

Charge!

It's time a number of students, male and female, got down off their white chargers and looked objectively at the AWS Constitutional Convention.

It seems the Daily Nebraskan that when one runs out of casual conversation these days he dons a suit of armor, takes up a sword and rides to the attack on the convention, without the briefest pause to look at the facts.

AWS has always been a good attack target, so CHARGE!

A few of the burning charges and criticisms these defenders of the public have come up with include:

AWS IS going to make membership compulsory.

THE CONVENTION committee meetings are secret.

COMMITTEE chairmen have been ordered not to talk about what is happening.

The charges do have a ring of truth to them, but a simple check on the convention situation shows how one-sided they are.

Constitution Convention Chairman Nancy Coufal says of the charges: COMPULSORY membership, like many of the other ideas being tossed out

in the convention, is only an idea right now, right now.

COMMITTEE meeting are not generally open to the public because the delegate system (45 delegates representing all dorms and houses) was designed to eliminate having 5,000 to 6,000 women meeting to discuss the constitution. The communication between delegates and their constituents seems to be surprisingly good, Miss Coufal added. A student who wants to attend a meeting is quite welcome, she said.

THE COMMITTEE chairmen have been asked not to make official statements on the nature of the ideas being discussed in their committees because the ideas have not been approved in any way, shape or form so far, there are merely ideas. "I prefer to centralize statements about the convention," Miss Coufal said.

The Nebraskan doesn't feel that all is necessarily well with the AWS Constitutional Convention—the delegates could be circulating with women more to get their ideas and committee chairmen shouldn't be afraid to express their personal opinions on the convention—and there are other problems.

But one-sided criticism of the convention is unfair to both parties and doesn't accomplish anything constructive.

Fight Team

Go Big Red—go out there Saturday and show those Buffaloes what you can do. Show those pollsters that you can climb right back up into the top national ratings.

Show those fans their money's worth. Show the state a good show. Win! Nobody likes a losing team for long. Go Big Red.

Right Of Left

By Andy Corrigan

As the masses converge upon the Union each Wednesday afternoon it could be because of the Senate meeting but of course it isn't—the masses converge in spite of it.

ANUS (Associated Nitwits Unusually Satisfied) convenes very Wednesday to the joy of all former Abel Hall residents, informal reunions are so nice.

Prior to this year Senate faintly resembled a joint meeting of IFC and Panhel but after the last election the independent power structure moved in much to the consternation of habitual pin polishers.

The scene at the first meeting last spring was wonderful—the only problem being that the printing on the name cards was too small to read so I didn't know who any of them were. However, I felt that with time they would make themselves known.

Upon attending last Wednesday's meeting the scene was again too, too wonderful—the only problem being that the printing on the name cards was too small to read so I didn't know who any of them were.

However I did discover something at the meeting. Contrary to present campus rumor some of the senators are literate. After last week's Nebraskan editorial attacking the "dead senators" for not questioning Dick Shirks's newest rash of

friendly appointments the senators learned their lesson by questioning every appointment except those made by Chancellor Hardup.

You're learning, kids, but not fast enough!

Hardup, riding his usual wave of radical campus action, named a whole group of worn-out activities to work on the implementation of the Student Bill of Rights.

The list includes such notables as Dick Shirks (really a clean cut Carl Davidson), Gene Popcorny (hard-hitting revisionist), Bobby Rust and Flash Hobble (of the upper echelon), and Mac Soup and What's His Face.

With such a coterie of wild-eyed radicals working for them Nebraska students can be assured of membership in SCREW (Student Comprises in a Reactionary Educational World).

However there are advantages to SCREW: a total lack of student action and no responsibilities because there is no freedom.

If, as is said, compromise is the byword of government we can be well justified in terming our student representatives politicians after they return from the conference tables.

That's right, guys, take off that Student Power button...

Viet Protestors Serve As Selective CO

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article deals with the question of "selective conscientious objector" status, cases in which a CO claims to object to a certain kind of war or to a particular war, not to "war in any form" as defined in the Selective Service Act.)

By Richard Anthony Colleague Press Service There is not yet a legal precedent that will support

CO applicants who object to the Vietnam war in particular, or to wars of intervention generally. And there is little likelihood that a "selective CO" case will reach the Su-

preme Court in the near future.

The Selective Service Act, passed in 1948, provides that:

"Nothing contained in this title shall be construed to require any person to be subject to combatant training and service in the armed forces of the United States, who by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form." (Title I section 5.)

Let's look at the curious case history of a "selective CO" applicant:

John McAuliff is opposed to certain kinds of wars, but not to war "in any form." As he wrote in the statement he prepared for his draft board, he does not object to "international police actions," nor to defensive wars.

