

Stormy, Smooth, Passion, Conflict

Council Execs Still Have A Job To Do—And Do It

Editorial
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Meet your Student Council executives — Steve Gage, Jim Samples, Don Witt, Al Plummer, Sukey Tinan.

Sometimes stormy, sometimes smooth — from the impassioned controversy over the National Student Association to the allocation of funds for a turtle race entry — YOUR Council executives do their job, and do it well.

Not too long ago, could heightened interest and heated controversy have led the Council president to call a special semi-closed session to let members organize their thoughts?

Leading the Council through its first year on a new basis of organization, Steve Gage has seldom hesitated to treat people rough, when the course of action made it necessary.

Rough but not stubborn, not unwilling to listen to another's reasoning, Steve's most valuable contribution to Council has been his leadership — a combination of enthusiasm with intelligence.

He has been a different kind of president. As a chosen associate on the executive council noted, "his leadership has not only concerned the structure of the Student Council, but also ideologically."

More than once President Gage has stepped down from wielding his gavel to participate actively in the debates.

"As chairman of the exec council," said one of his associates, "Steve is very perceptive of people's abilities—he can fit the right people in the right places."

Another of Steve's associates pointed up his ability to maintain good relations between administration, faculty, and the Council.

As an individual, he has largely been able to do this through his personal accom-

plishments. Recognition of those accomplishments came when Steve was named the "Outstanding Nebraskan" last semester.

Believing that the Council should be more concerned with national and international affairs — particularly when they affect students—Steve spearheaded the move to the public issues area. "He believes the university student's world should not end with the campus boundaries," explained an associate. "He feels we should take stands on issues concerning students outside our own community."

Not afraid of controversy, Steve's goal has been to build a good Student Council, not just make friends.

But through his sincere efforts, President Gage has earned many friends — and the respect of all.

First Vice-President Jim Samples also serves as chairman of the judiciary committee and as a member of the commencement committee and the committee on student organizations — a long list of responsibilities.

And an exec council associate had a much longer list of Jim's qualifications. He quickly cited Jim's great interest in Council, his "wisdom and forethought as shown in his actions," and his "tremendous personality."

Quiet and unassuming, Jim analyzes — consenses — then presents with a well-planned statement.

"He's not mouth before thought," commented one associate. Jim's ideas and viewpoints are among the most respected of any Council member.

Glance back through copies of the Daily Nebraskan—Jim speaks on just about every issue. "He speaks once—but his view is usually one of the most persuasive and

illuminating," said an associate.

His toleration of other viewpoints, and his treatment of people of other views with utmost consideration reflect a friend's statement of his philosophy — "To Jim, a fully responsible student must be aware of what's going on, and he must try to make a contribution to his university."

"Jim's main contribution has been through Student Council."

When others might hesitate, he never fails to bring up what he feels might be important. Then those others — follow his lead.

Trouble-shooter Don Witt, Second Vice-President of the Council, heads one of the toughest Council committees — the elections committee.

He's kidded a lot about "murdering the English language" — such as "a couple of pairs of two people" to work an election shift, but he gets his ideas across. He's working now on revision of election by-laws with the goal of stricter enforcement of election rules.

As director of the Council associates program, Don has worked hard at solving another knotty problem.

To Al Plummer, senior hold-over member of the exec council, "A man doesn't have to talk all the time to show a great benefit to the community."

And without wasting words or efforts, Al tackles the toughest problems. When problems developed concerning the Big Eight Student Government Association convention here over Christmas vacation, Al took over smoothly and efficiently as chairman of the convention.

Chairman of the nominating committee and a member of the judiciary committee, Al is a combination man — meticulous in working out projects, he keeps the overall idea in the fore.

Tabbed on the campus as "murder on an interviewing panel", Al is a strong, out-



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Three members of this year's Student Council executive council (from left) Al Plummer and Sukey Tinan, senior hold-over members, and Don Witt, second vice-president.

going personality. He jokes, but he knows where things have to stop.

An "outstanding worker who can always be depended on for generous help and selfless devotion" — that's Sukey Tinan, says a close associate.

A senior hold-over member of exec council, Sukey's projects have included the Council associates program with Don Witt, the PBESGA convention with Al Plummer, and

special secretary on the judiciary committee with Jim Samples.

"I don't think she's ever said 'No' to helping someone," said an associate. "Anything that needs to be done, just ask Sukey—she'll do it gladly."

One associate tried hard to describe Sukey's personality — "she's sparkling . . . sincere . . . honest . . . very outgoing . . . well, she's just Sukey."

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