

EDITORIAL OPINION

Voting Privileges On Campus Too

"Time: Nov. 1, 1961. Place: University of Nebraska. Occasion: Announcement of the 1961 homecoming queen!

"Hear Ye, Hear Ye! The Daily Nebraskan announces the selection of the 1961 homecoming queen by special order of Ye Old Administration Committee on Beauty Queens. She is none other than Grinnelda Grunch!"

"Miss Grunch's appointment came after extensive deliberation by the University administrators. However, we point to the fact that only two girls were nominated by the University Nominations Committee."

Needless to say, the above account is purely fiction. But, may we learn a lesson from this little story? We think so.

Today is a red-letter day on the campus. Especially for 10 campus coeds competing for homecoming queen. We are not endorsing any candidate. We are, however, supporting the right to vote. It matters not whom you vote for; only that you exercise this right inherent in our democratic society.

In the past the turnout for all-University elections has been poor. In defense of some students we might point out that advance publicity has not always been up to par. However, there have been and there are sufficient polling places today. Today there is no excuse for anything less than a good majority of student vote.

We wonder what the typical reaction would be today if (as in our fictitious story) the University administrators decided to abolish the Student Council, the Student Tribunal, all other student organizations which have a voice in all campus matters plus the right to vote. Needless to say we would experience the largest full-scale riot ever seen on this campus.

The fact remains that we are all free to vote today for any one of the candidates in contention. Within the next four years, the majority of students will qualify as legal voters within this state and this nation. Certainly if we do not vote today we may forget to vote in the future. Make up your own mind. Choose a candidate for any one of a million reasons and then cast your ballot.

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Letterip

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Nuclear Tests Pollute Air

To the Editor:

It is felt by many that Russia's recent act of immorality, exploding large nuclear bombs in the atmosphere, is an outright act against all humanity.

It is not the fact that the Russians have these super-bombs that is of major consequence, but the fact that they are being tested in the atmosphere.

According to Pauling, the fallout from this bomb that the Russians have exploded will cause 40,000 cases of cancer; mostly sarcoma. He also states that the (1) recent blast (30 plus megatons) will be responsible for 40,000 defective babies in the next few generations.

The possibility that our children and our children's children shall have to bear the stigma of these inhuman acts and the fact that some will be "genetic misfits" is to us sickening beyond reproach.

You will probably say to yourself that by percentages this is a rather significant figure. But is it?

It is probably safe to assume that the number of people that would be affected by this radiation would well exceed 40,000 persons. Whereas the amount of radiation required to kill is 600 radiation units; the amount required to affect the genes is infinitely small.

Some authorities state that the amount of radioactive fallout from the bombs dropped up through 1958 is still rising and will not reach its peak until approximately 1967. Add to this the recent blasts by the Russians and you can readily see that the fallout is not just a temporary problem. And with this ever increasing amount of fallout the majority of our future generations may well be threatened.

If the Russians are to continue these outrageous acts of immorality we feel that it is within the rights of the free world to declare war. Here you may say that we are contradicting ourselves by saying we should jeopardize all humanity for the

sake of our future generations. In reality we have only three choices, unless terms of peace are agreed upon. These are 1) the degeneration of the human race, 2) a nuclear war with Russia or 3) Communist domination of the entire world.

If we cannot guarantee the health, welfare and normality of our children, our present generation is of no avail and all our previous acts to maintain liberty will have been wasted.

If peace becomes impossible what choice would you make?

To become slave of the communistic doctrine, war, or to have your children bear the stigma of our cowardice. R. A. B.

Rag Columnist Under Fire

This letter is in reference to the editorial written on October 16, by Cloyd Clark in which he attempts to downgrade the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

Evidently Mr. Clark does not realize why the center was created. He asks, "... what does the student who pay \$132 to attend the University of Nebraska receive from the pile of bricks and mortar on the Ag Campus?" and then answers, "Just about nothing!" This is ridiculous. The center's full name states its purpose and why the undergraduate finds little to concern him at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education. The purpose of the center is to be an adult link to education for this area, to provide a place where non-college people can go to learn. It is not a glorified student union, which seems to be what Mr. Clark wants.

Also Mr. Clark implies that fees of the students of the University of Nebraska are being used to support the center. This idea is entirely incorrect because it was made clear when the Center was planned that it was to be an entirely self-supporting institution. Student fees never have been used to support the Center for Continuing Education.

Respectfully, Robert Basoco



"SAY, THIS IS KEEN FUN."

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The University

Activity Reform Begins

By Tom Eason



This column draws on the experience of an Alumni Innocent and fading BMOC to state a few glaring faults in the University's complex activity system.

Miss Ann Moyer's fine column of Oct. 13th summed up the advantages to the individual of activity participation. The open letter published Monday from 13 sorority activities chairmen summarized well the problem of organizational effectiveness. Read these two sources and think if you want the general picture. Here are some specifics.

INNOCENCEMANIA

Overtly or covertly, some Nebraska men are driven by a fierce desire to become members of the Innocents Society. This desire is conceived and nourished by organized men's houses throughout the campus. Most of this idiocy is the fault of the Society. It is senseless to believe that the limited membership rule can lead to anything except intense competition. Organizations such as Kosmet Klub and Student Council have become "musts" for the ambitious man; good men are inevitably rejected. In the happy glow of a prestigious position, no Society to date has paused to analyze and remedy the situation. The Mystic Thirteen should grow with the campus.

PARTICIPATION

Any formal rule or informal "understanding" which forces a man or woman to join one or more activities is self-defeating. Houses can try to awaken interest in activities and make it convenient for students to join. A push is helpful and often necessary. But no activity at all is preferable to the undirected floundering of a coerced freshman who does not have the interest. Any house which believes that requiring its pledges or members to join up is in the best interests of students and the University is dead wrong.

PERENNIAL PARALYSIS

Perennial paralysis is my term for the stagnation which is present when groups continue programs of previous years that have outlived their usefulness. Two examples may help indicate my meaning. The All University Fund continues its insane selection of an activities queen. IWA spends more hours per year selling Christmas cards than it does helping independent women. It is

Staff Views

All Right!!

By Mike McClean

I can't help but feel that Bill Jennings and company are a fine football team. Jennings is a successful recruiter and has some extremely able football players that could play on anybody's team. In my opinion, Nebraska also has an intangible that many coaches long for. I have never seen a Nebraska team give anything less than 100 per cent. They have had opportunities and reasons to hedge; the fact remains that they haven't. This is a reflection on both the players and Jennings and his staff.

Why, then haven't the Cornhuskers been more successful? The reason is that they haven't been able to sustain anything against anybody. Jennings is using a wide open offense with good material, but the Cornhuskers have scored only two times in the last three games.

Nebraska's line can spring runners like Rudy Johnson, Willie Ross and Bill Thornton loose against teams like North Dakota and Kansas State, but that just doesn't work

against teams like Syracuse and Missouri. And, teams of that latter quality make up the majority of the Huskers schedule. I am sure that Bill Jennings would like to know the reason why Nebraska lacks consistency; so would the rest of the state.

Nebraska will always be dangerous. Talent and desire such as reside in Memorial Stadium could murder almost anyone on a good day. I think they may make shambles of some Orange Bowl dreams yet.

But the Huskers will never be a league or national power, no matter how competitive they are, until they are coached into a consistency that doesn't depart inside the 20 yard line or whenever "Thunder" is stopped.

I'll stick with Jennings and the fighting Huskers all the way. I certainly hope that Bill can find the answer he is looking for, and soon. The team certainly deserves a better fate than that which has befallen it so far this season.

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