

Outstanding Nebraskans

The Daily Nebraskan's Outstanding Nebraskans this semester are both unfortunately leaving the University...

Dr. John Lonnquist Sr.—the outstanding faculty member—and Bob Samuelson—the outstanding student—are unique as a faculty member and a student respectively...

Lonnquist, who has been a University faculty member for 24 years, is rated as one of the world's most respected geneticists...

His contributions are praiseworthy for his work both as an instructor and counselor for agronomy students...

Lonnquist's reputation as a teacher not only with his students but all over the country is only comparable to the distinction he has received for his knowledge of Latin American agricultural problems...

Colleagues of Lonnquist have shown their high regard for him by awarding him countless agronomy and crop science awards and honors...

Samuelson is an outstanding student

who has never once stopped playing an active role in the University or doing his utmost to represent the students' feelings with hard work and intelligence.

As an undergraduate, he proved in his senior year to be one of Student Senate's best senators. As a graduate student, he continued this year to be unusually active and the foremost of all student leaders.

When he was a student senator, he was instrumental in successfully representing the students' opposition to a tuition increase. Without his research and extremely detailed and authoritative report, it is likely that tuition would have been increased at that time.

This year as the first second-vice president of ASUN, Samuelson occupied the job as it was envisioned. He often was responsible for providing the extra spirit or impetus that student government needs to get things done.

Samuelson is truly an outstanding person who judges people by their true worth, who is always full of life and enthusiasm and who is always ready to try something new which might provide better results or prove more effective.

He has shown in his five years at the University that he is a leader who leads by hard work, by understanding other people and by really trying to accomplish something real and worthwhile.

Together Dr. Lonnquist and Bob Samuelson represent two Nebraskans who have contributed to the school way beyond duty. Both the state and the University will lose two of their most outstanding citizens when they leave.

The peaceful snatch

... by Steve Abbott

The New Left movement has proved to be offensive not only to insensitive, complacent dolts, but also to some discriminating intellectuals and average men of good will.

Radicals are often more confused than those who watched them. Will the movement die? It is just a sensational fling after all?

Milestone

"Containment and Change" by Carl Oglesby and Richard Shaull (MacMillan, 1967) is a milestone in American political thought.

Richard Shaull, the book's co-author, is a good foil to Oglesby. He is much older, has a theological background which was tested by twenty years of revolutionary experience in South America...

Involvement Essential

... ideology provides an opportunity for such self-understanding—on the part of individual, group and nation—it can help to sustain those threatened by change, at the same time that it serves as a dynamic factor in the social struggle.

As a jibe at Oglesby Shaull says: "No country or community can be understood entirely in terms of its past, and again, 'Decisive as self-interest is in the shaping of the politics of community and nation it is not the entire picture.'"

I might pause to point out one glaring exaggeration that Oglesby makes. He wants to prove that America is a "war economy" and that the "economy is addicted to federal subsidy in general and military subsidy in particular."

Amazed, Angered The first four chapters are the strongest. Marshalling unusual restraint, Oglesby lets leading businessmen and states-

men speak for themselves. Fact after fact, statement after statement piles up until suddenly one realizes that the crashing litany of facts about Americans are not in accord with the assumptions we have always held.

I do not claim Oglesby is completely objective. He is, as he admits, a definite partisan. Every so often a subtle Marc Antony pyrotechnique appears ("one does not claim... but...") or a backhanded compliment slips out ("no less brilliant than bizzarre").

Labels Meaningless

Chapter five, the Vietnam Case, starts a bit strained but ends with an ignominiously startling New Left view. Goldwater hawks are praised as being even more humane than Administration liberals...

Chapter six, the Revolted, is an interesting philosophical analysis of what it means to be a revolutionary and how one gets to be that way. This chapter starts with Camus but then takes issue with him and goes into a more precise and realistic socio-psychological understanding.

"The GNP of the U.S. is somewhere around 700 billion dollars a year. Our total national budget requires about 100 billion or 15 per cent of the total. Of that 100 billion, about 70 billion goes for military purposes and out of the 70 billion dollar military budget, some 15 billion has been said to be used for the war in Vietnam.

Creative Tension

This review can only begin to indicate why "Containment and Change" is one of the most exciting books I've read in some time. There is a creative tension between Oglesby and Shaull as they evaluate the world's future.

Oglesby is challenging in a different way. He is a man the Establishment can now no longer ignore. If sometimes he overstates his case that the Big Business-Big Government complex is wholly responsible for the world's ills, he also admits that "America is not baby simple and her imperialism has other moods."

Our Man Hoppe

Crusading We Will Go

Arthur Hoppe



Ta - tee - ta - ta - tah-TAH!!! That flourish of trumpets you just heard was to announce the grand opening of the glorious, historic Ninth Crusade.

The trouble was they haven't had any real sense of purpose. But the glorious, historic Ninth Crusade will rectify that. With banners bravely flying, it will march off shoulder to shoulder to save all Christendom from the wily infidel.

