

SUB-ROSA ISSUE . . .

Avoid Speculation, Emotion

There is no doubting the great interest among students and faculty on our campus concerning the current sub-rosa stir. Along with this interest is the unavoidable urge to talk about what has happened, what is happening and what is going to happen. However, just how much real factual information is available to us concerning this situation? Not much.

All that has been released by the Division of Student Affairs is that a group of students have been suspended for an indefinite period of time after admitting membership in Pi Xi, one of three sub-rosas currently active on campus. This is all the information that has been released or confirmed by the Administration. Even the names of the individuals have never been released or confirmed by the Division of Student Affairs. The Nebraskan obtained these names through its own initiative and sources and will continue to do so in all cases where sub-rosas are suspended.

With a very limited amount of information great caution should be taken on the part of all students and faculty in speculating on sub-rosas, their members and activities of the Administration. Special care should be taken to avoid emotion when discussions take place. The amount of support in the actions taken by Dean Ross and his office ranges over a wide spectrum of opinion among students — from complete support to equally complete condemnation. Emotions can run just as high as the heat of debate or feeling towards this situation. Emotions, however, will not aid either stand of support or condemnation.

Dean Ross has expressed his desire

to eliminate emotion or at least hold it down. His dealings with these students avoids emotional considerations. The members of the sub-rosas are violating the rules of the University, their houses and the mores of their society. The Division of Student Affairs is acting within its designated powers and in consideration of an established University policy — any member of a sub-rosa is subject to dismissal.

Dean Ross has said in public that the students suspended so far knew that if they were caught it would mean suspension; they have had the chance to appeal and have declined to do so; and have said that the action and decision of the Administration were not unfair. They knew, as do all other members of sub-rosas, when they pledged that if they were ever caught it meant suspension for a period of time. In a situation like this, emotion has no place.

Speculation is another evil that comes quickly in situations where little actual fact is known or understood. This was obvious from some of the questions asked of Dean Ross and Dr. Shagure yesterday afternoon by students. The students, however, who did attend yesterday's meeting heard the replies by these two administrators now understand the position of the University with respect to sub-rosas better than the students who did not attend. Next week a statement will be made and published in the Nebraskan from the Chancellor's office explaining in specific terms the complete position of our University. —why sub-rosas are outlawed, why membership or association constitutes automatic suspension, etc. Until then most information is founded on speculation and guess work. Avoid it!

AUF DRIVE . . .

Need Support of Students

Why have an All University Fund drive? Why try something really new such as "AUF" Night to give more impetus to the student drive? Why give through AUF? Why give?

This is the year when members of the AUF organization climbed pretty far out on a limb. They felt they had to — if AUF is to serve its purpose. The pancakes served at last year's AUF special event settled too heavy on most stomachs.

And let's look at total shekels shelled out by "generous" students in relation to the population explosion on the NU campus. Last year's total funds netted were \$4,900. About seven years ago, a relatively smaller enrollment netted nearly \$11,000. More than \$3,000 was raised at the carnival night alone. Fraternity donations averaged about \$1,800. Other segments of the NU population contributed similar amounts.

Last year fraternity contributions

were about \$700. Only 15 fraternities actually gave contributions, and one house with over 100 members on its rolls gave the huge sum of \$12. Let's not pick on the fraternity men — they are only one segment of the total. But when AUF practically snapped that limb they're on each fraternity as well as of other organized living units to a free drive kick-off dinner, only four or five fraternity heads bothered to reply, and fewer than that appeared. Contrast that, if you will, with almost 100 per cent attendance from other groups.

AUF Night is something new — aimed directly at the students with the goal of 100 per cent participation. The only service organization on the University campus authorized to solicit funds for student-chosen charities will accomplish nothing if the students fail to participate.

You are the "U" in AUF. —Wendy Rogers

To 'H—' or Not to 'H—'

So we say "h—" to keep it clean for our younger readers and someone says we should say "hell" if we mean "hell" and not fool around. So we print "hell" and someone says we shouldn't have.

So we retire to our cubicle to read this piece given us by an understanding friend:

Getting out this newspaper is no picnic. If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don't, they say we are too serious. If we stick close to the

office all day. We ought to be around hunting material. If we go out and try to hustle. We ought to be on the job in the office. If we don't print contributions. We don't appreciate genius. And if we do print them, the paper is filled with junk. If we edit the other fellow's write-up, we are too critical. If we don't, we're asleep.

