

Stop Batchelder

In past editorials, I have not always been complimentary to Gov. Norbert Tiemann. There comes a time, however, when faults and past errors must be forgotten, especially when the very real possibility of unmitigated disaster threatens the state and the University. In this case, the name that is synonymous with catastrophe is Sen Clifton "Botch" Batchelder.

While Gov. Tiemann has suffered temporary mental lapses (such as praising Spiro Agnew and supporting President Nixon's Southeast Asia non-policy), he has always been anxious to listen to youth and a staunch supporter of the University of Nebraska. Aside from his veto of bills containing allocations for a home economics building and library addition, Tiemann's budget requests for the University, though inadequate, have been more realistic than the final appropriations made by the Unicameral.

Outside strictly University matters, Tiemann's tax policy became law, thus broadening and bettering Nebraska's tax base. Tiemann also vetoed the marijuana bill which would have singled out students for excessive punishment if arrested for possession of the drug. And the governor pushed through the Legislature Nebraska's open-housing bill. Last summer when paranoid legislators passed the self-defense bill, Tiemann calmly vetoed the act, only to see the Unicameral override the veto.

Batchelder's record provides a marked contrast. Where Tiemann has recognized the need for increased spending to improve Nebraska higher education, Batchelder has advocated drastic cuts in educational funds. Where Tiemann saw the unfairness and deficiencies in the marijuana bill, Batchelder saw that "concern for the student is an example of the permissiveness that is sweeping this country. We must reach into the college sanctuary and do something." Where Tiemann realized the danger of legalizing murder in the unlimited self-defense bill, Batchelder saw fit to sponsor and promote an act which makes it lawful, in some instances, to shoot humans but unlawful to shoot animals.

Despite the fact that his views on political and fiscal issues make Barry Goldwater look liberal, Batchelder's candidacy is no joke. A large percentage of the Republican Party is disenchanted with Gov. Tiemann. It is imperative, therefore, that all Republicans and independents in the University and Lincoln communities go to the polls in May and nominate Tiemann as the Republican candidate for governor. If Clifton Batchelder is nominated and elected governor of Nebraska, the state's citizens can look forward to such reasoning as this: "Every student the colleges kick out is the loss of one more statistic used to pry money from the government." This statement is perfectly logical to Batchelder. If all students are expelled, there will be no more colleges and consequently the state will save money.

In May, do the state, the University and yourself a favor—stop Batchelder.

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Times are Changing?

by Don Stenberg

During the past several weeks members of the Arts and Sciences Advisory Board have been discussing several possible innovations with department chairmen of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Two of the proposals were to establish an independent study course and to allow a student additional credit hours in an already existing course if, with the instructor's permission and guidance, he wanted to pursue in depth some area which seemed particularly interesting.

The Board also recommended to establish a course that's content would change from semester to semester and which would apply the principles of the discipline to practical contemporary problems. This course would probably be taught at the 100 level.

THESE proposals for the most part seemed to strike a favorable note with most of the department chairmen and with faculty members who were consulted by their chairman. The objections were not directed toward the question of the need and value of such courses, but rather toward financial considerations.

For instance, independent study requires a substantial amount of time on the part of the instructor to guide and advise the student. If an instructor had several such students it would be necessary to cut his teaching load, which would necessitate the hiring of more staff, which would require more money. This same argument is also valid for the establishment of a new course.

ALTHOUGH I see this as a difficulty,

I do not feel it will be an insurmountable obstacle. For instance, a current course with few enrollment could be dropped and a "Current Topics and Problems in —" could be instituted. The criteria for faculty promotions could be changed to allow work substitute for some of the current requirements.

OF COURSE the best solution would be to make more money available. One of the best ways to do this would be to put pressure on the legislature when they draw up the budget. In the past, pressure has been exerted by the administration and student groups with some success.

However, the legislators would be far more likely to react were they to receive letters supporting an increased university budget from their constituents.

Sure you say, and for the next miracle . . .

But there are many parents with children who will soon be going to college or already in college. These parents' support could be enlisted if they were made aware of what the University need. This, of course, presents a large but again not insurmountable problem. Perhaps next year's student government will have the leadership necessary to undertake such a project.

AT ANY RATE, for the time being I hope those departments which felt the Board's proposals were valid ones will make a sincere effort to implement them so that they will be a part of the educational system next fall.