

# Campus Forum . . . Homecoming, Huskie Concerns Writers

## RAM President Explains Position

To the Editor:

The recent editorial concerning Homecoming Queen in the RAM Newsgram and the editorial reply in the Daily Nebraskan have been the cause of undue apprehension and some misunderstanding.

First, RAM Council's official position with respect to Homecoming Queen Elections must be clarified. RAM Council chose to remain unequivocally neutral and did not attempt in any way to render support to any one candidate or group of candidates. The Council most certainly did not encourage or endorse a voting scheme to affect the outcome of the elections.

Second, the connection between the RAM Newsgram and RAM Council must be carefully explained. The Newsgram is not a publication to represent only the official views of RAM Council; one of its primary functions is to enable the men in Selleck Quadrangle to air their personal feelings. Such was the case with the editorial in question; it was merely a personal opinion signed by the author and should be construed to mean nothing more.

I do regret the fact that the position of RAM Council and the attitudes of Selleck men were misrepresented. However, I am more deeply disturbed to think that many of the suppositions and accusations in both the original editorial and the reply were highly unfounded and seated deep in prejudice.

My only hope is that in the future the editors of both publications will exercise more judiciously

their responsibility to maintain competent journalism.

Sincerely yours,  
Dave Scholtz  
RAM President

## Writer Requests Reprint of Article

To the Editor:

In order to clarify the issue to many readers of the Nebraskan concerning the article which appeared in the RAM Newsgram Oct. 30, I would urge you to please reprint said article which I have enclosed.

The editor of the Newsgram did publish the section of the Sigma Phi Epsilon pledge manual which you quoted and he preceded the reprint with the suggestion that the Newsgram reader read it and judge for themselves the motives of Greeks.

I would like to have the enclosed article reprinted so that everyone might judge the motives of some independents:

"Can Quad residents and the other independents count on having an independent Homecoming Queen this year?"

"I think not. The basis for my concern is the 'bloc voting' which is scheduled to occur this year for the first time involving not us independents but three each of the largest fraternities and sororities on campus."

"They have banded together to elect for homecoming queen and attendants the . . ."

"Since everyone must vote for three of the ten candidates they have decided to crush us with their big three."

"Do we want the Greeks to break our two-year record of independent Homecoming Queens? I hope not!"

"May I suggest that as an alternative to Greek domination we fight fire with fire and vote for three candidates of our own."

I impore you to ignore the . . . on your ballot. This would insure that the Greek bloc voting would fail miserably to elect even the attendants."

Sincerely yours,  
an interested party  
(Editor's Note: Dear interested party. We feel that you may have valid point in wanting the questioned article printed. However, we have removed from the article all references to individual Queen candidates, for we see only possible harm and embarrassment to those mentioned if their names were included at this late date. The article was just one person's expressed opinion. We agree that he had the right to say it, but that it should have been edited with more responsibility before printed. The facts and inferences were wrong and based upon emotions and prejudices. It in no way should be construed as the official opinion of the Newsgram, its editor, RAM Council or of independents in general.)

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**Let Us Change Voting Method**  
We students are very lucky to have such a well qualified Homecoming Queen again this year. I say lucky, because I feel that unless some changes are made, it won't happen again.  
Why not let the candidates put their pictures on campaign posters? Few of the students know all ten candidates personally, and so they usually vote for the best-looking

one. If they don't get a chance to see what they look like, they are forced to vote according to the girl's living area, which is what everyone is trying to avoid.

Why vote for three candidates? Next year, after everyone has gotten smart, each person will vote for the candidate of his choice and two losers, so his candidate will have a better chance of winning. Consequently, who wins — a loser! Even if the winner isn't a loser type, she at least won't be the favorite candidate of the majority. Let's go back to one vote per student.

The Homecoming Queen should be the coed whom the majority of the students feel is the best qualified. The present voting practices are the result of selfish immaturity. Each sorority wants their house to have the Queen, and the Greek system as a whole seems to be incapable of swallowing their pride and admitting the fact that an independent girl may actually be the best qualified. The independents, frustrated by their lack of organization in campus social and political life, look at the race as a chance to get even and blindly vote for the one independent candidate.

Why don't both factions start being honest with themselves, start trusting each other, and do something for the good of the University like changing the method of electing a Homecoming Queen?

Sincerely yours,  
Jim Reiersen

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**Is Not Huskie A Good Symbol**  
To the Editor:  
For the last few weeks we have heard and read a great deal about how

inappropriate Huskie the Husker is as a symbol of the University.

To quote the columns of the Daily Nebraskan, "Huskie looks like a clod; he makes NU look like a school full of clods," and "he just walks around like a big, dumb oaf," etc.

What are people complaining about? So what if Huskie is representative of a typical big, dump, cloddish oaf of a farmer? Isn't Huskie really a most appropriate symbol of this University?

