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CHRISTIE

Misunderstands

There was some misunderstanding yesterday at the Student Council meeting concerning the Daily Nebraskan, and the way in which it was accused of attacking administration, student leaders and student organizations.

Student Council President Dennis Christie, whose speech appears on this page today, is fallacious in saying it was an editorial attack.

The editorial page, to quote an old cliché is a "mirror of student opinion." When he refers to Jim Moore's column or the column entitled "Winds of Change" as Nebraskan editorials he is mistaken. The views presented in the columns are purely student opinion and do not necessarily reflect the views of the paper.

The views of the newspaper always appear in the upper left hand column under the editorial page masthead. These are editorials and are written only by the Nebraskan editor, managing editor, or news editor. They are always signed.

Please understand this distinction.

The paper is out to censure no one unjustly.

The columnists, who are representative of student opinion, can say what they please—providing it is fair comment and criticism.

GARY LACEY

Council Head Shows Concern With Opinions Of Columnists

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following speech was given by President Dennis Christie on the floor of the Student Council yesterday afternoon.

I have watched with interest this fall the progress of the editorials of the Daily Nebraskan with their attack upon administrators, student leaders and students organizations. I firmly believe it is time that the so-called "complacent" student leaders express their opinions' relation to the criticism of their leadership and the goals of their organizations.

In a recent editorial it was stated that "fear dominates the campus leaders, fear of constructive criticism, fear of needed reforms;" it was further stated that student leaders will cause no controversies, that student leaders have no creative ideas, and finally that they are afraid of vitally caring about campus problems.

I sincerely wonder how anybody could make these statements if he had first surveyed the campus scene to actually determine what was being accomplished. Never before in the history of the University have organizations done so much as in the past few months. Does this writer consider the IPC's Fraternity Management Association (FMA), its new attitudes toward pledge education, its rush rules prohibiting lower half students from going through rush as non-creative ideas, as ideas

not directed toward reform? Does this writer consider the Student Council's Student Welfare Committee with its student discount card, its handling of the ticket problem, and its student wage investigation as problems that do not vitally affect the University of Nebraska student body? Isn't Quiz Bowl considered a creative idea at least to our campus?

Never before has AUF, Builders, Union, Corn Cobs, Tassels and Panhellenic (to name a few) been so well organized and directed to achieve their aims.

I fail to see how student leadership can be attacked as being complacent and as having degenerated from past years. All anyone has to do is to open his eyes to the situation around him to see that these criticisms are wholly inaccurate and false.

Today it was said that Student Council representatives are not elected to represent student opinion. Since this statement was in quotations I assume that it was supposedly said by one of our Council members, Dick Weill. I know for a fact that Dick read the Student Council oath last week on Council floor. "I solemnly swear to uphold the purposes of Student Council as outlined in the constitution, and to act at all times in the best

interests of the students at the University of Nebraska.

I will make a special effort to represent the interest of those who have elected me, remembering at the same time that what is best for the University will in the long run be best for all of its students." Because Dick may believe that some issue is not in the best interests of the University and cannot be so misconstrued as to mean that he was not elected to represent student opinion.

The editorial writer attacks Council because he says few members say anything, because our business sessions have lasted no more than 20 minutes. Evidently he is completely ignorant of the fact that Council has 28 committees that meet weekly for at least a half an hour duration. Does he mean to imply then that because a Council member says nothing on a particular issue that he is afraid to act, that he is not representing his constituents? Why should we re-discuss various ideas that have been solved in our committee meetings? It appears to me that Mr. Moore wishes to turn the Council into a theatrical production where every member can rant and rave to his heart's content.

Lastly, to my knowledge, I have never seen the editorial writer at one committee meeting this year. How can he competently criticize a group when he is ignorant of the actual workings of the organization?

I welcome constructive criticism to Council action and hope that future editorials will be directed with this thought in mind. Let me say that I urge each one of you as Council members to inform your constituents as to the facts as they exist, that you clarify any misunderstandings that have resulted.



HOW COME RED ALWAYS SEEMS TO MOVE FIRST?

CAMPUS OPINION

'If Not, Why Not?'

Dear Editor:

Consistency is wonderful! We test to determine if it is present, and attempt to determine "if not," why not," in editorializing, inconsistency and vacillation

About Letters

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are confusing and irritating. I understand from Monday's Daily Nebraskan that Negroes being elected to public office in Mississippi is a true sign of democracy. (It's inferred that this happened because the "Democracy triumphed, and the Negro voted.) I'm glad, this IS GOOD!

Yet, in an analogous situation, when the independent candidate (True representation!) is elected (And this can be inferred as happening because the independents voted.) we are told, "Block voting is very bad." WHY?

Alan Musbach

Gretel 'Goodbody' Up For Sweetheart Title

By Arnie Garson  
I can't make up my mind whose box I want to put my "x" in for this week's election of Miss Whatsit (or is it Whosit?).

