

Unionism not dead, just lying low

One week ago, faculty members turned out at university polls to vote on collective bargaining. The vote was close, but representation through the American Association of University Professors was defeated.

Yet, AAUP has not given up. It has announced that it intends to monitor the actions of the newly reshuffled representative Faculty Senate and to move in and try again if it sees it faltering.

So the shoe is on the other foot. Faculty members for whom unionism held no appeal, who professed that the representative senate could work, have now been given their chance.

It seems doubtful that the representative senate will quell the discomfort of junior faculty members who face tenure decisions based on administration-prepared guidelines or that the representative senate will be able to move decisively in the area of upgrading faculty salaries.

It's just not in the scheme of political realities, just as, for now, the union wasn't either.

It ought to be interesting to see if those realities will change under the careful scrutiny of AAUP backers.

The number of supporters of the proposed AAUP collective bargaining, as reflected by the

election, was impressive.

The support should be interpreted as significant of serious and continuing interest of the faculty members. Collective bargaining is not just the banner of a few malcontents—and there is no doubt that it will be a question with UNL for some time.

An often overlooked item is the approval of a separate collective bargaining unit by the Law College.

That also should serve as a model of possible future action—as it too will be observed closely by other faculty members.

It's safe to say that if conditions within the Law College improve rapidly—considering their fairly decent current circumstances—that an impetus will be provided for renewed action.

Vince Boucher

d.n. soapbox

innocent bystander | Peek at answers reveals ideal Presidential qualities

By Arthur Hoppe

Now that the Democrats have proved anyone can run for President, you may want to take a crack at it yourself. What the heck, why not?

To see if you've got what it takes, here is the Rate Yourself as a Presidential Candidate Quiz.

Allow yourself one minute and 17 seconds to complete the test. You will find the answers in the last two paragraphs. DO NOT LOOK AT THE ANSWERS under any circumstances until you have completed all the questions. A perfect score is 100 per cent. Ready? Go!

(1) The solution to the stagflation we suffer from is: (a) regulating Big Labor; (b) regulating Big Business; (c) regulating Big Government; (d) proper nutrition; (e) none of the above.

New dessert?

(2) Detente should be: (a) a one-way street; (b) a two-way street; (c) a two-way street with a planted divider down the middle; (d) the name of a meringue-topped, snail-stuffed French pastry; (e) all of the above.

(3) My personal view on abortion is: (a) none of your damn business; (b) there is much to be said on both sides; (c) I would never have one myself no matter how much my wife nagged me; (d) it is a matter to be decided between each woman and her Pope; (e) U.S. Supreme Court justices should not be allowed to perform them; (f) they should be permitted in private between consenting adults; (g) some of the above; (h) I just wish to hell the issue would go away.

(4) If nominated, I would accept a woman as Vice-President: (a) if I knew what was good for me; (b) if she

had a large bosom; (c) of the Green Bay Packers; (d) one of the above.

(5) If elected, I promise to: (a) cut \$90 billion from the budget like my opponent; (b) add \$90 billion to the budget like my predecessor; (c) leave well enough alone; (d) do away with the budget because they never work anyway and it's always more fun to spend money as soon as you get it before somebody bops you on the head and takes it away from you; (e) probably a few of the above.

Horse vs. bus

(6) On education, I believe: (a) in busing children to their neighborhood schools; (b) busing their neighborhood schools to the children; (c) horsing children to their neighborhood schools to avoid busing; (d) every child deserves a quality education and a side of french fries; (e) reading rots the mind; (f) what was the above?

(7) No matter what, I shall always stand for standing up: (a) to the Russians; (b) for elderly women on buses; (c) after falling down; (d) above all of the issues above.

Good for you! You cheated, you foxy scamp, and peeked at the answers before you finished the test. This shows you aren't about to take on a bunch of questions unless somebody else supplies you with the answers in advance. With the help of a smart campaign manager and a large research staff, you will make an ideal Presidential candidate.

If, by any wild chance, you tried to answer those questions without sneaking a look, you could run as an honest candidate. But who'd believe you?

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letters to the editor

Bravo to Ms. Wanek's "Whose Fault is Fuzzy Flick?" (Friday, Feb. 20—The local theatres have been ripping us all off in a variety of ways. It's time someone pointed out that the only way theatre owners will begin to deliver what they advertise is if they are financially pressured by their biggest market: UNL students.

One thing is certain, however. And that is the assertion concerning support of the projectionists. If the students stay out until the projectionists return, the projectionists won't be out much longer. The lockout, which raised theatre profits by lowering operating costs, is an affront to the movie viewing public. Film quality has been halved in many cases—but the price has stayed the same.

