

## Our Platform

With the coming campaigning for student government, candidates will be publicizing their platforms. We, too, feel that our platform regarding our standpoint on election procedures must be made known.

Our first objective will NOT be "equal space for candidates." The idea that an objective and unprejudiced press must give a candidate equal space to his opponent is a fallacious one.

Rather, the space "given" to each candidate will be determined by the usual judgments of news value: in this case, what office the candidate is running for, and most important WHAT the candidate has to say.

We will not write three inches about Candidate A and three inches about Candidate B, when A speaks in vague, undetermined generalities and B presents a lucid, meaningful statement of his position.

However, the Daily Nebraskan staff will endeavor to contact and interview all those who file for office. Again, capacity of space given to candidates may be determined partially by the number who file. Obviously, it would be difficult for a reporter or two to contact and interview 50 candidates from each college.

If it becomes impossible to interview every candidate for Senate (which we

doubt should happen), then we can still assure our readers that we will place emphasis on those running for the executive offices—as we normally would.

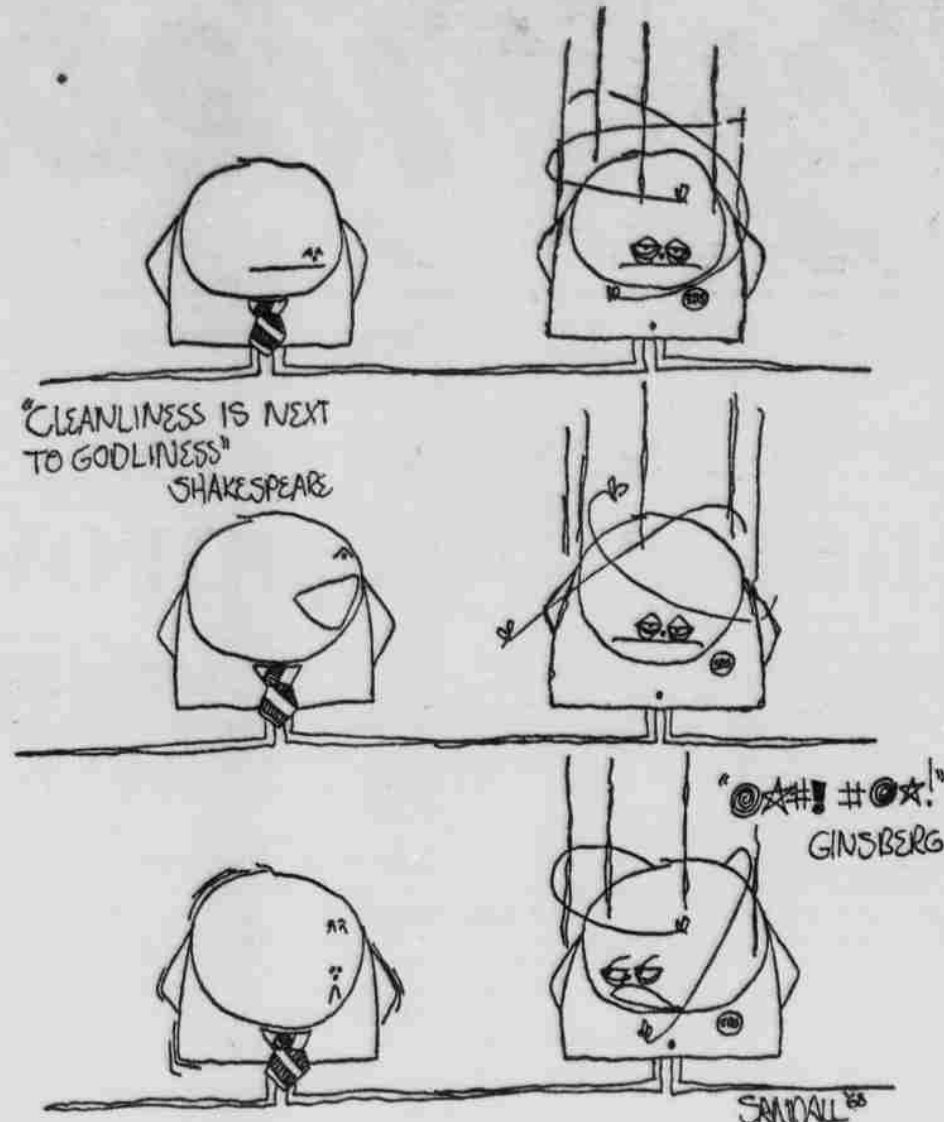
As is the custom, the Daily Nebraskan will support editorially some candidates whom we feel to be especially qualified—those whom we believe to be the best person for the office. Our endorsement will not be predicated on friendship or political hearsay, but rather on our opinion of the person based on personal knowledge of his abilities and past performance.

