

Vote For One

Of the decisions made at yesterday's special Student Senate meeting, the "vote for one, and not for three girls" in the Homecoming Queen election is the most outstanding and significant.

The ruling should have been adopted years ago. Arguments against voting only for one girl were petty at most points. Some held that every living unit casts their first vote for their own candidate and that only by casting three votes might they be able to really vote for the candidate of their choice.

If this were the case, it would be the voters who did not have a candidate who would decide the election. And we say what is wrong with that?

As was pointed out in the Senate meeting, in the past when voting for three, the following procedure has been used: the particular living unit's candidate gets the first "x" followed by two "x's" for two girls who probably do not have as good a chance — thereby giving one's own candidate a better chance at the queenship.

A one-vote ballot should eliminate this ridiculous practice. But it will put the voter on the spot. He'll have to think for himself and cast his vote intelligently for the candidate who would make the best Homecoming Queen, obviously not necessarily the candidate from his own house or dorm. And there is absolutely nothing wrong with that.

We hope that some real voting will occur inside the private-curtained booth this year.

The decision that the interviewing board be composed of one senator from every college plus the president and vice president of ASUN is satisfactory — for this year.

We urge the committee appointed to study the problem — to respond with a better method of selecting the finalists for next year's election.

The Homecoming Queen is the only all-campus queen election. We think it is the most important queen election this year. There are two days in which to cast your vote. We urge that you do so, because we believe your vote might really mean something this year — if you let it.

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER

Phase IV

Val Peterson, three term former governor, has officially thrown his hat into the gubernatorial ring, and in doing so has given the state Republican Party a proven winner as its candidate. Interestingly enough he announced his candidacy in a talk given to the University Young Republicans.

Why he chose this group's meeting as the place to air his intentions is significant in itself. One might attribute it to his association with the 5 University as President of the Board of Regents, but this is rather a surface explanation. A more realistic reason might be the important contribution made by the Young Democrats in the last election. Undoubtedly Mr. Peterson is cognizant of this contribution.

Roger A. Elm

He also realizes he can count on oldline GOP support, but must have campaign support of the Young Republican across the state to win.

Peterson and the Young Republicans need each other. Peterson needs them to win and they need him to become more than the important organization which the smashing defeat of Goldwater has left them.

We hope that the association Peterson has had with national politics won't have the same effect that it had on former U.S. Secretary of the Interior Seaton when he ran for the governorship in 1962. We feel that Peterson hasn't become a big city bureaucrat and still retains a bit of the "folksy-ness" necessary to win an election in Nebraska. If incumbent Governor Morrison elects to run for another term, this promises to be an election to long be remembered.



CAMPUS OPINION

Body's Fine, But Mind?

Dear Miss Hoegemeyer: After reading the last few editions of your newspaper (Friday, Sept. 24, in particular), I began wondering about the academic direction in which this university apparently is headed. Such recent new items as 1. the University's population explosion over the last few years, 2. the expansion of the football stadium, 3. the recent construction of additional housing facilities and 4. the proposed expansion of the Nebraska Union seem to indicate that the University is more concerned about the student's body than about his mind.

In 1960 there were a little over ten thousand students at the University of Nebraska; today there are over 15,000. To accommodate the rapidly growing student body, the University undertook a program of physical expansion. Recent examples of this expansion are the new North Stadium and the new dormitories. Soon, we are informed, the Union will be enlarged to accommodate a future student population of 25,000. Even our chancellor has taken part in the expansion program, moving into an attractive new home, the value of which no one knows for certain. All this means that the student has or will have adequate space in which to sleep, eat and be entertained.

Obviously, something is missing: classroom space.

Only a certain number of bodies can fit into a certain number of rooms and seats. Those certain rooms and seats are filled at present; where do we go from here? Has the University no plans whatsoever for expanding the present over-worked classroom space or for building new facilities? Perhaps additional stories could be added to some of the existing buildings. Perhaps new buildings could be constructed north of the present city campus.

