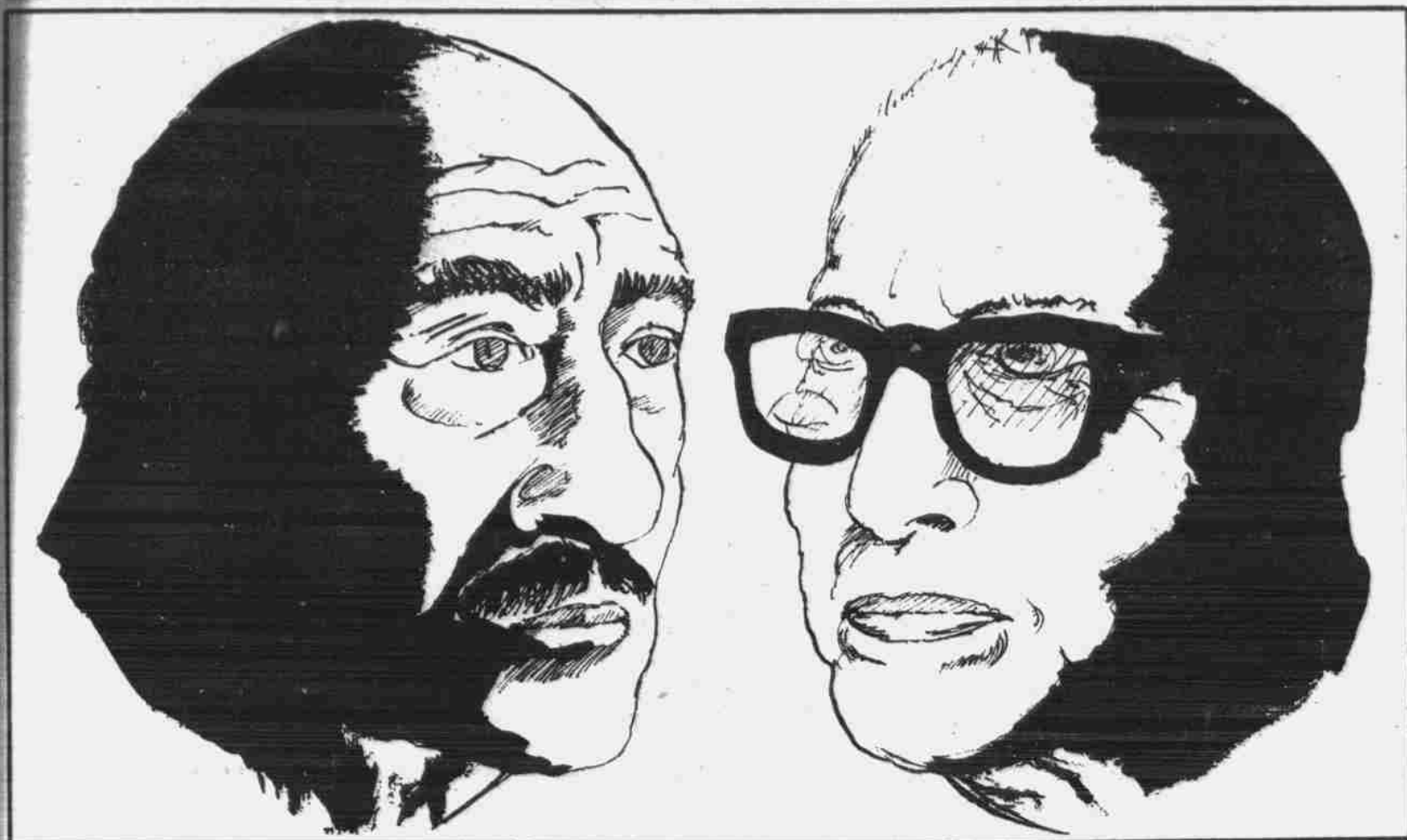


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UNL students react to Sadat visit

By Marjie Lundstrom

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's astonishing visit with Israel's Premier Menachem Begin evoked both cheers and cries of protest around the world, but the repercussions also rippled across UNL.

The responses of seven foreign students attending UNL reflected the widespread polarity over Sadat's unexpected voyage into the heartland of his country's enemy.

A senior architecture major from Lebanon, Ghassan El-Eid, 24, called Sadat's journey "a gesture of good will" but said he needed time to think about its full significance.

"I support anything that will lead to peace in the Middle East, but it's a very sensitive issue," he said. "Now it is for the Israelis to make some concessions—to give something in return."

A 25-year-old Pakistani student, Mansoor Tabani, also approved of Sadat's visit because he said it "broke the ice."

"The countries had to talk sometime," said Tabani, a business major. "If nobody would have taken a step in that direction, they never would have come close."

However, another Pakistani student, who did not want his name used, said although Sadat's decision was "an OK move" it also has caused problems.

"I'd like to see some peace made—some initiative taken," he said. "But Sadat has made a breach in the sense that there is no solidarity in the Arab states—no unity amongst the Arab leaders."

The split is not confined to Arab countries and Israel, he said, because two new factions are rising—Egypt and Syria.

A 30-year-old student from Egypt, who also did not want to be identified, said Sadat was "playing games" with the United States by making the Israel visit.

The United States pressured Sadat into a "trade-off," he said, with Sadat making the trip in exchange for American aid.

