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'Suspended animation' Evaluation booklet awaits student senate resolution

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The future of the Faculty Evaluation Booklet is somewhat of a mystery. Its production and content are unsettled.

ASUN is presently in charge of the booklet. Wednesday the Student Senate passed a resolution to appoint a new chairman for the now headless Faculty Evaluation Committee within the next ten days.

A transfer of jurisdiction of the booklet from the control of ASUN to the University committee on Student Publications is being contemplated.

However, the ASUN does not plan to make the switch to the Publications Board as it is now structured.

To a new pub board

Instead, Pokorny supports a transfer of jurisdiction to a new Publications Board in accordance with recommendations of the "Ad Hoc Committee on Student Publications for the Establishment of a University Committee on Student Publications," prepared by Susie Phelps.

Under the proposed organizational plan, the Pub Board would be, in the words of the report, "responsible for the operation of the Daily Nebraskan and the Cornhusker." It shall also "authorize the existence and operation of any new publication regarded by the committee as of like nature or specifically subsidized by student fees or tax funds." This permits jurisdiction of the faculty Evaluation Booklets.

To maintain integrity

The new Pub Board would also be responsible for maintaining "the integrity of publications against editorial censorship" in the words of the report.

Also, it would "appoint or dismiss editors or major staff members of student publications," conduct business and financial matters pertaining to these publications, and "bear the responsibility for law suits against them."

"If the board is reconstructed, then we will consider transferring the booklet to its jurisdiction," Pokorny stated. Morgan feels that such a switch would be "perfectly in the best interest of the program."

Suspended animation

Meanwhile the Faculty Evaluation Booklet appears to be in a state of suspended animation for an indefinite amount of time.

In order to solve what he called

"the very serious problem we have with the faculty evaluation booklet," Pokorny pleaded with the assembled senators to present him with suggestions for a course of action.

The decision to appoint a chairman followed a statement in which Morgan pointed out that now that the proposal to transfer the responsibility to Pub Board is at best not being contemplated within the near future. The postponement of the appointment makes "no sense," in his words.

'Hanging in the air'

"The Faculty Evaluation Booklet is hanging in the air because we haven't located the kind of

person we want for the position," Pokorny said Tuesday. "We haven't found anyone who is willing to put in all the time required to make this a good publication," he explained.

At yesterday's meeting it was revealed that two candidates for the position had been interviewed by the ASUN executive. Pokorny said that one appeared to be qualified for the position and willing to undertake it.

While yesterday's resolution makes it clear that the committee will very shortly have a chairman, it still does not have a policy to follow.

"It is only fair for the person going into a position such as this to know what he is expected to do," Morgan told the Senate.

Senator Phil Boardman indicated, on the other hand, that the person presenting himself as a candidate should have definite ideas in mind on how to produce the booklet.

Morgan feels that a policy on coverage and regular publication are acutely needed.

He feels that the new chairman should know whether or not every instructor is to be evaluated and whether or not the booklet should be published both in the fall and in the spring.

The need for a clearly established policy was also indicated by Pokorny's admonition to the assembled senators yesterday for having launched a program for which there was no mechanism for continuity.

Night skies still predict destinies of believers



Editors note: The following is a depth reporting project on astrology written by School of Journalism student Larry Lough.

Three thousand years ago Assyrians looked toward the heavens and lived by the mandates of the stars — 30 centuries later astrology flourishes throughout the world: in the Orient, Asia Minor, South America, Western Europe and in Lincoln, Nebraska.

In Lincoln you can walk into virtually any drugstore or bookstore and find at least two or three periodicals on astrology. Prices for such literature range from 50 cents to \$1.25.

Pocketbook horoscope

One popular form, especially with teenagers, is the pocketbook horoscope which tells the buyer his prospects for business, love, what type of person he or she is and predicts which days will be good or bad days during the coming year.

What is astrology? Astrology is the art or science that works on the assumption that events in the sky parallel and are responsible for events on the earth. Astrology is the assumption that the twelve signs of the astral zodiac and eight planets of the solar system, other than the earth, exert an undeniable influence on people, plants, and objects. Virtually nothing on the earth escapes the influence of the stars and planets.

How does astrology work? Many Americans know nothing of astrology except under which of the twelve zodiac signs they were born. For instance, if a person was born between April 21 and May 21, his sign of the zodiac would be Taurus the Bull. This means that at the time the person was born the sun was located under the astral sign of Taurus the Bull. Since astrology is an earth-centered or geocentric study, the sun is considered as taking 365 days to transit through all twelve zodiac signs and the zodiac signs are considered as taking 65 days to rotate completely around the earth.

