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Speed or quality?

Runza is the union's best bet

Burger King offered the most money, Runza the least. But if you look at the quality, Runza really offers the most by far as a replacement for the Union Square restaurant.

Burger King, Taco del Sol, Hardee's and Runza fast-food chains submitted proposals in response to a negotiating committee's search for a replacement. The proposals included negotiations for lease price, hours of availability, modifications needed and training that the restaurant will offer students of the International Center for Franchise Studies of UNL.

Burger King offered to pay \$42,000 per year or 7 percent of gross sales over \$600,000. Runza offered \$17,725 per year with no percentage of gross sales. Hardee's and Taco del Sol fell somewhere in between.

Daryl Swanson, Nebraska Union director, said student satisfaction, service to the franchise studies center and increasing traffic to the Union will be major considerations for the decision.

Student satisfaction is the key.

Runza has variety — a mark against Taco del Sol because of the limited Mexican food format. Burger King and Hardee's also offer variety. Hardee's problem is that people are not familiar with the chain. Currently Lincoln does not harbor a Hardee's restaurant. The field is limited down to two.

Runza carries hamburgers, polish dogs, onion rings, brownies, soup, salad and, of course, runzas. Burger King counters with various sizes and kinds of hamburgers, chicken, fish, salad and a breakfast menu. No doubt both have variety. The question is quality.

Burger King seems to be more centered on speed rather than quality. A lot of the time the food appears to be improperly prepared and unpleasing to the appetite. Runza, on the other hand, is quality. The franchise originated in Nebraska and is not on a national scale. With its limited clientele Runza relies on the quality of the food to keep its customers coming back.

Also, university franchise students will be able to see how a franchise such as Runza began and how it works.

A seven-member committee will narrow the proposals to one and submit it within 45 days to UNL administrators for final approval. The committee could recommend that the Union Square remain unchanged. Swanson said the Union Square had been breaking even but doesn't attract students to the union like a national franchise could.

If the union is out to make a fast buck, then Burger King seems to have the most lucrative offer. If the union is out to satisfy students, then Runza really provides the better deal.

Homecoming marred

Small number apply for royalty election

Residence hall and off-campus students may have got the shaft in this year's selection of Homecoming royalty.

Due to a probable miscommunication within the homecoming committee, residence hall and off-campus students were not properly informed of royalty deadlines.

Bill Welsh, coordinator of Residence Hall Administration, said a number of students complained because of a lack of information received about Homecoming. Students complained of not receiving the promotional letter distributed by the committee and limited information on residence hall walls.

Off-campus students were informed through the Daily Nebraskan classified section. Only two classifieds ran between Sept. 8 and the original Sept. 15 deadline. No classifieds ran after the deadline was extended. The two classifieds did not have informa-

tion concerning the deadlines.

Kim Torres, royalty chairperson, said the letters were mailed but would not comment on the lateness. Paul Rohlfing, homecoming chairperson, said the committee is not responsible for the low number of applications before the deadline was changed. Then, who is responsible?

Torres said the applications doubled to over a hundred after the deadline was changed and seemed comfortable with the number. With a campus of 24,000 students and a good number of seniors eligible, 100 applications is appalling. It either shows student apathy or that the students were not properly informed.

There is not too much to be done about the royalty situation now because Homecoming is only three weeks away. But in the future, maybe a little promotion and effective recruiting could stir up student participation.

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Right-wing pressure tactics

Think Rehnquist had a rough time? Look at Rose Bird

So William Rehnquist is our new chief justice and will remain so until he retires or until God forces him into retirement. The Democrats took their best shot and they failed. Nothing wrong with that.

However, the debate over Rehnquist does bring up an interesting point. At one point in the debate Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole was quoted as saying, "What all of this amounts to is that he (Rehnquist) is a conservative and those attacking him are liberals."

That's an interesting statement, and it's undoubtedly true. My reading of that sentence is that he thinks there's something wrong with senators voting against a judicial nominee because they don't share the same political views. Does he find fault with that? Is he saying that's something Republicans would never do?

I think he's too smart a guy to really believe that the Republican party would never vote against a judge because of his or her political views. If he does think that he's very mistaken because the New Right — and probably the Old Right as well — is currently trying to put Rose Bird out of a job.

Rose Bird, if you don't already know, is the chief justice of the California Supreme Court. She's up for confirmation this year by the voters. (In California, judges must go before voters every seven years to be either rejected or retained.)

Bird was appointed by Jerry Brown when he was governor. The big gripe from Bird's opponents seems to be that she's too liberal. The California Supreme Court has shown more foresight than their brethren in Washington and turned thumbs down on capital punishment. That's made a lot of people angry at the

Court and at Bird in particular.

She especially seems to have raised the ire of California's district attorneys. They say she's soft on crime.

Sometimes it's difficult to be hard on crime and still follow the Constitution. Actually, it's not a judge's job to be tough on crime. That's what you have policemen and district attorneys for. There shouldn't be too cozy of an arrangement between a district attorney and a judge, or a defense attorney and a judge, for that matter.

Like Rehnquist, Bird seems to have few detractors when it comes to her judicial qualifications. Like Rehnquist she gets high marks from the American

I do think you'll see people being executed in California if Bird and her liberal colleagues are defeated. I'm not sure if that's really an improvement in the criminal justice system, but at least it will help to satisfy some people's blood lust.