In sum, the Daily Nebraskan will endeavor to make this campaign as meaningful as the candidates make it. By rights, it should be a meaningful campaign as there are many questions at stake, regardless of any candidates' platforms.

The most important of these questions is what direction student government will take in its second year under a new constitution. The persons who are elected will decide this direction.

There won't be another Neumeister, or another Frolik. But there is no reason why there cannot be persons elected who can shape student government, though in their personal way, to be as effective as this year's has been.

And to you who are in the running, we look forward to meeting you, if we have not already, and to discussing the issues. The door's open...



## Sorry About That!

Being a compendium of farce, absurdity and comment, selected arbitrarily by the Editor...

with the editor in his JSK column) has been filling in handily with the help of Bob Flasnick, sports assistant, and other columnists. (Not to mention our business manager, who helps out with ads.)

Historical Note of the Day: In 1842, Capt. Billy Rungley loots and sinks an entire fleet of French toast off the coast of Northern Nebraska.

News from Hooker: "I'm not saying all the girls on this campus are like this, but a girl I saw today had calves so bad it looked like her legs were upside down."

The Interfraternity Pledge Council at Iowa State is discussing a Model Pledge Education Program. This is ridiculous. Who ever heard of a model pledge?

Have ya noticed... the Daily Nebraskan has been without a sports editor for about two weeks now. Jim Pearce was forced to resign due to ill health.

Naturally, we are keeping up with our traditional good relations with the Cornhusker staff. We've recruited one of their managing editors, Kelley Baker, to fill in as sports editor.

In the meantime, our night news editor, Jon Kerkhoff (who likes to get even

We hear that one key candidate in line for an executive office in student government has been planning his platform. Although the information hasn't been released formally yet, it seems that he will endorse Motherhood, no hours for men and Santa Claus.

The University of Illinois is also experiencing student government election time. Says the Daily Illini:

"This year there are three candidates running for Student Senate president. However, the campaign promises to be no more interesting than last year's. (It's shaping up to be another dull one.) All depends on your chances, I guess.

The LAST Ode  
Spring is sprung  
The grass is riz  
Tonight I'll know  
Where the MB's is.

Who'll be Sorry About That?

## The Course of Computers

(Editor's Note: Computers are already busy matching dates, but what other roles will computers play in the future of colleges? This story may give some insight.)

University, Ala.—(I.P.)—Computers may someday help college students stay in school, says a University of Alabama professor.

Dr. Marvin A. Griffin of the College of Engineering believes computers could summarize information on dropouts and graduates. This would revise testing, counseling and guidance programs and, in turn, upgrade today's approximate loss of one-half the entering freshmen before graduation.

"A need exists for hard facts concerning many facets of the student body,"

Dr. Griffin said, "and it is unlikely they will ever be available under the present system."

Dr. Griffin recently completed a study on engineering enrollment for the American Society for Engineering Education under a grant from the National Science Foundation. Working with him on the project was Dr. Fain A. Guthrie, university professor of counseling and guidance, and John C. Seymour, assistant professor of education in counseling and guidance.

For the study, a 12-year period of enrollment at the University was used. Transcript information on entering freshmen was placed on magnetic tape and summarized by a digital computer. From this, a "flow

chart" was composed to suggest the best method of recording the collected data.

The process begins with a student's transcript fed into the computer on magnetic tape. If additional information is added later, or if new students enter school, this can be added through 11 various punched data cards. The final summaries are stored on the magnetic tape.

