

Oh dear, oh dear, what can the mater be?

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A child in search of its mater. That's what the University of Nebraska is, just a poor orphan without an alma mater. A search of campus departments failed to turn up an official alma mater song for the University despite the fact that there are four or five official songs plus an official chant and a yell.

FOUR SONGS. — "Hail Nebraska," "Hail, Varsity," "Dear Old Nebraska U.," and "The Cornhusker" march — are all seemingly recognized as official school songs. But "Dear Old Nebraska

U." is the only one being currently used at all, by the student body at football games.

George T. Bastian, director of the Alumni Association, said that "The Cornhusker" is still played "at the conclusion of the games when the fans are filling out of the stadium." The march, written by Robert W. Stevens, is called the official field song and it was the custom many years ago to stand and sing the song before each game.

"Dear Old Nebraska U." serves the purpose of unofficial "school song" now, sung at all the football and basketball games.

In addition to the songs there is a Yell (U . . . U . . . U . . . i Ver . . . ver . . . ver s-i-ii!) and a Chant, with words by R.D. Scott (U Rah, N Rah, U—N—I, U Varsity).

"THERE ARE four pieces that are official university songs," says music professor Jack Snider, "but I've been here for quite a while and I don't know of any that's designated as an alma mater."

He says the chant used to be sung at games, but that students just stopped doing the "slow, funeral-like chant."

NU Public Relations Director George Round says, "The song

chiefly thought of as the school song is 'The Cornhusker,' which used to be sung at football games." But he reported he did not know of any official alma mater adopted by the school.

Most of the older songs have the word "Nebraska" ending with an "i" instead of an "a" for rhyming purposes, which may be one reason their popularity has ebbed.

SO, WHETHER you want to sing, chant or yell the university has something for you. But there seems to be no alma mater for the alums to hum on Homecoming Day.



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'Give a Damn' Party not dead

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The New Party and its congressional candidate H. Bruce Hamilton technically were defeated in Tuesday's election, but in some ways the New Party philosophy will live on.

"We may keep the headquarters open continually as a permanent 'Give a Damn' center," Hamilton said late Wednesday.

It would be a place where groups of concerned individuals could always go to discuss the problems confronting the city, state or country, he continued.

THE IDEA has "real potential," Hamilton said, in keeping the issues and problems dramatized in the campaign alive.

Possibly, the "Give a Damn" center could lobby for open house legislation in next year's legislature, or work with the city concerning problems in the Malone area, Hamilton suggested.

Perhaps, the Nebraska Free University could hold classes there. Above all, it would be a permanent meeting center where anyone could sit and talk.

Numerous problems exist though, he said, such as the rent and utility expenses. A meeting at the headquarters for all interested students is scheduled Thursday evening at 5 p.m. to discuss the idea.

IN TUESDAY'S election returns, Hamilton did not receive five percent of the total vote, so the New Party may no longer run a candidate.

Hamilton was not sure if the party would be reorganized, nor is he certain about his own future.

"I have no idea if I will run again. But I will be busy in some form of public service. Several law and poverty programs funded under the Office of Economic Opportunity do appeal to me," he said.

If the New Party is to again appear on the ballot, it must reorganize. Hamilton knows of no such plans, although he acknowledged that a movement may already be underway that he does not know of.

"WE NEVER were really concerned about votes; we accomplished our principle goals of bringing the issues before the people," Hamilton said.

Of course, with more money, experience, time and a better organization, the New Party would have fared better, Hamilton noted.

Hamilton pointed out that for every dollar spent, he received more votes than either former Congressman Clair Callan or Congressman-elect Robert Denney. The New Party, which spent less than \$1,000, received about five votes for every campaign dollar spent.

Overall, the election went about as Hamilton expected.

He felt the most discouraging result of the election was the defeat of Amendment One, which would have permitted 19-year-old voting. He also was discouraged by the failure of the Lincoln Community College issue.

Election brings joy, gloom

by Julie Morris
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The rain fell all day Wednesday turning the campus into blotches of yellow leaves and sloughs of gray mud.

After a night of national handwringing, Tuesday Richard

Nixon was declared president-elect of the United States, but voting returns showed the Democrats had kept control of Congress.

Nebraskans rejected a constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to 19, but strongly endorsed the state income tax.

LINCOLN VOTERS turned down a plan to open a community junior college, but approved flourishment of the city's water.

Wednesday morning knots of students gathered around the television in the Nebraska Union lounge and election was the word

on many lips, but in some groups of students and in many classrooms it was only business as usual.

One professor greeted his students with "Let's talk about Othello today." Another launched into a lecture on 15th century Italian society.

In the Union, students jostled for a place in a line to vote for Homecoming Queen and workers hawked tickets to the weekend dance.

THERE SEEMED to be an extra load of daily papers on the newsracks, but students weren't buying.

"I suppose you're still expecting a McCarthy landslide," one student hollered at another who was wearing a blue-and-white medal of the Eugene McCarthy campaign.

Students were alternately serious and joking about the election.

"We've been talking about assassinations," Mike Wylie commented.

"I GUESS the whole day yesterday was a point-by-point reawakening of things I'd always known and thought were changing," he said.

"It's shown me perhaps maybe I ought to become a political activist and see if maybe we can change Nebraska opinion. I'll work here for the next four years and then probably will be through with Nebraska for the rest of my life," Wylie said.

