

# Big brother Batchelder

The Regents' meeting Friday morning took on the grotesque aspect of an Orwellian novel or Fellini movie when State Senator Clifton Batchelder spewed forth ten minutes of invective about the University.

Charging that the University was not a place for dissent, Batchelder asked, "How carefully do we go into the backgrounds of these kids (all students)?" The lame duck senator also proposed that faculty members as well as students should be "screened" and then should be watched to be sure that they teach "the things the Board of Regents tells them to teach."

Besides giving the impression that students and instructors should undergo security checks before coming to the University, Batchelder stated that the Board should know "the whereabouts and goings-on of professors and students at all times." He continued to say that members of the academic community should have their activities monitored to determine whether they were "agitating or working on a paper so they can get another degree and go elsewhere for more money."

When pressed by Regent Edward Schwartzkopf on what action he felt should have been taken in response to last spring's occupation of the ROTC Building, Batchelder ducked the question by claiming that "It's kind of late when they're doing it to do much about it." However, the chilling effect of Batchelder's tone and diction gave the impression that the old tank commander would like to have faced the situation with force rather than with the more intelligent and persuasive approach used by campus administrators.

Batchelder's harangue brought the words of California Governor Ronald Reagan to mind when Reagan said that if the students wanted a bloodbath, he was for having one and getting it over with. Batchelder gave the impression that he would have been for having a bloodbath and getting it over with, even if the students never wanted one.

Throughout Batchelder's remarks, few, if any, eyes in the room were directed toward the senator — most were averted in disbelief as if he were more to be endured than challenged. Most of Batchelder's remarks can be passed off as absurd such as his comment that the state's taxpayers "don't want to see" a university with a budget request "approaching \$200 million run by students" — as if this were even a remote possibility.

Unfortunately, Batchelder cannot be dismissed as easily as his remarks for he represents a sizeable portion of people who confuse negativism with conservatism and demagoguery with intelligence.

Perhaps, senator, your dream university does exist. Bob Jones University is reputed to be completely surrounded by high walls topped by barbed wire and patrolled by armed guards. Matters of surveillance, screening and discipline would be far easier there than at a University where "dissent" is permitted and considered necessary for the growth of the mind.

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# Obscure Man reveals CUE to those who listeneth

An Open Letter of an Obscure Man to the Editor.

To the Hon. Kelley Canker Esq., editor, sophist, philosopher and whatsoever else he listeth

Greetings beyond belief

My Dearest Kelley,

Friday morning the CUE kids appeared at the Board of Regents meeting with their latest set of revelations crucial to the future of the University.

It was quite a spectacle. Most of the Regents were present along with various and sundry administrators, student senators, et. al. requested by CUE to appear at the Judgment Seat on the Day of Doom.

As expected the campus conservatives were all in high feather for the occasion and spent much of the meeting preening to the delight of the press corps gathered to record the past sacrileges committed within our academic temple.

At the proper moment the CUE kids rode in led by

Fearless Leader Vladolph Hitsak escorted by CUE courier Hermes mounted on his faithful white water buffalo Batchephalus. For added effect a flock of Carpies flew overhead making periodic dives on the homophile studies seminar.

Bringing up the rear was E. B. 'Butch' Winner, ASUN Senate gadfly and mad about town. Butch's merry political escapades this fall have been the talk of the Union Crib clutch to the consternation of his senatorial colleagues who want to go on with business as usual. His weekly performances are worth sitting through the otherwise dull and long Senate meetings.

After recording for posterity the financial sins committed by the ASUN Brotherhood in the last few months CUE proceeded to make three general proposals.

The first concerned the Nebraskan. It was recommended that the Nebraskan be placed under the authority of

the Dept. of Animal Husbandry, be financed by Pace, and assigned to the news staff of the Informer with Terry Cannon as editor, to provide a true dialogue of left and right on our campus.

The second proposal called for removing student fees monies from speaker's bureaus and assigning them instead to a permanent strike committee so that students can have a chance to do something destructive rather than just hear someone else talk about it.

The third proposal is for a "watchdog" committee called the Privy Council headed by a First Lord of Latrines to watch over the activities of the ASUN, safeguarding the cleanliness and usefulness of that institution. I would like to recommend columnist Michael Egger for the post of First Lord and would appreciate any help you could give him in this matter.

Your most devoted, albeit unworthy, servant,  
Magister Ortwin Gratus

## Letters

### PACE support

Dear Editor,

The Black Masque Chapter of Mortar Board unanimously supports the Program of Active Commitment to Education (PACE). We commend the students who possessed the initiative to do something about the problem of low income students; and we feel that programs such as this offer the only effective means of ending vicious poverty cycles.

Recognizing that the University does not have adequate funds for low income student scholarships, PACE will prove doubly effective by releasing other funds for low income students previously enrolled and by providing a possible source for matching federal funds.

We think this a matter worthy of the consideration of every student, as well as of the Board of Regents. And, in closing, we agree with the PACE philosophy "Make the tools of education dependent on the potential of minds, not on economic background."

Mortar Board

### Parking problems

Dear Editor:

Regarding the long-term parking lot plans for NU, let me first express my complete support for keeping cars off of the campus proper. I think that this will add significantly to the presently lacking esthetic value of the campus.

I am perfectly willing to sacrifice the convenience of

having a car nearby in exchange for the atmosphere that the new plan will add. However, I think that these efforts to improve the facilities should be directed to other aspects of parking, as well.

Most of the outlying parking lot surfaces are covered with lime and in a constant state of disrepair. This causes numerous problems with corrosion from the lime and perpetual realignment of the wheels from the potholes.

It seems to me that the use of my parking fee should provide me with a decent place to park, rather than an alternating dust bowl-swamp. If necessary, parking fees should be increased, but I should have some place available to put my car without subjecting it to this kind of torture.

Jim Underwood

### Broyhill fountain

Dear Editor;

The suggestion made in your November 19, 1970, editorial, "Just a Little Speculation," that the Broyhill family exercised poor judgment in selecting a fountain as a memorial to their daughter, Lynn, is unfortunate.

To impute that, by selecting a memorial fountain rather than a scholarship fund, the Broyhills are being callous to the needs of the University is rather preposterous. The fact is that Mr. Broyhill responded to a request from the University Foundation. The Broyhills should be commended for

responding so positively to the need that was articulated to them.

It is unfortunate that anyone should try to minimize the quality of the contribution made by the Broyhills to the development of the Memorial Plaza north of the Union. The Broyhill family already have a student loan fund registered with the Foundation. Their right to judge the appropriateness of any form of a donation as a memorial to their daughter is indisputable.

The real tragedy surrounding the Proposal for Active Commitment to Education (PACE) is that it is dying from lack of student support. The petition drive, intended to show both underprivileged students and the community-at-large that Nebraska students are willing to assume part of the responsibility of underwriting the education that others need as badly as they but which they cannot afford, is failing.

Andrew F. Cunningham  
Editor's note: The editorial Cunningham refers to praised the Broyhill fountain and was not critical of the Broyhill family. As the editorial stated, "the line that separates misspending from constructive spending is an elusive one," as apparently was the meaning of that editorial to some. Indeed, it pointed up the Broyhill family's concern for the needs of the University, contrasted to the apparent lack of concern of some members of the University community.