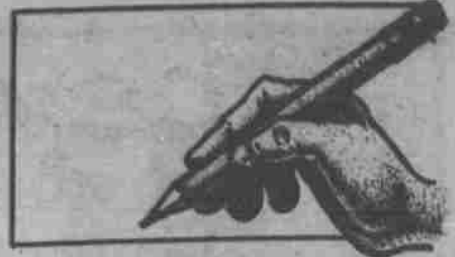


# opinion



## Doesn't anybody out there want us?

We're beginning to identify with those confused, wide-eyed kids we always pictured when we heard stories of orphans. Doesn't anybody want to be our president?

A lot of people have left us this semester, but we've been assured that there is nothing wrong with the University of Nebraska—that it is natural for university administrators to move on to bigger and better positions. Well, more than one of those on the search committee's eligibility list makes less money than what we offer, at a smaller campus, too.

And it's little consolation that the government is having the same problem, according to columnist George F. Will. He says they also have trouble recruiting able, competent administrators when they can fare so much better in the open market.

At their meeting tomorrow, the regents will discuss the prospects of filling by Jan. 1 our soon-to-be-vacant president's chair.

Lincoln Regent Ed Schwartzkopf said earlier this week some "fairly rapid action" would have to be taken to fill the post by next year. Maybe we shouldn't rush any of the candidates who would take the position but can't get here by the Jan. 1. Though it's hard to believe anybody wouldn't be anxious to have the job (whatever happened to the attractiveness of a challenge? Or maybe what we need is not a search committee, but a posse) it would be better to have an interim president for awhile than to resort to our second choice list (there are more prospects in the wings, aren't there?) just to have the job filled by a certain date.

## Optimistic attitude shouldn't be called 'psychic'

There are no laws against the Allene Cunninghams of this world. These self-proclaimed psychics are usually pretty good at equivocating enough to stay on this side of any they may be suspected of violating.

On a local radio station this week and at a public presentation Wednesday, Cunningham claimed to have the psychic powers to tell confused souls their future.

If Cunningham, by telling you that you are going to be successful, makes you successful, that's great. She's changed your attitude about yourself and a good attitude goes a long way in

the quest for success. Ministers and psychiatrists often do the same for people. The difference is that ministers don't charge for their counseling and psychiatrists have a licence to prove their legitimacy.

Cunningham is not a fraud if she helps people by giving them a positive perspective.

But those who go to her for help (and she would not say what she charges for a private psychic session) should realize that if they come away with a renewed outlook on life, it's the power of positive thinking at work, not any supernatural, psychic power.



## Election of Democrat President won't fade memory of Watergate

By L. Kent Wolgamott

It has been said that America rid itself of the last vestiges of Watergate when Jerry Ford was defeated for the presidency. But it has not. Watergate will be with us for a lot longer than two years. The Republican Party may not recover from the Nixon years, both before and after Watergate.

Hunter Thompson said in 1972 that Richard Nixon sold the party "down the greasy chute forever". This was before the scandal broke, before Watergate became a

can presidential candidates for 1980. Even Howard Baker of Tennessee, who gained his national reputation on the Ervin Committee, has become tainted by the scandal.

John Dean talks of Baker's role in his book, *Blind Ambition*. Dean says "I remembered how boldly he had announced that he had not met with the President about Watergate — in spite of the fact that I myself prepared the agenda for one meeting and had been summoned to the President's EOB office in the middle of it . . . He was playing both sides, I knew—, demanding the truth and then exchanging strategy messages with Colson; voting with the White House in private and the switching to the other side in public."

John Connally has already been tainted by the scandal although he was acquitted and he did nothing for his aspirations by failing to deliver Texas for Ford. The same holds for Bob Dole—however slim are his chances of getting the nomination. Due to this effect, Reagan's age and Ford's defeat is going to force the Republican party to groom new talent for an assault on an incumbent, a seemingly impossible task given the minority size of the party.

**Suffered for Nixon**

Jerry Ford did suffer for the sins of Watergate—both his own and Nixon's. Attacked during the campaign for his role in blocking a House investigation of Watergate,

Ford could not satisfactorily answer reporters questions about it. The general feeling of "throw the rascals out" initiated by the scandal may also have hurt Ford.

Watergate will remain in the public eye for no other reason than the books being written on the subject.