Each sign of the zodiac and each planet is attributed certain qualities, both desirable and undesirable. The positions and angles of the planets can either heighten or suppress a certain quality. Also the relative positions of the planets under a zodiac sign can likewise suppress or heighten a characteristic.

For example, if the planet Venus is found under the sign of Virgo in a person's horoscope, this individual may be domestic and

loving. If, however, Mars is found under the sign of Virgo the person may be lustful and sensual. Or if both planets are located under the sign of Virgo, the influences of the two planets may cancel out or mitigate one another.

Wrong Predictions

Upon re-examining an individual's horoscope the astrologer discovers where he went wrong. From this point he can readily iron out any discrepancies in his initial and subsequent evaluation and prediction by re-interpreting the horoscope. The astrologer must know the exact time, date and location of a birth for an accurate prediction. Faulty information makes for faulty interpretation.

The layman may not realize however, that there are several other forms of astrology. There is mundane astrology which casts horoscopes for nations and nationalities. A mundane horoscope would be one for the United States or one for the Jewish people of the world.

Horary astrology consists of answering questions by casting a horoscope for the moment the question is asked. Electional astrology is used to pick the right time to begin an enterprise. There are meteorological astrology, astro-biology, astro-medicine and astro-psychology.

Astro-espionage

There is even one case of what might be termed "astro-espionage." During World War II, the British war heads employed Hungarian astrologer Louis de Wohl to cast horoscopes to determine what sort of military strategic advice Hitler's astrologer, Karl Ernst Krafft, was giving the Nazi leader.

Many people label astrology "quackery," "occultism" or "mysticism." Many nonbelievers flatly refuse to talk about astrology and the majority of those nonbelievers who do talk about astrology refused to be identified.

To find out what type of people in Lincoln are interested in astrology a check was made with downtown bookstores and magazine stand proprietors.

A salesman at one bookstore described people interested in astrology as "mostly older people and those with little formal education." A proprietor of a downtown magazine stand said that purchasers of astrology magazines are "generally middle-aged, and women much more than men." A bookseller at one large downtown department store reported that she "sells about 50 astrology magazines a month, mostly to older people . . . who take it very seriously." Many stores and stands reported that many teenagers buy horoscopes and magazines, but unlike the older people, "they do just for kicks."

Lincoln astrologers

Three people were found in Lincoln capable of casting horoscopes. One was a grandmother whose family refused to permit her to discuss the subject. Another

was a 22-year-old Lincoln girl who was just beginning to learn to cast horoscopes and didn't feel sufficiently qualified to talk about the subject. The third person was a Lincoln housewife and mother of four.

The housewife has studied astrology "for about 10 to 12 years." As a hobby she regularly casts horoscopes for members of her family and occasionally for friends. She described the art of the stars as "a greatly involved subject."

Astrology: science

Though astrology is given free reign in certain parts of the country such as Los Angeles, San Francisco and Kansas City, a Nebraska statute could conceivably prevent anyone from indulging in astrology on a commercial basis. Section 28-1111 of the Revised Nebraska Statutes says, "that no one shall take part in, practice, assist or become a subject in giving a public open exhibition or seance, show of hypnotism, mesmerism, animal magnetism or so-called psychical forces FOR GAIN . . ."

Lincoln laws

A Lincoln city ordinance might also prevent the practice of astrology in the city for profit. The city ordinance reads, "it shall be unlawful for any person to exercise, carry on, advertise or engage in the business or profession of clairvoyancy, palmistry, phrenology, mind reading, fortune telling or any other business or art of revealing or pretending to reveal past or future events in the life of another."

Though astrology is not specifically mentioned in the city ordinance, City Attorney Ralph Nelson said, "if we had such a case of an astrologer practicing in the city, we would try it and let the court make a decision."

Astrology has been called "one of the most diehard of the arts," by McNeice. "Diehard" seems a truly fitting adjective in keeping with the developing technology as the world moves into the 21st century.

A British astrologer, Madame Katina Theodossiou, has computerized "the most ancient of all arts." Working with the Computer Centers Corp. in New York, Madame Theodossiou has fed 13 million pieces of information comprising 80 years of astrological data into a computer. Now all Mrs. Theodossiou has to do is feed the computer the client's birthdate and birthplace and the computer whips out a 10,000 word account of an individual's personality, health and prospects for the coming year—all within a minute.

