

Psychic Physicists Practice



Tension mounts between competing scientists in a scene from the rehearsal of "The Physicists." Members of the cast shown are: (from left) Zeff Bernstein, Robert Hall and Steve Gaines. Rehearsals are proceeding on schedule in spite of the heat and pressures of study which made some cast changes neces-

sary. Stepping in to fill the vacant roles are Dr. John Thurber and Dr. Charles Gruner, both members of the speech department faculty. The two will play the roles of strong-armed storm troopers for the regular performance to be given Aug. 1 and 2. (Photo by Don Critchfield).

New Left Represented At NU

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is a report on the campus groups of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Its content should give the summer readers an explanation of the group's activities. The report was written by Barb Robertson, a student in the Advanced Reporting class in the School of Journalism.

By Barb Robertson

"We're Happening All Over, Baby!" proclaims a banner at the University of California. Student protesters composing the New Left can be found in ghettos, in demonstrations against American foreign policy and on campuses, and they are growing.

Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), the largest of the student groups on the left, is the fastest growing. In April, 1965, SDS had a total membership of 900 in 32 chapters, but now they have about 5000 members in 135 college chapters and 20 high school chapters, according to Carl Davidson, originator of SDS at the University of Nebraska and former president.

3 Year Growth

Who are these people, what do they stand for, and why has SDS grown so in the past three years?

Members of SDS are students ranging from drop-outs to PhD's according to Andrew Kopkin in "Of, By, and For the Poor", appearing in the June 19, 1965 issue of *The New Republic*. He adds that they are young (under 30) and come from middle and professional class families.

Hostile To Society

Davidson added that the majority of students are hostile to society, reject the middle-class system, and that 40 per cent are members of campus Christian youth groups. He is a graduate of Penn State and is a graduate student in philosophy at NU, having taught a class in logic.

SDS stands for participatory democracy and the only requirement for membership is anti-totalitarianism beliefs. Their policy commitment, voiced by the Port Huron Statement issued at the founding of SDS in Port Huron, Mich., in 1962 says, "... we seek the establishment of a democracy of individual participation governed by two central aims: that the individual share in those social decisions determining the quality and direction of his life; that the society be organized to encourage independence in men and provide the media for their common participation ..."

Individuals Robbed

"Individuals have been robbed of their own authority as decisionmakers and they must take this back," said Tom Hayden, 26, former president of SDS and currently an organizer for the group's Newark Community Union project.

The churches, the liberal groups, the more traditional civil rights organizations, he said, "had bureaucratic structures at the top, but were hol-

low shells at the bottom." They are, he said, incapable of necessary radical action "because they are more responsive to pressure from the government than they are to their own rank and file."

Basic Areas

The implementation of this policy involves four basic areas: civil rights, the Free Speech Movement, war on poverty and international peace. Davidson said, "we believe that these issues can't be solved separately, which is one reason why SDS is a multi-issue group."

Although SDS got its start in civil rights protest movements, by the end of 1965 its membership was growing swiftly as a result of the intensified focus against the war in Viet Nam. In Washington, on April 17, 1965, SDS sponsored a march to protest the war in Viet Nam. "We hoped for 7000, but 25,000 showed up," Davidson said.

Kind of System

In front of the Washington Monument, Paul Potter, 26, then the president of SDS asked, "What kind of system is it that leaves millions upon millions throughout the country impoverished and excluded from the mainstream and the promise of American society, that creates faceless and terrible bureaucracies in which people spend their lives and do their work, that consistently puts material values before human values — and still persists in calling itself fit to police the world?"

"In a strange way the people of Viet Nam and the people on this demonstration are united in much more than a common concern that the war be ended. In both countries there are people struggling to build a movement that has the power to change their condition. The system that frustrates these movements is the same. All our lives, our destinies, our very hopes to live, depend on our ability to overcome that system."

Sky Shows

Museum officials at the University of Nebraska have scheduled another night showing of the current sky show, "Nebraska Nights," for 8 p.m. on Thursdays during July and August.

The new sky show schedule: Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays: 2:30 and 3:45 p.m.; Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays: 2:45 p.m.; Wednesdays and Thursdays: 2:45 and 8 p.m.

Working for SDS are 70 full-time staff members—300 during the summer—engaged in creating an "inter-racial movement of the poor," according to Nat Hentoff, Playboy, March, 1966. In Newark, N.J., the Newark Community Union Project—despite persistent opposition from the mayor, the police and even some liberals who felt they were being displaced—has succeeded in defeating an urban renewal plan that would have destroyed a viable Negro neighborhood. Newark is one of 17 community projects sponsored by SDS.

Effective Pressures

It has also put effective pressure on absentee landlords in the ghetto to repair their buildings, and it has propelled some of its local members into decision-making positions in the council distributing War-on-Poverty funds, Hentoff said.

Hayden, in a debate on "New Styles in Leftism — Round Two", the Village Voice, May 13, 1965, said, "A new organizational strength is required from the millions of poor people whose needs are being neglected and sold out ... The only way to achieve change is to organize people and not bargain ... We must organize so that people discover their own worth and integrity."

SDS and other members of the New Left are not without criticism: they have been called communistic, anti-American, and unpatriotic. J. Edgar Hoover, appearing before the House Appropriations subcommittee in March 1965, says of the student revolt at the University of California the previous fall: "A few hundred students contain within their ranks a handful of Communists that mislead, confuse and bewilder a great many students to their detriment. Communist Party leaders feel that based on what happened on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley, they can exploit similar student demonstrations to their own benefit in the future."