"I think everyone should get behind whoever is elected president," one coed said, "but it's really hard to say 'President Nixon'."

Mike Nelson, a University junior who was state chairman of College Students for Nixon, said "I'm jubilant over the victory, but I wouldn't wish these next four years in the White House on anyone."

NELSON SAID he thinks the defeat of the 19 Voting Amendment and the Nebraska Nixon victory may reflect a combination of conservative votes.

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In Lincoln for the United States premiere of her first motion picture, "Two A Penny," Nov. 14 at the Nebraskan Theater, Ann Holloway encourages a University student to attend the first showing.

ASUN action postponed on organization approval

ASUN Senate Wednesday tabled resolutions on campus undercover agents and approval of new organizations following lengthy discussion.

Sen. Mary McClymont introduced the resolution which would allow the Student Senate to approve organizations under a temporary plan, effective until March 31, 1969, during which time a committee would investigate approval of organizations procedures.

Under this resolution, students desiring to organize on a short-term basis must file a letter of intent with the Student Activities Office. A representative of the students is then interviewed by the Coordinator of Student Activities who submits the results of the interview to the ASUN Committee on Constitutions.

The Committee on Constitutions may recommend to the Senate that the organization be approved. The Senate then may approve the organization.

For new organizations, three constitutions must be submitted and judged on form and clarity. In addition the organization must be approved by the Faculty Subcommittee on Student Organizations as well as Senate.

Sen. Bob Zucker presented the resolution on campus undercover agents.

The resolution read that: Whereas, an atmosphere of free inquiry is essential to the survival of an academic community . . . the ASUN Senate condemns the hiring of students to act as undercover agents and requests that a University policy be established stating that any student acting as a hired undercover agent be subject to suspension from the University.

"Any student who is an undercover agent expects the right of free inquiry to apply to himself, but is denying that right to other students," Zucker said.

"So what if the administration or

police know what students are doing?" Sen. Bruce Cochrane asked. "As long as they are doing nothing illegal, they have nothing to fear."

There is a difference between free speech and an illegal act, Sen. Tom Wiese said. This resolution is highly nebulous, he added.

The University can't be exempt from law enforcement, according to Sen. Tom Morgan.

"This resolution would relate to drug use as well as free inquiry," he added, "I can't justify the University suspending a student for reporting an illegal use of drugs to the Lincoln Police."

Piester optimistic in spite of Amendment 1 defeat

Leaders of the Nebraskans for Young Adult Suffrage expressed optimism along with disappointment Wednesday about the defeat of Amendment 1 in Tuesday's election.

"I thought it would be a lot closer, even though I wasn't sure we would win," said Dave Piester, chairman of the group, "but it was certainly not an overwhelming defeat."

With 94 per cent of the ballots in, opponents of the Amendment held a 16,000 vote lead, about 223,000 to 223,000.

Another attempt will be made to put the issue on the ballot, Piester predicted. It will have a better chance then, because people will know more about it.

A NATIONWIDE attempt is being planned to propose a constitutional amendment in the next congress to lower the voting age to 18, Piester reported.

A number of interest groups, such as the AFL-CIO, the National Education Association and the National Young Republicans and Democrats are behind the move, he said.

These interest groups looked to Nebraska as sort of an indicator on the amendment's chances, Piester said. Now Nebraska, in defeating

the amendment, has hindered that effort.

Not knowing the makeup of the new congress, Piester declined to comment on the chances of success of a nationwide movement to lower the voting age.

REASONS FOR Amendment 1's defeat are many and varied, according to another Nebraskans for Young Adult Suffrage leader, John Schrekinger.

Scottsbluff Senator Terry Carpenter, who pioneered and signed the amendment in the legislature, changed his mind just days before the election and declared that he had enough of 19-year-olds and now opposed the bill. Carpenter purchased three, one-half-hour television programs to put forth his views on Amendment 1 and other issues.

Schrekinger said that Carpenter may have had an effect, although he could not officially evaluate the Senator's influence.

Schrekinger pointed out that Carpenter proposed lowering the voting age back in the 1950's, but was not successful.

ASUN'S "TIME OUT" program on October 29, just 7 days before the election also adversely affected the amendment's chances, Schrekinger said.

"In many ways it was a good idea, but it was ill considered, hurried and an irresponsible exercise of the ASUN," he said.

Not only was "Time Out" on the voters' minds, but the ASUN supported, student march on city hall was also, he said. The voters remembered Chicago, and the actions of student radicals there too, he added.

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Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel will perform at Pershing Auditorium, 8:30 p.m., Saturday, November 9.

The group came to national fame in late 1965 with their first hit, "The Sounds of Silence." Since that time they have had a number of other hits including "At the Zoo," "A Hazy Shade of Winter," "Fakin' It," "I Am a Rock," and several others.

FOUR OF THEIR albums have sold over a million copies: "Sounds of Silence," "Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, and Thyme," "The Graduate," and "Bookends."

Simon and Garfunkel began

singing together when they were about thirteen. In college the two took up separate interests. Simon studied English at Queens College and Garfunkel studied math at Columbia. He is currently working for his Ph.D.

FOLLOWING GRADUATION, they became quite well known in England, but it took the release of "The Sounds of Silence" to make them popular in their own country.

Simon and Garfunkel sing ballads of the city and modern life. Their songs are tinged with American folk tradition and lean toward personal, more than group experience.

