

ASUN elections

Anyone who has read the platforms of the various ASUN parties carefully has probably been unable to ascertain much difference between any of them. The Service Party platform is tactic-oriented, devoting much space to discussion of methods to attain goals which are not included in much detail. The University Coalition platform covers numerous ideas in depth with only slight discussion of tactics.

So what. What would prevent the Service Party from adopting Coalition ideas if elected or the University Coalition from adopting Service Party tactics?

ANYONE WHO attended last week's debate probably noticed Service Party presidential candidate Ken Wald's superiority with rhetoric in comparison to Coalition candidate Steve Tiwald. On this point there is a sharp difference between the styles and abilities of these two candidates.

Wald is an accomplished speaker. If elected, he would serve well as a liaison between students and the Legislature. He would likewise function well on the Council on Student Life and might even be able to define ASUN's role in relation to the CSL. Similarly, Wald would represent the student body well in dealing with the Regents. He is not experienced in ASUN, however, despite his work on the faculty evaluation book, and his forte is not organization.

Tiwald, on the other hand, is experienced in ASUN. He has served as National Student Association coordinator, an organization and position specifically concerned with services for students. He handled Time Out and has worked on Free University. Tiwald is an organizer and has worked hard in ASUN the past year.

THE QUESTION is what should the ASUN president be. Should he be a representative and liaison officer for students, or should he be an organizer, deeply involved in the functioning of student government? Depending on your own conception, there are two qualified candidates available.

The first and second vp slots are more clear-cut, and here experience is vital. Dave Bingham, write-in Coalition candidate for first vp, is experienced in ASUN and in the University. He has been a senator, worked with legislative liaison, and is currently on a Faculty Senate committee. The Coalition second vp candidate, Mark Theisen, has served on ASUN legislative liaison, communications and education committees.

Service Party first vp candidate Bob Pfeiffer and second vp candidate Sue Lutton have had no ASUN experience. This is crucial; ASUN cannot afford to have a group of executives groping through the first semester trying to acquaint themselves with student government.

ASUN cannot endure a do-nothing year. With Bingham as first vp and Theisen as second vp, ASUN would accomplish something. When you vote Wednesday, vote for Bingham, write-in, first vp and Theisen, second vp.

NO PARTY, however, holds a monopoly on competent senatorial candidates. The Daily Nebraskan endorses the following candidates from the Service Party: A & S — Emily Cameron, Mick Moriarty, Duane Sneddeker, Steve Williams. Eng. and Arch. — Bob Rosenow. Business — Bruce Price.

The following candidates from the University Coalition Party: A & S — Steve Fowler, Rita Watson. Grad. and Prof. — Georgia Glass, Dan O'Connor, Nancy Ryan. Eng. and Arch. — Dan Lawler.

Vote Wednesday.

Jim Pedersen.



"We've taken over your office and here's a list of our demands!"

Not a partisan affair

by FRANK MANKIEWICZ and TOM BRADEN

Washington — It is late in the day for Congressman Gerald Ford, the House minority leader, to suggest that his attempt to impeach Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas is not a partisan affair.

Ford made it partisan when he suggested, prior to the Clement Haynsworth vote, that if Haynsworth failed he would call for an investigation of Douglas. But it is not mere political partisanship which is at issue. It is ideological partisanship as well. If the fight gets hot, it will pit the hard core of American know-nothingism against the good sense of the country.

IT IS ALSO a little embarrassing for congressmen who will have to vote against Ford and in favor of Justice Douglas if proceedings get that far. They would prefer not to rave to defend a man who has chosen to be married four times and who writes articles for magazines renowned chiefly for pictures of pretty, if nude, girls.

Thus, he has given a handle to what H. L. Mencken once called the American Bible Belt, an ideological configuration which is no longer geographical as well and which claims members in most congressional districts.

IT IS TOO bad that personal taste should permit the know-nothings to impinge the record of the court's leading expert on water law, on bankruptcy and corporate reorganization, on public power and utility rate-making and who has, during 32 years, gained the reputation among his peers as the workhorse of the court.

For that matter, the Bible Belt might be surprised to learn that Justice Douglas was the author of the decision which permitted released-time religious instructions in the public schools, justifying his view upon the grounds — among others — that "this is a Christian nation."

FOR EXAMPLE, "Points of Rebellion," Justice Douglas' new book, is not a call for revolution but a catalogue of grievances which reads for the most part like heated campaign oratory.

"Explosive political regeneration" is as close as Douglas comes to defining what he means by revolution. Surely, the country

is not ready to suggest that a judge may not participate in general debate upon the problems of the time, particularly in language which has suited Fourth of July orators as well as John F. Kennedy.

Congressman Ford and his allies are also making much of the Douglas connection with the Parvin Foundation, from which he received a salary for some years. But there is no evidence that he ever ruled on any cases involving the foundation or that the relationship was legally different from that of Chief Justice Warren Burger, who received regular payments from the Mayo Foundation while he sat on the Court of Appeals. Both Douglas and Burger have since severed their connections.

IN THE FORTIES and Fifties the Douglas dissents laid the groundwork for and foreshadowed the majority opinions of the Sixties, enlarging the protection of the Bill of Rights.

It is these opinions, enlarging both individual freedoms of speech and religion, and limiting the power of government in criminal cases, which have earned Douglas the enmity of the bitter-enders, who also see an opportunity to take a cheap shot at what they see as the sinister conspiracy which shot down Judges Haynsworth and Harrold Carswell.

If either of President Nixon's nominees had been confirmed, Douglas would sit on the court and the Congress would be silent. Indeed, if his opinions over the years had been to restrict the Bill of Rights, instead of to enlarge it, he could have married twice more.

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