If not, why has he chosen as our symbol?  
Sincerely,  
Earl Brown

## Monroe Doctrine Clarification

Who was the nut who wrote the editorial on the Monroe Doctrine on Wednesday, Oct. 31?

If he had bothered to read in full the two provisions of the Monroe Doctrine which he quoted he would find they say, "Our policy in regard to Europe . . . is not to interfere in the internal concerns of any of its powers; (and is, after a European war,) to consider the government de facto as the legitimate government for us."

We are not presently interfering in the internal concerns of any European power. Any interference in European affairs is due to the Soviet threat to the Western World and is thus an external concern. The de facto recognition of any European nation applies only to settlements after European wars in which we did not take part. All European nations presently not recognized by the U.S. were formed after wars in which we did take part.

Sincerely yours,  
Eldridge Foster

## Reader Unhappy About Editorial

To the Editor:

I would like to voice my disappointment in your editorial, "Independents Propose Block Vote," that appeared in the Nov. 2 issue. The irony of your fourth paragraph, in which you attack the RAM Newsgram, is very strong.

The statement that the Newsgram is printed for the men of this University is incorrect. The Newsgram is printed to arouse interest in RAM, not in the University. The sensationalism used in the Newsgram is not intended to influence us, as we all know that these are highly emotional articles.

The primary purpose of a Newsgram article is to get the residents to discuss the subjects with other people, and I do think they are succeeding in their purpose.

The Daily Nebraskan, however, is a little more removed from its readers. Yet your articles on the subjects that I am familiar with have a unique characteristic: They are either attempts to use sensationalism or extremely poor reporting.

I will cite for an example an article you carried on the residents' problems at the Hotel Capitol. I do live here, and have found that of the four people the

author of the article quoted, only one person really does live here, and the one person who does live here reported that his name was misspelled.

Is this an extremely isolated case, or is our campus paper letting us down when it comes to giving the facts?

Sincerely  
Dennis M. Dickerson

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### GLOOM AT THE TOP

Oh, sure, you've been busy, what with going to classes, doing your homework, catching night crawlers, getting married—but can't you pause for just a moment and give thought to that dear, dedicated, lonely man in the big white house on the hill? I refer, of course, to the Prexy.

(It is interesting to note here that college presidents are always called "Prexy." Similarly, trustees are called "Trixie." Associate professors are called "Axy-Pixy." Bursars are called "Foxy-Woxy." Students are called "Algae.")

But I digress. We were speaking of the Prexy, a personage at once august and pathetic. Why pathetic? Well sir, consider how Prexy spends his days. He is busy, busy, busy. He talks to deans, he talks to professors, he talks to trustees, he talks to alumni. In fact, he talks to everybody except the one group who could lift his heart and rally his spirits. I mean, of course, the appealing, endearing, winsome group in the entire college—you, the students.

It is the Prexy's sad fate to be forever a stranger to your laughing, golden selves. He can only gaze wistfully out the window of his big white house on the hill and watch you at your games and sports and yearn with all his tormented heart to bask in your warmth. But how? It would hardly be fitting for Prexy to appear one day at the Union, clad in an old rowing blazer, and cry gaily, "Heigh-ho, chaps! Who's for sculling?"

No, friends, Prexy can't get to you. It is up to you to get to him. Call on him at home. Just drop in unannounced. He will naturally be a little shy at first, so you must put him at his ease. Shout, "Howdy-doo, sir! I have come to bring a little sunshine into your drear and blighted life!" Then yank his necktie out of his vest and scamper goatlike around him until he is laughing merrily along with you.

Then hand him a package and say, "A little gift for you, sir." "For me?" he will say, lowering his lids. "You shouldn't have."

"Yes, I should," you will say, "because this package is a carton of Marlboro Cigarettes, and whenever I think of Marlboro, I think of you."

"Why, hey?" he will say curiously.

"Because Marlboros have taste, and so do you," you will reply.

"Aw, go on," he will say, blushing furiously.

"It's true," you will say. "Moreover, Marlboro has a filter, and so do you."

"In my swimming pool, you mean," he will say.

"Yes," you will say. "Moreover, Marlboro has a soft pack, and so do you."

"My limp leather brief case, you mean," he will say.

"Yes," you will say. "Moreover, the Marlboro box has a flip-top, and so do you."

"But I don't have a flip-top," he will say.

"But you will," you will say. "Just light a Marlboro, and taste that tasty taste, and you will surely flip your top."

Well sir, you will have many a good chuckle about that, you may be sure. Then you will say, "Goodbye, sir, I will return soon again to brighten your lorn and desperate life."

"Please do," he will say. "But next time, if you can possibly manage it, try not to come at four in the morning."

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*Prexy and undergrad, male and female, late and soon, fair weather and foul, all times and climes and conditions are right for Marlboro, the filter cigarette with the unfiltered taste.*