



Young's hopes high for UNL

Roy Young is leaving the tall evergreens and mountains of Oregon to come to the plains of Nebraska.

Geography aside, Young will be entering an environment in Lincoln similar to the one he leaves behind in Corvallis.

Young, who has enjoyed a distinguished career as a scientist and administrator at one land-grant university, will assume the chief administrative post at UNL, another land-grant university.

His experience in the seven campus Oregon system will undoubtedly help him deal with the growing pains of the three-campus Nebraska University.

He appears to be a man of high standards, uncompromising perseverance and forceful speech. Those qualities should stand tall in the chambers of the Nebraska Legislature and in the Chancellor's office.

He also seems to be a man of great personal charm and forthright conviction.

UNL faces many serious questions about the future quality of academics. It would not be unreasonable for Nebraska to commit itself to quality education, to, as the phrase goes, real excellence, upon Young's arrival.

Young apparently has high hopes for Nebraska. Students and faculty hold similar hopes. It sounds like an unbeatable combination.

In announcing Young's appointment as chancellor candidate, NU President D.B. Varner complimented the Daily Nebraskan on its journalistic ability and persistence. We were not the first to break the story, but we believe we gave our readers the best conceived and most accurate coverage. It is significant that through a series of car trips ending at the Lincoln Municipal Airport, we talked to Young, however briefly, and obtained the only photograph of him during his visit.

Vince Boucher

d.n. soapbox

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letters to the editor

Oppose McDonald's zoning

"Where have all the rodents gone?"

This question, borrowed from a front-page story from the Feb. 5 edition of the Daily Nebraskan, applies to another front-page story of the same edition, the McDonald's story.

I cannot believe that the Nebraska Book Co. actually has the audacity to condone such an architectural monstrosity—frying up its ratburger fare—only yards away from the lawn of newly-remodeled Love Library. Do we want McDonald's sacks littering our campus? Or golden arches juxtaposed against the red roses of the library lawn? We may be the only campus on earth to cohabit with Ronald McDonald. It's another example of American cultural barbarism—to replace a student co-op with a soybean slop shop.

I miss Henry's place—greasy, lovable, but human Henry and his wife were replaced by plastic, impersonal smiles, not to mention plants. Dave's was hit next by the corporate death gas. Suddenly we are left without those comfortable, personable places where we could go for conversation and coffee at reasonable prices. We could also write \$2 checks without bringing in a dossier of identification.

But there's still hope. The area has not yet been rezoned for business—that's what the zoning hearings are for. The City Clerk's office has information about the time and place of these hearings.

It's worth a try, but I don't know; not where fast bucks from gastronomic nightmares are at stake. It seems corporate sterility has triumphed again, once more governing the environment where 20,000 students receive their education.

Barb Ang

word unheard

Sloganeering press wrong on Reagan's proposed cuts

By Del Gustafson

The conventional wisdom of the press (as distinguished from the wisdom of the people, and bearing no relation at all to Wisdom) is that Ronald Reagan cut his caveman throat when he informed New Hampshire voters that he would, if elected, cut federal spending by \$90 billion.

New Hampshire citizens pay no state sales or income tax. Reagan's program of transferring the administrative authority of social welfare programs to state and local governments would probably mean higher state and local taxes. Ergo, Reagan is defeated in New Hampshire. Reagan's plan deserves more thought than the sloganeering press can give.

The budget of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) has increased 6,000 per cent since HEW's inception in 1954, yet the poor remain with us always.

The reason for this anomaly is simple—most money for social welfare goes to pay middle class administrators of the welfare program, instead of the destitute.

Vast army

Yet, while all decry the abuses of the system, the monolithic welfare structure of the federal government resists reform. The vast army of HEW bureaucrats has an interest in expanding the welfare rolls and increasing the

amount of taxpayer's money flung ineffectually at the poverty problem. The larger HEW grows, the greater the pressure to increase HEW's budget, and the more difficult it becomes to establish control over the agency.

If total responsibility for local welfare programs would devolve to lower levels of government, political responsibility for the performance of the welfare system would be more clearly fixed. Moreover, the diverse economic and social needs of each community could be met more efficiently by the community than by a uniform federal program.

Taxpayer spared

The probable result: a welfare system in which the benefits to the needy increase, the benefits to the greedy decrease, and the needy taxpayer has more than the usual amount of change in his pocket after tax-time.

Reagan's proposed slashing of federal spending, and thereby the federal deficit, would also decrease inflation. Moreover, it would serve to debilitate the awesome power of the central government, which, if one may believe such venerables as Madison and de Tocqueville, has always been a menace to liberty. Therefore, I support Reagan's \$90 billion plan, although, come to think of it, it may be a little modest.

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