

Elections more important than Halloween parties

Tuesday evening the Union Program Council decided to bring Michael Davis to this University to speak on the subject of "student power." According to the resolution, the engagement would be financed with student fees (limited to \$200) and the Program Council would schedule all of Davis' talks.

The Free Speech Movement has already been in contact with Davis and has scheduled him to speak on Thursday, Oct. 29. It was their intention that Davis would then spend the rest of the weekend at NU for talks and the Yippie Halloween party.

Considering the close race for governor and a probable neck-and-neck contention for one Regent post, it would be ill-advised to bring Davis here before the elections and provide hard line candidates with ammunition to peak their campaigns. And, given the sense of the Nebraska public, Davis' appearance could turn into a volatile issue.

When contacted last week and confronted with the possible effect his presence might have on the elections, Davis indicated that he was quite willing to change the dates. Members of the Free Speech Movement recognized the danger of scheduling the speech the week before the election but were reluctant to delay the event by one week so that it would fall after the elections. The overriding consideration voiced by many of the members was that Davis would miss their Halloween party if he came on another weekend.

Davis' appearance before the elections might force the Regents to adopt a firm, non-yielding position, whereas after the election, they might be more amenable to some form of conciliation. Therefore, **The Nebraskan** considers it in the best interests of Michael Davis and the University that he accept the invitation of the Nebraska Union, provided it is offered for some time after November 3.

The governor and J. J.

Students who still have questions about their choice for governor will have the opportunity to compare candidates this evening. Incumbent Norbert Tiemann and challenger J. J. Exon will appear at 7:30 p.m. in the Union to present their ideas and answer questions from the audience.

Frank Morrison, Charles Thone and Bill Burrows are other candidates for elective office who have shown enough interest in students to come to the University to speak. Tiemann and Exon now join this list whose notable exceptions are Roman Rruska and Clair Callan.

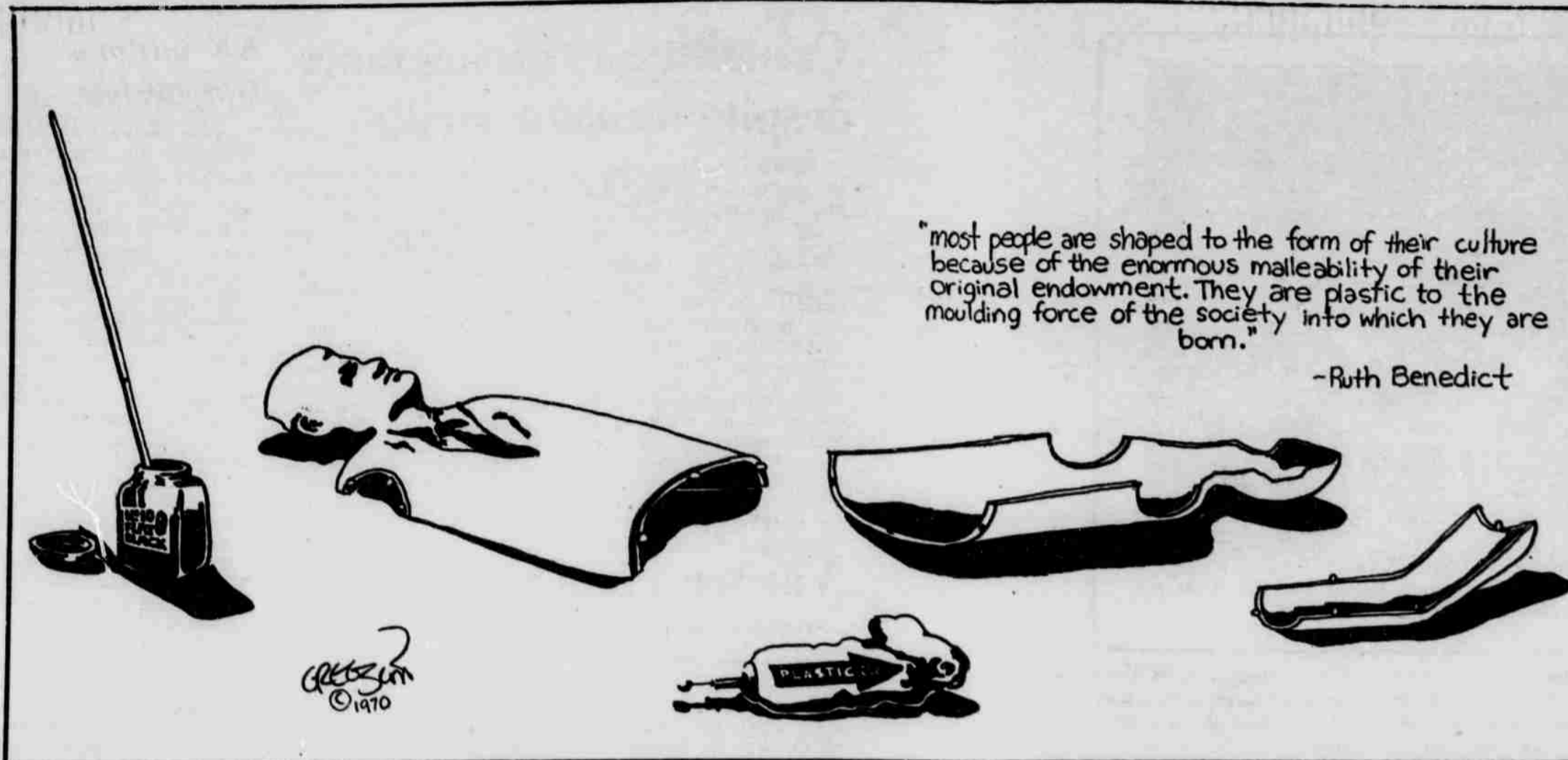
The Nebraskan is presently in contact with Senator Hruska's aides in an effort to bring him here to speak. It is hoped that sometime before the election, Hruska will show members of the University community the same consideration that Tiemann and Exon will display this evening.

