

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Maybe, only maybe

After five defeats on the coed visitation issue, students finally won a partial victory Friday. The Board of Regents voted to have a student-faculty-administration committee draft a guest rights proposal, which will then be subject to a referendum of parents. President Varner said he was "impressed with the responsible manner" in which the students have pursued their efforts to obtain a liberalized coed visitation policy after several rejections. A majority of the Regents obviously were also impressed.

It appears that the Regents about-face Friday will insure a new coed visitation policy. The Regents said that if a simple majority of the parents agree with the coed visitation proposal (which would be optional and would require parental permission for students to participate in), then the program would be put into effect. A survey of parental opinion last summer showed that 56 per cent of the respondents favored the liberalized student guest right proposal the Regents ultimately defeated in July.

But there are still roadblocks to adoption of a new policy.

One possible roadblock could be the method the University uses to conduct the referendum. It is obvious this will not be a typical referendum since the University is going to have to solicit responses from parents.

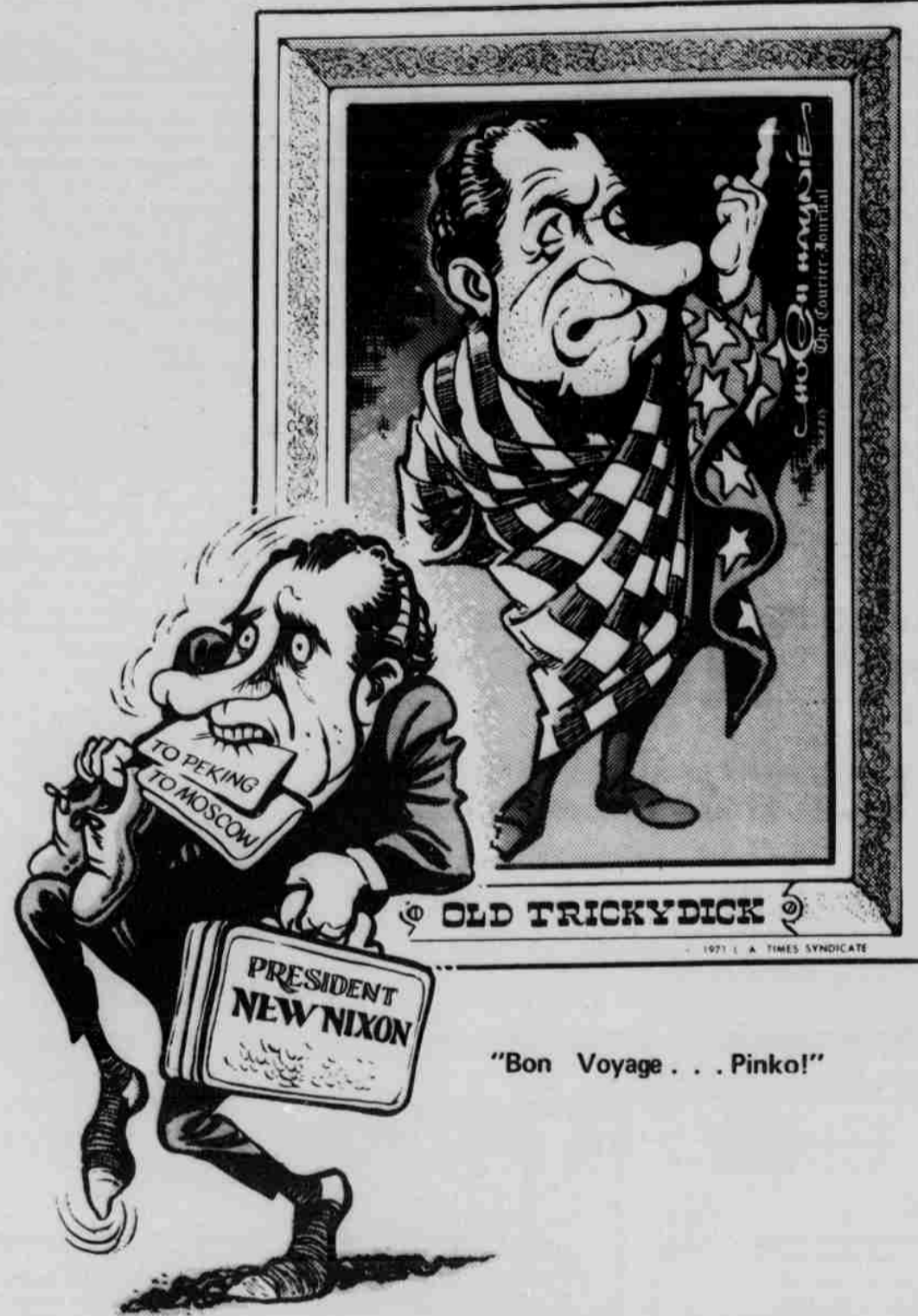
Last summer the University obtained parental opinion on coed visitation through a mail poll. However, the poll's extremely low percentage of returns probably produced biased results which did not adequately show the support for coed visitation. It is theorized that parents who were against coed visitation would have been more likely to return the poll to let their opinion be known.