The end result, Dr. Griffin believes, could encompass a wider field than that which initiated the study. A student's entire journey through college could be charted, his degree program individually planned and re-planned, and computers could even estimate the possibility of after-graduation success.

## Lost Cool

By LIZAITKEN

SDS may be old hat to you but to me it's a pain in the neck. I am tired of hearing the group that call themselves Students for a Democratic Society used as a whipping dog.

It doesn't really matter what the topic is, if there is any example that needs to be given referring to something that might be the slightest bit anti-University establishment the example is always SDS. This is absolutely without exception and the unoriginality of the whole thing has begun to gall me.

But after looking over the situation a bit I think that I've found the reason for this intense and often ill-founded suspicion of SDS. No one really knows what the darn thing is.

The first story I can remember seeing about the organization was something about SDS's comments on in loco parentis. Well, I could hardly tell what the Latin phrase meant (besides something about crazy parents) let alone anything about the organization that was talking about it.

Then through Hyde Park I learned (along with a good percentage of the rest of the campus) what the views were of Mr. Carl Davidson, founder and then president of SDS. But still I knew very little about the organization of SDS per se. Well, the fame of David-

son and SDS grew and grew, but the information on either was never directly gathered, just sort of infused by osmosis from the air around Hyde Park and from the ink on the pages of the Rag.

Now it is not my intention of giving you the low-down on Mr. Carl Davidson on your own. I would like to give you an abbreviated rundown of SDS programs so you will know just a little more about the organization that everyone names with a hiss.

This column is not coordinated with any membership drive on the part of SDS. It is not intended to try to win you over to their way of thinking. It is merely being presented to try to tear away some of the fears and suspicions that have grown up around it. You don't have to agree with any of the programs listed but as you know, to fight effectively one must "know the foe."

After an interview with Dan Ortiz, current president of SDS, I was enlightened on the following points. The local chapter of SDS is autonomous to the national organization. The Lincoln chapter is bound only by name to the national and can disagree on any and all issues its members choose not to back. The regional group, the subject of several recent Rag stories, is purely an informational unit and possesses no power over SDS in Lincoln.

Past projects of Lincoln's SDS have included the Viet Nam teach-in, the South African teach-in, the downtown march and discrimination test in Lincoln taverns. Not all these projects were solely work of SDS. The march included a majority of non-SDS mem-

bers and the test for discrimination was cooperative with SNCC.

Current and future programs include a tutoring program at Lincoln High and several junior high schools; a T-town project to inform Negroes of their rights in the areas of city ordinances, federal loan laws, federal housing ordinances and urban renewal or its equivalent; a California Grape Strike film and symposium; a film festival consisting of films not generally available which have high cultural or social worth; and a theatre project to be conducted at the Malone Center exclusively for high school students.

This last project will be carried out by a group whose majority will not be SDS members but rather drama students. SDS members will take part in a voter registration drive conducted in Denver and Jackson, Miss., by the YWCA and plans to use the experience gained by these members to hold a voter registration drive here in Lincoln.

A program also planned for later in the year is a poverty program that will be associated with SDS's program on civil rights but include Lincoln poor whites as well as poor Negroes.

Well, there is a list of completed and still-in-the-planning-stage activities of our local SDS. As Mr. Ortiz pointed out, SDS functions on a basis of spontaneity and the group adopts new programs as they come along.

Take it for what you will. My only point is that SDS is not the boogey-man so many people hold it to be. Looking at that list of projects, it also looks like it will be a spawning ground for a new type of activity look-

## Another Viewpoint—

### The Survey Season

By Bill Groat  
Colorado Daily

Scene: A Student Union Loggia, a drafty hallway with brick walls. In the corners the miasma lurks, in the form of TB germs, Hacking Cough virus and assorted sneezings. Along the back wall are long tables with chairs. Behind the chairs are large billboards carrying advertisements for campus organizations, the lettering of which is BIG, so as to catch the eye of the partly blind. (For stage purposes, the chairs can be manned by dummies.)