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Outside the tower Cannon's big bang backfires

by Michael Egger

Having removed ink and the editor from its photo off-set press, the YAF embarked last week on its latest project, a worthy successor to the glorious button campaign of late.

The organization used its characteristic approach in attacking the use of student fees. All its Cannon were loaded with grape shot and fired in every direction at once. Among the casualties are the ASUN leadership and the administration, to say nothing of the Board of Regents, the legislature, and possibly the courts who will have to make sense out of this nonsense.

I am forced to agree with Nebraskan editor Kelley Baker in analyzing YAF's proposed court injunction as "the most offensive movement on campus," but I'm not so sure that it is "potentially the most destructive one" in recent months. We can only hope that the operation will be carried off with the ineptitude the local YAF leadership has shown in the past.

Mr. Cannon has charged that ASUN's expenditures are "extravagant" and are "not used for the best purposes of students." While some ASUN spending is an issue over which reasonable men might disagree, Mr. Cannon and his cohorts fail to realize that much good for all students comes from the allocation of student fees. I would here include the student health service, the foreign film series, the art and record lending services, special films at Sheldon Gallery, and the food and game services in the Union, to mention a few.

I suspect Chairman Cannon is attempting to remove student fee support from "left wing" ASUN speakers, projects, and, horror of horrors, the Nebraskan. Granted, a large percentage of speakers on campus in recent years have been of distinctly left-of-center socio-political bent. But an increasing number of responsible conservative speakers are appearing on the scene through the efforts of such groups as the IPA.

I too object to use of fee monies for projects which have a distinctly "leftist" political orientation. But, I suspect the YAF leadership would quietly overlook their use for "right wing" projects. Here I must draw the

line. Use of fees for political purposes is wrong no matter from what part of the spectrum the politics comes. As a conservative, I contend that political action of any sort is not among the goals and purposes of the academic community and, therefore, should not be pursued within the institutions of such a community.

As for the Nebraskan, it can hardly be classified as "leftist" anymore, but still carries the stigma from past years along with that of "token conservatism." Indeed, Editor Baker now seems to have more tokens than Chairman Cannon has buttons.

Clearly, the YAF approach is all wrong. To eliminate fifty dollars or so in student fees to excise three or four or even ten dollars of evil expenditure is like doing heart surgery with a chain saw. What may be needed is a sharp scalpel in competent hands. The YAF leadership seems to have neither.

Furthermore, they fail to realize that if student fees were to be abolished, at least the most important of the services they provide would probably continue, with financial support coming from an increase in tuition.

Nevertheless, the indication is that the YAF will take its case to the courts and/or the state legislature. Assuming the YAF does seek a court injunction freezing use of student fees, it may be effectively countered with a restraining order, if the university community is willing to put forth the effort to obtain one and raise the necessary monies for legal fees. Neither should be especially difficult.

The state legislature is another matter. The soured attitude of many legislators toward the university is well known. But since student fees are allocated for such a wide variety of useful projects on campus, it is doubtful to this writer that our legislators will attack with the righteous wrath of the Almighty to strike them down.

Rather, the case is likely to be referred to the already beleaguered Board of Regents for consideration. Then it will be the duty of students, faculty members, and friends of the university to contact this body and help put an end to this grossly irresponsible attack.

Our man hoppe

Seven effete snobs sneer away troubles

by Arthur Hoppe

Mr. Agnew has been barnstorming the country lashing out at the haughty little clique of elitist snobs who "sneer at honesty, thrift, hard work, prudence, common decency and self-denial." Among other things.

So far, it's been a completely one-sided battle. Not a single elitist snob has stood up in his defense.

