

GUEST EDITORIAL:

Voting Machines

In last fall's campus elections, final returns were announced at 3:30 a.m. Several candidates lost who received more first preference votes than those who were elected.

LAST NIGHT, the All Student Council passed a resolution that may lead to the shortening, simplification, and safeguarding of this campus' voting procedure.

ASC established a committee to investigate KU's use of voting machines. The election commissioner of Wyandotte County has promised an ASC representative the use of voting machines at no cost except transporting the machines from Kansas City.

Under this procedure invalidated votes would be an impossibility. The machines also provide for write-in votes.

With voting machines, election returns would be available in no less than 30 minutes after the polls close.

The one major problem that a shift to voting by machines presents is this: the present system of proportional representation and preference voting would probably be impossible.

THE HARE system of proportional representation was adopted in the fall of 1934 by the Men's Student Council. Voters mark candidates in preference order. When a candidate obtains a quota, enough first-preference votes to be elected, his surplus is redistributed to those indicated as second choices.

The advantage of this system is supposed to be that membership in a legislative body may be divided between political parties in proportion to their voting strength.

The proportional representation procedure affects only elections in which several representatives are to be chosen from one district. These are the fall elections of living-group representatives to ASC.

At best, preference voting is complicated. A SIMPLER plan that would work on voting machines is for each voter to mark the number of candidates to be elected. Since the number of representatives has to be determined before the election, a new criterion would have to be found.

One possibility is to base the representation on the number voting in the previous election.

Another possibility more consistent with national, state and local legislative representation is to base the number on actual population of the living district. Needless to say, this plan would drastically alter the balance of ASC power. But would it not be more representative of the student body?

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FIRETRUCK:

Skeete Incident Shows Discrimination Exists Here

By Arnie Garson

What do white students at Nebraska really think about discrimination against Negroes? In the last two years I have heard many of my fellow students comment on how atrocious the situation was "down there". They were referring to integration crises at Alabama and Mississippi.

Most, however have been mostly passive and even worse, non-admressive in regard to any discrimination and segregation problems which might exist at Nebraska. The general feeling is that this is not the deep South and that as Midwesterners we have no problems on our campus.

But that is as much a fairy tale as Little Black Sambo. And a few days ago the truth emerged from its shadowed corner, becoming vividly and appallingly apparent. A Panamanian graduate student at the University was refused entrance to the Capital Hotel Barber Shop.

And in spite of what you might think, this is not an isolated incident in Lincoln—or for that matter at Northern universities. During the last week, the DAILY NEBRASKAN has carried stories about alleged discrimination at Washington and Columbia.

But Sam Skeete, who lives in the Capital Hotel as do a few hundred other University students, was refused service on the grounds that, "If we (the Capital Hotel Barber Shop) started cutting their hair we'd just be hurting our future white business," according to shop operator Lloyd Dumke.

And this is not an isolated incident in Lincoln. Negro University students have been refused service the Hob Nob and have often run into housing problems in the city. The barbershop incident was unfortunately not a lone black eye for the city

in race relations, as Skeete felt it was.

On the surface the incident is in direct opposition to LB364 passed by the 1963 State Legislature which reads in part, "All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full advantage and equal enjoyment of . . . barber shops . . . subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person."