Why doesn't the University strongly consider expansion on to the present site of the state fairgrounds, and in doing so endorse either plan number two, three or four of the suggested plans for use of the Lincoln Air Force Base? Surely there must be somewhere to go. It is surprising that so little has been done, especially when one considers the very rapid rate of student growth over the last six years.

Or maybe it isn't so surprising; maybe it doesn't matter if the students suffer from over-crowded classrooms. After all, the students do have seats for the football games.

Yours truly,
Steve L. Green,
graduate student

CAMPUS OPINION

Open Letter

An open letter to the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska:

We are, as you have asked us to be, actively committed to the principle of student self-government. We understand your purpose to be the maintenance of student rights and responsibilities. Your recent claim to "supreme power" is taken to be an indication that you see your task as something more than the mere preservation of an in loco parentis establishment. A policy which attempts to make students responsible by undermining any possibility of real decision making is absurd, and should be abandoned.

Students, we believe, should have the legal right to make the decisions relevant to their lives as members of the university community. Are we to presume that the students on this campus engage in this kind of decision-making? Is the government of this community effective, or is it a mere parody acting under a formal, make-believe guise?

We are students for a democratic society who await the test of your "supreme power" with keen interest. Our commitment to self-government is not reinforced when you spend \$210 on public relations and \$35 on public issues.

George A. Spangler
William Fowler
Carl Davidson

A Feather?

Open letter to Official X. Sometimes dull problems reward the solver. Usually they only punish those who should have solved them. It would not be a happy hunt—the search for just what organ of campus or city government was re-

Bowling Fee Fair?

Dear Madam Editor: I cannot understand why it is necessary to charge bowling students \$7.25 to participate in class. (I do understand the \$1.50 charged for shoes. After all, you have to provide your own shoes in any P.E. class.) If the charge is made just because the class meets in the Union, it is unfair. The Union is a part of the University. If we cannot use these facilities for a class without payment, a place should be provided especially for bowling classes. It then follows that the University is saving money by having the bowling students use the Union facilities: there is no maintenance costs for two separate places.

Perhaps someone reading this is thinking to himself "if classes weren't being held, paying customers

could use the lanes." But show me one person who would normally use an alley at 8 or 9 a.m. I have looked into the bowling area several times this past week and the maximum number of people bowling at once was two. (Perhaps that is why we have to pay. Otherwise, the alleys may not take in any money.)

The argument that there must be charges for maintenance does not seem too convincing. Do we have to pay for the maintenance for lacrosse or tennis rackets? Do we have to pay at each class for someone to sweep the floor after class is over? Do we have to pay for the use of the swimming pool, or even for the water in it? These costs and many other similar ones are taken care of. Why should the costs of using the bowling facilities be any different?

Iwan Justice

MB 015's Heart Beating

Dear Madam Editor, Nothing is wrong. My heart is beating a little faster and my temper is flaring. My interest has been aroused and you have made a noticeable impression on my brain. I am taking this opportunity to sound off in a pleasant and disgusted way about my life here at the University.

First on the disgusted side:
1. The amount of money spent on chancellor Hardin's new home for "entertaining" while 15,100 students lack adequate classroom space.

2. The brilliant display of Tassels and Corn Cobs regarding the use of the flash cards during the downpour at the half time at the Nebraska-TCU game.

3. Ticket Manager James Pittenger's management of the tickets.

4. The necessary remodeling of the Student Senate office.

5. Sigma Chi Derby Day. (Is this the last of the great traditions?)

And on the pleasant side:
1. Pre-registration really works.

2. The Cornhuskers won their first football game.

3. No long hours or crepe paper hands or chicken wire.

4. It's getting too cold to wear Madras.

5. I can sit in my rocking chair and remember the good old days now that I don't have to gun any more.

MB 015

Not what men do worthily, but what they do successfully, is what history makes haste to record.—H. W. Beecher

Remembrances last longer than present realities; I have preserved blossoms for many years, but never fruits.—Richter

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