Throughout the play, coffee-less students enter from the right and move slowly across the stage to the left; at the same time, stimulated students enter from the left and shoot across to the right. A poll-taker with a clipboard enters from the left and stations himself in the midst of the traffic downstage.

Poll: excuse me. (He leans forward, balancing on the balls of his feet and catches a passing girl under the nose with his clipboard. She stops.)

Girl: (Straightening her nose) Yes?

Poll: I'm taking a survey and I'd like to get your opinion on some things.

Girl: (Pressing her books tighter against her chest with her arms) Like what?

Poll: Well, we're trying to pick up a few figures and—

Girl: (Stepping back) What do you mean by that?

Poll: Nothing—I mean, yes, I do mean something. Why are you stepping back? What's wrong? (Steps forward.)

Girl: (Trying to look

frightened): I'm sorry but you'll have to find someone else. (She goes out at right.)

Poll: (Shrugs and steps in front of boy wearing levis and smoking a pipe): Excuse me but I'm taking a poll and—

Boy: I can't understand the question.

Poll: But I haven't asked you anything yet—

Boy: How do you expect me to answer the question if I can't even understand it?

Poll: But—

Boy: (Pointing pipe stem at Poll): You poll guys are all the same. You ask a question that can't even be answered, and then put out some ridiculous figures. The whole thing's put up—it's a put up job, that's what it is. You want opinion? Well, you got it. (Replaces pipe in his mouth, puffs twice and goes out left.)

Poll: (Drawing breath): Excuse me. (A girl wearing pink skirt and sweater stops and then steps back, surveying Poll.)

Girl: Hmmm?

Poll: I'd like to ask you a few questions.

Girl: Oh, I'd like that.

Poll: Good. What do you think about the—

Girl: Were you at Snookie's party Saturday?

Poll: No, I don't think so.

Girl: Take off your glasses. (Poll removes his glasses, squints at girl.) No, I guess not. Bye bye. (Exit right.)

Poll: What the hell was that? (He steps in front of a tall blond girl. She doesn't notice him, and they collide.) Excuse me, I'm trying to take a survey and—

Girl: (Holding throat and

speaking in a rasping voice, barely audible): I can't talk. I've got laryngitis—

Poll: O.K. Forget it. Forget it. (He rips off the top page in his clipboard, wads it up, looks around for a place to throw it, then puts it in his pants pocket, the bulge embarrasses him, so he tries to smash it down, but sees a girl eyeing him strangely and gives up. He steps in front of a boy in a blue suit.) Excuse me—

Boy: You'll want to know my name, right? Its Sylvester Abercrombie Harrington Hurizingzewisk.

Poll: Forget it! Forget it!

Boy: You sure?

Poll: I'm sure! Go! (Boy goes out left, repeating his name.)

Poll: (Trembling): Excuse me. (A boy wearing a stretched-out mohair sweater stops.) I'm taking a survey and I wondered if you would please answer just one simple question.

Boy: Shoot.

Poll: Really?

Boy: Yeah, go ahead. Ask me.

Poll: (Ecstatic): Well, we want to know what you think about—

Boy: Wait, don't tell me. Let me guess. You want to know what I think about the toilet paper, right? (Poll droops his head) No? Then maybe you want to know what my opinion is on the birth control question, right? No? Then what is it?

Poll: (Letting his clipboard fall to the floor): Nothing. Just nothing. I've forgotten the question. I've just forgotten the damn question.

# CAMPUS OPINION

## University Slipping Frightfully

Dear Editor,

As a student, attending "conservative" Nebraska U., I'm in search of a college education, a meaning to life, and an appreciation for my fellow man. Like every student, I question and criticize but comply to student obligations: paying tuition, attending classes, and making necessary grades. Now I question two things: (1) Why are professors leaving the university? (2) Are the students unconcerned about it?

Some of the more noteworthy among the many instructors leaving are, in the History Department alone, Trask, Manley, Nugent, and Sakai; (Forde left last year, but will anything be left of the History Department now?) in the English Department, Shapiro; and in the Romance Language Department, Esquenazi-Mayo. Certainly, each one of these men carries the reputation of their respective department. But to remain an academic institution, this school must have a name besides a football team. What will the reputation be when these men leave?