If we clip things from other papers. We're too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don't, we are stuck with our own stuff. Now, like as not, some guy will say We swiped this from some other publication. We did! The Iwakuni Tori Teller. (Thanks)

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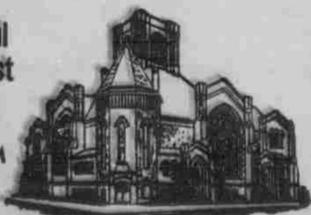
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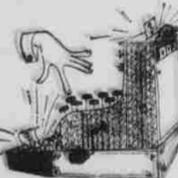
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POLITICAL CONTRASTS

Democrats

Republicans

by Bill Peters, Gary Thompson

The re-election of Gov. Frank Morrison over the strong opposition of Republican challenger Fred Seaton cannot be considered anything but a great victory for the Democratic Party of Nebraska.

In evaluating the elections of all other state and national offices, the picture is not so bright. The results would seem to indicate that the number of Democrats in the state is rapidly diminishing. Yet, exactly the opposite is true. The Democratic Party is growing in size rapidly and is substantially reducing the heretofore heavy Republican majority in many areas of the state.

Why, then, this paradoxical situation? It is apparent that the responsibility for it lies in the state organization. The Nebraska Democratic Party is controlled by the present National Committeeman, who has usurped this control from its rightful owners.

The immediate past election vividly demonstrates the miserable job that he has done in organizing the Party and gaining support for its candidates. The only Democrat elected to a state or national office was done so without the National Committeeman's support and without the backing of the full State Central Committee.

The Democratic Party is embarking on its third consecutive term at the helm of the state government. Yet it is not as well off now as when Governor Brooks, State Treasurer Larsen, and Congressmen Brock and McGinley won in 1958. Since 1958 there has been talk but no action — a paid full-time executive secretary but no results.

A paltry \$7,000 scraped together four weeks before the general election, and spent on a general campaign oriented toward one candidate was political folly. The official Democratic organization is going to have to answer to the Party or the Party will have to rightfully answer to the people of Nebraska.

Rather than provide the type of leadership that the Party so vitally needs at this time, the state organization has held back and even opposed that leadership. At a time when the Democratic Party is making great progress numerically in Nebraska, it urgently needs dynamic, progressive leadership to organize its efforts. Such leadership is totally lacking in the state organization. Nebraskans, Democrat and Republican, do not need or want small time Tammanys, Pendergasts, or Dalys.

This is the record of our state organization, but will the present conditions continue? Not if the leadership of the Party is wrested from the National Committeeman by conscientious Democrats and placed into the hands of those who have the best interests of the Party and the State in mind. The governorship is now occupied by a capable man who can provide the necessary type of leadership. Couple this with a state chairman who can work effectively with the Governor, and the Democratic Party can easily become a potent factor on the Nebraska political scene.

The key to the future of the Nebraska Democratic Party lies in Governor Frank Morrison and other conscientious Democrats throughout the state. It can be a very bright future.



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by Charles A. Peck
 By now you have become acquainted with my name on this column, so it is time that I say that the views which I express are my own ideas as to what the Republican party is—

The past election was a mixture of victory and defeat. There will be time enough in the next two years to analyze the victories. Our task now is to deal with the defeats and prevent their further occurrence.

The important thing for us now is to discover the basic, underlying reasons for our losses. Without a doubt, one of our failures has been in not clearly defining the Republican philosophy. Since the demise of the late Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, the effort to demonstrate clearly our philosophy of government has been minimal; and that this has had a very telling effect is undisputable.

In the 1940's when people such as Taft, Nixon, and Dewey (and yes, even McCarthy) were battling with Acheson, Mrs. Roosevelt, and Stevenson, there was not Republican philosophy. And when Chambers faced Fess on the witness stand, the issues were clear.

Through the 1950's we have failed, however, to observably demonstrate our beliefs. We have failed to show that our votes of "no" do not represent negativism; but, rather, that they are the expression of a positive philosophy, expressed in the only available means opens to us in the present historical situation.

