

The ASUN Mockery

Some 20 senators and executive leaders either knowingly or unknowingly tried in the Daily Nebraskan's opinion to make a mockery of student government last Tuesday night.

Bill Of Rights

The situation is surrounded with disbelief and confusion, but apparently someone called a meeting at Abel Hall last Tuesday for certain senators to discuss the Student Bill of Rights.

The Nebraskan has nothing against political caucuses or gatherings of people who have similar opinions, but we feel that this meeting was obviously meant to represent only one side of the issue and to influence as many uninformed senators as possible.

We cannot see how these student government members thought they could possibly represent effective and meaningful student government when they met for this meeting.

Apparently the senators went to be informed on the Student Bill of Rights, but the Nebraskan fails to understand who at that meeting besides the Student Conduct Committee chairman could possibly have

known what they were talking about in relation to the document.

Non-Attendance

The Nebraskan feels that every senator there should have noticed the obvious non-attendance of the majority of the Student Conduct Committee and other student government leaders who had been working on the document for almost seven months.

Furthermore the Nebraskan must ask these senators why if they were so interested in the document didn't they attend the Student Conduct meetings or the Bill of Rights assemblies?

How could the majority of these senators have ignored the Student Conduct meetings all year long and the Student Bill of Rights assemblies and then attended a selective meeting to be told all about the bill in less than four hours?

The Nebraskan feels that a majority of the people who took part in this meeting owe a great many apologies to the senators who worked on the bill all year long and weren't even invited to the meeting. We feel this meeting exhibited the worst kind of student politics.

A Silly Situation

This campus may soon be famous for something other than the "Big Red" football team. Its notoriety may in fact any day make national news.

Pentagon Halls

Certainly the halls of the Pentagon or the offices in the White House could never have approached the activity or confusion which has recently engulfed student politics on this campus.

No doubt the national political parties will soon be flying observers to this campus in order to study the conflicts, the mud-slinging and the issues now bombarding the University.

The ASUN elections several weeks ago looked to the Daily Nebraskan like they might be relatively quiet and well-managed. Important issues would be discussed, but for the most part it promised to be a quiet campaign.

Recent Split

However, with the recent split in the Party for Student Action and the divergence of opinion between the experienced student government leaders — we feel that anything could happen.

The Nebraskan feels that the split in

this party is extremely unfortunate since it promised to provide the campus with much responsible and progressive leadership. We feel that everybody in the original party plus the campus itself was badly hurt when the party divided.

The student political atmosphere has now changed from a constructive movement toward bettering student government to a confused, emotional conflict between all the candidates.

Very Unfortunate

The Nebraskan is not sure who is responsible for this situation — nor do we expect that most people will ever understand exactly what has happened or what will happen during the ASUN election — but we feel all of this confusion is very unfortunate.

Some how we strongly feel that misunderstandings and ignorance have forced all parties in this year's ASUN elections to take ridiculous stands and do things that they otherwise would not do.

The Nebraskan really feels that this campus should be notorious for creating one of the most unreasonable, silly situations that ever existed.

Other Elections

Applications for the College of Agriculture, Teachers College and Arts and Science Advisory Boards are due Friday in the ASUN office.

The Daily Nebraskan encourages students to file for these advisory boards and considers the elections to these positions almost as important as the ASUN elections. The advisory board elections will be held April 12 at the same time ASUN elections are held.

The advisory boards, if effectively

managed and well supported by the students, could be extremely important in giving students a larger role in University classrooms and education policy.

It is extremely important that students support the advisory boards and insist that they play an important part in the University community.

The boards could be extremely helpful and effective in making needed changes and improvements for the students' benefits in the areas of curriculum and faculty-student relations.

Our Man Hoppe



Arthur Hoppe

Washington

Howdy, there, folks. How y'all? Time for another tee-vee visit with the rootin' tootin' Jay family — starring of' Elbie Jay, who believes a feller ought to be himself. Unless it ain't doing him any good.

As we join up with ol' Elbie today, he's a-settin' in the parlor all alone, smilin' kindly. Smilin' kindly? That's right, smilin' kindly.

His pretty wife, Birdie Bird, enters, notices his expression and is so surprised she drops her garden trowel.

Birdie Bird: Elbie are you sick? There's not a photographer in miles.

