

How to find a roachless kind of wrecked up sophomoric apartment

by BOB RUSSELL

Being a typical immature sophomore male, I decided that I would do the mature (from an immature point of view) thing and find an apartment for this school year. This other kid, Joe, said he would go in with me. He's kind of weird, but so am I, so I logically figured that our weirdnesses would cancel out each other. Anyway, to make this short story longer, we wanted to find a place that was economical, roachless, semi-furnished, but kind of wrecked up, so that we could hang posters and other obscene things on the walls and ceilings. So, from all this, you can see that we wanted a roachless, four-walled, economical, semi-unrefurbi-furnished apartment, preferably with indoor plumbing. And Eureka!!! We found one.

Roachless, etc. apartments have their hazards. For example, the doors and windows have a tendency either to fall off or not to open at all. It's quite a thrill to watch your own door, with a large glass pane, to fall and shatter right before you. Another tendency is that there are no doors where there should be doors and vice versa, so that you find yourself opening empty spaces and smashing into doors of varying degrees of thickness and pain.

Although my place is kind of messy, with splatters and footprints located on the walls and ceilings right where you can see them, it's not as bad as a dorm room, where you can only cover up a tiny bulletin board or else you must cover over where your roommate played tick-tack-toe on the ceiling with a can of spray paint. Splatters, burnt places, and holes can be easily covered up with the latest Playboy foldout (for you fraternity men) or else a Nixon poster with, "Would you buy a used car from this man?"

Refrigerators can pose a problem. My refrigerator freezes in the back half and mediocly cools in the front half. And if the top door is open, the bottom door won't come open. If your refrigerator doesn't work, you can always keep things there, like clothes, books, use it as a stash for grass, or if your roommate is a kleptomaniac, you can hide your valuables in the freezer compartment.

I could go on, but a guy next door just mowed the lawn and some dust and grass (the blue kind) was thrown through an alleged window, so I'd better clean that up. And also, my grape kool-aid ice cubes should be about done. I really like grape kool-aid ice cubes.



Letters . . . Letters . . . Letters

EDITOR'S NOTE: The NEBRASKAN reserves the right to condense letters from readers for purposes of space and readability, retaining the author's point. The following letter has been so condensed.

Editor:

In view of the editorial that appeared in the Oct. 1 issue of the Nebraskan, I feel I must reply.

(Editorial opinion appeared concerning ASUN Sen. Bruce Wimmer's attempt to sponsor an audit of ASUN books for the period during the May 1970 student unrest-ed.)

THE EDITORIAL is quick to criticize my "approach." From the surface the tactics I used would appear "eccentric." Although these tactics were not desirable they were necessary.

The editorial charges that senators arrived to unexpectedly find newsmen there. If the ASUN executives maintain such close consultation with the senators as they advocate, no student senator should have been shocked because (ASUN) Pres. Steve Tiwald had alerted press to the fact that he would "publicly respond to charges on

ASUN" and invited them to attend on the Tuesday before the meeting. Perhaps if the campus media were more generally accepted and responsible, off campus media would not be so essential to seeing that the truth is actually recorded.

"PENCHANT FOR SECRECY . . ." Perhaps, but only out of necessity. If ASUN Senators were truly representative and responsively deliberate this secrecy would not have been requested by students asking me to sponsor an audit request. Their reasoning was "you don't want an embezzler that you are coming to check the books before you arrive." Because students requested, and I think with reasonable justification, that the audit request comes as a surprise, I honored that trust. Further, as a newspaper, I'm sure the Nebraskan honors the "secrecy" requests of some sources.

EVEN IF the student senators were upset by tactics and were unable to understand the half-page resolution on such short notice, they had no trouble comprehending a four-page letter from ASUN executives, still wet with ink, and approving it.

The body also showed poor

deliberative ability by failing to even allow me to state the reasoning behind the motion and the procedure used (if they couldn't understand it).

MANY SENATORS added, after the fact, that the books were always open and therefore no audit was necessary. In view of: (1) the tremendous controversy over the use of student funds during the strike; (2) the upcoming budget and the lack of a treasurer's services for months; (3) an attorney's statement that he could not find his way through the books; (4) the fact that audits (even though the books are always open) normally conducted by student activities and the University did not occur this past year; and (5) the audit would not have cost ASUN anything but would have ended rhetoric by presenting facts; the audit request was both reasonable and necessary.

ANY SUCH EXCUSES I have heard were either false or show the irresponsible thought that often occurs at senate meetings.

I further maintain that the entire resolution I introduced is still an excellent one. Simply

checking ASUN books, or going from office to office checking "open" books, will not answer everything. A complete analysis must be made by some qualified auditor who can have all the books and cross check a number of receipts and expenditures. The audit should be independent because as Chancellor D. Varner has noted "the University cannot investigate itself."

FINALLY, my request that copies of the Spelts Commission and the Institute for Political Analysis reports be accepted and placed on file for reference by all students is a very routine procedure for representative bodies. It should not have been viewed as soliciting approval but rather as a service and reference point for all interested students.

Bruce Wimmer

Editor:

I feel that it is of utmost importance that Michael Davis and the Regents be invited to speak to the people of the University of Nebraska. Davis ought to be able to defend himself in an open public meeting. The Regents in rejecting the faculty recommendation that he be appointed have not justified their

decision. The letter Dr. G. Robert Ross on behalf of the Regents sent to Davis was really pathetic in its vagueness and impreciseness. There should be from the Regents and Davis a full public statement of justification.

IF WE ARE to have an open university, a really universal university, persons Regents, administrators, faculty and students — ought to be expected to justify their behavior. I am increasingly disgusted by the double standards so rampant in this society. Let our values be consistently applied.

INVITING MICHAEL DAVIS and the Regents to justify their positions through the Talks and Topics Committee is an ideal approach. I would like to see them speaking separately and together about this extremely important matter. This case has far-reaching implications for the very nature of thought and feeling at the University of Nebraska.

I encourage you to make your feelings known to the Talks and Topics Committee and other persons in positions of responsibility.

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