I strongly urge fellow students to tell loyal theatres who participate in the lockout to go suck eggs until they either: a. Put the projectionist back into the booths, or b. cut the prices in half and pay the parking lot ticket before 6 p.m. as well as after.

And to help owners make up their minds, let's all earmark March as "Miss the Movies Month."

Like it or not, every time you attend a show (except for the Sheldon and Hollywood and Vine theatres) you kick film quality in the groin, stab your fellow movie fans in the back and help ruin the family budgets of the sorely abused projectionists.

Its time to stop scabbing for enterprises who treat us with such obvious contempt.

Don Sutton

Lewd event

I must protest the Student YWCA "Body Awareness Week". I am very surprised that a Young Women's Christian Association would sponsor such a lewd event.

Human sexuality is a private matter which does not really belong in any sort of public group discussion. Reasonable young men and women should appreciate this fact. People have hangups and cannot relate sexually because everyone has made such a big deal out of sex. Leave things alone and nature will follow a normal course.

Maxine J. Cunningham

ralph by ron wheeler



rarefied air | N.H. primary makes noise but Puerto Rico counts too

By Dick Piersol

Ask anyone remotely interested in the national political process what this week's important event is and there can be only one answer. The New Hampshire presidential primary on Tuesday, right?

If you are influenced by the candidates' wheedling and the exhaustive national media coverage, the New Hampshire primary is the correct answer.

But if you are counting delegates to the convention, the Puerto Rican delegate selection yesterday is just as significant. The Puerto Rican Popular Democrats, an ersatz version of the Democratic party, picked 17 delegates to the Democratic National Convention Sunday. Those delegates will elect five more plus alternates. The New Hampshire primary will choose 17 Democratic delegates and 21 Republicans. Although it isn't a state, 22 Puerto Rican delegates count.

Jackson odds-on favorite

The odds are good that Washington Sen. Henry Jackson will pick up all of those delegates. Who said Jackson is concentrating on the most populous states?

Jackson has the support of Puerto Rican Gov. Rafael Hernandez-Colon because the senator has gone on record supporting more governmental autonomy for Puerto Rico, now a free commonwealth. Puerto Ricans have a commissioner in the U.S. Congress, with committee voting privileges only. The citizens may not vote for president unless they move to the United States mainland.

Meanwhile, back in the frozen hinterlands of the North, the rest of the political pack, candidates and journalists alike, are staging a quadrennial beauty contest.

The New Hampshire presidential primary ballot lists the candidates, but voters also must elect the delegates directly. Since 1952, the primary's importance has steadily been magnified by national media exposure.

The state's size belies its political significance. It ranks 41st in population; has only one commercial television station and one daily newspaper with statewide circulation, the Manchester Union Leader.

Also since 1952, the New Hampshire primary has be-

come a legendary political quagmire. Harry S. Truman's 1952 candidacy was barely begun when Tennessee Sen. Estes Kefauver's strong showing made Truman retire from the race. Republicans Nelson Rockefeller and George Romney met dismal ends in New Hampshire in the 1960s. In 1968, Sen. Eugene McCarthy's showing caused President Lyndon Johnson to long for the Pedernales and in 1972, Sen. Edmund Muskie broke down, politically and emotionally.

This year, Ronald Reagan and President Gerald Ford have displayed rather un-Republican enmity toward one another in the campaign. They are running about even. Do not discount the influence of Manchester Union Leader publisher William Loeb, a conservative troglodyte. Ford has predicted victory for his forces and it will be a major set-back for him if he is incorrect.

There are five Democrats actively campaigning: Jimmy Carter, Rep. Morris Udall, Fred Harris, Sen. Birch Bayh and Sargent Shriver.

Carter is the favorite, despite adverse media reports of his campaign hype. Udall is close behind, and Bayh expects to run third. Bayh's candidacy, and those of Morris and Shriver, will be in trouble if they don't show some strength in New Hampshire or in the Massachusetts primary March 2.

George Wallace, that Democrat in the woodpile, is saving his energy for Massachusetts, and the busing issue will help him considerably there.

Humphrey write-in campaign

Supporters of Hubert Humphrey have started a write-in campaign in New Hampshire. The natives are treated to his lilting voice on their radio, reminding them that he would accept a draft at the convention.

Jackson's name will not appear on the New Hampshire ballot, but he does have a slate of delegate candidates. If one is to believe the Gallup poll, most of the Democratic candidacies are exercises in futility. Humphrey still has nearly 30 per cent support among Democrats nationally. George Wallace follows closely behind with about 22 per cent.