Elbie (smiling kindly): Now, Bird, I know folks think I put on a little in public. And maybe that's been true in the past. But we all have our human frailties and I sure am no exception.

Birdie Bird: You have human frailties? Let me take your temperature.

Elbie (smiling kindly): No, Bird, it's true. I used to have a mighty bad temper. And I used to push folks around. And I used to take no back talk from anybody. And maybe I wasn't as humble as I might've been.

Birdie Bird: Whe did you decide that, dear?

Elbie (frowning): Actually, I've always loved everybody in the whole wide world. Only I never let on (smiling kindly). But then I decided to turn over a new leaf. I decided to be gentle, humble and soft-spoken at all times.

Birdie Bird: When did you decide that, dear?

Elbie: Right after the last elections. Why, everybody around here talks of nothing else but the New Elbie, that a

sweet, unruffable fellow. Hadn't you noticed?

Birdie Bird (hastily): Oh, yes, dear. I just wasn't sure that was the real you. But if it is . . . (calculatingly) my, not to change the subject, but did you see that editorial saying your nitwit off-again, on-again tax policies are wrecking the country?

Elbie (smiling kindly): Well, we all make mistakes. I just try to do the best I can.

Birdie Bird: And did you see where Senator Fulbright says you're some kind of nut?

Elbie (smiling kindly): Well, we all make mistakes. I just try to do the best I can.

Birdie Bird (nervously): I guess, then, that I can tell you the news from Myna Bird. They aren't going to name the baby "Elbie."

Elbie (visibly controlling himself and smiling kindly): Well, now, I reckon it is sort of an old-fashioned name. And that rascal, Myna Bird, she's always been a rebel. But, anyhow, I love every name in the whole wide world. What's she going to call the tad?

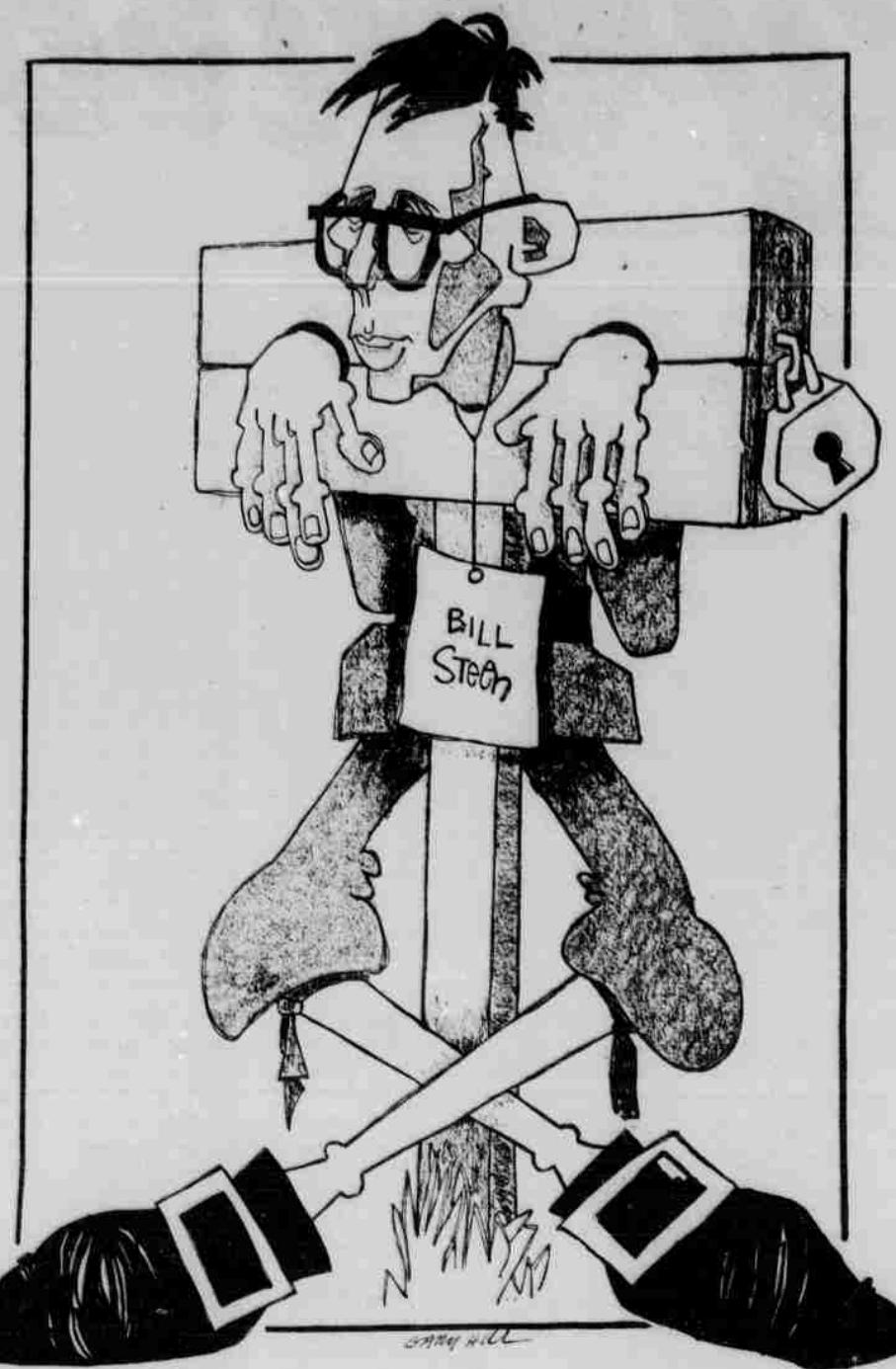
Birdie Bird (screwing up her courage): Bobby.

