



Dispatch publication has ceased; staff will seek greener pastures

By Sandy Mohr

After 22 months of publication, the Nebraska Dispatch newspaper has discontinued publication.

Dispatch member Tom Headley said staff members instead decided to use their "energy and resources" toward building a revolutionary political party based on socialism and the philosophy of Nikolai Lenin.

"A group of revolutionary socialists has formed, and that group has moved beyond the limitations of newspaper work," staff member Bill Arth wrote in the Dispatch's final February issue.

With a circulation of 2,000 a month and a core staff of about 10, the Nebraska Dispatch at times concentrated on controversial political issues. Headley said some local issues it dealt with were the projectionists' strike, the unionization drive at Russell Stover Candies, Inc. and the Association of Builders and Contractors move into Lincoln.

Even the paper's advertising reflected its philosophy. Headley said the staff was selective in choosing ads and would not run sexist or racist advertisements.

Despite the advertising limitation, Headley said, the Dispatch did not fold for financial reasons. Although the paper initially was distributed free or with donation, the staff later decided to charge 15 cents.

"We weren't publishing for the sake of making it a commercial success," he said.

All editorial decisions on the paper were made by the staff, Headley said, and there was no editor.

None of the staff members was paid, he said. They worked "because they thought it was important to do,"

he added. None are students, said Headley who is a roofer by trade.

The Dispatch staff originally was comprised of Lincoln Gazette reporters who split to publish a more "political" newspaper, Arth said in his February Dispatch story.

The Gazette was left with one member, Ron Kurtenbach, one of the current editors.

Kurtenbach said he thought the Dispatch originally had some important articles, but it "became less and less a service to the people."

The Dispatch did not offer enough variety, he said, because it carried too much "hardline rhetorical exercise."

When the Dispatch started publication, Headley said, the paper tried to appeal to a large audience, but he said the staff later aimed at issues with socialist principles.

He said the Dispatch then became more of a "theoretical journal rather than a mass consumption newspaper."

That was in September 1975, after numerous staff members had converted to Leninism, according to Arth's February article.

Headley said about half of the staff members, including himself, soon will be moving from Lincoln, although he said they haven't decided where. They may continue to publish periodic pamphlets and newspapers as party propaganda, he added.

Headley said they want to build a party that "can rise to the task of abolishing capitalism."

Kurtenbach said he did not know whether any of the Dispatch staff would join the Gazette. The Gazette currently has five staff members and some free-lance writers, he said.

short stuff

There will be a Builders meeting tonight at 6:15 in Nebraska Union South Conference Room. All new members are welcome.

The ASUN Environmental Task Force will meet today at 7 p.m. in Union 222.

AHEA (American Home Economics Association) will have a meeting tonight at 6:30 in Home Economics Bldg. 104. Don Sutton from the placement office will have tips on interviews, resumes, and following through on job applications.

There will be another meeting for those interested in entering the Triple Title Scholarship pageant at the Radisson Cornhusker hotel tonight at 7.

Lambda Tau, Pre-Medical Technology honorary, will meet today at 7 p.m. in the University Health Center Conference Room.

Applications are being accepted for the 1976-77 Student Court, Electoral Commissioner, Council on Student Life, Academic and Central Planning Committees and Commencement. They also are being taken for senators in the Professional, Graduate and Architecture Schools for the current Senate. Applications must be made today because interviews start at 7 tonight. They are available in Union 334.

The Undergraduate Psychology Organization will present a demonstration and discussion by hypnotist Earl Lampshire tonight at 7 in Union 202. The presentation is open to the public.

The School of Life Sciences is sponsoring a lecture by Charles F. Earhart from the Microbiology Dept. at the Univer-

sity of Texas in Austin today at 3:30 p.m. in Bessey Hall Auditorium.

The Phi Chi Theta Rho Chapter will have the spring pledging ceremony today at 6:15 p.m. in Union 337. All new pledges and active members are encouraged to attend.

The International Club will have its weekly luncheon today at 11:45 p.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel, 1510 Q St. The cost is 75 cents for all students.

There will be a meeting of Citizens to Preserve Wilderness Park, Inc. tonight at 7:30 at the South Branch Library, 27th and South streets. At the meeting, the board of directors will be announced, latest efforts to save Wilderness Park from the West Bypass Highway will be reported on, and future action decided. New members of the group are welcome. For more information contact Marge Schlitt, 477-2529.

The Block and Bridle Club will meet tonight at 7 at Marvel Baker Hall on East

Campus. Following the meeting there will be a Block and Bridle sponsored roller skating party for East Campus students at the Holiday Skating Center, 5601 S. 56th St.

The Engineering Executive Board will have a meeting tonight at 6 in Nebraska Hall W129. E-Week Chairman selection for next year, E-Week awards and finances will be discussed.

Thomas H. Moss, a former Congressional Fellow of the American Physical Society will speak at a colloquium sponsored by the UNL Physics and Astronomy Dept. today at 4 p.m. in Brace Laboratory 211.

Cyril Houle of the University of Chicago, a researcher in the field of non-traditional education, will present a public lecture tonight at 7:30 in the Union Small Auditorium on "Developments and Trends in Non-traditional Education." Houle also will host a rap session with students in the Union at 2:30 p.m.

Logo statement expected today

A special announcement concerning the similar logos now shared by Nebraska Educational Television (NETV) and the National Broadcast Company (NBC) will be made at the Nebraska Educational Television Commission monthly meeting today at 1 p.m., NETC has announced.

Although sources at NETV would not say what the outcome of that announcement will be, they do say that Robert Howard, president of the television network division of NBC will be present at the meeting.

FAB agenda

The Fees Allocation Board (FAB) will be meeting today at 4 p.m. in Nebraska Union 203.

- Agenda
- I. Approval of minutes
 - II. Open Forum
 - III. Student Affairs Subcommittee Recommendations
 - A. Association of Computer Machinery
 - B. Korean Students
 - C. Orienteering Club
 - D. National Speech and Hearing Foundation
 - E. Phi Beta Lambda
 - F. YWCA
 - G. Human Resource

- Foundation
- H. Builders
 - I. American Guild of Organists
 - J. Helping Eliminate Marijuana Prohibition (HEMP)
 - K. Cultural Affairs Committee
 - L. Tractor Club
 - M. Corn Cobs
 - N. Women's Resource Center
 - O. India Association
 - P. Gay Action Group
 - Q. Rugby Club
 - R. Rifle Club
 - S. Nebraska Masquer's
 - T. Wildlife Club

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