

COUNCIL SHOWS:

Willing And Able

The Student Council yesterday passed a motion introduced by Ann Wahl to set up a study committee concerning the problem areas of discrimination against university students on campus and in Lincoln.

A thorough discussion by Miss Wahl set the groundwork for what promises to be an effective, valuable study group. It helped the Council define its position with regard to discrimination as a problem area.

An important factor, however, was that the Council made clear in discussion before voting that the motion does not entail mandatory action on the problem. It does, however, present the probability of an informed, enlightened Student Council that will be able to act with knowledge and, as a result, power, when and if the problem arises and when and if the Council decides to act.

Thus the Council will not be committed on the problem and, as a result of continuing awareness and information of the problem's extent, probably will not be susceptible to force or quick-push when the problem really manifests itself here.

In addition, if the committee is utilized, the Council actually can be better educated than those who come to it appealing for action, thus able to evaluate the situation within the Council itself rather than to reply on newspapers and word-of-mouth accounts.

This will in turn heighten the value of whatever the Council can do within the scope of its responsibilities.

Another most important aspect is that this action will not rush the problem to the limelight here. And if the problem is averted in some other way, the Council showed yesterday that it has the foresight and the insight not to damage progress. That is, if it is determined that a discrimination problem exists here and a solving process has begun on another level, university students may rest assured that the Student Council will be aware of what is happening and that it will have the means with which to act competently if it has to, but that it will not spoil any progress with unwise intervening action.

But it all adds up to one thing. Disregarding any discrimination problem, the Student Council has shown that it has the constructive means and the will to be informed and to truly consider the best interests of all University students in any situation.

Here is the motion as passed yesterday:

Whereas student welfare is a vital concern of Student Council;

Whereas democratic, fair and equal treatment of all students is a part of student welfare, and;

Whereas discrimination does exist in areas of the University of Nebraska and Lincoln;

Therefore be it resolved that Student Council establish a committee to investigate areas in which discrimination exists on this campus and Lincoln and prepare a report for study by the Student Council evaluating the problems and progress in this area.



WE'RE CUTTING DOWN YOUR A, BARRY. HOW ABOUT A LITTLE H, O?

View From The Right

Campaign speakers have found no better meat in the past few weeks than Senator Goldwater's statement about Castro's shutting off the water at Guantanamo: "We ought to send a contingent of Marines to turn it back on." Both his rivals within the party, and spokesmen of the Establishment have denounced his statement as "reckless," "from-the-hip," "superficial," and "war-mongering." But they don't elaborate on this condemnation—a properly sophisticated brainwashee doesn't need it explained. Now, let us unsophisticates consider a movement.

Goldwater's "Send the Marines" is a summary of his past views on Castro's Cuba: that our security and survival cannot long tolerate a communist beachhead in this hemisphere; and that we must do what is necessary to rid the hemisphere of this beachhead, using force if necessary. We could have ousted Castro at the Bay of Pigs. We had another chance in October, 1962, when the missiles were discovered. And we had another opening for intervention when the water was shut off—not to mention the fact that Cuban-trained men helped engineer the Panama riots.

If Goldwater's policy toward Cuba involves risks, is there a less risky alternative? It is true that today we could no longer throw out Castro with a few refugees and air cover, as we could have in 1961; nor could we now do it as easily as we could have in 1962, during the missile crisis. Castro now has 100,000 more well-trained soldiers, with arms and supplies furnished by the factories of both our friends and our foes. When the beachhead has expanded and consolidated itself throughout Central and South America, will action be less risky and more sure of success?

Ask someone why Khrushchev's marionette turned off our water, and you will probably be told that it was a test of United States response. Quite possibly. And also quite possible is the chance that the test could be repeated in a different situation. The communists control electricity, water, and gas in West Berlin. What is there to keep them from shutting off West Berlin's utilities? The United States has shown it will not act. The Communists have everything to gain, and nothing to lose. A dangerous precedent has been set by letting Castro push us around.

But we cannot just wish Castro away; nor will he

wither of his own accord; nor will popular hunger and discontent bring him down, for communism has learned the techniques of dealing with hunger and discontent. Every day, Castro gets stronger, and every day, our risk grows greater. The question is not: do we dare act? It is rather: do we dare not act?

The extreme danger lies,

not in Goldwater's stated policy—but in the very existence of an outpost of the enemy only ninety miles from our shore from which spies and sabotage are exported. Goldwater's realistic attitude is not the danger; the danger lies in the suicidal attitude of those who refuse to face the facts while we still have a chance to win—instead of waiting until it is too late.

Firetruck: Parking Committee Wasting Its Time?

By Arnie Garson

Last week at Student Council, Gary Oye, Parking Committee Chairman presented a list of changes in the University's parking regulations. At the same time council members and the audience alike snickered and muffled their laughter.

