

'HOODS' AND 'BOARDS':
Not Their Fault

In a letter to the editor before Easter Vacation a University student wrote about Student Council that "Ann Wahlism . . . a catch-all term reflecting the conservatism, the fear of responsibility and concrete power, and the general desire to dominate the rest of the Council by the so-called executive committee," was on its way out of Council by virtue of a younger member standing up against the wishes of one of the exec members.

"Ann Wahlism", the letter said, was attributable to the fact that younger members are afraid to oppose the wishes of the exec because, in the main, the exec is made up of Mortar Boards and Innocents.

This was a short-sighted underestimate of the qualities of Council leadership. If it is true that younger members are afraid to speak up because they are opposing those who are, off the floor, Mortar Boards and Innocents and they want to be ones too, it is not the fault of Council leadership or the students who elected them.

It is clearly the fault of narrow-minded junior, and below, Council members who would turn a potentially strong student organization into a path upon which to tread with the cheapness of personal gain in mind.

That should be remembered in upcoming elections.

LETTERS:

For JFK Library

An organization called "Letters" yesterday sent a form letter to the DAILY NEBRASKAN asking college students here to send whatever mail they received or sent after and concerning the assassination of President Kennedy to it to be included in the proposed John F. Kennedy Library.

In a personal letter, Thomas H. Maher, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and Kathryn I. Kulesher, Western Reserve University, wrote, "Many students felt moved to pour out their feelings during those tragic days in November to someone they held close . . . sweetheart, friend or parent . . . and a collection of these letters would not only prove a tribute to the President but would also be of value to historians and other scholars who will attempt to evaluate him . . . and us!"

"Despite sometimes bitter opposition to his policies among colleagues, it seems that aside from politics there was, from our generation, an almost universal and genuine respect for the late President. This, we believe, was a respect unique in history in that it was not adoration or hero-worship but a very special admiration . . . born of his youth, dynamism and personal integrity . . . an admiration that now belongs to history."

The National Archives in Washington, D.C., has given this group assurance that a collection of these letters will be accepted, stored there, and forwarded to the JFK library upon its completion.

As students with a limited budget, their only means of obtaining such a collection is through an appeal to students across the nation to contribute their letters. They will assemble them and forward them to the National Archives as a unit.

The letters would not only serve as a tribute to the late President and as a valuable asset to historians, but would partially and clearly depict the impact of the tragedy upon the thoughts of America's young people.

Miss Kulesher and Maher assure that they will attempt to acknowledge all letters. They will be examined by competent and interested persons at the library, and thus, any personal matters may be deleted or the letter may be recopied omitting these parts.

If possible, they ask for the original envelope showing the postmark and date. If interested, send your letters to: Letters, Box 756, Blacksburg, Virginia - 24060.

Firetruck:
Evils Of Platform
System Need Correction

By Arnie Garson
Last year, 21 per cent of the student body elected 31 organizational and college representatives to serve on the 1963-64 Student Council. The 31 were elected from a field of more than 85.

The DAILY NEBRASKAN ran all the platforms of the students who filed for college representatives—more than 50. Now, when this year's Council is nearing the end of its tenure, their platforms are rather comical.

John Lydick (Engineering) suggested displaying the recording minutes of each meeting in the various colleges. Not a bad idea. I never saw any of them.

Tom Kort (Arts and Sciences) felt that Council should act to make students more aware of major state and local issues and express views on them. Sounds good, anyway.

Susie Segrist (Arts and Sciences) and others felt that periodical meetings between Council representatives and their respective colleges would be beneficial. It was tried, but alas, it flopped.

Denney Bargen (Teachers) was opposed to compulsory ROTC and wanted Student Council to have a say in cheerleader selections. Good again, but this time the faculty blocked the road on both issues.

Gary Oye (Business Administration) advocated mandatory roll call voting and making voting

records available to the public. That would certainly make some people think twice. I don't remember any motion to this effect, though.