The University should find a method of obtaining parental opinion that does not produce biased results. In addition, the referendum should not be restricted to parents of students living in dormitories since Greek houses and cooperatives also operate under University housing rules.

Since coed visitation is an emotional issue with many of the state's citizens, there is bound to be vocal opposition to any change in the University visitation policy. Students will have to make sure that the state is adequately informed about coed visitation or there may be a controversy similar to the one over the recent conference on human sexuality.

Students have long contended that their rooms in campus living units are their homes and their only places for privacy. The Regents' vote Friday was a boost for student self-determination and a defeat for the outdated concept of *in loco parentis*.

Gary Seacrest



"Bon Voyage . . . Pinko!"



bob russell

Lack of imagination and the topless joint

The American male is pathetic. Everywhere I look I see the same phenomenon: the lack of imagination of the American male. Everywhere.

The typical American male might be sitting in his dorm room, apartment, or wherever and the primal physical urge to "make it" with a female might manifest itself.

Now, if the opportunity to satisfy this appetite is not available, this American male has but two choices: the traditional methods preferred by ministers and people of that type, the pushups and cold shower routine. Or, the still traditional, but secretive methods of phantasy (and we all know where that leads).

But the trouble with the phantasy methods is that the American male seems to need so much help in producing adequately stimulating phantasies. His lack of imagination is very apparent.

Some of the things the American male might use locally to help him along with his phantasies are skin flicks, soft porno available in nearly any drugstore, *Playboy* magazine or until several months ago, the topless places in Omaha.

I don't know how I would define a primal or base eroticism. But none of the above things would seem to charge me with anything of this type. I would like to say, though, that I have a rather vivid imagination and I also like to run around the block and take cold showers.

I visited one of the topless clubs in Omaha shortly before this type of entertainment (for lack of a better word at the moment) was banned by Mayor Leahy and the City Council as "immoral." If anything it should have been banned as too boring.

When I entered this establishment, my primal sexual urges were at a rather low ebb. I didn't exactly

know how I would react to bare female breasts in a west Omaha nightclub type of environment.

I made a point to catalog the make up of the audience. I suppose the audience was two-thirds male, predominantly aged in the late twenties and early thirties.

There were a few older folks in there just for the adventure, I guess, but what really amazed me was the number of guys (rising young executive types) who were out on a date (another archaic American institution) with girls. I could only figure out several motives: 1) the girl was inhibited, therefore they guy was curious to see what a real live breast looked like; 2) they went there to look at the audience, like I was; or 3) some strange reason I can't quite figure out.

The show started out with this woman (who looked exactly like Mrs. Robinson in "The Graduate") who was wearing some type of fringed swimming suit, with top and bottom. She synchronized her lip movements and actions to a Rusty Warren record. Rusty Warren is this dirty old lady who tells one liners. A kind of nasty female Bob Hope, with a little honky-tonk added for good measure.

I was fit to be tied with boredom. I took to ripping up napkins and picking my teeth with a toothpick.

