

## On with input

Criticism of the UNL Summer Orientation Program has given rise to a much larger issue.

Selection of the student hosts for the program has been alleged to be not representative of all UNL students. The program planners have been accused of not seeking student government input, of improperly using student fees. Critics are also saying that a large number of "well qualified, and in fact more qualified persons" were excluded before the final selection process.

Many of these criticisms are also applicable to many other selection procedures used on this campus to fill many other committee and advisory board positions.

There has been an increasing opportunity for student input into the operation of academic institutions over the last five years. Now there are almost as many processes for the selection of student participants as there are positions.

Faculty senate committee positions are filled by ASUN appointment. The publications board, which chooses editors of the *Daily Nebraskan* and *Cornhusker* yearbook, selects most of its own student members on a three year rotating basis. Next year, after the adoption of a report recently approved by the Board of Regents, all of the student members of

the Pub Board will be appointed by the Council on Student Life. Other student service positions are filled by administrative appointment through the chancellor's or president's offices.

What could be a cohesive, concerted effort by a group of students attempting to influence policy within the University turns out to be a hodge-podge of *prima donnas* accountable to no one. Students do not have the input into the innerworkings of the University. Someone, somewhere has seen that student power is derived from and diffused over a vast area of organizations, offices and structures.

All committee appointments, advisory positions, student government officials and summer orientation hosts should be chosen by a central student group responsible to the entire student population. That kind of student organizational structure now exists. ASUN has the faculties to handle this combined chore.

Everyone in the University community, from the Board of Regents on down must realize the importance of centralized student organization and its extreme value toward the improvement of the institution. Only then will all be able to successfully work toward the common goal of improvement of the institution.

Barry Pilger

editorial



"He's a nut all right, but, maybe he's what Germany needs—somebody to really shake up the politicians."

arthur  
hoppe  
innocent  
bystander

Once upon a time, the country was in terrible shape. The people were filled with vague unease, obscure fears and nameless forebodings.

For they had lost faith in Their Old Leaders.

Their Old Leaders had sent their sons off, flags flying, to fight a Glorious War. But it had been long and bloody and now it all seemed for naught.

And the people felt betrayed by Their Old Leaders.

They felt, too, that Law and Order had broken down. Riots and demonstrations swept the land. The people no longer felt safe in their homes and streets. Yet it seemed nothing was done.

And the people blamed Their Old Leaders.

Unemployment was widespread. Inflation spiraled. Taxes soared. No matter how hard an honest man worked, Big Business and Big Government took it all away.

So the people cursed Their Old Leaders.

All around them, too, the people saw Their Old Values crumbling. Artists painted pictures the people couldn't comprehend. Satirical plays attacked the traditional virtues and even National Pride. The movie screens showed little but nakedness, violence and decadence. And the young were wrathful and rebellious, going off on strange new paths the people didn't understand.

To the people, the country appeared rootless and drifting, being carried along by mysterious currents to God-knows-what frightening depths with no one in control. And Their Old Leaders just kept saying The Old Answers would work.

But the people no longer believed Their Old Leaders.

Then in the South, a new Leader arose—a New Leader admirably suited to the times.

The New Leader was a short, dark, intense man. An avowed racist, he headed a small Southern party. His initial attempts to depose The Old Leaders failed miserably. For he had little nationwide appeal.

At first, The Old Leaders laughed at him. The intellectuals poked fun at him. The bureaucrats ignored him. The experts wrote him off as merely another Southern demagogue.

But as the malaise that infected the country deepened, so did The New Leader's appeal.

Partly it was his racism. It made some people feel better to think they were inheritantly superior to the minorities in their midst.

But mostly it was his uncanny ability to capitalize on the people's distrust of Their Old Leaders and their disillusionment with The Old Answers to the country's growing problems.

The New Leader was a fiery, spell-binding speaker. His rallies were masterpieces of showmanship. His vote grew. His crowds swelled. And he told them what they wanted to hear.

He told them all their troubles were caused by Their Old Leaders and the intellectuals and the bureaucrats and the experts and the fuzzy-minded way they were running things.

And he told them that once in power, he would throw out these lily-livered nincompoops and with a firm hand restore Law and Order, the Old Values and National Pride.

For what he promised the people was what they desperately wanted in these times of vague unease, obscure fears and nameless forebodings. He promised them Authority.

And so it was, on Jan. 3, 1933, that Adolph Hitler became Chancellor of Gemany.

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