Whatever astrology is labeled—"quackery," "a religion of sorts," "mysticism," "art," or a "science" in its own right—there is no denying astrology is a phenomenon that thrives in reality today. Astrology, "the most diehard of the arts," has weathered thirty centuries and journeyed from its homeland in an ancient Assyria throughout the world to the heart of the American Midwest.



Workers continue construction on the Nebraska Union which is due to be finished next fall.

Senate awareness needs re-evaluation Proposals, programs, report await action and continuity

Student Senators were charged Wednesday to re-evaluate their lack of awareness of their constituents opinions and the need for continuity of the Senate programs.

Gene Pokorny, ASUN first vice president, told the Senate to assume their responsibilities because they face a loaded slate of business over the next two months.

Pokorny said in an executive committee report, that the Senate faced a problem of communication in that they were not aware of student body opinion except when responding to immediate issues and to constituents.

Responded to constituents

He cited the military recruiting issue last semester as a time when Senate responded and acted in accordance to the wishes of their constituents. He went on to say that it is only in these crises that the senators are keenly aware of student body attitudes.

Pokorny said that being "not an organization but a government" necessitated Senate to continue the programs and committees they investigate.

He cited the lack of attention to the current Senate committee which has published the Faculty Evaluation Booklet for the past two years.

Accept assignments

He also charged the senators to be responsible in their duties and in accepting assignments and appointments as representatives of Senate.

The speech not only reviewed the year's accomplishments by Senate, but included six legislative bills which face the senators in the two months left in their term.

These bills include a proposal that ASUN affiliate and become a member of the National Student Association; that Senate ask the Board of Regents to consider the possibility of establishing an office of Curricular Evaluation, and that Senate urge the Regents to adopt the proposal for a residential experimental centennial college for next semester.

Improvement of programs

The other two bills asked for the

improvement and expansion of the University Honors program, and the establishment of an urban studies program.

At this date, 11 Senate committees have completed semester reports, leaving two to come next week. Of the eight ad hoc committees established this year, four have completed reports of their efforts.

Also facing the Senate are three major programs to take place this spring. The first scheduled program is the World Affairs Conference to be held the 14th and 15th of March, according to Senator Ron Alexander, chairman of the conference.

Cancel classes

He reported that speakers had been contacted and there is a possibility that classes may be canceled for a part of the two days to enable students to attend the program.

Senator Mark Schreiber reported that the Drug Seminar is scheduled the nights of March 17, 18 and 19. He had received affirmative replies from a variety of speakers asked to participate.

Pokorny also told the senators they faced a problem of actualization, in that Senate had moved out of the realm of articulating about issues and proposals.

Need to continue programs

He related this to the need to continue the programs Senate has continued for the past two years by formalizing them as permanent committees.

This refers specifically to the Stillman University exchange program and the Model United Nations conference, in addition to the Faculty Evaluation Booklet.

The Senators were urged to brief themselves on the committee reports which have been completed. This is necessary, he said, to enable the senators to knowingly consider upcoming resolutions and legislation.

Senator Jim Ludwig reported on the Faculty Subcommittee on Student Activities' resolutions regarding the open housing policy. He said that involved students had not agreed with the resolution by the faculty subcommittee. Further meetings are to take place regarding the open house issue.

On campus

Today

Dr. Daniel Horn, director of the National Clearinghouse on Smoking of the Public Health Service, will be conducting an open forum and panel discussion on smoking for students and faculty. The forum will be held in Room 20 of Morrill Hall from 3:30 until 5:30 p. m. today. Dr. Horn conducted the national smoking test for C.B.S.

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Young Republicans will not meet on campus today, according to Phil Bowen, YR president. A meeting will be held next Thursday, Bowen said.

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Capt. Bruce S. McKenna, a Marine Corp selection officer, will be talking with interested college men and women about the opportunities to earn a Marine commission. Capt. McKenna will be in the Union lobby from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. today.

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Nebraska Concerned Democrats are beginning to formulate plans for supporting Sen. Eugene McCarthy in the 1968 presidential primary. A Students-for-McCarthy group is being organized to aid in the campaign, according to Gene Pokorny, NCD treasurer.

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Meredith Willson, famous creator of the Broadway hits "The Music Man" and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" will be at the University for the seventh annual "Weekend of Music", which starts Saturday.