

Bob Samuelson Commended For Accomplishments In ASUN

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"A liberal stand is the only way University students can get things accomplished," Bob Samuelson, this semester's Outstanding Nebraskan selection claims, and he followed this philosophy during his term as ASUN second vice-president.

"Students have to push for change," the graduate student in English and education maintains. The "average University student is pretty satisfied" with the present campus conditions. Only when he is "directly affected by a University policy does a student become excited enough to take action," he said, such as the housing issues which arose this year.

Students Unknowing

Students "simply don't know what things could be like," so they don't even consider trying to change the University. "I think every student should go to a liberal college for a few months," he smiled, "to see what they are missing."

For example the student Senate at the University of Wisconsin recently voted to ask the Administration to put "on tap beer in the dormitories," he pointed out and the Senate at the University of Michigan voted to extend a no hours regulation to sophomore women.

Viewing ASUN potential Samuelson said, "In past years student government has done nothing but now it is starting to do a little."

ASUN 'Antagonistic'

Senate has undertaken many projects which some other campus activity could have done, he claimed. Although ASUN has done "a few things," it often works as an "antagonistic group" pressuring the faculty and Administration into compliance.

Arguing that Senate "only has the voice which the Administration permits," the former elected Senator from Teachers College, admitted "maybe ASUN doesn't deserve a major voice yet, but it must show it is capable of handling authority."

Policy making decisions have been "isolated so long" he emphasized even the concept that students should have a say in curriculum planning, teacher's salaries or housing policies often "is inconceivable."

Consultation Source

An alternate member of the Ad Hoc Housing Committee, Samuelson said "the fact that students were given an opportunity to make decisions and were informed enough to be a source for consultation is a definite step ahead."

The Ad Hoc Committee "will have been a sham and political trickery," he continued, unless the group's recommendations are accepted by the Board of Regents. If the changes are accepted then the committee's work will have been meaningful.

ASUN 'Improved'

Reviewing the accomplishments of this year's Senate, Samuelson said ASUN was improved

by the "contributions of the three senators elected on the Student for a Democratic Society SDS ticket. They showed there are many ways of looking at problems."

ASUN committees, however, "didn't do a very good job," he maintained. Capable leaders headed the committees, he explained but they "didn't show too much initiative."

An exception was the Legislative Liaison and Research Committee, he said, which presented the University students to the State "as a pressure group and increased our stature in the eyes of the Governor, the Unicameral and the Faculty."

Senate Problems

Analyzing other Senate problems, Samuelson said one of the biggest obstacles in ASUN is the "lack of continuity" of certain policies and goals from year to year.

One reason "I ran for an ASUN executive seat was because I knew the goals and philosophy of student government" of the Kent Neumeister and Larry Frolick administration.

He also pointed out a lack of continuity in Senate business over the summer months. "If the Administration wants to pull something over on the students," he said, they can simply make the decision in the summer.

He cited as an example the voluntary draft classification system the University set up last summer without hearing the opinions of the Senate.

Executive in Summer

Since the ASUN president

AUF Requests Charity Names

A list of about 10 charities are then put up for a student vote. Five of these are selected as recipients of donations.

According to Miss Jentges, the suggestions should be put in the AUF mailbox in the Nebraska Union, with as much information about the charity as possible.

Suggested charities for next fall's All University Fund (AUF) poll should be submitted this spring, according to AUF vice-president Danelle Jentges.

and vice presidents are now salaried, "it isn't too much to ask the executives to remain at the University during vacation" to continue a collective bargaining process with the Administration.

Samuelson predicted that next year's student government could be in "danger of losing sight of goals ASUN has been working toward for two years," although Senate will be headed by "potentially capable leaders."

Senate will also be lacking some capable former Senators who were defeated in the April elections, he commented. Some capable students were not elected, he claimed, because they were not slated on a political party ticket.

Objection To Parties

"I am now less sold on political parties in student government," he said, mainly because there are not that "many dividing issues in student government."

Commenting on the Bill of Rights the former member of the Student Conduct Committee said the Regents "will probably approve the concept behind the Bill" but will not accept all of the articles.

The Regents will approve the rights "we already have," he forecasted, but will veto three or four articles, comprising "the core of the bill," because they are contrary to existing University regulations.