While dorms and sororities have spent their weekly coke allowances and half their studying time on propaganda for their respective candidates, some perceptive genius has sparsely distributed a mimeographed poster pleading: "Yes boys and girls, it's time for our bi-weekly election of another campus queen, therefore vote for Gretel "Gunner" Goodbody, write-in candidate for "Miss Cornfed Nebraska Sweetheart". She is a nice girl, has a nice average, is in nice activities (132, count 'em), etc.

Now, after 32 seconds of mental research, I can tell you that students on this campus annually select at least 36 girls as campus Queens. One hundred and seventy more girls are chosen as "Finalists!"

By actual count of last year's 200 plus finalists and Queens, NU selection committees were only willing to consider 40 non-sorority girls as Queen finalists. This meant that of the 1,000 Greek women, 160 or approximately 10 per house, were declared finalists. In addition, each house was asked to nominate about 30 girls or one-half its membership as candidates for Queens.

The list of Queens gets longer each year. This year's most notable additions (which were not counted in the above statistics) are the Goldwater Girls, who may or may not be Queens, depending on how you look at them.

If you are wondering, as I am, why the list of Queens is so long, you will be interested in the hearsay evidence I have regarding the reasons for establishing still another Queen contest. It seems that the N Club jocks were considering an N Club Queen. One of the points brought up in favor of the proposal was that the group did not receive enough publicity and was seeking more. I have no doubt that this was the same thinking behind the Goldwater Girls.

The only legitimate excuse for creating a queenship is to honor a deserving girl. Groups which feel a need to use the queen method of promoting publicity can only have certain shortcomings in their own organization and ought to strengthen themselves from within before using a farcical method of advertising their weaknesses.

Further, students cannot hope to objectively judge 200 finalists, 80 per cent of whom they most likely don't know anyway. Also, the system degrades the relatively small number of truly deserving queens, to say nothing of the injustice done to the girls who are used as publicity gimmicks.

How about a Student Council queen approval committee which would review reasons for existing and establish criteria for proposed Queen contests.

Anyway, the farce is becoming greater each week, deserving girls are slighted, undeserving girls are mocked and students are degrading not only themselves, but the University.



SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE AND JAZZ LIKE THAT

I am now an elderly gentleman, full of years and aches, but my thoughts keep ever turning to my undergraduate days. This is called "arrested development."

But I cannot stop the healing tide of nostalgia that washes over me as I recall those golden campus days, those ivy-covered buildings (actually, at my college, there was only ivy; no bricks), those pulse-tingling lectures on John Dryden and Cotton Mather, the many friends I made, the many deans I bit.

I know some of you are already dreading the day when you graduate and lose touch with all your merry classmates. It is my pleasant task today to assure you that it need not be so; all you have to do is join the Alumni Association and every year you will receive a bright, new, dainty bulletin, chock-full of tidings about your old buddies.

Oh, what a red-letter day it is at my house, the day the Alumni Bulletin arrives! I cancel all my engagements, take the phone off the hook, dismiss my resident osteopath, put the chessboard outside, and settle down for an evening of pure pleasure with the Bulletin and (need I add?) a good supply of Marlboro Cigarettes.



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But I digress. Let us return to my Alumni Bulletin and the fascinating news about my old friends and classmates. I quote from the current issue:

"Well, fellow alumni, it certainly has been a wing-dinger of a year for us old grads! Remember Mildred Cheddar and Harry Camembert, those crazy kids who always held hands in Econ III? Well, they're married now and living in Clovis, New Mexico, where Harry rents spear-fishing equipment, and Mildred has just given birth to a lovely 28-pound daughter, her second in four months. Nice going, Mildred and Harry!"

"Remember Jethro Brie, the man we voted most likely to succeed? Well, old Jethro is still gathering laurels! Last week he was voted 'Motorman of the Year' by his fellow workers in the Duluth streetcar system. 'I owe it all to my brakeman,' said Jethro in a characteristically modest acceptance speech. Same old Jethro!"

"Probably the most glamorous time had by any of us old alumni was had by Francis Macomber last year. He went on a big game hunting safari all the way to Africa! We received many interesting post cards from Francis until he was, alas, accidentally shot and killed by his wife and white hunter. Tough luck, Francis!"

"Wilmetta 'Deadeye' Macomber, widow of the late beloved Francis Macomber, was married yesterday to Fred 'Sureshot' Sigaloo, white hunter, in a simple double-ring ceremony in Nairobi. Many happy returns, Wilmetta and Fred!"

"Well, alumni, that just about wraps it up for this year. Buy bonds!"

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Old grads, new grads, undergrads, and non-grads all agree that good Richmond tobacco recipe, that clean Selectrate filter, have turned all fifty states of the Union into Marlboro Country. Won't you join the throng?

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