Of course, there's nothing really wrong with anyone working to defeat Bird. It's their right under the system, and if the roles of Bird and Rehnquist were reversed — and I wish they were — I'd be all for a campaign to defeat Rehnquist.

What bothers me is that these people have got Bird in their sights and she doesn't have a chance. All the polls taken so far show her losing by a big margin. Really, given the size of the campaign against her, it would be a miracle if she were to be retained.

The overkill the anti-Bird forces are using is the issue here. Instead of talking about Bird's qualifications, they're using fear as a tactic. But that's understandable because she has all the qualifications you could want.

It's a little like shooting buffalo from the side of the road — it's legal, but it's wrong.

But this is California. You have to remember that. There was some other news out of California last week. Michael Jackson is buying some kind of oxygen machine that pumps out pure oxygen. His spokesman says he wants it to keep him young. One report — which Jackson denied — even said that he wants to live to be 150 years old. Wow. I just hope Rehnquist doesn't get one of those machines.

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Bar Association. Her opponents just don't like her politics. And they're spending a lot of money to get rid of her. Some estimates say the various committees opposed to Bird will spend nearly \$8 million in their effort to defeat her.

Is Rose Bird really that much of a threat to the criminal justice system of California? I can't imagine how. I don't think a lot of people in Fresno who have been sticking up gas stations or liquor stores suddenly are going to find new avocations just because Rose Bird is no longer on the California Supreme Court. Thieves don't usually pay much attention to politics anyway, except for the ones who are in politics to begin with.

Militants don't threaten England, they threaten the Western world

LONDON — The Labor Party in England has problems similar to those of the Democratic Party in America, though England's problems are more desperate than our own because the positions of its extremists are more extreme than our own.

When we think of extremism in America we think of, oh, Bella Abzug and John Kenneth Galbraith, and although it is prudent to assume that if either became the chief of government in America, the republic would last about a fortnight after their inauguration, it is also pretty safe to assume that no such thing is likely to happen. In Great Britain, the problem isn't with socialist romantics, but rather with a very hard-bitten set that doesn't have control of the Labor Party, but which leaves the Labor Party, in the absence of their support, suspended in powerlessness.

The Militant Tendency (we do not joke — that is what they call themselves) are "Trotskyists," and although Trotsky's works are given out to anyone who comes close to their base of operations, it is doubtful that if you stopped at random one of the 8,000 members on the street and asked him three questions that reached into Trotsky's theories you would come out learning much about Trotsky. The Militants use Trotsky in the way the Third World uses Marx. We can butcher away as you like, if only you float a banner above your party with a label on it that once attracted hard intellectual thought, and U.N. types will say that you are in communion with a great ideological movement.

Well, what would the Militants do? Their projection of things to come is roughly as follows. Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party will lose the next election to a coalition of Labor and Alliance (itself a coalition of Social Democrats who split from Labor and the old Liberal Party). The new Labor Party will rule for a while, but will do nothing to satisfy the cravings of those within the Labor Party (the Militants) with fire in the belly about reform. The new administration will not be able to

come up with 1 million new jobs (14 percent of British labor is unemployed), and in the general chaos, fresh elections will be called. The Conservatives will win these elections (I am continuing as the narrator of the Militants' scenario), and, face-to-face with a desperate domestic situation, they will institute a "Bonapartist" regime. By that is meant that a strongman, Napoleon-style, will take over and begin to run things. Ah, but that is the moment for the Militants: They will seize power and, with or without the shedding of blood, undertake to implement their program. Which is?

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Just to begin with, they will abrogate ties with NATO. They will nationalize the banks and the insurance companies and everything else that vaguely interrupts their vision. (Oh, yes, they will abolish the monarchy and the House of Lords.)

It is in one sense Laugh-In time, if we focus only on what it is the Militants would like to accomplish and what it is that they would bring on if they had their way. But it is all a little less than entirely ludicrous because the Militants' hold on the Labor Party is a little like the bloodstain's hold on Lady Macbeth. For all that Neil Kinnock parades his intention of excreting these

crazies, he cannot do this and still hope to achieve power, because although the membership is not large, the Militants' influence is organizationally significant, much as Lenin's was significant on the assembly dominated by Kerensky. The city of Liverpool is ruled by Militants; they take in, in revenue, about a quarter of the money spent annually by Labor; an estimated 30 members of the Parliament are Militants.

Kinnock is given to periodic denunciations of the extremes in his party, designed to reassure the majority of the British that they are doing less than committing suicide by voting Labor, and to a certain extent he has succeeded: The polls show that whereas a few months ago Alliance voters were divided as to which party they preferred to lead a coalition government, they are now inclined, by 11 points, to make common cause with the Labor Party.

All of this might be dismissed as a very bad dream, except that it leaves the observer wondering, wondering. Great Britain, by most standards, is deemed a civilized state, yet the principal opposition party is in favor of what really amounts to unilateral surrender to the Soviet Union (unilateral nuclear disarmament equals the end of NATO equals the end of the U.S. umbrella equals the probable end of the political independence of Western Europe). If that much can happen to the party of Bevin, Attlee and Gaitskell, what is to stop it all from going further?

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