

opinion/editorial

Stockholders of Nebraska hear Student's Day report

In one of its many efforts to educate the citizens of Nebraska to the needs of UNL, ASUN has designated this Saturday as Students' Day.

Students' Day began in 1978 as an attempt to let Nebraskans know how the students feel about life here at UNL.

In its initial stages, the efforts of Students' Day were directed at symbolism seeking to draw attention to problems at the university.

Students were asked to wear blue to the football games, buy blue balloons and make parents and others aware of the low faculty salaries and high tuition at UNL.

This year, ASUN President Rick Mockler is hoping to expand the awareness of citizens to the condition of the university.

Mockler says Students' Day is a "show of concern and support for the quality of education" at UNL.

Mockler wants this year's Students' Day to recognize the accomplishments of the university, but also expose problems facing college students.

At UNL, some of the predominant concerns are classroom overcrowding and the high cost of a college education.

ASUN will have a booth in the Nebraska Union and will present a slide show on university concerns. Representatives from ASUN and the Government Liaison Committee will be available to answer questions.

Part of the goal of Students' Day is to garner media attention to the cause of quality education, Mockler said. Some may think a Cornhusker home game is not the

time to fight for such an issue, but when are there more members of the media on campus?

The problem lies in trying to get newspapers' and television and radio stations' attention away from the Big Red. Granted, nearly all the attention of this Saturday will be on the athletic contest on the field.

But ASUN is not trying to compete with the game, just use it as a vehicle to further its cause — educating citizens about life at UNL.

With the recent 3 percent budget cutback the NU system must undertake, it is important that citizens remain committed to quality education.

Mockler is aware of the need to praise UNL where praise is due, but believes it is the duty of a student to bring to the attention of others weaknesses in the university. Only by active student involvement can the student body hope to fight the problems of classroom overcrowding, fewer funds for student aid and overall improvement of the university.

Administrators may not like some students exposing university problems. Many would prefer emphasizing the positive aspect of UNL and the NU system.

But, Mockler does not believe it is the job of a student to be a recruiter for the university. If students talked about only how great the university is, they would be participating in a charade.

Students' Day is really nothing more than a report to the stockholders of UNL. With the huge investment citizens have in this university, it would be nice to know their concern wasn't limited to the confines of Memorial Stadium.

Writer sentries for Russians

Dear Diary: Bad week last week. Good-morning Sunday by my wife, Patricia, as I was sentrying under the bed. "Looking for damn Russians, dear?" she unqueried.

"No," I corrected her, "damn guerrillas."

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Had been intelligenced that Jack Anderson was plotting to run column Tuesday saying president was out to get me. Intervened telephonically with Jack Anderson immediately. Advised him such disinformation concerning dissension in administration harmful to conduct of foreign policy, treasonfully speaking.

"It's not president who is out to get me," I explanationed to him. "It's some damn guerrilla high up in the White House."

For undefinitized reason, Anderson still convinced dissension in administration. I intervened telephonically with president. Suggestioned he assure Anderson personally there was no dissension between me and damn guerrilla high up in the White House who is out to get me.

President did so, assuring Anderson he was not going to fire me or damn guerrilla. Anderson killed column. Instead, Anderson ran column saying some damn guerrilla high up in the White House was out to get me. Who had informationed him? Suck leakage damaging to conduct of foreign policy, treasonfully speaking. Damn guerrilla.

Must get damn guerrilla before he gets

me. Told staff limousining to White House to hunt guerrilla. Arrived there with large net. Stockman person took it, saying he was missing one.

Intervened with National Security Advisor Allen in his office high up in the White House. Advisoried Allen I knew he was not guerrilla high up in White House and I was going to miss him.

Press conferenced to say I would not fire Allen. President press-conferenced to say he would not fire me or Allen. Said I was best secretary of state he ever had. Implied Allen was best guerrilla high up in White House he ever had.

Allen press-conferenced to say he was not guerrilla and president and I knew he was not guerrilla. Who had misinformationed him? Such leakage damaging to conduct of foreign policy, treasonfully speaking. Damn guerrilla.

But if Allen not guerrilla, who high up in the White House. . . High up . . . High. . . Press-conferenced soonestwise to say I would not fire Allen or president. Implied Allen and president were best guerrillas high up in the White House I ever had who were out to get me.

Senator Jesse Helms press-conferenced to say, "There may be a bit of paranoia here and that ought to be corrected."

Who's paranoid? Such disinformation concerning paranoia in this administration is damaging to the conduct of foreign policy, treasonfully speaking. Who disinformationed Helms? Those who talk about paranoia in this administration are out to get me.

Damn guerrillas.

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Stockman doesn't even buy Reagan's 'supply-side' ploy

Since taking office, President Reagan has been commonly perceived as an honest, forthright man, who seriously believes his ideological pronouncements. Even if many disagree with his politics, the polls showed him to be a respected president.

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But now there is another, powerful witness that Reagan and his administration have no such redeeming qualities. The witness is the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, David Stockman, a man who cannot be accused of a political bias against the programs he helped instigate.

In a recent interview with the *Atlantic Monthly*, Stockman conceded that he believed the Reaganomics legislation of the past year would not do as well as the administration said it would. He said that the White House began doubting the worth of supply-side economics even during the formation of the budget and tax-cut legislation, yet continued to present it optimistically to the American public.

For Stockman and the other Reagan economic planners it was a case of superficially attractive numbers on a piece of paper, which got out of hand as soon as any cohesive plan was attempted out of the numbers. The results were the emasculation of social benefits for needy Americans, and a runaway defense budget, with all its ominous implications.

It is incredible that a president who appeals to all that is common in our sense, cannot see the contradictions in concurrent tax cuts, balanced budgets and exorbitant military programs.

What are we to think of Reagan after this? Either he is maliciously lying to the American public in order to enhance his own power and the strength of the business elite, or he is a puppet liable to the machinations of his advisors. Reagan's constituents have the right to feel bitter about both options.

Reagan was elected because the voters wanted a change, and they got it. From an inept leader who was genuinely concerned about individual Americans, we went to a

president/administration who is adept at manipulating Congress and public emotion, and unconcerned with everything except the power of the State and those who profit from it.

Stockman says in the interview that Reaganomics, under the label of "supply-side" economics, is no different than the traditional Republican approach of "trickle-down" economics. The rich are to be aided in every manner at the government's disposal, in the vain hope that somehow the benefits will become available to the entire economy.

No doubt the hiring of an extra maid by the duPonts will have a dramatic effect on the unemployment figures. "Trickle-down" economics is like asking John D. Rockefeller to pay union dues: it simply will not happen.

In the meantime, middle-class families scrape by to survive, the ghettos get larger, and the schools get smaller. And all the while Reagan exhorts us with the prospect of the rosier future entailed in the economic programs his own administration doubts. Of course, we cannot forget that Reagan also promises us enough missiles to destroy the world and insure peace forever. How can you argue with those values?

Perhaps there can be some argument? Unless the American public is already too apathetic to care what is done to it, or too blind to see, emphatic changes are possible. Our instruments of change range from letters to Congressman, to impeachment, to revolt, etc. Some type of effective and rational alternative to Reagan's lies must be available within that spectrum.

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