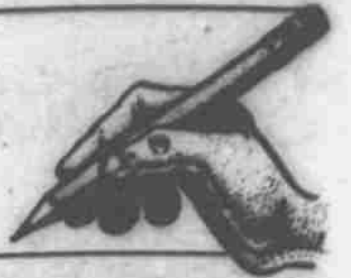


opinion



Change will come only with Carter

By L. Kent Wolgamott

Campaign '76, marked by a mudslinging campaign on the part of the incumbent, is rapidly coming to a close. Perhaps this is finally indicative of the true nature of the Republican ticket. I think it is time for a change for this state and this country. We can have change.

We can have a government which is open and accessible to the people, a government which is once again honest and responsible, a government which once again believes

grownups game



in the values which our society is based upon and will practice them in our foreign policy.

Gerald Ford has been campaigning on the maintenance of the status quo, that things are getting better. He has requested a mandate from the American people to say "You've done a good job Jerry, keep on doing it." But has he?

Government by stalemate and veto are not indicative of a coherent and forceful policy. Government by reaction in all areas does not indicate success in directing this nation. I am sure that some people are satisfied with the performance of the past eight years, but I am not.

In Nebraska we finally have a choice, a choice of openness and honesty as opposed to a continuation of the past, a representation characterized by Columnist Jack Anderson as consistently the worst in the U.S. Senate.

Roman Hruska has anointed John Y. McCollister as his heir apparent to the Senate seat he is finally vacating. McCollister is attempting to buy this election, spending an outrageous \$350,000. His campaign has been filled with inconsistencies, stating that he is for openness in government but failing to release his tax returns on request. He says he doesn't solicit endorsements but he brings in the hatchet man from Kansas to speak for him. He has promised nothing more than a continuation of the current representation in the Senate—a representation based on elitism and lack of concern for Nebraska.

Ed Zorinsky provides a change for Nebraska, a change to open, honest government. Zorinsky has campaigned on his open-door policy—a policy of listening to the people, a policy of learning from the people, a policy which represents the people. Zorinsky has shown himself to be a capable and strong leader.

Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford have offered us a definite choice in the race for the presidency. We have on one hand the articulate spokesman for liberalism, Walter Mondale. Cut from the Hubert Humphrey mold, Mondale has consistently spoken out for the people of the United States, the people who cannot help themselves and need help from the government. Mondale was chosen as vice presidential nominee for his qualifications for the presidency—a job he could readily fill.

Ford is offering us a man whose political career has been based on attack and innuendo. The Republican National Chairman under Richard Nixon, Dole's record is of the party hack who jumps when the powers that be say jump. His campaigning has been solely attacks on Carter and Mondale and he has shown little grasp of the issues confronting the nation today. Dole's record as a senator is lackluster to say the least which makes his qualifications for the presidency dubious.

It has been made clear that I favor a change in American government today and that change can come in 1976. Gerald Ford has had 2 years to show his leadership and his vision for America. He has not done so. His record in the areas of social legislation, environmental protection and control of foreign policy is indefensible.

We need a change.

Reform campaigns to avoid voting for dirty rats

By Arthur Hoppe

Another Presidential election campaign is coming down to the wire. And once again it is perfectly clear to any

innocent bystander

intelligent observer that the whole system is hopelessly topsy-turvy.

A year ago, if you can remember that far back, one of the candidates was good ol' dependable Jerry Ford. The other was the freshest new entry into the national scene, dynamic, exciting Jimmy Carter. Gosh, they were two great candidates!

You may or may not have agreed with Mr. Ford's stand on the issues, but you couldn't help liking him. Here was a decent, honest, regular guy who toasted

Playboy, purity, and peanuts

I will not permit disruptions in our cities and on our college campuses. . . I would order the National Guard to take whatever action is necessary to protect innocent lives, including shoot-to-kill orders.

So spoke the man who Kent Wolgamott proclaims as a "positive alternative to the record of the past" — James E. Carter.

I don't understand. Is Carter an "alternative to the record of the past" because he describes himself as "basically a redneck"?

Is he an alternative because he lauds Lester Maddox as "the essence of the Democratic Party," and Richard Daley as a "miracle man"?

Is he a change from the past because during his gubernatorial campaign he received contributions from 11 men he later named to state positions and a U.S. Senate seat?

Or is he positive because, come January, he will wave the magic peanut of rehashed New Dealism and miraculously cut inflation, raise employment, erase poverty, end pollution, and give every American a tax break and a Nebraska season football ticket?

