

Painting pledges

It's most gratifying that Omaha's Joslyn Art Museum's board of trustees has elected to pay its bills by trying to raise money within Omaha rather than sell some of its most valuable paintings as originally planned.

But it's unfortunate that the community had to be virtually goaded into pledging financial help for Joslyn, which is likely to suffer a \$74,200 budget deficit this year.

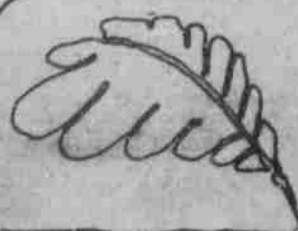
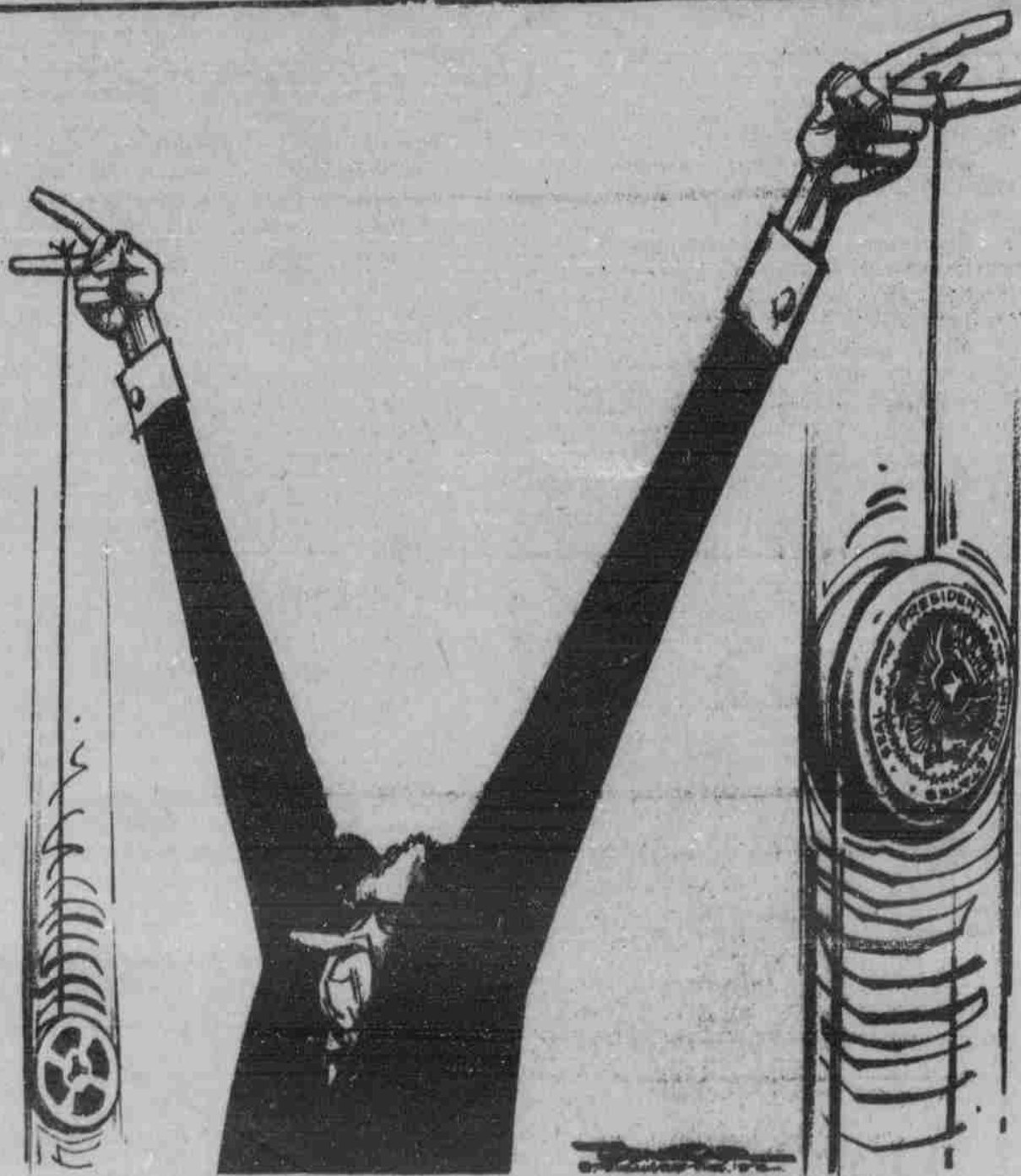
The paintings that were to be sold were from an old masters collection. A trustee of the museum leaked word that the Joslyn executive committee had recommended the sale of the masterpieces, which triggered community protest.

In turn, the public response apparently prompted the decision to declare a moratorium on plans to put the paintings up for sale, although some have speculated that the sale scare was intended to gain publicity for Joslyn's financial plight.

The museum can safely claim that its collection, particularly that of Renaissance art, is the best in Nebraska, if not the Midwest. The decision not to sell the art does not remedy the museum's financial woes, however, for no concrete plans have yet been formulated to raise the needed funds. And there's no guarantee that Omaha interests by themselves can generate the amount needed to maintain both the museum and the quality of its art.