He also wrote that "Although I think just policies earlier would have prevented the second World War, I would have fought Germany and Japan."

McAuliff is totally opposed to nuclear war, and to "any war or peace-keeping action" which involves the nationals of one country intervening in another and which does not receive the backing of the broadest-based international organization.

McAuliff is not a "selective CO in the purest sense—that is, he did not apply for conscientious objector solely because he opposed the Vietnam war—but by almost any other measure he is a selective CO.

In spite of his beliefs about war, however, his state Selective Service Appeals Board (in Indiana) has granted him CO status. He is to serve two years doing alternative service.

McAuliff, a Peace Corps veteran, does not know why his state board decided to approve his CO application. He had not expected them to do so, and was preparing for further appeals and court action.

"I thought I'd probably fight the case through the courts for a couple of years," he said, "and then eventually be faced with jail."

Under the old draft law (since amended, but applicable when McAuliff's case was being considered), his appeal could have been forwarded to the Justice Department by his state board if there was any question about it. The department would then have held a hearing to decide his case.

As far as McAuliff knows, the appeal was never forwarded to Washington. No Justice Department hearing was held.

The decision of the Indiana Appeals Board in McAuliff's case has no legal standing and cannot be employed as a legal precedent by other applicants for CO status. There are only two legal decisions that bear on the selective CO question, both involving Jehovah's Witnesses:

IN SICURELLA VS. U.S., which came before the Supreme Court in 1955, the court ruled that a Witness could be granted CO status even though he was willing to fight in "theocratic wars."

IN 1960 the court ruled that another Witness named Kretchet could be designated as CO even though he was willing to kill in defense of his brothers and his home, or at the command of Jehovah.

According to a spokesman for the American Civil Liberties Union there are a number of selective CO cases that will be reaching the courts within the next year. Only one case, however, that of Air Force Capt. Dale Noyd, is currently on appeal to the Supreme Court.

According to one of his attorneys, Marvin Karparkin, the Supreme Court is supposed to be deciding whether or not to hear the case within a month and a half, but it may never get to do so.

Karparkin says that Noyd has been assigned duty as a flight instructor. "As soon as he is ordered to train a pilot who is going to Vietnam, he'll have to disobey," says the attorney.

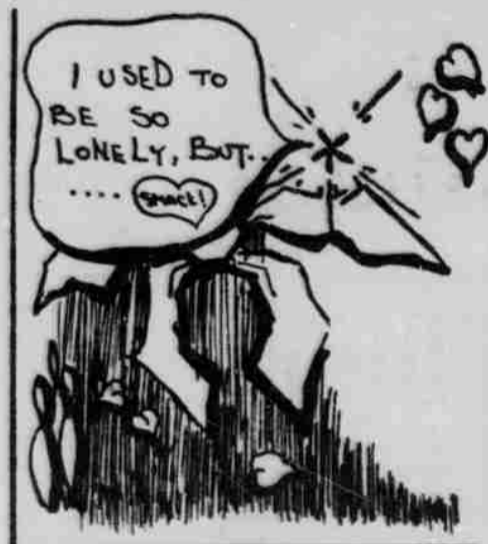
If that happens, Noyd will probably be court-martialed, and his military trial will take precedence over his appeal to the Supreme Court.

So Noyd's case will never reach the court and McAuliff's never get there.

McAuliff, aware that his case will not provide legal support for other selective CO's, nevertheless hopes that as many potential draftees as possible will apply for CO status even if they are not thorough-going pacifists.

"They might be favorably surprised, as I was," says McAuliff, "but if not, each of them will be adding pressure for changes in the present unjust system."

"If enough pressure is built up," he adds, "then some day we may have the kind of system that recognizes the legitimacy of all conscientious objections."



Our Man Hoppe

Trading Trinkets With The Natives

Arthur Hoppe

Washington — What a tragedy! I'm speaking of the sad demise of my brilliant and seemingly foolproof plan to establish a thriving trade with the primitive Washington natives.

I have evolved the scheme only after years of periodic exploration here while working on my book, "Strange Native Customs in Washington and Other Savage Lands."

What was it, I kept asking myself, that spurred these backward peoples into waging endless bloody warfare among themselves. What priceless goal did they seek? What prize would conceivably reward the victor adequately enough to justify this constant strife?

It was only after years of painstaking investigation that I at last came to the inescapable conclusion.

And thus it was that I arrived here this time bearing a whole sackful of bright, shiny, plastic telephone buttons.

To understand the allure these trinkets have for the savage here, one must realize that he simply has nothing else to fight for.