I sighed with relief (not the kind you are all thinking of) after that ordeal was over. I nearly blew all the napkin shreds off the table when she returned on stage. This time she had a different costume on, a bikini bottom and pasties with tassles on the top. You guessed it, she twirled the tassles in opposite directions to the rhythm of some KLMS Top Forty tune.

Next on the lineup was a live dirty old lady, a

LETTERS to the NEBRASKAN

Dear editor,

In recent months the people of East Pakistan have suffered through a tragic chain of events; some of these were natural disasters, and some were man-made.

Last winter a cyclone swept across the countryside and its winds and flood waters claimed thousands of lives and destroyed many thousands of acres of farmland.

The people had no sooner finished counting their dead and had gotten back to work when they were caught in the middle of a bloody civil war. At times it seemed as though this civil war was more than a question of loyalties - a question of a people's right to existence.

Thousands of people left their homes and they were pursued by soldiers, cholera and hunger. As many as six million refugees are established in camps on India's border, while several million more may be wandering the countryside and the streets of Calcutta. The terror continues for the people of East Pakistan and 30,000 new refugees arrive every day from the interior.

Try to imagine a group of people as large as the population of Chicago or New York living in camps with no shelter, a minimum of food, and little medicine.

India, which strives to feed all of her own hungry people and to battle her own floods, is now burdened with the devastating problems these newcomers have brought with them.

The United States government is pledged to help, but even this aid will not be enough. Millions of people need your help, and if India is faced with this burden alone, there is a serious danger of war.

Your school can undertake a campaign on behalf of the refugees. You can begin by organizing a fast, presenting speakers, collecting funds at a benefit program, and informing as many others as you can about this tragic situation.

A massive fund raising drive is underway now. Won't you help us?

Mark Nelson
Michigan State University
East Pakistan Emergency Refugee Fund

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Dear editor,

In her guest opinion (*The Daily Nebraskan*, Oct. 21) Mary Cannon states that the student fee issue "merits intelligent debate," and "it most certainly does not deserve the outrageous personal insults being thrown at the people with courage to put their names" on the court petition challenging the use of student fees.

Her hypocrisy and double-standards were well brought out in her ranting response (*The Daily Nebraskan*, Nov. 4) to my column on student fees (*The Daily Nebraskan*, Oct. 29).

Besides insinuating that I was "more stupid" than she could give me credit for, she accused me of "playing games with the student fee issue" for "political expediency." Her flimsy attempt to shift the highly speculative motives of others to myself was most amusing.

She further declares that "three-fourths" of my statements are "flatly false." This is her opinion, fine. My column was my opinion. It is unfortunate that in opinion there is no absolute true or false, right or wrong. If there was it would save us all a lot of trouble since we could merely ask Miss Cannon which of our opinions are right, and which are wrong.

Doug Voegler

Dear editor,

Anyone who was observant last week could tell that some very important campus trends should have been apparent by Friday. Namely, what per cent of young eligible voters would actually register, where they would register and what type of political affiliation most of them would choose.

If last week was any indication, an overwhelming large proportion of young eligibles will register. As to where they will register, it is not yet clear.

While a lot of us are not originally from the Lincoln area, we cannot overlook the fact that Lincoln is going to be our homes for a certain length of time. We all have had our own experiences with various local rip-offs, foisted upon the students by people who look upon the student as their private domain for unfair profiteering.

This situation will continue until the students are locally enfranchised and can swing some political clout. Therefore the student who wishes to exert a direct influence upon his immediate surroundings would be well advised to register locally.

There is too much truth to the statement that all candidates from either party are by far the same. This year the Republican party is going to be a closed shop. Richard M. Nixon is going to be their candidate, the party platform will be his platform, etc.

However, the Democratic party is wide open, presenting a wide spectrum of political and social thought. If there is little difference between the two main presidential contenders in 1972 we have only ourselves to blame.

Voting in general election is only half of enfranchisement. The other half is letting yourselves be heard on the issues. What is the easiest way to do that? By voting for the candidates of your choice in the various party primaries.

Registration as Independent, although a good statement of individuality is like signing a lease before seeing the house. You only have a choice between what each party puts up.

Joe Carberry

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