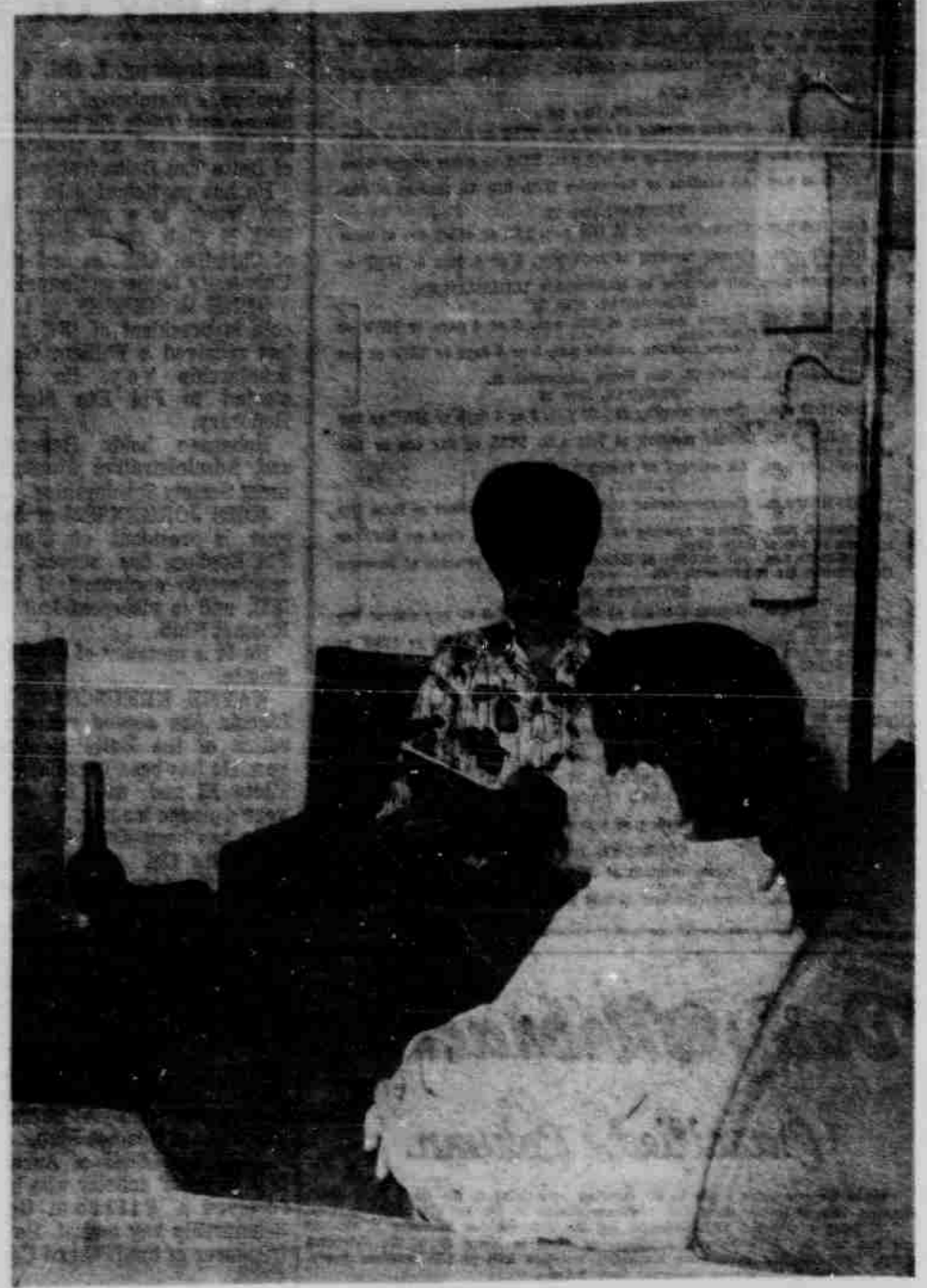
Work Through Channels

"The students are not helpless however," he emphasized because "17,000 voices can be heard" if they work through existing channels and are refused, they "must look outside these channels to secure what they want," he stressed.

Outside of the student government, Samuelson has also taken an active part in his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, serving as secretary and Ivy Day song leader. He also had the lead role in the winning Kosmet Klub skit last fall.

Pledging Negroes

He commented that if the



SNITCHING TIME FROM STUDY . . . Samuelson steals a few moments in front of the television set while his wife Jane relaxes with a book.

Greek system at the University "doesn't get out of the 19th Century and begin to pledge Negroes," it will be overlooking some of the "best people on the campus."

Active in other campus organizations, Samuelson has also served as sports editor of the Daily Nebraskan and has been a contributing book reviewer for Scrip

magazine.

Moving From Nebraska

He will receive his Masters degree in English this summer and has signed a contract with the Oak Park, Illinois school system for next fall.

His reasons for leaving the state are "monetary" and the "attitude of Nebraska toward higher education."

The state "isn't committed to higher education" as will probably be witnessed "in a drastic cut in Governor Norbert Tiemann's recommendation for the University budget," he explained.

Nebraska "Has potential," he continued, but the people "are not aware we are living in 1967."

Ag Honorary Sets Awards Banquet

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the Agriculture Honor Societies will hold its annual initiation and awards banquet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

The program will include announcement of award of merit winners, senior schol-

arship awards, the annual teaching award and initiation of students, faculty and alumni as new members, according to Dr. William Colville, chapter president.