Are students concerned? Reading the stories of the Daily Nebraskan, I find a jumble of student interest: election of Miss Swine Queen, whether this or that organization has the proper constitution or goals to function, smoking in the library, bad food in the Union, and of course, Viet Nam and racial discrimination. It's not my intention to de-emphasize any issue, but why is such a fantastic amount of time and energy wasted on such a potpourri of issues?

We should keep in tune with the world's problems, but can any one of us actually wave a magic wand or a picket stick, as the case may be, and end the Viet Nam war and racial discrimination in South Africa or elect Miss Swine? Certainly a sound education is the basis for attacking any problem, but can we take for granted that our educational system is helping us to meet these problems?

I like to think I'm a common student who hates 7:30's, lectures in Love Auditorium, and Campell R. McConnell on television. To pay \$40.00 more next semester and to meet my student obligations, I do not expect just a body (or a tube) at 7:30 a.m. in Love Auditorium. If the above instructors have found reason to leave, why should I stay? Just what is it that this university lacks to keep these men and others like them? Money? Library facilities? State backing? Research grants? Opportunity to advance? What?

Seemly, as we students take for granted that there will be classes held, there will be instructors to lecture, and there will be weekend capers. Next year, we will inevitably be paying \$40.00 more to have adequate instructors (meeting status quo), while "conservative" Nebraska spends half a million centennial dollars to beautify the state capital. Isn't it a paradox?

We can rationalize with the sociological and political problems of Nebraska, the rift between academic and athletic emphasis, or administrative failure; but as students, if we continue to shunt our energy and time to question, criticize, and demand solutions to the discriminating and warring world, taking for granted our educational system, we may find ourselves on a soap-box, picket in hand, with no institution of learning to develop and cultivate our ideals.

I find our institution, the University of Nebraska, slipping frightfully, and I am deeply concerned. Are you concerned?

M. Thomas Malovoz

## Warning To Candidates

Dear Editor,

Student Senate elections are fast approaching and students will be bombarded by "Mouveau" politicians who proclaim their duty as protector of student interest. A main issue of the campaign promises to concern the University's financial crisis. But before our illustrious office seekers try to lead us down the primrose path some facts should be exposed.

Last Friday a ranking member of the United States Senate Appropriations Committee visited campus as the honored guest of ASUN at a coffee hour. Senator Roman Hruska was interested in hearing about the University's problems. He discussed the cuts President Johnson has made in his 1966-67 budget for higher education and he expressed his intention to work to have some of the allotments increased. This could have a direct bearing on the University's financial situation.

The five persons associated with ASUN, as well as the twelve interested students, who came to meet the senator at this ASUN sponsored function are to be commended. As for the others—they deserve only pity and a word of caution: Keep your campaign honest. "None pities him that's in the snare, who warned before, would not beware."

The Archangel

## ASUN Is Commended

ASUN—We salute you!

We would like to commend your action in confronting the City Council in connection with housing for foreign students.

We think it is a step in the right direction and appreciate your concern.

We are waiting to see the outcome, and are supporting you, the ASUN.

Social Action Commission  
Lutheran Student Center

## NU Coed 'Wants Out'

Dear Editor,

I want out! At least on week-ends, anyway. Did you ever stop to think how trapped NU coeds are? We're only allowed to leave this campus six times a semester unless we want to go home. It's not that I mind going home a lot, but I live 300 miles away which is a little far.

I think it's time AWS stopped to realize that we live in days of improved transportation, and many of us would like to leave this city once in a while. The system of overnights and out-of-towns they have set up is completely outmoded. Wesleyan campus allows as many overnights as you want, but just one per week-end. This seems much more reasonable.

And as for out-of-towns, well, I used mine up the first two months of school. Besides this only encourages infractions of the rules. Many girls on this campus have "homes" in three different cities, plus many Lincoln "homes." Something should be done!

AWS has made a good start this year by allowing senior keys, and maybe if they keep this up we'll catch up with other campuses. PLEASE?

Jean Moriarity

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