Wild Expectations

Adding to the chorus is Dr. Stefan Possony, Director of International Studies at the Hoover Institute, Stanford University. In May 1965 he warned the Senate Internal Security subcommittee that "the radicalization of American youth is proceeding beyond the wildest expectations of the Communists."

According to Hentoff, SDS, SNCC, and the Northern Stu-

dent Movement resent the implication that they can be successfully infiltrated. Since they practice total inner democracy and have no patience with pat ideologies, whether Soviet or Chinese, they are confident and can protect themselves.

Direct Action

"Look," says C. Clark Kissinger, a 24-year-old graduate of the University of Chicago and now a full-time strategist for SDS, "we began by rejecting the old sectarian Left and its ancient quarrels. We are interested in direct action and specific issues. We do not spend endless hours debating the nature of Soviet Russia."

In agreement with Kissinger is Bill Strickland, a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard, and the director of the Northern Student Movement. He says, "We're not interested in a guy's memorizing Trotsky's theory of permanent revolution or some Stalinist with a line. We're interested in creating new forms and new institutions."

Charges Answered

Davidson, now secretary-treasurer of SDS at the University of Nebraska, answered the charges that SDS is anti-American and unpatriotic in a letter to *The Daily Nebraskan*, Monday, March 21, 1965. It said in part: "... there are two kinds of patriotism. One kind says, 'My country, right or wrong.' In addition to being the last refuge of the scoundrel, it is the first refuge of totalitarianism and moral irresponsibility. 'The second kind ... demands that we understand what the values of the coun-

try, not the present administration, are. And it demands that we analyze whether the present administration is honestly and consistently carrying out those values."

Struggle To Change

"And if we find that the administration is not carrying out those values, then, this kind of patriotism demands that we must struggle to change the course of the administration."

Davidson also mentions in the letter some of the work of SDS members, such as Peace Corps, and their volunteering to go unarmed to Viet Nam to "build for a democracy rather than burn a Saigon bandit."

Teach-ins

According to Davidson, SDS at Nebraska has sponsored two teach-ins, one on Viet Nam, and one on apartheid in the Republic of South Africa; they are conducting a study of campus rules and a look at unionization of University employees.

There are 35 members of SDS at the University of Nebraska, according to Davidson, but he added that many more work for and with SDS. "We are not interested in building up numbers," Davidson said.

Graduation Scheduled

Formal graduation exercises will be held Friday evening, Aug. 5, announced Mrs. Shirley Williams, Registration office.

Graduation ceremonies will begin at 7:30 in the Pershing Municipal Auditorium. Further information about the exercises will be given at a later date.

Science Research Rescues Area

Now comes a timely reminder and a note of relief after a sweltering week in Lincoln:

Science and engineering research came to the rescue of this afflicted community — short of water and electrical power.

Specifically, it came in the form of the foresight of Lincoln city officials who provided research funds for University of Nebraska engineers who have developed an emergency water storage facility for the city.

Head Off Emergency

For the past year, Ralph R. Marlette, associate professor of civil engineering at the University, has been experimenting with the storage of huge quantities of water deep underground to head off just

such an emergency as occurred early last week.

The research payed off when the city, faced with the power failure, cut down the booster pumps that brings 60 million gallons of water per day (the approximate daily consumption in Lincoln on hot days) from the Ashland well fields. City water officials began immediately to pump water at a much reduced use of electrical power from the Antelope creek wells which have been recharged as a part of the professor's research.

Marlette is working with a \$12,000 grant from the city to recharge water into the Dakota Sandstone formation by forcing water down 16 existing city wells near the A street pumping station. The formation, believed to be shot through with fissures, huge

cracks and caverns, may have a total storage capacity of 3.4 billion gallons, Marlette said.

Since June 24 the city has used 150 million gallons from the emergency storage area according to Lee Blocker, acting director of public utilities.

Millions Stored

Marlette has found that approximately four and one-half million gallons per day can be injected into the storage area during times when Lincoln's consumption of water lessens to an average of 25 to 30 million gallons per day. Approximately 15 million gallons per day, in turn, can be drawn out during times of peak demand to supplement the primary Ashland supply, Blocker said.

90% Recovered

Professor Marlette explained that his research shows that approximately 90 percent of the water forced into the sandstone formation under Lincoln can be recovered.

A part of the research is directed at finding out how much water can be removed from the storage area without getting an objectionable amount of salt. The Antelope well supply, which before 1931 served as the major source for Lincoln, is known to contain salt in certain areas near the Salt Creek valley.

Diesel Technology Class Being Offered Next Year

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents has recently accepted a \$21,627 contract with the U.S. Office of Education to provide an "industry approved two-year post high school curriculum in diesel technology."

M. G. McCreight, associate professor of Agricultural Education and University consultant to the project said, that the curriculum is to be written by George O. Anderson, the former diesel department head at the Milford Vocational Technical School.

Consulting Committee McCreight said that Anderson, who is widely known in the field of diesel technology, is aided by a consulting committee composed of manufacturing training directors, service managers, diesel association representatives, and other knowledgeable men who represent 50 diesel organizations now actively engaged in the field of diesel technology.

Anderson, who is now retired from the Milford Vocational Technical School, served as the diesel department head for 19 years and has over 40 years experience in heavy equipment.

At Milford The project will be conducted by the department of

agricultural education at Milford.

The project was originated by Dr. John Coster, former professor and director of research at the University of Nebraska, according to Prof. McCreight. The contract calls for the project to be completed by Dec. 31, 1967.

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