



Journalist David Halberstam speaking on changes in the government's power structure.

The presidency

Power manipulation

"How we got to Watergate" was through a 20-year growth of presidential power and its manipulation of Congress, the public and the media, according to journalist David Halberstam.

The second speaker in the Nebraska Union Talks and Topics program, Halberstam spoke to a crowd of 200 persons on changes in the government's power structure.

The "technological superpower" that the United States has become requires a "super office", the presidency, Halberstam said.

Author of the book "The Best and the Brightest", he described the power situation existing between the presidency and Congress as a "statement—anti-statement."

The media, having gained strength through technology occasionally allies itself with Congress to balance the power of the president, Halberstam said.

Yet, through television, "Nixon parachuted into people's homes" anytime he decided to call a press conference and was uncriticized for it, Halberstam said.

Candidates for office learn "how to intimidate it (the media), how to use it...how to use Dan Rather instead of Walter Cronkite for the one-on-one (interviews)," Halberstam said.

What these politicians have done, in attempting to manipulate the media, is to pattern themselves after their enemy, the totalitarian countries, said Halberstam.

They decide "if the Communists have secrecy, we'll have secrecy," he said. They decide "it's a glorious thing for democracy to have no more moral checks."

"Nixon had an Olympian sense in what you can get away with," Halberstam said. "But we see that finally the ones who are the manipulators become manipulated."

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Student Bar Association funding appeal 'lost'

By Randy Gordon

The question is appeal, appeal, who heard the appeal?

Members of the Student Bar Association (SBA) may not think they yet have the answer, but they have tentatively decided to re-introduce their original proposal before the UNL Fee Allocations Board (FAB).

At issue is the SBA's request for \$1,400 for its Minority Recruitment Committee which originally was refused funding by FAB last spring. The appeals process started soon after.

The Fee Allocations Board makes recommendations to Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs, on the distribution of student fees to campus organizations. The Council on Student Life handles appeals made by dissatisfied student organizations.

CSL appearance

Brian Waid, Student Bar Association (SBA) president, said he appeared before CSL in May to present what he called the

problems the SBA was encountering in having its appeal heard.

But Waid said, as he understood it, no formal appeal was made before CSL at that time. Waid said that since that May meeting, the SBA has not been told that anyone is considering hearing it.

"We could have made a mistake," he said. "But if we did, it was due to ignorance and to not being adequately informed of what the appeals process was."

Bernie Glaser, project director of the committee, said he also was unclear on the appeals procedure. He said CSL postponed a decision on whether or not to hear the appeal at the May meeting and at a summer meeting.

'No evidence'

Donald Shaneyfelt, assistant dean of the College of Law and CSL chairman last spring, said CSL decided at its May meeting that "there was no evidence of a lack of due process in the case" involving the SBA

committee's appeal.

Shaneyfelt said CSL decided earlier last spring that the council would not consider the merits of the cases being appealed before it, but would consider only if the group applying for fees before FAB had received a fair hearing.

"CSL is just like an appellate court when considering appeals," he said. "They can't set aside the verdict just because they don't agree with it."

Lyle Young, current CSL chairman, said he does not foresee any change in the council's position of considering only procedural matters when hearing appeals.

"If CSL began rehearing all appeals on their merits, it would show a lack of confidence in those organizations having the authority to decide on those respective matters. We might soon reach the point that hearing appeals is all we got done," Young said.

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Concert & crowning climax homecoming week

By Lisa Brown

A Blood, Sweat and Tears concert tonight, and the crowning of the 1974 homecoming queen at the football game Saturday will climax the 1974 UNL homecoming activities.

Appearing with Blood, Sweat and Tears on the same program will be Timberline, a group from Kearney. The homecoming concert in Pershing Auditorium at 8 p.m. is sponsored by Tassels, and Corn Cobs, two UNL spirit organizations, in cooperation with the National Bank of Commerce.

The winners of a campus living unit homecoming decoration contest will be announced during the concert's intermission.

Tassels and Corn Cobs are sponsoring the contest and the UNL Alumni Assoc. has provided \$125 in prize money for winners in various categories. Categories are residence halls, sororities and women's co-ops, and fraternities and men's co-ops. The winner in each division will receive \$25 and the overall winner will be awarded \$50.

Halftime activities

Crowning of the 1974 homecoming queen and a salute to the terrors of Halloween by the Cornhusker Marching Band are on tap for halftime of the Nebraska-Oklahoma State game Saturday in Memorial Stadium.

The band will provide the musical background for the annual spectacle of the introduction of the homecoming royalty and crowning of the queen.

During the pre-game show, the band will salute the College of Home Economics,

which will dedicate the new Home Economics Building in ceremonies Saturday morning on East Campus.

Immediately following the football game, the UNL Alumni Assoc. will sponsor a 1974 homecoming party.

Alumni and friends of the university are invited to the pay-at-the-door cocktail party in the Cornhusker Hotel East Ballroom from 4 to 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Scarlet and Cream Singers.

Alumni returning

Several groups of alumni are returning for the game, and have planned special activities for the weekend. Approximately 335 Californians from Nebraska will be in Lincoln from Thursday through Sunday evening.

The group, which was the first group to make a football migration to Nebraska 15 years ago, plans to tour the UNL campus and the city of Lincoln, attend the football game, and attend a banquet Saturday with city officials, members of the NU Board of Regents, and other officials and members of the Cornhusker team whose homes are in California.

The Tassels, celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, will host a tea for the Tassels alumni in the north conference room on the lower level of the Nebraska Union between 8:30 and 12 noon Saturday. The alumni are invited to help blow up balloons to be sold by Tassels prior to the football game.