Money holds no appeal, for the essential characteristic of Washington money (the basic unit of currency is "The Billion Dollar") is that it isn't real. Nor is power the key. For any native who is unfortunate enough to gain power is immediately chopped up into tiny pieces. But, ah, telephone buttons!

On his entry into one of the indigenous tribes, such as State or the Pentagonians, the young native is given only a plain,

black phone unadorned by a single button. With this symbol of shame goes a strange green metal desk, an armless steel chair and a hook in the coatroom.

As he fights his way up, he is rewarded with a five-button phone. This earns him an imitation walnut desk, a cubicle of his own, a parking space, one secretary and ulcers.

The current pinnacle of status is a light green telephone with a chromium hook and no fewer than 18 buttons, two of them red. With this the native receives a solid walnut desk and conference table, a leather couch, two flags in standards, a large staff and the undying emity of all his fellows.

We see, then, that telephone buttons are valued by the native not only for their intrinsic worthlessness (a precious commodity in Washington) but also for the emoluments that come with them. And around here, that's something to fight for.

Having discovered the natives' insatiable lust for telephone buttons, you can imagine how eagerly I looked forward to displaying my sack filled with such trinkets to these simple people.

Oh, how they would cluster around me, their eyes bright with avarice. Why, a half dozen of these cheap little totems would purchase all they possess and...

It was then that the fatal flaw appeared in my brilliant and seemingly foolproof plan to establish a thriving trade with these primitive peoples:

For the life of me, I can't think of anything they have that I want.

Looking Up... Vote On Ross

Students should have a recognized method of demonstrating their approval or disapproval of the way the Dean of Student Affairs represents their views.

In our government system, the electorate votes on the effectiveness of a judge. It is not a measure of popularity, it is simply a demonstration of the public approval of the way he handles the office.

This procedure should be adopted by the University community for the office of Dean of Student Affairs.

He is the recognized channel that represents students to the Board of Regents and the higher echelons of the administration.

The Oct. 30 Vietnam referendum offers the opportunity for a vote on the Dean of Student Affairs. ASUN could add the following proposition to the ballot on that day: "I approve () disapprove () of the way the Dean of Student Affairs represents the views of students."

If it is an affirmative vote, the administration, Dean G. Robert Ross and the Board of Regents will know we are content with the way that we are being represented.

If the vote is negative, the administration and the Board of Regents should realize that the students feel their opinions are muffled and mismanaged. Dean Ross would perhaps meet with student leaders other than the ASUN executive committee and check the pulse of student opinion.

Again, I say, we have no recognized institutionalized channel to the Board of Regents and administration other than the Dean of Student Affairs. Let us make sure we have a channel that represents student opinion without bias to the people who should hear it.

Campus Opinion: Down, Sprix

Dear Editor:

Short of the editor's views and personal opinions, I can see no justification for bias and unobjective criticism in a school newspaper.

However, as long as the Nebraskan endorses this policy—George Kaufman can keep his "Grand Sprix" to himself.

Bob Diers

Frustrated

Dear Editor:

This morning I opened the newspaper and read about the demonstrators at the University of Wisconsin. And I read how the police were called in and how the students were jailed and how they're going to be suspended.

Good. Do anything you can to shut them up. They don't understand. It's wise if they don't like the war in Vietnam—free thinking is THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE. But don't let them try to do anything about it—that's INSURRECTION.

Next, I turned on the radio and listened to the statement of a United States senator. As far as he's concerned, his way of thinking will never be influenced by all these anti-war demonstrations.

Once again, good. This is AMERICAN DEMOCRACY. Elect people to public of-

rice who listen only to what they feel like listening to and who reject any proposals of change. Keep it up, buddy.

Then I went back to bed and escaped for a few hours.

Finally, I picked up the Daily Nebraskan and read about Steve Abbott. Naturally Steve Abbott is not a CO because... Well, he just isn't. This was the best yet. Don't let any of these phony try to get out of their CIVIC DUTY by pretending to be opposed to killing. We know they're lying. We're not just killing people, we're killing them for American Democracy. And this is truly the American Way of Life.

Perhaps I'm just not a good, patriotic American, because I don't like the idea of killing people, not even for American Democracy. And I don't like seeing other people who are opposed to this killing going to jail. I don't want to go to jail, because I don't think that jail would be a very pleasant place. And even if I did go to jail, who would listen to me? Who would care?

I'm frustrated—frustrated because I'm beginning to realize that I really don't count. I'm frustrated because I can't do anything. My job is to sit back and watch what I don't want to see happen. And this is the American Way of Life?

Jennifer Marshall

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