Clearly, these are random samplings of the platforms. Many of the ideas of these students and others were carried out. They included Quiz Bowl, enlarging the Masters' Program and reorganizing the Associates program. To name a few.

And the students cited above were not the only ones who espoused high sounding ideals and then either forgot them when elected or could not get them implemented. Almost all of the Council members are guilty of having sold the student body short at some time during the last year.

The purpose of this is not to make obscure the good which Council has done this year. It has been multitudinous. But, it has not been all that it could have been.

This year, the platforms will again be run in the DAILY NEBRASKAN. It is offensive to the intelligence of the student body when the candidates utilize the space allotted to them for presenting little thought about ideas or programs which they do not intend to initiate.

Likewise, however, it is unfortunate when only 21 per cent of the student body turns out to elect their representatives. Perhaps these two phenomena are related. If the candidates for Council



"I'M AN AWAKENING GIANT, MYSELF. WHO'LL WE HAVE FOR BREAKFAST?"

ERIC SEVAREID—
Brazilian Reshuffle Temporary
Suspension In Familiar Pattern

By Eric Severeid
Maybe we do, after all, grow in common sense about the present, if not in wisdom about the future. The American reaction, official and popular, to the dramatic reshuffle in Brazil has been in fairly sensible proportion to the real size of the event.



What has happened is not the destruction of constitutional processes but their temporary suspension in a familiar pattern. What has been averted is not communism but a violent rending and tearing of that country, possibly including a political breakup along regional lines. The emotional President Goulart has passed the point of no return in his move to the left. He had upset the delicate balance of forces which has alone made possible the bare administering of the country. And he only spoke for his varied collection of supporters, he did not really command them.

His next moves in his desperate personal situation would have had to be giving the Communist union leaders their heads and the outright organizing of his own army within the army. Brazil's military structure, like its political structure, is too loose, too much of a federation for this to have resulted in anything but anarchy and a confused, but possibly tragic civil war. This would not have been the social revolution many people think Brazil must go through, sooner or later; it would have been merely a mess.

Brazil may have a surface order now, for a time, but the basic forces making for social upheaval are still there, getting stronger every year. Any man who pretends to positive prediction as to just how this will all be resolved is either a fool or a knave. As an amateur of Brazilian affairs who has had the privilege of several reported trips in most areas of the giant country, I would like to believe those agreeable people can make the basic, necessary reforms without the direction of a strong-man, quasi-dictatorial rule. I would like to be-

lieve this, but I cannot quite do so.

If to govern means to lead, to plan, to effect, then Brazil is not governed and has not been governed for a long time. It has merely been administered—and badly.

It would be an effrontery to pretend to summarize the profound ills of that fascinating country in this short space, but thinking about Brazil cannot even begin unless three seminal facts, at the least, are kept in mind:

1. The lack of "social discipline." The mysterious chemistry that brings a sense of common cause, common trust and individual responsibility for others is not there. It is present, indeed, in very few countries, and it cannot be imported, not even from the United States Treasury. In Brazil it has meant three hundred years of plundering, boom-and-bust economic cycles and currently a lunatic inflation.

2. The lack of impersonalized government. This grows directly out of the lack of social discipline. Former President Quadros, with all his weird faults, tried to make a beginning toward government by formal rules, but quit too soon. An immense, and immensely complex society is ruled by a political ethos much too much resembling that in a tiny, Central American republic. In form, Brazil is governed by laws, not men, but only in form.

3. The social imbalance of Brazil. The country is in a condition very much like the United States after our Civil War but with the geography reversed. Industrialized southwest Brazil grows richer while the agricultural northeast grows poorer. Like our northeastern states then, southwestern Brazil now sucks the capital and the brains out of the northeast while forcing the northeast to pay more and more for the southwest's manufactured goods. Again like us in

the last century, there is a vast hinterland, a "third Brazil," all but untouched by modernization, all but one of control by the central authority. Add to all this a frightening birth rate, so explosive that more than one-half of Brazil's population is now under nineteen years of age. Birth control is scarcely discussed.