Hopefully, assistance will be offered by patrons of the arts throughout the Midwest, not only in the Omaha area. And the means of sustenance must not be a 1-time affair. One official has predicted that the Joslyn deficit could be as much as \$189,950 by 1979.

Mary Voboril



to the editor

Double duty?

Dear editor,

So Tim Evensen is now Residence Hall Assoc. (RHA) president. Hopefully, he will do as good a job as Carolyn Grice, and I wish him luck, because Carolyn did a great job. But he also is an ASUN senator. Hopefully he will do as good a job there. I don't think he will.

The job of an ASUN senator is immense. Weekly senate meetings, numerous committee meetings, discussions with members of his college (constituents) all pile up. Most senators who resigned last year said something like, "Boy, I didn't think it would take that much time."

And then there is RHA. Grice probably would advise him to drop ASUN, because RHA needs more time than ASUN does. Being president of 5,000 residence hall residents is almost a full-time job itself. Meetings with the chancellor, Housing Office officials, regents, Council on Student Life, complex program directors, and everyone's brother-plus

weekly RHA meetings. It all adds up.

And Evensen proposes to do both. I'm not saying he can't. Not knowing him well enough to judge, I give him all benefits of the doubt. He probably will make a valiant effort to do both.

But he also is running for regent. Is it possible to do all three? And be a student? If he does a good job in his offices, he'll flunk out, or if he minds his studies, he'll louse up his other commitments.

It is not fair to Evensen or his constituents for him to hold three or maybe two of these positions. Before everything gets underway and it's too late, for the sake of ASUN, RHA, the Board of Regents, his constituents and himself, he should reconsider his goals, abilities, time schedule and efficiency and, if necessary, resign from the post least important to him. It is better to resign now and later find that you didn't have to, than not to resign and be forced out in midstream. I feel it would be to the advantage of us all.

Clay Statmore

Stating the facts

Dear editor,

At a time when the importance of impartial reporting is becoming increasingly recognized, I was very disappointed to note an editorial and a column regarding the current controversy at the University Health Center (Daily Nebraskan, March 18). Although this controversy has been in existence for at

least a year, there have been no articles in the Daily Nebraskan that have attempted to look at the problem and separate facts from personal opinions and perspectives. And yet, despite this lack of news coverage, both the editor of the Daily Nebraskan and one of the paper's regular columnists, John O'Shea, have editorialized on the issue in an attempt to sway student opinion. O'Shea in particular has presented an obviously biased column without bothering to provide the student body with the facts from which they may form their own opinions. The presentation he gives indicates that perhaps he did not even bother to discover all of the facts for himself.

Although the editorial staff of a newspaper is certainly allowed to express an opinion on an issue, it is not that paper's duty to form an opinion for its readers. In the future I hope the Daily Nebraskan will adequately present an issue (including all the perspectives) before any attempt is made to editorialize on that issue.

Ann K. Henry

Editor's note: The Daily Nebraskan does not include forming an opinion for its readers among its responsibilities. Editorials and columns represent the opinion of the person who signs them. They are not bound to the journalistic ideal of impartiality and are most effective if they stimulate thought or action, which was the intent of the March 18 editorial and column.

America's love affair with Howard Cosell

Howard Cosell has announced he is considering becoming a United States senator from New York. And quite rightly.

As a sportscaster, Cosell has acquired a tremendous following among sports fans—most of them, when it comes to Cosell, rabid.

Moreover, he says he is "getting literally thousands of letters from all over the country" urging him to run for senator in New York, several of which may even have come from New York.

His qualifications are unassailable. "I feel I am extremely knowledgeable," he says modestly, "about every avenue of life." Which just shows the educational value of Monday night football.

The only question, then, is that with all Cosell has going for him as a political leader, why is he willing to start at the very bottom as a humble United States senator?

As might be expected, Cosell replies that he is making this great self-sacrifice for the good of the country.

"I am a deeply sensitive man," he says, and that is a fact that he has never once attempted to hide. "I think the country needs nonpartisan organization people, people with sound moral backgrounds, people

with some idealism, people who care. I think the country desperately needs such people."

And after all, there aren't many such people like Cosell around.

arthur hoppe innocent bystander

But should a grateful nation allow Cosell to toss aside his brilliant career commenting on the legs of the middle linebacker in return for the demeaning obscurity of a U.S. senatorship?

Should his familiar voice which has riveted millions of Americans on Monday nights echo forevermore only in the empty chambers of the Senate? Is this, then, the office he should run for?

"It wouldn't be fair," cries one of his millions of fans. "Due to an unfortunate accident of geography, only the people of New York would have an

opportunity to vote against him."

No! It is clear that due to his ingrained humility, Cosell has set his sights too low. He should shoot, at the very least, for the presidency.

As a candidate for president, Cosell is the man for the times. He is precisely what this uneasy country needs.

In the past decade, the majority of us have elected in landslides of love presidents whom the majority of us have come to hate.

Nothing is more unsettling than to cuss out a president only to be reminded you voted for him in the first place. This is destroying our faith in our political judgment. With our faith in our political judgment eroded, is it any wonder we're losing faith in the other politicians we've elected? Is it any wonder the polls show we trust our politicians even less than our used car salesman?

Our fragile democracy cannot survive the disappointment and disillusionment of joyously electing another president we will only come to hate.

Therefore, I say, draft Howard Cosell for president. He's the one man in the country who won't disappoint us.

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