

Singh cites needs for minority voice

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Foreign students at the University are usually graduate students, fairly uninvolved with any campus activities outside of their major fields.

Malaysian Bacchitar Singh is an exception. He is the first foreign student in recent years to run for ASUN Student Senate as a candidate from the college of arts and sciences.

"I'm not running just to represent foreign students but I know more about them because I am one," Singh said.

"I come from a place where there is need for such organization but no opportunity to let yourself go," he said. "This is not to say I am a miracle worker. Being a good senator takes guts and hard work."

MINORITIES ON campus have never been given a chance to take part in University decision making, Singh said.

"Whites have set up the Human Rights committee, but the minorities have not gotten involved in working on their own problems," he said. "Any group can have reasonable power if they are united and organized. Individuals are insignificant. To succeed you must have the group."

Singh criticized recent student demonstrators for disorganization and the University officials for being unprepared to cope with potential problems.

"Things are going to come here, but revolution is the last straw, not the first," Singh said. "Kids here haven't been exposed to the problems of student power, and they don't know what's coming . . ."

"STUDENTS DESERVE to have power clear to the reasonable limits, but demonstrations don't give you the quietness of the mind," he said. "This is not a battlefield. Revolutions need organizing step-by-step," he warned.

Singh predicted that major problems would come to the University because of unpreparedness.

"Such movements always start with innocent things," he said. "There has been a 15-year lapse in progress, and it just takes too long to catch up."

"For any new change, you have to sacrifice a generation. Maybe we are it," he said. "The faculty (and administration) is too scared because we know what we want."

SINGH SAID noted that problems on campuses have arisen because

while the environment has changed, books and teaching ideas generally have not.

"This is a university by name, not by character," he said.

Singh urged that a step-by-step method is necessary to improve the University. This is why he is running for senate, he said.

Like many American students, Singh noted that apathy and lack of communication hinders Student Senate power.

"ASUN IS now a paper tiger," he said. "Senators get elected and then forget the students who elected them."

He also thought that the majority of American students "don't know what's going on" in regard to student government.

"I asked some American students to help with my campaign and found out they don't even know what ASUN is," he said.

Singh hopes to bring the senate to the students by holding meetings and in the dorms and conducting question-answer sessions involving all the senators if he is elected.

"WHEN YOU see things in front of your eyes, you become involved," he said. "But if you're looking for miracles, there are no miracles."

Singh hopes to attract students to involvement "in their minds," because those who are emotionally involved forget ideas.

"Once you get someone bugged in his mind, he's going to think," he said.

"Student leaders here are either cynical about the Nebraska attitude, or simply study here and leave the state. It's a real brain drainage," he said.

The University is a stage for real life, Singh said. Students should use it to develop ideas and themselves.

"Knowledge is power," he said. "Without it we are just lumps of skin and bones."

6 Tribunal posts open to jrs., srs.

The Student Tribunal will be holding interviews for new members on Sunday, April 20, according to Lynn Stingley, chairman.

Six members will be chosen. There will be four seniors and two juniors. The applications are available in Administration 207.



Bachittar Singh, the first foreign student ever to file for ASUN senate, gives his views on student life.

Quiz bowl plans current events match

A current events quiz bowl including questions on the Nixon administration and Black America will be held at Hyde Park Thursday, April 24. The eight quiz bowl positions will be open to the audience, according to Liz Lueder, quiz bowl vice president.

Also on April 24 any quiz bowl team that has played during the year can compete in a challenge match. Challenges should be turned into the quiz bowl mailbox as soon as possible, Miss Lueder said. In the future quiz bowl matches will be televised on channel 9, a closed circuit station.

Colombian photography exhibited

Views of the country and people of Colombia, South America, will be displayed in a photography exhibit scheduled to run from April 22 through May 18 in the Sheldon Art Gallery's Print Study.

The photographers are an American couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Waugh, who have lived in Colombia since 1961 where he is director of the Rockefeller Agricultural Program.

The major theme of Waugh's photography is Colombian agriculture, while his wife has a deep interest in a unique type of Colombian poetry.

Yale faculty removes ROTC academic credit

(I.P.) —The Yale College faculty recently voted to remove academic credit from the Army and Navy Reserve Officers Training Corps program and proposed that ROTC be given the status of extra-curricular activities.

The two ROTC commanding officers at Yale, Colonel Richard R. Irving, of the Army unit, and Captain Williams E. Simmons, of the Navy, have expressed concern about the future of ROTC programs here without academic credit. Both have predicted a decrease in ROTC enrollment possibly to a point where the Department of Defense would not consider it worthwhile to continue units at Yale.

Another issue is whether ROTC can continue legally without academic credits. Federal regulations call for "appropriate academic credit" from the colleges and universities where ROTC units are based.

Many feel, however, that a compromise can be worked out. Regular college courses with academic credit, such as in engineering, history, and

political science, might be acceptable as ROTC courses.

Another issue concerns the faculty rank of the commanding officers. Both Captain Irving and Captain Simmons are listed as Professors at Yale, a faculty appointment required by federal regulations.

The Yale faculty proposal calls for an altered status for the commanding officers, objecting that such arbitrary appointments by an outside agency violates the university's control over all faculty appointments and promotions.

April Foolishness slated for Saturday

April Foolishness will be presented by Selleck Quadrangle on Sat., April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union ballroom, according to Sandi Renken, co-director.

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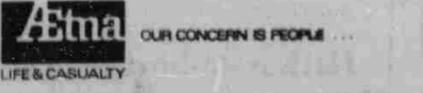
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