Therefore, in the interests of fair play and equal time, we present an interview today with Mr. Nabob N. Nattering, a self-appointed spokesman for this haughty little clique.

Q — Are you now, or have you ever been, Mr. Nattering, an elitist snob?

A — One of the elitist. My mother was Dr. Spock's first patient. My father was a leading purveyor in the Eastern Establishment of permissiveness and held the world's long-distance record in pussyfooting. I, myself, majored at an Ivy League college in snobbery with a minor in sneering. And I vote the straight Radcliff ticket.

Q — Is it true that you sneer at honesty, thrift, hard work, prudence, common decency and self denial?

A — Constantly. It's a sneer, I say, that makes the world go 'round. Due to years of constant sneering, you will notice that the left side of my upper lip is far more muscular than the right.

Q — It isn't easy then?

A — Oh, no. After sneering for three or four hours at, say, some example of common decency, one usually develops a tic. The secret is then to relax the sneer and arch a cynical eyebrow instead. I arch my right. In my case, it's the more disparaging one.

Q — Are those your only weapons?

A — Oh, no. I can also, if pressed by circumstances, look down my nose. For example, I always look down my

nose at honesty and hard work. After all, driving a truck is not nearly as dignified or significant as pushing a pencil at a tax-exempt foundation.

Q — Is that what you do, Mr. Nattering?

A — Not a whit. I am the Vicar of Vacillation at our Temple of Sophomoric Sophistry. We worship at the Altar of Negativism. I lead the congregation of hopeless, hysterical hypochondriacs of history in the pusillanimous chants.

Q — What makes you this way, sir? Do you lust to divorce yourself from the ordinary?

A — Of course. That's why we willingly wrench the Bill of Rights to cloak criminal and psychotic conduct.

Q — Such as?

A — Bank bombing. One of our functions is to hail as a hero the common criminal who throws a bomb at a bank. Before the dust has settled, we gather around and cry, "Hail, hero, hail!" By employing such techniques, we have, as you know, been able to take over the media, the college classroom and the entertainment and business worlds.

Q — From his daily attacks it's obvious Mr. Agnew fears you as the gravest threat we face. Does your haughty little clique plan to take over the country?

A — We'd like to. But, unfortunately, our little clique consists of only seven haughty members. Therefore, we're devoting our efforts to dividing the country by setting class against class, turning Americans against Americans and spreading hatred, contempt and vitriol. And I must say we're getting quite a bit of help.

Q — But Mr. Agnew . . . Excuse me, Mr. Nattering, is that a haughty sneer?

A — At the mention of Mr. Agnew? Good heavens, no. That's my comradely smile.

Letters . . . Letters . . . Letters

Dear Editor,

It seems Young Americans for Freedom (YAF) has a rather flimsy basis for their charge that student fees are being extravagantly and abusively used by a small minority of radicals for political purposes. Each of the Union committees as well as ASUN are formed on a democratic representative structure. Any student may run for an ASUN office, interview for a committee position, or voice his opinion collectively as well as individually at an ASUN meeting. Union committees, especially the Talks and Topics committee that YAF finds most objectionable, hold open meetings for planning their yearly program events. Last year students even had a chance to vote — by Nebraskan ballot — for movie,

speaker, and music group programs.

ANY STUDENT can also apply for Nebraskan position, write a letter to the editor or voice his opinion to a Nebraskan staff member if he feels the paper is not representing his view.

The idea of voluntary student fees is as absurd as a voluntary tax system. Cannon's and YAF's plan would work as well as everyone paying only for the road they used, the amount of garbage they had picked up, on paying admission to a public library, chipping in every time the community needed a new hospital, or the University or high school needed a new addition, or paying the fire department every time you had a fire.

BEING A CITIZEN of any community, city, county, state,

or nation requires that each citizen pay an equal amount for the services that structure provides the whole community. The University is also a community that requires responsibilities from its members.

IF CANNON and YAF don't like what ASUN, Union, student health, or The Nebraskan are doing for them then let them get to work and use the channels open to them to change what they don't like. It seems rather ironic that a group like YAF should propose such an irrational solution to destroy student organizations or an institution like student government when they're the ones always shouting for use of established channels of communication and against destruction.

Obviously their plan would

mean annihilation or severe incapacitation of the functioning of student government. Heaven forbid that YAF should propose no government for the University—or anarchy!

Monica Pokorny

Dear Editor:

Concerning the "Soldier Blue" critique in the Oct. 16 Nebraskan, Gary Hill must have seen a different movie than I saw. I saw a hard-hitting, brutal movie that subtly attacked the white-American textbook myth of "The Great American Heritage."

Hill said the movie wasn't honest, but his critique displayed a cynicism that wouldn't recognize obvious, forthright honesty anyway.

Dale McClellan