

## A Better Paper

The Student Council poll concerning the Daily Nebraskan was taken and the results are in. They are a little puzzling in their inconsistency.

It was unfortunate that all but 700 ballots were lost. In fact, it is unbelievable that anyone would put them in a wastebasket for safe-keeping, but never-the-less, it was done. The question is, is this an accurate poll? Were the forms that were kept the opinions of a few students that were voting all at one time?

It would be interesting to know from where the 700 that were kept came.

The majority of the pollers called for more news coverage. This, indeed is a valid request.

This campus consists of 13,000 students that are active seven days a week. Certainly there are many more activities to cover than are being covered by the Daily Nebraskan. The Daily Nebraskan is limited by finances, space, and size of staff.

But then forty-six per cent of those wanting more news coverage turned around and said the solution to getting more news coverage was to cut the paper back to a weekly.

This would give one-fourth less news space than we now have. It would be next to impossible to cover all the news in that small space.

This campus is large enough to support a five-day paper, with eight columns of print, instead of the seven now used by the Daily Nebraskan.

Students invariably visit the editor's office and point out articles which they consider not to be news-worthy and to be a waste of space. Other students invariably come in and say these very stories are the ones that they are interested in.

A student newspaper, any newspaper, must print varied enough articles to appeal to all of its readers. It cannot concentrate on one facet of student life. If it did that, it would leave a great number of people completely out of the picture.

It may be that a triweekly paper will be the only solution that can be arrived at.

On the other hand, forty-one per cent of those in favor of more news coverage voted to up their own tuition by fifty cents per semester in order to obtain a copy of the paper themselves and to have it contain the news in which they are interested.

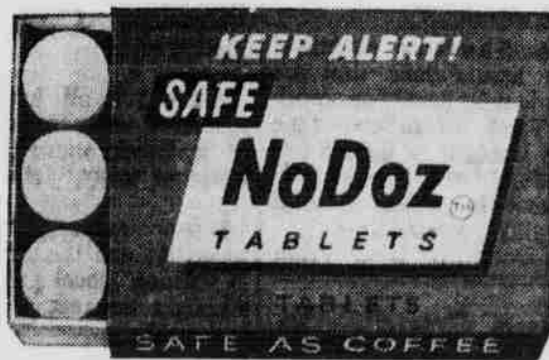
This appears to the Daily Nebraskan to be the best method of obtaining a good student newspaper.

However, just because some students are willing to pay this sum does not mean that the Daily Nebraskan will automatically be given the money.

The Board of Regents must be aware of the situation. They have steadfastly maintained that the tuition should not be any higher than it is at the present moment.

If students really want a better newspaper, if they are really willing to pay the extra fifty cents to obtain it, the Regents must know.

SUSAN SMITHBERGER



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By P. A. Drake

Now that the flurry of Homecoming and four-week exams are over, I have been reminded by some Andrew's hall half-backs that I have been neglecting the dimensions of courage by refusing to pour forth, spout, nemesize and generally harangue the official and unofficial hard core leadership of the University. I stand prodded.

On the first day of classes, when everyone blinks rather bewilderingly, I was looking up an ex-advisor for some belated advice. I fully expected him not to be in his office but I didn't expect his office hours to be posted as thus: 9 to 10 yesterday, 10 to 11 tomorrow. Yesterday was a Sunday. I went back the next morning and the next morning and the next morning...

Diligence of the Week award goes to some hard-pressed City policeman. He was obviously so damned furious about (snicker) those sneaky students who sneakily wipe the chalk marks off of their back tires, that he spent the entire morning chalking all four tires in a two block area. Results: 15 parking violations. I know; I counted them.

The Award of Excellency goes to Acacia fraternity for choosing to spend their

Homecoming time and money for a worthwhile purpose.

More awards will be gratuitously bestowed as the occasions permit. That means that there will be no call for snide remarks like: "Whatever happened to Baby Jane, Billy Sol Estes, Bobby Baker, Walter Jenkins, Wilhelm Reich and P. A. Drake?"

As I said, I will try to bounce about the Fine Arts from time to time and at the same time keep my tongue in cheek or check about that ominous creature—Politics. In fact, (this is bound to raise a few eyebrows or eyebrow pencils) I don't intend to vote this year. I'm old enough (and then some). I have convictions (I think). I've never been imprisoned.

In fact, I am compelled, obligated, privileged, requested, permitted, desired, fancied, and free to vote, but I don't want either candidate or political party to influence my life, although they undoubtedly will.

The lesser of the two evils is unimportant. That I choose not to vote is as important to me as your choice to vote. It's like the freedom of religion and from religion. You may very well disagree. This is your privilege.

### About Letters

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## CAMPUS OPINION

### Homecoming Politics?

Dear Editor,  
I wish to protest the manner in which the Gamma Phi Beta-Delta Upsilon homecoming display was disqualified.

We were disqualified on Saturday after the judging had taken place, selecting our display a winner. The decision was based, as far as we know, on pure conjecture. We have never been informed of the specific charges against us or given an opportunity until too late to defend ourselves.

One has the right to be informed of the charges against him, and should have the opportunity to defend himself. If the Innocents had doubts about the cost of our display, they should have come to us and at least given us the opportunity to answer questions and explain ourselves.

