

## Think education

Incumbent Gov. J. James Exon's popularity in Omaha and outstate Nebraska virtually assures him of an easy victory in the May 14 Democratic primary. And since State Sen. Richard Marvel is unopposed on the Republican side, with State Sen. Ernie Chambers a dark horse petition candidate, the showdown will be between Exon and Marvel.

Exon will be hard to beat, and many Nebraskans agree he should be granted a second term in office. But Marvel, more a reserved academic than a back slapping politician, deserves a close look—especially where education is concerned.

A political science professor at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Marvel was graduated from Hastings College and received his MA and Ph.D. from UNL. He also attended two German universities and taught at the University of Omaha (OU) before it was merged with NU. He resigned from the OU post after the merger because of a potential conflict of interest. A 23-year veteran of the Unicameral, he has been chairman of the Appropriations (Budget) Committee for 10 years.

Marvel has been called an enemy to education by some, who cite years in which he slashed University budgets seemingly to the bone. But this charge seems to be leveled by inattentive constituents. Administrators at this University in years past have been known to pad estimates or juggle enrollment figures—Marvel was instrumental in calling their bluff.

Marvel has served the state well and, from the standpoint of the University, probably would make the better choice in November. When voting, Nebraskans should remember those who would best serve the educational needs of the state.

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## American men drink to Dick's decision

The heartfelt hopes of millions of fans were dashed last week when Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton announced that, because of "irreconcilable differences," they were ending their marriage again.

Hollywood gossips said the irreconcilable differences arose when Taylor presented Burton with an agonizing decision: He must renounce either her or alcohol.

Who knows whether such invidious gossip is true? Burton may be a closet teetotaler. But it is a problem that must be squarely faced by many. Take any typical American couple. Take, for example, Liz and Dick Namewithheld.

### arthur hoppe innocent bystander

There's Dick now, coming home from a hard day on the set. He pours himself a slug of gin over ice and sinks into his easy chair with a sigh.

"Dear," says Liz, "I am only going to say this because I love you."

"Oh-oh," says Dick, taking a gulp.

"Now, dear, I don't want to nag," says Liz, "but don't you think you're drinking too much?"

"Not yet," says Dick, taking another gulp.

"You promised me you'd taper off."

"I have," says Dick, raising his glass. "I've sworn off vermouth in my martinis."

"For your own good," says Liz firmly, "I'm going to lay down an ultimatum: Either you renounce alcohol or me. Well?"

"I'm thinking! I'm thinking! I don't want to rush an important decision like this. After all, alcohol makes me feel good."

"Don't I make you feel good?" asks Liz.

"Not yet," says Dick.

"Can alcohol comfort you, solace you and keep you warm on cold nights?"

"Which side are you on?" says Dick.

"Can alcohol cook and keep house?"

Dick nods thoughtfully. "That's a tie."

"Can alcohol watch over you and point out your faults for your own good?"

"You're right," says Dick. "It's very quiet, too."

"Oh, that's horrid," cries Liz, breaking into tears. "And to think I've given you the best 10 years of my fourth marriage."

"You're right and I'm sorry," says Dick repentantly. "I hereby promise not to drink any more."

"Oh, that's wonderful, dearest," says Liz happily. "Now about your smoking too much..."

"Or," says Dick, grimly pouring himself another belt, "any less."

It's little wonder, then, that when 647 married men were asked to choose between alcohol and their wives, 92.3% chose the former.

Not that this has anything to do with Burton. For when the same sampling of married men was asked the question Burton reportedly faced, the results were dramatically reversed. The question, of course, was:

"Would you give up alcohol for Elizabeth Taylor?"  
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## Make Terry a thorn in J.J.'s side—for fun

The primary election in Nebraska this year generally will be dull. True, the race for lieutenant governor may be interesting, and the third congressional district may have a good race on the Republican side, but that's all. It will be dull, but register anyway. The deadline for the May 14 primary is Friday, and I'll show you how to make it fun.

First, register as a Democrat. No one wants to be associated with the party of the President. Don't feel guilty about it, either: if you could vote against Nixon this year, you would, wouldn't you? Well? And register in Lancaster County if you can, because parts of this column won't make much sense if you don't.

Vote for whomever you want for governor; J. James Exon and Richard D. Schmitz are running, but Exon will certainly win, no matter whom you vote for.

Vote for Terry Carpenter for lieutenant governor. Exon will win in November, and due to an oddity in the Nebraska Constitution, so will the man chosen by the voters as his running mate. Why Carpenter? Because he's interesting, entertaining, honest, and will be a real headache for Exon.

The main thing is not to vote for Exon's choice, Gerald T. Whelan, because oddity or not, the Constitution says the voters, not the governor, will choose the lieutenant governor. Besides, we're trying to make this a fun election and Whelan doesn't have a fun bone in his body, as near as anyone can tell.

Vote for David H. Stahmer for auditor of public accounts. He's a good man, qualified for nearly any office in Nebraska, and if he wants to be auditor of public accounts, let's let him.

### keith landgren desperate remedies

The other races in the Democratic primary either aren't races because no one is running or are exercises in triviality. Both Bruce Hamilton and Dave Hibler, for instance, are qualified to be Lancaster County

commissioners, but county government still won't work if either of them is elected.

The "nonpolitical" (that is, nonpartisan) ticket is only slightly more interesting. Vote for or against Unicameral incumbents with regard to the way you feel about the Legislature. And vote for or against Proposed Amendment No. 1 on the same basis. Proposed Amendment No. 1 is a pay raise for the Unicameral. If you think the Unicameral is doing a good job, give them a raise.

Proposed Amendment No. 2 makes the post of lieutenant governor a ceremonial one. A vote for the amendment would tend to increase the power of the speaker of the Legislature, probably a good thing in terms of representative government.

Roger L. Welsch deserves a place on the County Weed Control Authority, because Euell Gibbons says so. Besides, Welsch seems to be turning the election into a referendum on weeds: he's for them and so am I. Did you know dandelions can be used in a salad?

*Desperate Remedies* lurches to a close with this paragraph. Thanks, everyone, for your help, your criticism, and especially, your attention. Keep smiling.