Typical of the changes was the fact that students can now not only "not park on red lines," but they "cannot park on red lines at any time." If the Parking Committee (Oye, Jim Klimes, Buzz Brashear, Steve Brammer and Chuck Harrold) spent the entire year or even a part of it clarifying the rules in the above manner, they don't deserve to exist as a committee.

The Lincoln downtown development plan which has been heavily publicized this week sees the Campus without through streets and with even a more limited degree of parking on campus. What plans is the Parking Committee making to fit in with these plans?

And, as Doc Elliott tells his classes, someday 14 people walking across 14th street between the Union and Teachers College are going to get killed simultaneously. There has to be a traffic and signal system which will work better at that intersection. What is the Parking Committee doing about it?

And, according to figures I received from Captain Eu-

gene Masters of the University Police, there are about 4,500 cars registered to students, employees and faculty this year. Approximately 36 per cent of the students have cars. Masters felt that many students are not registering their cars due to the increased parking fees. Some I know personally have gotten by without stickers and parked on campus all year. What is being done to make these students play the game fairly?

And, architects agree that a huge parking lot in the middle of an aesthetically pleasing group of buildings does nothing to enhance beauty. Likewise, I am sure that students who have visited other campuses where there are no such lots will concur. What is being done to beautify our own campus?

And finally, other schools report that cars are an academic hazard for freshmen and that adjustment to university life is easier without them around. Certainly traffic is less congested. At any rate if there is any validity in this charge it might not hurt to consider it. Does the Parking Committee have any information on this?

No one will snicker when answers to these problems are suggested. But except for the single motion which asked for abandonment of the graduated fine system no evidence of thought or study on the part of the committee was evident.

CAMPUS OPINION

Council Has Job To Do

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend the Student Council for its recent stand on the Capital Hotel Barber Shop incident. Likewise, I would like to commend all the students who were "counted among the saints" when they stood up for their friend, Mr. Skeete.

It is hard for me to remember when the Student Council has last taken up a significant problem. For years I was led to think that the Student Council was just another trite organization... just another play group for racking up points. It seems that only last week has the Student Council stuck its head out of its happy shell and into the realities of the outside world.

While the issue is still fresh, Student Council, I believe you should stand up and look at the opportunity and challenge that this incident of discrimination offers you. This barbershop incident is a small thing. I'll wager that an investigation of fraternities and sororities would reveal discrimination on a grand scale. I'll wager that some apartment houses do not rent to colored people and foreign students.

Housing is a student problem, Student Council. I

know that you're about 85 per cent Greek and that it is hard to examine yourself; but let's see if your doorstep is clean. It is very easy to point to someone else who is discriminating, isn't it? If you sit back contented and proud of your stand on one small incident and fail to purge yourself of your own gross discrimination, then you are a bigoted and hypocritical collection of Judases, betrayers of our foreign guests and betrayers of our fellow citizens.

Your work has just begun, Student Council. I would recommend that you do some investigation before someone does it for you. Gov. Morrison's Human Rights Commission will be interested in your progress.

If you are genuinely interested in significant student problems, Student Council, you've got one now. Get with it before you lose touch with reality.

Vic Aufdemberge

About Letters

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A ROBE BY ANY OTHER NAME

With the Commencement Day just a couple of short months away, the question on everyone's lips is: "How did the different disciplines come to be marked by academic robes with hoods of different colors?" Everybody is asking it, I mean everybody! I mean I haven't been able to walk ten feet on any campus without somebody grabs my elbow and says, "How did the different disciplines come to be marked by academic robes with hoods of different colors, hey?"

This, I must say, is not the usual question asked by collegians who grab my elbow. Ordinarily they say, "Hey, Shorty, got a Marlboro?" And this is fitting. After all, are they not collegians and therefore loaded with brains? And does not intelligence demand the tastiest in tobacco flavor? And does not Marlboro deliver a flavor that is uniquely delicious? And am I not short?

But I digress. Back to the colored hoods of academic robes. A doctor of philosophy wears blue, a doctor of medicine wears



Why, Why?

green, a master of arts wears white, a doctor of humanities wears crimson, a master of library science wears lemon yellow. Why? Why, for example, should a master of library science wear lemon yellow?

Well sir, to answer this vexing question, we must go back to March 14, 1844. On that date the first public library in the United States was established by Ulrich Sigafos. All of Mr. Sigafos's neighbors were of course wildly grateful—all, that is, except Wrex Todhunter.