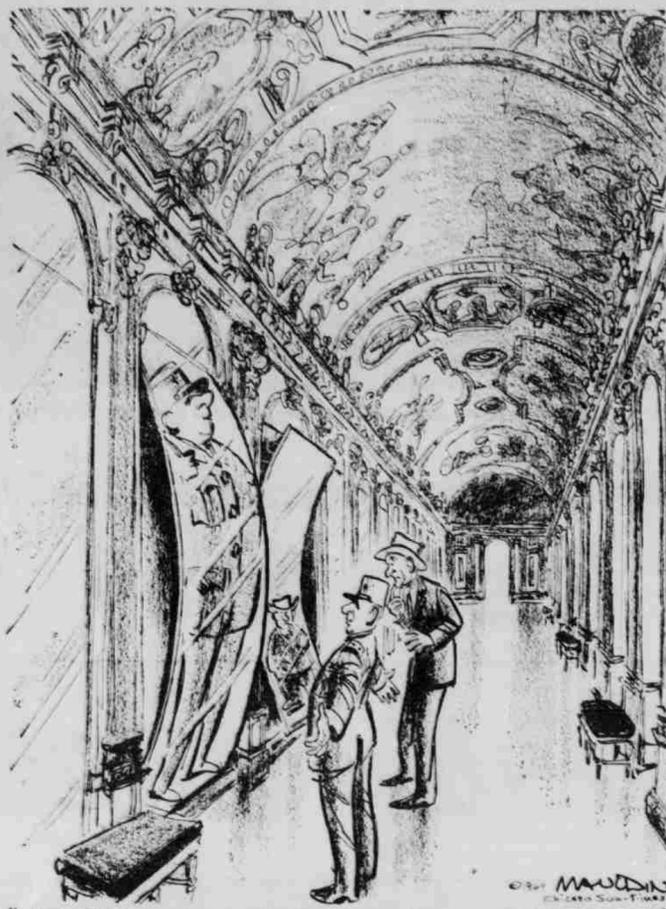
So first of all, it seems that a violation of the law may have been involved, but Chief Deputy County Attorney Bill Blue noted that he could not say if the incident was a violation of the law or not, "because I do not know all of the circumstances involved and each case has to be studied on its own merits."

So legal action may not be taken. But still no one can logically deny that it was morally unjust. And if University students really do care what kind of treatment their fellow students get in Lincoln and on campus, why not boycott the Capital Hotel Barber Shop and any other businesses taking similar stands?

And while we're at it why not sniff around our own garbage pails at the same time? As a forthcoming series of stories in the DAILY NEBRASKAN will indicate, all is not perfect on our own campus. And anyone possessing two eyes and a brain knows it!

So if we are going to take any action against the Barber Shop—and I think we should—we would at the same time have to strive to remove the bigotry which exists on campus.

But as enlightened students seeking higher education in a state-supported institution do we really think enough of the situation—are we really appalled enough by what has happened to do anything about it?



"AND THIS, LYNDON, IS OUR FAMOUS 'HALL OF MIRRORS.'"

CAMPUS OPINION

Committee Looks At ROTC

Dear Editor:

In reply to Arnie Garson's constructive attack on Student Welfare's approach to the ROTC issue, we feel that the students and Garson have led themselves astray if they expected the usual rabble rousing, torch bearing attack on the M and N building. There may be some "giving up" involved in the investigation, but only because the futility of attempting to force the ROTC heads and the Regents to create an elective program was recognized. Every year that this has been tried it has failed to improve the situation.

The Regents and the ROTC heads will not change their position on the elective vs. compulsory problem until Congress makes some adaptation in the present program. Congress is attempting to devise an alternate method of officer training which is as dependable as ROTC, but until they affect their changes, ROTC must remain compulsory. The success of the ROTC program plays a big role in the maintenance of our national strength. If drastic changes are to be made they should be made by people who can determine if these changes will jeopardize the strength of the nation.

Congress is concerned over the steady drop in the number of students enlisting in ROTC. Especially interesting to us is the fact that the largest drop in numbers were evidenced in schools where the elective programs were installed. At present a great deal of evidence has been presented which indicates that the elective ROTC usually does not produce as many officers as the compulsory program. For example schools of approximately the same size as Nebraska, but which have elective ROTC, Colorado and Kansas, produce less officers combined than our compulsory programs.

Another argument standing against elective is that we have built up a good reputation at Nebraska for the quality of officers produced through ROTC. For example, at summer camp last year the Army's unit finished first in competition among schools with over 50 representatives. They were in direct competition with most Big 8 and Big 10 schools. It is not strange, therefore, that the heads of Army and Air Force ROTC oppose a move to the elective program.