Elbie (turning pink, red, purple and exploding): Why, that's the ugliest thing I've ever heard!

Birdie Bird (wringing her hands): Please, dear, be kind and gentle and . . .

Elbie (thundering): I am, damn it. And don't you forget it!

Well, tune in again, folks, and meantime, as you mosey down the trail of life, remember what Elbie's ol' granddaddy used to say: "It takes a big man to admit his mistakes. But it's better not to get caught."



The Peaceful Snatch

... BY STEVE ABBOTT

Recently Columnist talked to Dick Shugrue, former Daily Nebraskan editor who taught political science here last year.

Since Dick is a professional politician, and since Columnist was once a national officer in the Teenage Democrats, it is not surprising that we discussed the future of American politics. But is there a future to politics as we know it? That is the question I would now like to pose.

Traditional Answer

Most people aren't interested in politics (are you?). Everybody realizes this situation but the traditional answer of teachers and politicians has simply been, "Well, people should be interested, they should be involved." I think that this answer misses the boat.

If people aren't involved, there must be a few reasons why, because we are involved in affairs we feel concern us. It has become too easy to lay problems at the doorstep of apathy and leave it at that.

The task of educated men is not to whine around about apathy (as do so many NU intellectuals) but to investigate the reasons "why" beneath this apathy, to describe the nature of the situation more clearly and exactly. One must know the enemy before he can effectively fight it.

Columnist suggests three causes behind current American political apathy. First, our major political parties are irrelevant to us because they are ideologically bankrupt. They don't stand for anything. Oh, Democrats can claim to be the party of the poor. They can mouth a few New Deal slogans, but as 1984 approaches, these are not only irrelevant, they are repugnant and frightening.

New Names

As each new candidate coins new names for old cliches we become increasingly sickened. The definition of a progressive is "one who rewards cliches," eg. Fair Deal, Square Deal, Big Deal, et al. to the New Frontier and Great Society

Republicans, unfortunately, are even more irrelevant. The Conservative sticks his inveterate head in pre-Roosevelt sands (wouldn't be so bad if he learned from the past instead of merely relive it) while the Liberal parrots progressive Democrats (though from "Federalism" to "creative Federalism" is no fundamental change in vision).

Republicans who squawk "state's rights" usually do the least for states they control, and the label "party of business" isn't valid anymore as so many corporations have gone Democrat. If further proof is needed of our parties intellectual bankruptcy, recall YD and YR columns of last fall. They were just as vapid as their party's platforms.

Politics Victimized

I have tried to show what we're up against. Professionals have only looked at politics in its outmoded, irrelevant, (albeit "traditional") framework, so naturally their suggested solutions are outmoded and irrelevant also. An occasional intelligent person will think up a temporary gimmick to make politics seem relevant again (eg. TV debates, giving 20 dollars to Bill Steen) but so long as these gimmicks are piecemeal, their value will be shortlived.

Gimmicks Not Enough

What is needed is a fundamentally new framework and context for politics to operate in. Gimmicks aren't enough to meet the crisis.

