT been the American tradition to "resist the desires of the majority and to let the minority speak?

I agree that President elect Kennedy, when he becomes President, deserves the support of all the people. But this is general support. It is not automatic agreement and support for each and everyone of his programs, ideas, and policies.

It is a fundamental right in this country that you can voice your opinion, work for its acceptance, and resist the acceptance of opposing opinions, even if they are the opinions of the "majority." That's why we have two parties, special interest groups, lobbyists, etc.

If Mr. Nixon had won the election by one half of one per cent, would you support the desires of the majority?

Even so distinguished a Democrat as Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia stated in a letter to Senator Clark: "Taken in its entirety, I regard the Chester Bowles so-called Democratic platform as being radical, or as leading to socialism, and as being fiscally irresponsible."

Even the Democrats are not in complete agreement about the goodness of Mr. Kennedy's ideas. Why can't some Republicans get together in a "resistance movement" to resist the desires of the majority if they want to?

A Young Republican

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Or Else

By John Else

The purpose of the Student Council is to serve the students. If the purpose of this institution is education, then how can the Student Council best serve the interests of those it represents? Surely it does not exist merely to take care of administrative details — if so there would be little reason to elect the "cream of the University crop" to do such menial tasks. How a bunch of top-notch University students (and I am beginning to have doubts) can edure discussing for 30 minutes whether to have two polling places or one for voting for Honorary Commandant is more than can be comprehended. If this is how the Council chooses to spend its time, then indeed it cannot afford to take the time to take stands on state or national issues which effect the students of the issues studied and published in order that students may be aware of issues of vital importance to them and be able to discuss them intelligently with fellow students and officials.

Students have been the prophetic voice of our nation on many occasions; because of freedom from social pressures which require conformity, because of the opportunity to let imaginations led to dynamic solutions, and because of the concentration of intellect and imagination which the environment provides, college students have produced guidelines for the future many times. We of this University can neglect this potential, thus neglecting our duty to our nation as well as to the very purpose of this institution, **OR ELSE** we can, as Heidegger would say, live an "authentic existence" in relation to and in fulfillment of our potentialities.

Other colleges are meeting the challenge; in fact, the challenge to our Student Council has come from another college wanting it to give support to one side or the other in a struggle for academic freedom, which has been endangered by the actions of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Our Council has tabled a motion to act upon the issue. The college which has sent the challenge may not be a state institution as is our own, but many precedents have already been set by state institutions in taking stands on similar issues. Finally, the challenge has hit squarely and cannot be easily brushed aside—whether its purpose is to act as an administrative machine or as a body which leads and challenges the uniques type of citizenry which it serves.

(But perhaps it is best we remain as we always have — in the Nebraska tradition. After all, the election to Student Council might have to be based on something besides beauty, popularity or IFC backing. If elections were based on issues, it might create an added and bothersome need for intelligence! Oh, mommy, come and take me home — you said my good looks and "pull" could get me anything; now they want intelligence, too.)

Thone Will Speak At YR Meeting

Charles Thone, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, will speak to the Young Republicans at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The meeting time has been changed to 7 p.m. for the remainder of the year to avoid conflicts with other University activities.

According to Jan Rhoda, YR president, several important items given to the executive committee will be presented as motions for the group to consider.

AUF Exec Posts Open

Applications for All University Fund executive board are due Thursday.

They may be obtained and returned to 345 Student Union where interview times will also be posted.

Interviews will be held Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. and will not last longer than 20 minutes.

Positions on the executive board include president, vice president of solicitations, vice president of publicity, secretary and financial director.

All applicants must have a 5.0 accumulative average, one year's experience in All University Fund, and conform to the University eligibility requirements.

A slate will be presented at the AUF meeting on Dec. 15, at which time nominations from the floor will be in order.

Gosip Column

By Leon Gosip

The news of the week centers around the Military Ball and the invasion of a student's car by a campus police officer.

This column has gone over the Military Ball with a white glove and has come to the conclusion that it's just what it makes itself out to be, i.e., the original cornball.

The invasion of the student's car, however, is a more serious matter and, rightly so, has generated a great amount of discussion in this newspaper.

To settle the question, however, perhaps the offended student should hire a lawyer, sue the policeman, or his superiors, and get a judgment right here in good ole Nebraska. There is nothing more theoretical than what might happen in a given legal action. This column certainly doesn't know.

Of interest this week is the Teachers College study of its program in light of the National Council for Accreditation of Teachers' Education. I find such studies a waste of taxpayers time and money.

Considering the length of the program as projected by one Teachers College chap, I wonder what the college proposes to include in its study. Can you imagine spending over a year to find out what you are doing?

Things would be a lot easier if the Dean sent every teach a little note asking him (or her) to write out, legibly, if possible, just what his (or her) duties are and how he fulfills them. Then all the educational headshrinkers can sit around a polished table and hash over the results. Be they good or bad, the Teachers College will always be the Teachers College, unfortunately. (Perhaps even comments like this will be included in the "criticism of the college" section of the report.)

I believe in slicing red tape whenever possible. Perhaps that accounts for my aversion to the military (which always discovers ten or fifteen harder ways to do things than necessary); and to Teachers College and administration, etc. When Parkinson was here last year he outlined the reasons why such inefficiency results, i.e., because there are more hours and more people, ergo, more goldbricking.

Committees have become the number one way by which to stall progress. Not invariably, of course, but as a matter of history.

Noticed some joy over the story a bout Harvard students aiding Negro girls enrolled in New Orleans schools. At a distance such brotherly love seems beautiful. But this school and its institutions could well apply some homespun brotherly love.

How many Negroes belong to fraternities or sororities?

It's not that these organizations don't have a right to be exclusive. It's just that once you put on the cloak of righteousness, you should make sure it doesn't smother you. Ask any of the "exclusive" corps about this local integration and he'll smile and say, "Well, we just don't do that sort of thing around here."

That's the kind of person whose home I would like to enter just to direct-dial Binghampton, N.Y.

UCLA Faculty Recommends Refusal of Loans

LOS ANGELES, CAL. (UPS) — The UCLA faculty academic senate has recommended that the University of California refuse National Defense Education Act (NDEA) student loans until the disclaimer affidavit is repealed.

The recommendation was made by 64 per cent of the faculty through mail ballots; however, "This is in no way to be interpreted as official action by the University," stated Dr. Earl Griggs, vice chairman of the senate.

The affidavit compels students applying for grants or fellowships under the NDEA to attest to their loyalty before they can qualify for federal funds.

Basis for faculty opposition to the affidavit is that it is required only of students and not of other groups applying for federal aid.

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