Professor R. Neale Copple, director of the School of Journalism will speak on "communication."

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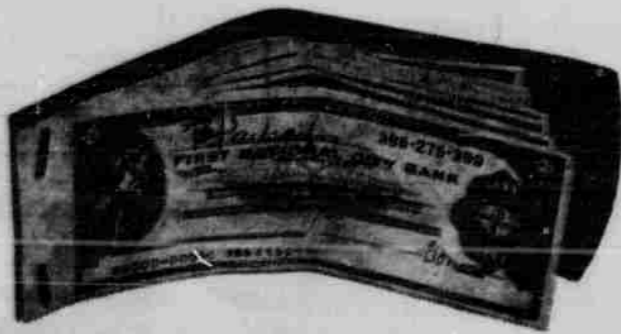
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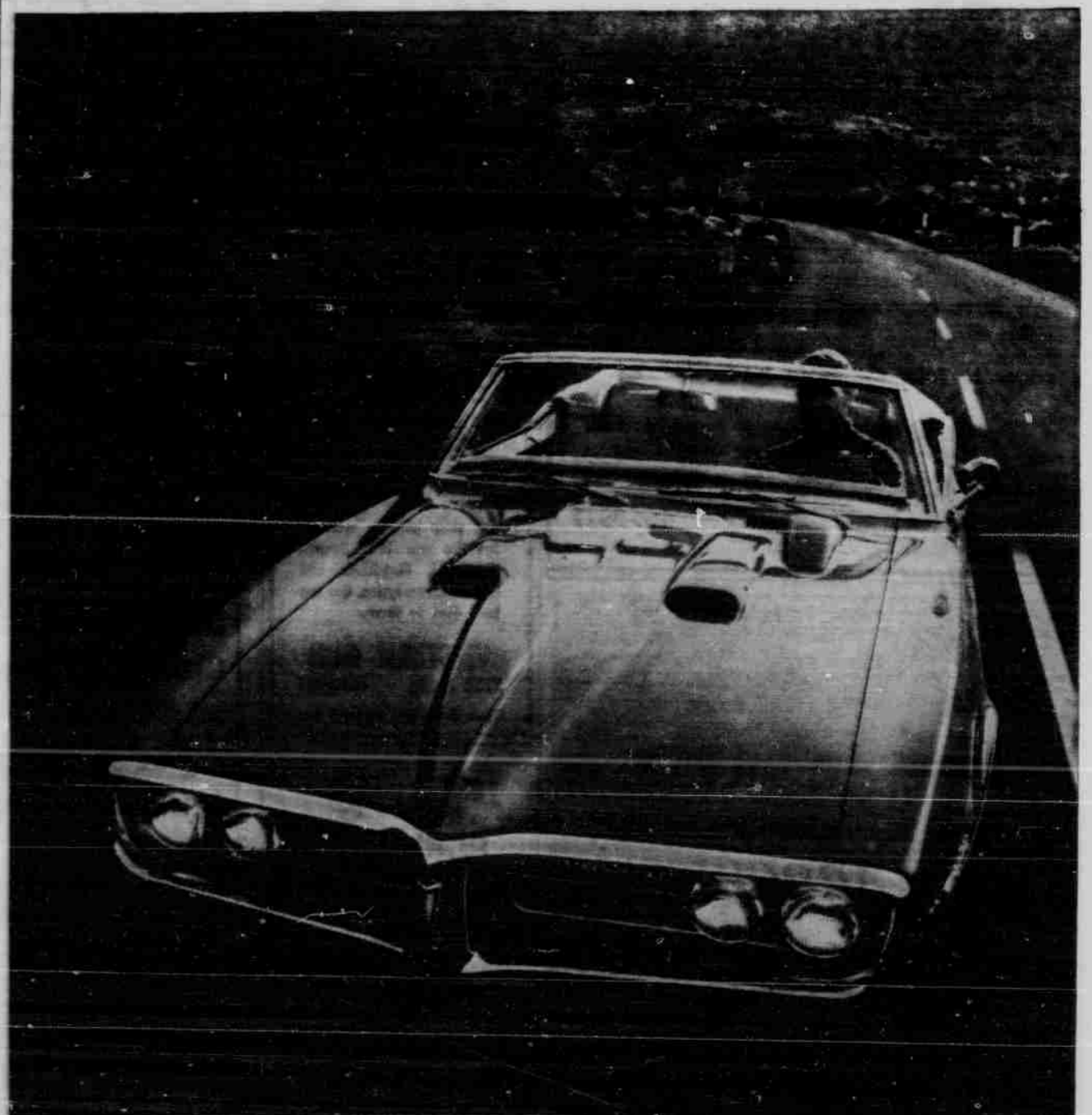
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