Commentary

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Campus Opinion

Nebraskan Remiss

Dear Editor:

It seems to me that the Daily Nebraskan has been remiss in its duties. Its function is to inform the students and to help them achieve a "total education." This it has not completely done.

Improved Immeasurably

Although I admit that in recent years it has improved immeasurably, there is one area in particular where it has been a significant failure. This is in the area of informing students of what is going on on campus and around Lincoln. There are many worthwhile and entertaining things which happen in town or on campus which students never find out about. I put much of the blame for this on the Daily Nebraskan.

Although it is true that some events receive much support from the Nebraskan (for instance Kosmet Klub has had at least four articles on it, some on the front page), other events just as worthwhile and definitely more needy have failed to have any recognition and support or at best very little (perhaps a one-inch space on the next-to-last page).

To cite an example: on Monday and Wednesday Henri Peyre, holder of the Sterling Chair in French at Yale, gave the annual Montgomery lectures at Sheldon Auditorium. In my opinion Professor Peyre gave two of the best talks I have heard on this campus. He was a very informative, witty lecturer. However the Daily Nebraskan did not even take the trouble to inform the students of the opportunity to hear this distinguished scholar nor even admit that he was here.

Usual Occurrence

Now, if this were the only time this has happened, one might shrug it off as a mistake, but this is the usual rather than the unusual occurrence. It is only one of an innumerable list of forgotten events which have happened without any acknowledgement or support from the Daily Nebraskan.

Such things as lab plays or even regular productions; the weekly movies at Sheldon; plays, speakers and concerts around town; and numerous others are lucky if they even get mentioned.

It would seem to me that it would be more in accord with the Nebraskan's philosophy if it publicized some of these events rather than telling us who got pinned or unpinned to whom or telling us about the progress of some obscure legislative bill.

Publicize Events

I would like to suggest that if the Nebraskan is truly concerned with helping and informing the students, it should set aside a certain portion of the paper to announce and publicize events of worth on campus and in the town in the week or weeks ahead. This would provide a useful service not only to the students but to the events in question which often suffer from lack of support.

Well, that is the problem, now what are you going to do about it?

Doyle Niemann

Union Defends Flight

Dear Editor:

Re: Benno Wymar's letter to the Editor, "Flight Too Expensive".

No Intentions

The first clarification I would like to make is that the Union has never had any intentions of making a profit on the European Flight, and cannot possibly do so with the low rate offered. The purpose of this trip is to aid students, staff and faculty at the University who desire to go to Europe by offering them a comfortable and economical trip.

Mr. Wymar's letter stated that he believed "more reasonable arrangements could be made especially in light of recent airline rate reductions". I feel that there must have been some misinterpretation of these rates. Any rates which are lower than those offered by the Union are not in conjunction with any American flight lines. In setting up the trip the committee did not feel that it was right for a University sponsored group to charter a flight with foreign airlines. All American airlines are under strictly supervised rates. If prices go down for one company, they go down for all.

Of course there are many "come-ons" advertised by various airlines but if one looks into these flights, he will find that any trip advertised for less than the Union price has certain regulations. Such regulations include a maximum of twenty-one days in Europe and the necessity of staying with a tourist group the entire time.

No Profit

The following is a breakdown of costs which clearly show that the Union is making no profit on the flight:

Train transportation to and from Lincoln and Chicago \$30

Air flight to and from Chicago and London \$375

Total \$405

A minimum of twenty-five people is needed to make the trip possible and if up to fifty register there may be a special governmental reduction in rates.

The deadline for final registration is May 2.

Hopefully, this letter has shown that this trip was arranged by the Union to serve the students at the University in the best way possible.

Kris Swanson, Chairman

Nebraskan Union Trips and Tours Committee

Closed Doors At Rutgers

Dear Editor:

In view of the present question under consideration concerning regular open house hours for the men's dormitories on campus, I would like to quote a few sentences from a letter I received from a friend who attends Rutgers University.

The only other unusual happening at Rutgers was the Board of Governors' passage of the "closed-door plan." That is to say, we are allowed to have girls in our room till one a.m. on both Friday and Saturday nights with closed room doors."

Previously the men were only allowed to have the girls in their rooms with doors open!

I thought this quote might be of interest to students and the administration of the University.

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