Mr. Todhunter had hated Mr. Sigafos since 1822 when both men had wooed the beautiful Melanie Zitt and Melanie had chosen Mr. Sigafos because she was mad for dancing and Mr. Sigafos knew all the latest steps—like the Missouri Compromise Samba, the Shays' Rebellion Schottische, and the James K. Polk Polka—while Mr. Todhunter, alas, could not dance at all, owing to a wound he had received at the Battle of New Orleans. (He was struck by a falling praline.)

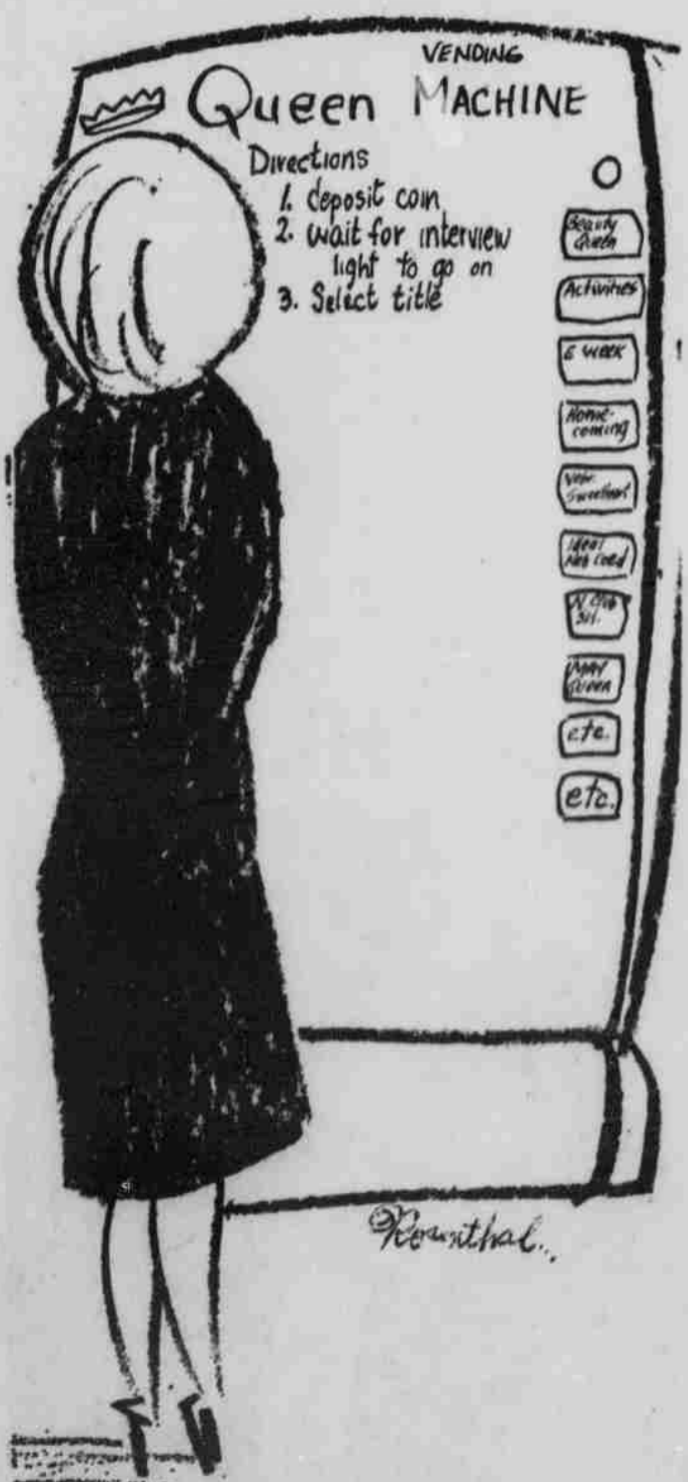
Consumed with jealousy at the success of Mr. Sigafos's library, Mr. Todhunter resolved to open a competing library. This he did, but he lured not one single patron away from Mr. Sigafos. "What has Mr. Sigafos got that I have not?" Mr. Todhunter kept asking himself, and finally the answer came to him: books.

So Mr. Todhunter stocked his library with lots of lovely books, and soon he was doing more business than his hated rival. But Mr. Sigafos struck back. To regain his clientele, he began serving tea at his library every afternoon. Thereupon Mr. Todhunter, not to be outdone, began serving tea with sugar. Thereupon Mr. Sigafos began serving tea with sugar and cream. Thereupon Mr. Todhunter began serving tea with sugar and cream and lemon.

This, of course, clinched the victory for Mr. Todhunter because he had the only lemon tree in town—in fact, in the entire state of Maine—and since that day lemon yellow has, of course, been the color on the robes of masters of library science.

(Incidentally, the defeated Mr. Sigafos packed up his library and moved to California where, alas, he failed once more. There were, to be sure, plenty of lemons to serve with his tea, but, alas, there was no cream because the cow was not introduced to California until 1937 by John Wayne.)

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