Flocking to our standard in droves will be the gun nuts, Maoists, the smut smiters, the Hell's Angels and those who are just plain tired of sitting around the house drinking beer—Crusaders at heart, one and all.

Campus Opinion

Tear Capitol To Pieces

Dear Editor: Back in the days when men were men and Nebraskans were not stick-in-the-mud conservatives, a leader of Nebraska holiday movement had the right idea.

The Nebraska "Kingfish"

AUF Thanks Contributors

The officers and members of the All University Fund organization wish to thank all faculty members who contributed to the AUF Spring Drive.

1966-67 Innocents Complimented

Dear Editor: As a student who has been critical of the Innocents Society in the past, I must compliment the 1966-67 Innocents on the fairness and lack of politics demonstrated in the selection of their successors.

The fact that only one fraternity which had members in 1966-67 is represented in 1967-68 in itself shows that the society may have ceased to be political football in which certain houses were practically guaranteed members where others could not hope for an innocent, no matter how qualified a member might have been.

Runaway Polls

News item (Sunday): "PRINCETON, N.J.—Richard M. Nixon is the first choice of Republican county chairmen for their party's 1968 presidential nomination."

This conclusion was induced from a series of interviews. Who knows? It could be wrong. But people go for it; and if Richard Nixon was not his county chairmen's first choice the day before this item appeared, he probably is now.

Handy Thing

The poll is a handy thing. It can find a majority and then turn it into a bandwagon.

Aware that the poll, with the help of the press and the computer, is fast becoming an important weapon in the arsenal of modern democracy, we arranged an interview with the director of the biggest professional polling organization in the country.

We met George Runaway at Mory's for lunch the other day.

Mr. Runaway

"Well, Mr. Runaway, how are things going with the Runaway poll?"

"Pretty good, actually. We were right in '60, right in '64, and we'll be right again in '68."

"Right."

"Right."

1968 Winner

"You mean you can tell us right now who's going to be the winner in 1968?"

"Well, not exactly, it's too early for that yet. But we have a pretty good idea of how the candidates and issues are shaping up."

"Yes"

"All we can say now with certainty is that it'll be a confusing year. In fact, our results are so confusing that we haven't printed them yet."

Vietnam Policy

"Take Vietnam, for instance. Last month we sent our Runaway pollsters all over the country asking 'What do you think of our present Vietnam policy? Are you for it, against it, or what?' The percentage replies we got dumbfounded even our computers."

"Yes?" He handed us a slip of paper with the results:

For—82 per cent; Against—82 per cent; What?— 64 per cent;

"No wonder you didn't print them."

"People are confused and there seems to be a welling up of cultural despair."

"How do you mean, sir?"

GOP Professionals

"Well, we've got that documented too. You see, every body knows LBJ is only 45 per cent popular and Richard Nixon is the favorite of the GOP professionals."

"Yes—"

"But here's the catch—another one we couldn't print. We asked registered Republicans who they would like to see as Nixon's running mate."

"Yes?"

"Here is what we got." He handed us another slip of paper:

Romney—10 per cent; Percy—5 per cent; Rockefeller —5 per cent; Goldwater—15 per cent; Reagan—15 per cent; Barbara Garson—50 per cent.

Indeed Alarming

"This is indeed alarming, Mr. Runaway. Can you imagine Barbara Garson as vice-president?"

"Yes, it's quite distressing. That's one of the reasons we haven't released the figures. Another is that our pollsters were unanimously suspicious that their interviewees were taking CIA subsidies," he said as he sipped his coffee.

"One thing we've always wanted to know, Mr. Runaway— what is your secret in arriving at your generally precise percentage predictions? Do you just take a cross-section?"

"Well, in a way. We interview various pressure groups and arrange our over-all results in terms of their voting strength."

Baggy Pants

"We've found that the fashion industry gives LBJ a resounding 94 per cent 'no' because of his baggy pants. The guns are a strong 96 per cent in favor, the butters only four per cent, while the aircraft industries support him 98 per cent solid. The shoe industry, reporting an increase in sales of cowboy boots, is behind the President 64 per cent, up 21 points from four years ago; and so on."

"Do you study any groups besides economic ones? Ethnic groups, for instance?"

"Yes, of course. Here the situation is confusing, though. Sixty-four per cent of the Jews think he has chutzpah— but nobody knows whether this is good or bad; among Negroes, only 37 per cent think LBJ has a soul; and only 25 per cent of the WASPs think the President has cool. Catholics, we have noticed, tend to interpret the credibility gap in terms of papal bulls; they are 58 per cent favorable."

Penultimate

"This is all very interesting, Mr. Runaway. Just one more question: What do you see as the penultimate achievement in poll-taking?"

He moved in close and whispered in my ear: "We've found that three-fourths of the population would just as soon go Runaway and leave the voting to us."

—By Michael Rosenhouse

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