One misconception in the aforementioned article was the implication that our approach would fail because it lacks the means for substantial accomplishment. It was stated that the nature of our questions would disclose little as to the value of ROTC one way or another. We included only one specific question because we did not want a group

leading questions which would have meaningless answers. The complaints should come from the student and should not be suggested by the questionnaire. This was the logic employed when the questionnaire was formulated.

We do want criticisms of the labs, evaluations of the time spent in class, and suggestions on ways to remove the negative attitude towards ROTC. But we also think that the information other than answers to a series of pointed questions is more valuable because of the broad nature of our inquiry. In the eight forms returned now (first of the

week), the comments have been quite good, and we have gotten the types of responses we wanted. However, the small number returned will bruise our results somewhat.

The answers and response from these questionnaires could accomplish a lot. The departments which have compulsory ROTC have assured us that they will definitely respond and accommodate all recommendations. They will explain openly all action taken on suggestions made by the students. We feel that this can help the student body and ROTC if suggestions are submitted. Student Welfare Committee

Joke Or Burn: Fire Alarm

A University dormitory was the scene of mass confusion and turmoil Monday night at 11:15 p.m. as the fire alarm sounded. A chorus of voices arose "What is it? Where is it? What's going on? What should I do?" The word FIRE!! soloed and everyone panicked. Some left, others laughed. After much confusion it was revealed as the work of a practical joker. Shortly thereafter all residents were ordered to congregate on the front lawn in their attire which ranged from grubbies to beach towels. Everyone was told of the blunderous misdemeanor committed.

Practical joke, yes, —

Blunderous, no!! It proved a most worthwhile point. Had it been a real fire the overcrowded classroom situation would have certainly been solved for none knew the procedures to follow in the case of fire.

Why hasn't the University enforced the practice of announced and unannounced fire drills, in all houses and dorms?

We are paying higher housing rates than ever before and rates are still going up. With a high payment like that one would think concern for safety would be included.

I don't mind going to barbecues but I hate being in them.

An Anti-Smoke Eater.

Bad Seed II

As my legs turned an unsightly purple, and the air turned blue with curses from students standing in the cold, waiting to get into that favorite relic on campus, the Soc Building, a small idea hovered in my mind.

Why not offer reasonable suggestions for the congestion question? Besides, it had a catchy sound to it.

1. Place guest speakers outside of the building to lecture students as they wait. This at least utilizes wasted time.

2. Open a small, but profitable, coffee stand in front of the hedges.

3. Borrow a tractor and with the support of three thousand students, ram a new entrance into the side of the building, start mob violence in the halls, and free all the white rats held captive in the basement. A sort of Campus Bastille Day.

4. Bribe the custodians to keep the doors locked, so nobody can get in. We don't want inequality at our school.

got money from home, and the happier everyone was? —people actually fought to get a copy of the Rag?

—a nice lady or clean-shaven boy served you a coke in the Crib, instead of milking a soft-drink cow for a diluted, tasteless cup-filler?

—the ratio of girls to boys was 1-7 at college? The memory of my freshman year is engraved in my mind. It was announced during Orientation Week that for the first time, there were more freshmen women than men. When we filed out of the Colesium, I counted 954 co-eds weeping openly, and 579 boys with greedy looks in their eyes.

—your high school advisor said, "According to your National Merit tests, you should be in the upper percentile in college." That's always worth a laugh or two.

—happiness was just a warm puppy, not quite housebroken, but nevertheless, a simple, non-complicated dog?

R.J. and N.S.

Nebraskan Posts Open

The DAILY NEBRASKAN is now accepting applications for full-time paid staff positions. Four junior staff writer positions are now open as well as the assistant sports editor and Ag news editor positions.

All jobs involve news reporting on the day before the paper is issued (Sunday, Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.) All of the above jobs pay \$17.50 a month.

Applicants must have a 5.0 cumulative average, but needn't have any previous experience. Those interested may come to 51 Student Union tomorrow morning.

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