The combined facts make one wonder if there wasn't some kind of the famous campus politics involved.

If significant changes are not made in the Innocent's policy governing this contest, perhaps special consideration should be given the proposal coming up soon in Student Council to abolish homecoming displays.

Why go to all the trouble and expense of building a display and entering the contest when we cannot be assured of an open, democratic decision.

Barbara Clifford  
Homecoming chairman

### Where's State?

To the Editor:  
In this election year, it seems to me that the great bulk of the Daily Nebraskan's political news items and editorials have been concerned with the forthcoming national election. As an interested University student, and, of even more importance, as an interested Nebraskan, I would like to see more attention given to our state and local candidates and issues.

I would also like to see a study done of state senator's voting records on issues that concern the growth and development of our University. Perhaps a percentage scale could be set up in an attempt to rate senator's voting records which were, or are, favorable to the University. Our faculty and student body could play an important role as an interest or pressure group in state politics, but first we must be informed.

An interested and well informed university community could field a pretty large team of voters and campaign workers in the coming November elections.

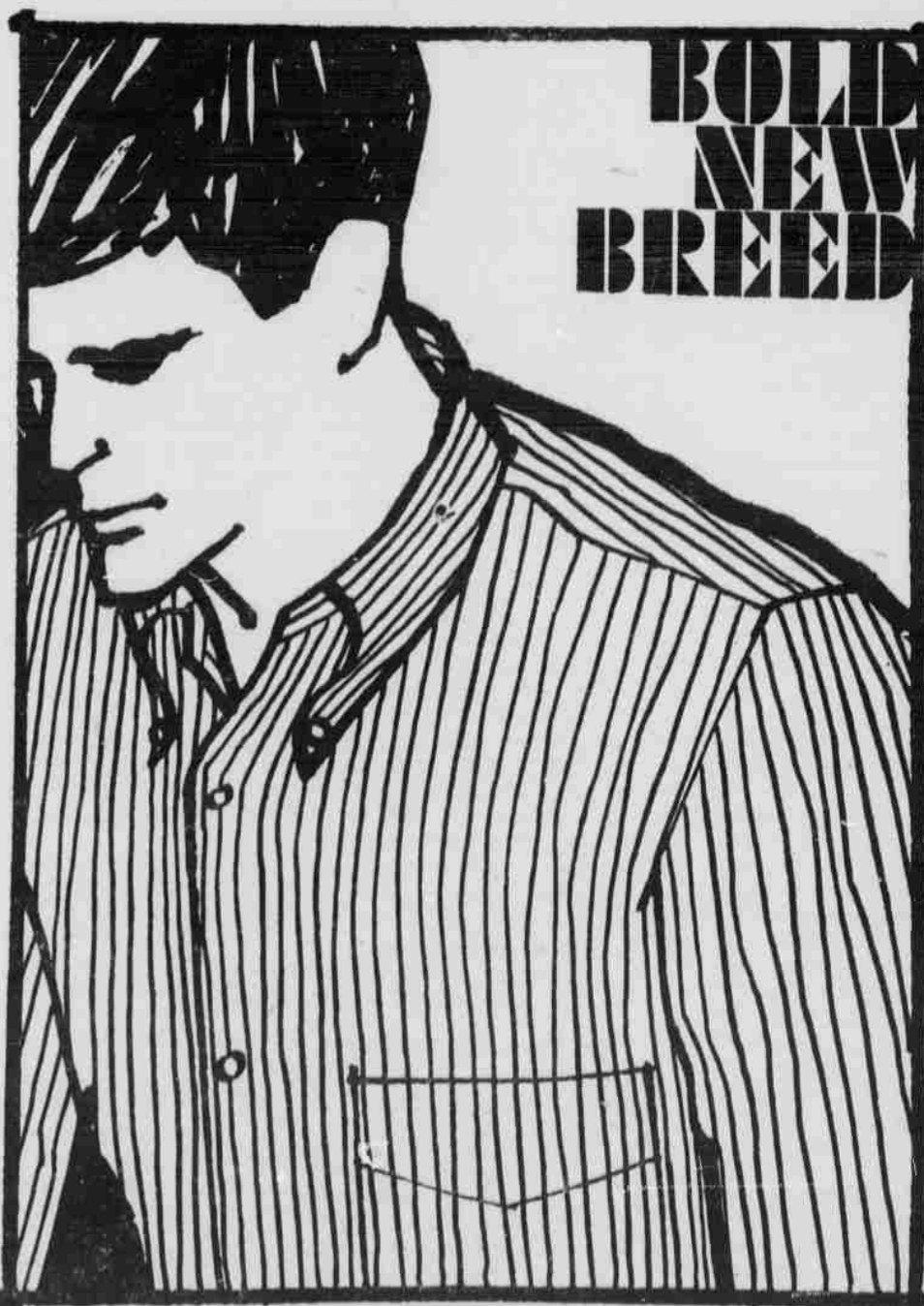
Instead of wasting newspaper space debating the merits of the presidential candidates, both of whom are burdened with questionable credentials, I think we ought to make some effort to oust the few state senators and executive administrators who think this university can operate on a prayer and an occasional pat on the back.

Frank Landis, Jr.



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