These are among the massive, immutable facts. But we will still be told by some earnest people that if only Washington will issue firmer statements "in support of democracy," and/or guarantee a better coffee market, Brazil will begin to get well. It is hard to resist the impulse to pat such people on the head and tell them to run along and play.

YD's Will Hold
Officer Election

Election of officers for Young Democrats will be held tomorrow at the Young Democrats meeting.

Officers slated for election are: president-Karen Nelsen; first vice-president, Mark Raemaker and Steve Davis; second vice-president-Jim Demars; correspondent secretary-Sabre McCall; recording secretary-Sam Thomas; treasurer-Mike Jeffries and Jay Pokorny.

The chairman and official delegation to the Young Democrats Convention in Omaha this weekend will also be appointed at the meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

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CAMPUS OPINION

Views Not Representative

Dear Editor:
After reading your series on "Negroes at NU", I cannot help but disagree with some of those viewpoints stated by some of the Negroes interviewed.

Basically speaking, the Negroes all seemed justified in their views except one individual, Ron Moore. Singling out Moore does not mean I dislike Negroes. I consider Ron a nice fellow. However, I consider Mr. Moore's views of prejudice and the social situation at NU to be rather one-sided and short-sighted.

Mr. Moore stated in an article that he was discriminated against in at least two classes. Well, I was in Mr. Moore's class a short time ago and it seems to me that he didn't show up enough at class to give the instructor a chance to at least associate his name with a face. This resulted in Ron receiving a low grade. Is that discrimination?

Socially, the Negroes and whites have the same problem — little to do in Lincoln. Fraternities and sororities are too restrictive and should be punished, perhaps banned altogether. Not everyone who wishes to join a "frat" or sorority is allowed to; here there is certainly discrimination. I don't think this is really a problem in the true sense of the word. I'm a white and I also feel that there is a lack of social events around town, but I have found out that if a person really wants to socialize, he can do something about it. Even if it's just sitting around the Crib. I didn't come to the University to socialize although I don't exactly sit home on weekends. If you come to college and can't find anything to do socially, I feel it's your own fault.

I am not prejudiced or bitter towards Moore. I just wanted to make some things clear which I felt Moore left a little foggy.

The Negroes I have come in contact with are no better or worse than anyone I know taken as a whole. However, one person I had the opportunity to know was Bill Thornton who is a credit to the human race as well as his own.

I understand Mr. Moore is no longer a University student and that he dropped out. I feel that if the editors were interested in preparing and presenting a con-

scientious and true picture of the issues they discussed, they could have chosen people to interview who at least were interested in genuinely bettering themselves than that type of person who cannot see the value of a college education.

Maurio Attizio
EDITOR'S NOTE: If the editors had chosen only that type of person, they would have distorted the picture of the Negro and NU, as would have been the case with any race. At any rate, the editors did not know personally any of the Negroes interviewed and the interview with Moore took place only before he dropped out of school.

Judiciary?

Dear Editor:
It seems to me that a sad commentary on the Student Council members' knowledge of their Constitution that the protests of non-members were necessary to stop an obviously unconstitutional proceeding.

Mr. Weill now talks, at least, as if it were obviously unconstitutional. Surely he and other members of the Judiciary Committee were present at the lengthy meeting which ended in passage of the AUF proposal. Why, then, did none of them raise the issue of unconstitutionality? Was there a conspiracy of silence, or was the fact simply that none of them were familiar enough with the Constitution to see the conflict?

In either case, our respect for the Judiciary Committee's abilities is hardly enhanced. If there was a conspiracy of silence, then they are guilty of fast and loose dealing with their responsibilities. If not, their ignorance is downright dangerous.

Murray Merton Martz, Jr.

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