

LETTERS to the NEBRASKAN

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Dear editor,

The article concerning the Emergency Conference for Young Voters in Chicago (The Daily Nebraskan, Dec. 6) was reflective of the organization and handling of the conference. The conference made little or no attempt to contact Chicano, black or Native American speakers.

One good example of the racist manner in which the conference was handled was the treatment of two Chicano brothers who attempted to organize a Latin caucus, consisting of Puerto Ricans and Chicanos.

When the conference organizers were confronted by the two Chicano brothers concerning the lack of Chicano input, the organizers offered them a dollar to make last minute calls in order to contact Chicano spokesmen. The organizers knew there was no chance for us to get speakers to fly to Chicago on a last minute notice, but it was a method by which they could say there was an attempt to bring in Chicano speakers.

The Nebraska caucus also exemplifies racism by inferring that black men and women would be able to vote in both the state caucus and gay caucus. This meant that there could be an infinite number of various caucuses, therefore the black caucus was not valid. Further, the Nebraska caucus's general attitude was one of: "You should be happy that we wanted a coalition with you. So let's work together on our own terms."

The reason for non-white people leaving the conference was quite simple. The white conference leaders refused to base the coalition on principles. Equity and parity on all levels are a must if we are ever to break the manners in which coalitions between white and non-white people have failed.

Afro-American
Collegiate Society
Mexican-American
Student Association

Dear editor,

We would like to reply to the article in Monday's Daily Nebraskan on the Emergency Conference for New Voters in Chicago.

First of all, your reporter was not present at many of the important sessions, and secondly, he was not able to report more than the superficial view of the organizers.

Several questions arose in our minds before the first evening was over. What political implications prevented the funding sources from being revealed? Why was the conference misrepresented as a voter-registration tactics conference when, in fact, only six hours of the weekend were spent learning those skills? Why were we told that the conference had "no political party or no political candidate," when the vast majority of speakers and organizers were Democrats and

virtually every speech sounded like a political commercial?

We would like to present a side of the conference revealing the disregard for minority groups. There were no working youth or economic minorities represented. All attempts to organize a gay caucus were thwarted by the organizers of the conference and the conference did not "extend an invitation" to gay people. The Women's Caucus was not allowed to deal with supporting qualified women candidates, abortion repeal laws or day-care centers because it might cause a "splinter group."

The most noticeable disregard for minority rights dealt with racial minorities. Out of 3,000 delegates, approximately 200 were non-white. This is not acceptable. The minority caucuses were misrepresented, and then were told by Allard Lowenstein to abide by the rules the conference had agreed to operate under (no rules of procedure had ever been ratified) or to leave.

Within the Nebraska caucus on Friday night, several of us felt we could not do business while the Chicano and black caucuses were meeting, and should convene when everyone could be present. We were told by our state co-ordinator that those who were not present did not care; those of us who did had to carry on. Our state co-ordinator seemed dedicated to the preservation of liberty for a few.

The blatant disregard for minority rights only showed me that we are not yet ready to call ourselves free people.

The conference was not a success. It displayed unity only after the minority caucuses walked out after being shut off and insulted. It is not coherent that any minority be asked to join forces with a large organization, and then dissolve any semblance of identity, any sense of vital issues to their group. The conference was simply the same thing we have seen over the past ten years, and it accomplished nothing except to add to the alienation and confusion which reigns in this country today.

Mary Harding
Ellen Mintzmyer

Dear editor,

The front-page story by Bart Becker in your issue of Dec. 3, entitled "Agribusiness Plows under Small Family Farms" contains a number of false or misleading statements and implications, among which are the following:

-The fact that the figures used by Mr. Becker show a

decrease of exactly 2,000 farms each year for the past ten years makes the figures themselves suspect. A trendline drawn from these figures would show the number of farms declining to zero shortly after the turn of the century. The number of farms has, of course, decreased, but acreage in farms has not. Farms have simply become larger.

-Even if the figures are correct, the inference drawn from them by Mr. Becker is not, when he says "an average of 2,000 farms in Nebraska have succumbed to the economic pincers of corporation farming yearly since 1961." According to a 1971 report of the U.S. Department of Agriculture there were only 467 corporate farms in the state in 1968. This was about three-fourths of one percent of the total number of commercial farms. They occupied 4 per cent of the total land in farms.

-Mr. Becker implies that an increase in corporate farming necessarily means a decline in the family farm. Actually, 75 per cent of the corporate farms in Nebraska are family corporations. Thus nonfamily corporate farms in Nebraska are family corporations. Thus nonfamily corporate farms occupy only about 1 per cent of the farm land of the state.

These facts and numerous others with reference to the issue of corporate farms were published in the March, 1969 and July, 1971 issues of Business in Nebraska.

E.S. Wallace
Director of Bureau of
Business Research

Dear editor,

This is a letter of protest and disappointment at our campus "situational ethics." We had about \$4,000.00 "ripped off" at our annual International Bazaar.

The Student Y, a self-supporting organization, sponsors this Bazaar to raise the bulk of its budget for such programs as NORAL, Women's Information Line, Racism, International luncheons, Y-Pals, Women's Political Caucus, Y-Teens, etc., etc. Although we grossed more money this year than previous years, our books now show a deficit!

In an attempt to meet the contemporary needs of students, the Student Y often finds itself in the midst of controversy. This is most uncomfortable for many—but that is what we are about. For services rendered, is this your way of saying "thanks?"

Twig Daniels
Student Y

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Community Program
Meeting 10:30 a.m.

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