

# The Chancellor's either-or world

A group of influential faculty members tried last week to dissuade the Regents from granting Chancellor Clifford Hardin a one-year leave of absence to serve as Secretary of Agriculture. Although they were not successful, both the faculty members and the Lincoln Journal brought up some excellent points concerning the current arrangement that the Regents will have to keep in mind.

Although the dissidents agree almost to a man that Chancellor Hardin has been an excellent administrator and will make a fine Secretary of Agriculture, they expressed concern about Hardin's attempt to have the best of both worlds, or perhaps the attempt of both worlds to get the most from Chancellor Hardin.

The faculty's primary concern is that the University will be left up in the air for a fairly extended period of time; that Acting Chancellor Merk Hobson, whatever his talents, will be hamstrung while Hardin is deciding whether or not he will stay in Washington, and that long-range University programs will suffer.

**THIS ARGUMENT** is valid. Although it is normal for a University to have an acting Chancellor for some time before a new Chancellor is appointed, it is not normal for the University to refuse to search for a permanent Chancellor during this time. If Chancellor Hardin decides in April or May, or even some time next fall, that he will complete his term as Secretary of Agriculture, the University will be just that far behind in the search for a new administrator.

University concerns aside, the dissidents point out that the current arrangement is unfair to President-elect Nixon, because he should be able to rely on Hardin's presence for at least the next four years. It is difficult to understand how a temporary Secretary of Agriculture is going to be able to direct the kind of far-sighted programs that our farmers so badly need.

**IT SEEMS THE RESULT** of all this maneuvering is a University with a lame-duck Chancellor and a cabinet with a lame-duck Secretary of Agriculture. The decision on how long this situation will continue is the Chancellor's. It is vital that he refrain from postponing the decision too long: both the University and the Cabinet need a talented man unfettered by other obligations to function smoothly at this time. Chancellor Hardin can function well in either post. He cannot, however, function in both.

Jack Todd

# Our man Hoppe . . . Youthland secedes

by Arthur Hoppe

Herewith is another unwritten chapter from that unpublished textbook, "A History of the World, 1950-1999." Its title: "The Generation Gap — And Let's Keep It That Way."

By 1970 the Generation Gap had widened into a chasm. Armed warfare raged on every campus. The jails overflowed with protesters. Not a child in the land thought his parents understood him. And vice versa.

**A YOUTH SEPARATIST** Movement was formed. "We not only want to run our own schools, our own pads and our own lives," said young militants, "we want to run our own country."

On July 4, 1971, Youthland seceded from the Union — laying claim to the West Coast from the Sunset Strip to the Haight-Ashbury and the East Coast from Greenwich Village to Fort Lauderdale.

Civil war threatened. The Old Country, as it came to be called, boasted an Army of 238,673 senior officers and a stringent draft law. But as it had no one left to draft, it had no soldiers to do the fighting.

**YOUTHLAND, ON THE** other hand, had a plethora of healthy young men of draft age. But of course it had no draft laws and, consequently no army.

So the two nations dwell in uneasy peace. And both were very happy.

"At long last, we've got a little tranquility around here," said the Oldsters happily. And they adopted vigorous legislation in favor of law and order and cheaper booze.

"At long last, we've got a little freedom around here," said the Youngsters happily. And they adopted vigorous legislation in favor of individual freedom and cheaper marijuana.

**SO BOTH GENERATIONS** at long last had what they wanted. The Oldsters had tranquility. And the Youngsters had freedom.

But after several months, the Oldster began dragging lethargically around frowningly muttering testy things like, "The newspapers are certainly dull these days. There's nothing to talk about at these stupid cocktail parties. And why's it so damn quiet around here?"

And the Youngsters, to keep their hands in, still demonstrated lethargically daily. But their placards were blank. For the life of them, they couldn't think of anything to protest against. And they frowningly chanted testy things like, "Down with something or other."

**THE TWO NATIONS,** recognizing the inevitable, were re-united on July 4, 1972. And, oh, what a heartwarming scene there was in every home as the father welcomed back his son.

"Let me embrace you, my boy," each father said, "as soon as you have off that scraggly beard and get yourself a decent job."

"Shave my beard?" cried the youth, his chin up, the old adrenalin racing through his veins again. "Now don't be square, Dad. I've got a right . . ."

"Square" shouted the father, his blood boiling, his eyes shining once more. "Listen here, you young whippersnapper . . ."

And both generations lived fully, if perhaps not happily, ever after.

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# Editorials

# Commentary

## The fifth horseman is a king too

by Charles Mange

Although prohibited by the United States Constitution, the granting of titles of nobility continues unabated on our campus. A glance at any issue of the Daily Nebraskan reveals the crowning of still another queen or countess or caliph.

Each year the anonymity of some noble coed is sacrificed on the Block and Bridle Day. This Sweet Heart of the Rodeo is chosen for her ability at selling hams. The girl who brings home the most

bacon is crowned Queen Pork Barrel.

**EAST CAMPUS** CHURNS with activity each spring as all expectantly await the crowning of Dairy Queen. The candidates try to butter up the judges but is ploy usually fails as evidenced by the election of Miss Marge Rin last year.

The other girls declared the contest to be an utter fraud as Miss Marge Rin (a slender lass) was declared winner because she had the least fat

about her. The seven losing maids were left moping their friends for sympathy.

Perhaps the ultimate honor to be bestowed upon a male student at the University is the coveted title of Prince Kosmet. The holder of the title generally is a polite fellow who dresses inconspicuously and is therefore totally indistinguishable from his multitude of followers.

**THIS CONSTANT** KOSMET fits his job to a tea. His only duty is to conduct the annual

herford poll for the Alumni Association, and occasionally to entertain foreign royalty such as when our campus was visited this fall by that distinguished North African, The Bey of Pigs. The practice of naming so many kings and queens will have to stop before we all lose our heads as people once did in France. One king is enough for any school but now that our sovereign has left us to live in Washington, I fear the flood is upon us.

# CAMPUS OPINION

## Board of Regents Letter to NU

Gentlemen:

Though we are all happy about the recent appointment of Chancellor Hardin as Secretary of Agriculture, you must not now in the glow of pride and enthusiasm make a decision that could cripple the University in the near future. It would be unworthy of the position of trust you hold with the people of Nebraska.

Certainly if the position of chancellor has any importance in directing the future of the University, the man in the position to be effective should not feel that his leadership and his plans are merely a stand-in for someone who could return in one month, one year, four years, or perhaps never. Surely Dr. Hardin knows that effective leadership cannot be

provided to the University under such an arrangement as an extended leave of absence.

**IF HE IS UNAWARE,** let him consider what goals of leadership have been set by President-elect Nixon. Could he want less for the University of Nebraska? Despite Chancellor Hardin's recent failure to provide adequate leadership in convincing the governor and the state

of the need for support to insure the solid growth of the University, he is still a man of undeniable talent. Let us not undermine his confidence by a crutch such as an extended leave of absence.

We must also recall that the state recognizes the folly of such a position by having an official policy that would not allow for a leave of more than a year for reasons of civil service. And surely Regent Herman has checked on this

policy as regards military service! Though it may be argued that the University is above such rules, do we forget the wisdom that stands behind such rules?

Should it ever be that Chancellor Hardin would wish to return to Nebraska, let us hope that it can be at that time with the University. But let us not hamper him in his position as Secretary of Agriculture and let us not mark time here by hampering whoever is to fill the post now.

Surely our new Secretary of Agriculture recognizes this. Let us not make our deliberations smack of political arrangements. It is unworthy of you and Dr. Hardin. And it would be a great disservice to the people of the United States.

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