This is, however, only one of the problems which we have created for ourselves. Another lies in the field of public relations. That the Democrats have succeeded in projecting a favorable public image to the people and that we have failed was being made clear in 1960. With this election it should be made clear to everyone. What we need is someone of the caliber of Salingier, and surely someone of that caliber is available. We must realize, however, that image projection has become increasingly important; and that we must develop this area of our party.

Nebraska Republicans were as much surprised as disappointed in the re-election of Democrat Frank Morrison, but probably no more surprised than Morrison himself. The reasons for our loss are manifold; and, no doubt, candidate Seaton was one of them. He was a good candidate, setting forth clear issues and battling on principles, not personality. But off the speaker's rostrum he did poorly. He was a poor shake-the-hand, meet-the-people candidate from the first. It is unfortunate that a dynamic personality is needed, and that issues alone are not the deciding factor. Again this becomes a problem of public relations, and we must face reality.

Having dealt for the most part with our losses, this article probably tends to be defeatist in its outlook. Nothing could be further from the truth. Examined without emotion and in the light of reason, this election holds a great deal of optimism. We Republicans have a large job ahead of us, but this makes it a challenge. The challenge is this—

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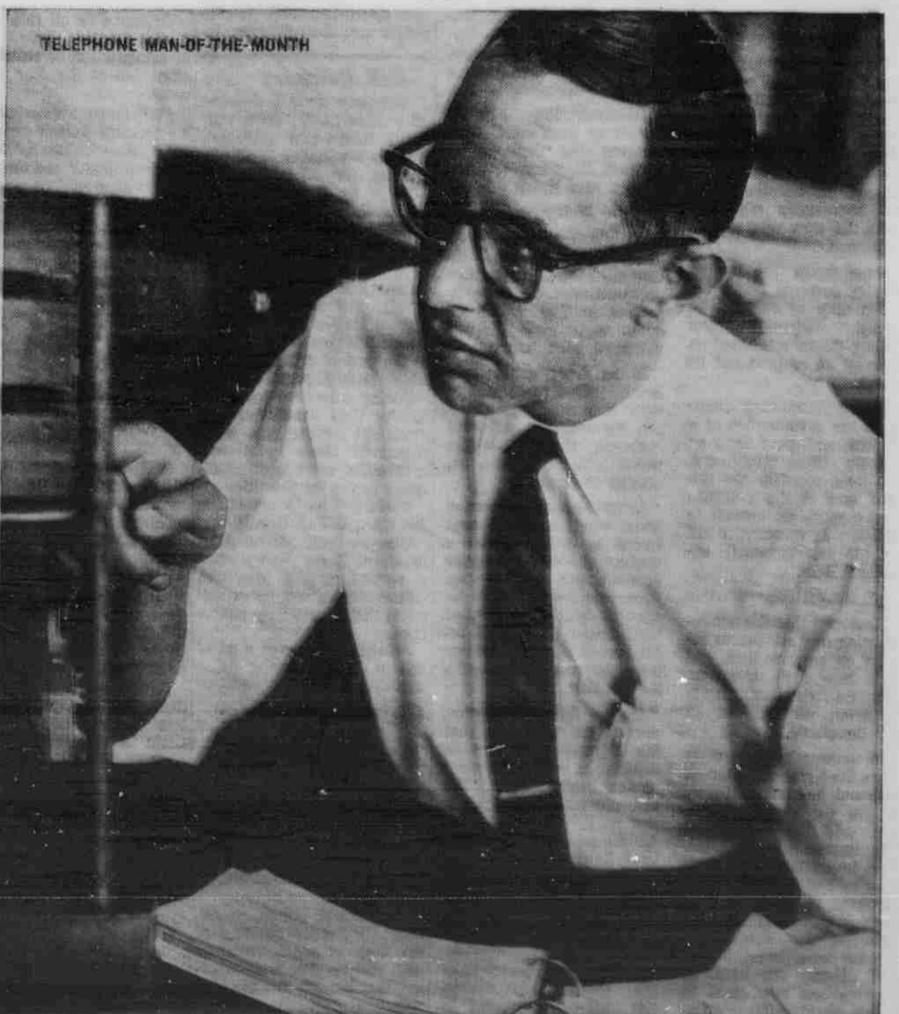
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