Watergate will not go away because all the people involved in it have left government. It will live on in the form of a changed Republican Party, reform legislation and most importantly in the memory of the American people and future history books. I hope that this is enough to prevent another such scandal. I'm not sure it is.



household word. By running the now infamous Committee to Re-elect the President and avoiding the regular party channels Nixon allowed the party to drift into the hands of its conservative wing. This drifting cut the base of the party and almost gave them the movie actor for their nominee. As it was Ronald Reagan and the conservatives platform that it did not even recognize past Republican positions. This challenge also forced Ford to move further to the right than he would have liked to be and perhaps cost him the election.

Watergate is still reflected in the membership of Congress. The 1974 elections sent about 20 freshman Democrats to the House, all but two survived the test this fall. The Senate is still overwhelmingly Democratic even though Ford received almost 50 per cent of the vote. The Congress has already institutionalized reforms due to the Watergate scandal. Most important among them is the federal funding of presidential campaigns—a reaction to Nixon's purchase of the 1972 election for the small cost of 80 million dollars. The monitoring of funds will prevent further Watergate and related events such as the selling of ambassadorships and influence-peddling. Further reforms prompted by Watergate will be forthcoming on all levels.

Possible 1980 presidential candidates

Watergate has also had its effect on possible Republi-

## letters

**Defense of high G.P.A.**

When I first read Rex Seline's opinions on the updated Regents Scholarship program (Nov. 18 *Daily Nebraskan*) I was a bit surprised. I was surprised at the logic Seline used in comparison to the logic the Scholarships and Financial Aids committee used in evaluating the Regents Scholarship program.

The first flaw in Seline's logic: the committee dropped the requirement of maintaining a semester average. All that the scholarship is dependent on is the cumulative G.P.A. This allows the students the flexibility to take tough courses and not lose their scholarship.

Second, the committee did not place the prestige of a scholarship ahead of a student's education. It did place the students receiving the "best" grades to receive the "best" scholarship. If there is not a greater number of Regents Scholarships going to alternates this will be solving part of the problem of "good" students not receiving scholarships while a "poorer" student, on the G.P.A. scale, receives one.

This change should not discourage regents scholars from participating in student organizations. Now that they all will be honors students a greater percentage will naturally flow into student organizations. If more regents alternates are receiving scholarships more of them will be able to place the time they had previously spent working at jobs participating in student organizations.

I would like to close in agreement with one of Seline's statements. It is knowledge, not grades we seek. Unfortunately grades are one of the few criteria we have to go on.

Thank you for your concern  
Steve Wheeler

**CSL ignored needs**

Chancellor Roy Young has this student's respect for his acknowledgement at the Nov. 11 meeting of the Council on Student Life that there was, in truth, a quota system this year for student football tickets. In this regard, the chancellor reinforced recent correspondence to me by regent Robert Prokop that stipulated this same fact, and that this same quota system had been condoned by the board of regents because of the "scalpers". Young's proposal for a review committee to examine this whole issue is a commendable one.

It seems ironic that before the chancellor visited the council meeting, a statement was made by the president of ASUN, seconded by another council member, that there was "nothing really wrong with the present ticket system." This declaration was made after this visitor to the meeting read the referred to correspondence by Prokop, and was apparently supported by the rest of the Council on Student Life, and their director, by subsequent silence. The director of the council requested that this matter not be presented to the chancellor during his visit because "other matters" were scheduled for discussion.

As a visitor to all of the regular sessions of the Council on Student Life meetings held this academic year, I can report with conviction that the council representatives do not objectively represent the needs of all UNL students. Certain appendages of the UNL campus, specifically the Athletic Dept. are held quasi-sacred. Hopefully, the next group of student government representatives nominated to these important posts will constitute a more democratic composition and will be representative of the total university student community.

Sincerely  
Gerry Egan

**Squawks about Thunderchickens**

An article concerning the intramural football championship in the Nov. 17 issue of the *Daily Nebraskan* drew my attention as being a fine example of partisan reporting. For those who are interested, Abel 5A played a much better game than one would be led to believe by reading the article. Abel 5's offense was in control of the ball for a greater part of the game. Considering the larger size and different playing techniques (roughing?) of the Thunderchickens, Abel 5 deserves at least credit for that much. Furthermore, the quality of the refereeing was questionable; if it had given Abel 5 the advantages that it gave the Thunderchickens, I am sure a great deal of "squawking" would have been heard from the Thunderchickens. I say this because two possible touchdowns were lost by Abel 5 due to debatable calls. These 2 touchdowns would have tied the game, and Abel 5 might have won by scoring extra points.

Understandably, not all of this would appear in a news article; but due to the way the event was reported, I felt that a few items previously unmentioned should be pointed out. The Thunderchickens definitely are a good team, but please give credit where credit is due on both sides.

A Sports Fan