Then again, Carter may well be an alternative—to himself. In 1970, he favored the death penalty; a year later, he opposed it. Carter once supported right-to-work laws, but now, with a little reeducation by George Meany, he would abolish them. He condemns abortion, yet in 1972 he wrote an approving forward to a pro-abortion book entitled "Women in Need." Last year he planned to cut the defense budget by \$15 billion, but when President Ford unearthed it for the debates, Carter denied making the quote, despite what the *New York Times* and *Chicago Tribune* had printed. In any case, Carter now says that he plans to strengthen our defense forces—and cut defense spending by five billion dollars. How? He won't tell us.

How would he reorganize the executive branch? He won't say.

How would he revise the Tax Code? "I don't really have. . . the inclination at this point to elaborate or describe the specifics."

Is this what he means by "open government"? Or is this merely a camouflage for his waffling and waggling, his 180 degree turnabouts on abortion, capital punishment, right-to-work, Humphrey-Hawkins, civil rights, tax policies, grain embargoes, busing, Clarence Kelley, defense, detente, "ethnic purity," ad nauseum?

America, listen: before you ever heard of peanuts, playboy, and purity, someone asked James Carter if he would quit if the press produced evidence that he had lied. Carter replied, "I think I would, because I haven't told a lie"

He has. He should.

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Big shoes to fill

I seldom miss an issue of the *Daily Nebraskan*. Some columns I always read, others only occasionally. The daily cartoon has always been a must. This year, due to the graduation of its creator, Ralph has been replaced by Orion. In my opinion Ralph was very well done and I enjoyed it. Obviously many others shared my opinion. Last year, Ralph Crabtree was elected homecoming king.

I realized that the cartoon which would succeed our beloved Ralph would have some big shoes to fill. I vowed to give the successor a chance to prove itself. Now, with the semester half over, I am losing patience. I can recall managing an inaudible smirk once or twice, but have otherwise found Orion to be neither amusing nor entertaining. Talking to others, I find I am not alone in my view of the cartoon.

How was the choice of the cartoon for this year made? Was Orion chosen over other applicants, or were there any other applicants?

I don't pretend to have the artistic talents needed to create a cartoon strip. Surely, however, someone possesses these talents and shares these views of the current cartoon. Hopefully, they will compete with Orion for the cartoon spot in the *Daily Nebraskan* next semester.

C. Huetson

Editor's note: There were, and still are, other applicants.

Bogus VD tips

The people responsible for distributing the bogus health tips on VD should be condemned. The flyers warn of an epidemic of a new strain of venereal disease and are tacked up on campus bulletin boards. The list of symptoms and remedies is vulgar, tasteless, and offensive. Hopefully, no more of these flyers will be distributed.

Ron Ahrens

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his own English muffins—steady as a rock, sound as a dollar, not a mean bone in his body nor a devious thought in his head.

And Jimmy Carter, Wow! Here was perhaps the ideal man for the times. To a nation disillusioned by Vietnam and Watergate, he promised a government "as good and decent and full of love as the American people." We were wonderful, he was wonderful and the whole country would be wonderful again.

So the choice was between stability and adventure, between comfortable security and a challenging voyage into a brave new world. Either way, we couldn't lose.

Of course, that was a year ago. Since then, the two candidates have spent more than \$75 million and traveled countless miles to convince us of their outstanding excellence.

Thanks to their superhuman efforts, most of us will drag ourselves to the polls next week to choose between a crass, bumbling, devious politician who tosses around subsidies and foreign aid willy-nilly to get votes and makes mean, vicious attacks on his opponent and a conniving little con artist who has cleverly constructed the most

phony image in political history to satisfy his vicious lust for power.

Either way we can't win. What kind of a choice is that?

Clearly, the transmogrification of the candidates from towering pillars of virtue into dirty rats is due solely to the election campaign. Clearly, our system of election campaigns must be radically reformed if we don't wish to vote for dirty rats. Clearly, the only solution is to turn things around. Clearly, we must have the election first and the campaign afterward.

Only then will we be able to cast our ballots in pride and confidence for a known towering pillar of virtue. And should he, following his election, be revealed as a dirty rat, take heart. We survived Dick Nixon, didn't we?

Meanwhile, to the polls, ye sons of freedom! Remember that the leader to whom you give your precious vote probably wasn't as good a year ago as you thought he was. And he certainly couldn't be as bad as you think him today.