"Israel is a state—it belongs to the United States," he said. "The Israelis don't want peace, but Sadat went over and begged for peace."

Abdn, a student from Libya, said Sadat's trip surprised him because it has not been done before. Sadat is the first Arab leader to accept an invitation to visit the Jewish state.

A 21-year-old civil engineering major from Iran, Ali, agreed that peace was unattainable until Israel surrendered the occupied lands.

"Sadat did the wrong thing for the Palestinian people. It may be good for Egypt, but it is not going to be a big help for the Palestinians," he said.

A Saudi Arabian student also said he thought Sadat's actions did not help the Palestinian people.

Mashman Ahmed, 22, said: "I didn't like Sadat's visit. He talked just about Egypt and never about the PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization). He wasn't concerned with all the Arab countries."

Task force must explain proposals

The ASUN task force on student government began drafting a defense of its proposals to reorganize UNL student government Wednesday night in response to ASUN demands for an explanation of the proposals.

The task force has proposed a consolidation of the Fees Allocation Board (FAB), the Council on Student Life (CSL) and the ASUN Senate into a single elected student government. The proposal features an expansion of the legislative body from 35 representatives to 76.

That idea has drawn criticism from ASUN vice president Charlie Fellingham, who said that there are not enough interested students to fill 76 seats.

ASUN President Greg Johnson said that the task force has not adequately explained the reasons for and benefits of the proposals to the ASUN Senate.

In its preliminary discussion the task force said that it proposed consolidating student government to develop more interest in it and to clarify and expand the power of the government.

"There are not clearly defined areas of responsibility for ASUN, FAB and CSL," said Steve Pederson, task force chairman.

The task force also agreed that the proposed size of the new student government is not as important as the proposed structure, which is designed to make it more accountable to students and increase interest.

A larger senate is desirable, according to the task force, because of the increased responsibility. A larger number of representatives would help insure accountability to constituents and allow that senators would not serve on more than a small number of committees.

The task force proposal included a recommendation for eight standing committees, including a Campus Life Committee, which would assume the responsibilities of CSL and a Fees Committee to assume the responsibilities of FAB.

Pederson said the task force had examined the responsibilities of a student government and concluded that those responsibilities could be handled by the eight committees.

The task force also considered real changes in their proposal in response to comments from Johnson that the president's job carries more responsibility than a student can realistically manage.

Johnson suggested that a new officer be created to preside over meetings.

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Food tasters test for the top hot dog, winner finds place on cafeteria's buns

By Mary Jo Pitzl

Competition was stiff during the broiling contest. The judges, after careful scrutiny, slowly marked their ballots and turned them in to be tallied.

When all the votes were counted, the winner rated an "excellent" in general appearance, but only ranked "good" in consistency. But the judges concurred that the top hot dog in the contest was superior in overall quality, and the winner took the cake . . . or rather, the bun.

Although it didn't quite have all the trappings of a Miss America pageant, the "broiling contest" in Selleck Quadrangle's kitchens Wednesday was conducted with as much seriousness as the national pageant.

The competition's goal was to determine which hot dog brand was best-suited to be served in university cafeterias.

The judges, food service managers from four residence halls and representatives of the UNL Food Stores, taste-tested three different hot dogs identified as Brand A, B and C. (The names were changed to avoid biases). Also included in the sampling session were three brands of instant mashed potatoes.

Judges serious

The judges took their job seriously, discussing product quality, texture, color and preparation before making a final recommendation on which product to buy.

"Sampling is very difficult," Dorothy Welchoff, food service manager for Harper-Schramm-Smith said, washing down her hot dog sample with a glass of water. "The main thing you keep in consideration is the student's taste."

According to Dwayne Odvody, manager of the UNL Central Food Stores, sampling sessions are held when stock runs low.

If the food service managers decide they would like to try a new product, the Food Stores office takes sev-

eral bids on different brands, and brings sample products in for testing.

Taste, cost, yield and overall quality are considered before a final decision is made, Odvody said.

"What we're really after is to buy the best value," he said, adding that it is not uncommon to purchase the highest-priced item.

Although not every food item served on campus is tested (some obvious examples are milk, and eggs), Odvody said whenever new products are introduced they must first earn approval from the food service managers.

Sampling sessions

Sampling sessions are held several times a year, according to Elaine Cave, buyer for the Food Stores. These sessions differ quite a bit from the old process, when dozens of cans of food products were tested all at once, she said.

"It seemed like we tested for two days," Cave said. The old process was abandoned because food items are bought at different times throughout the year, rather than all at once.

The taste-testers said that they have sampled a variety of products, ranging from cold macaroni with no sauce to spinach.

"Sweet rolls were a pleasure," Jean Doyle, Selleck Quadrangle food service manager said with a smile.

The food service managers agreed that student's tastes are changing, and they anticipate sampling sessions reminiscent of the old process may accompany such changes.

Students are becoming more discriminating about what they include in their diets, Cave said, and as a result, "I think we're going to run into more testing."

Although Residence Hall Association officials are invited to the sampling sessions, students rarely attend, according to Douglas Rix, assistant housing director in charge of food service.



Photo by Mark Dalheim

Jean Doyle, Selleck Quadrangle food service manager, looks for the frank that would love to be UNL's weiner. She participated in a food sampling session Wednesday afternoon.