

Letters

Reasons not mentioned

You people would fuck up a 10,000 pound stainless steel ball. I threatened to disrupt the ASUO elections IF Bill Schaub — an ASUO Administrative Assistant who is also a part of the Leo-Barnett campaign organization — was allowed to continue working in the administration of the elections as he did in the primaries. Why did you print my promise of action with no mention of my reasons?

Over the weekend word reached me that Loveys had backed down on allowing this obvious conflict of interest to continue, and has relieved Schaub of his electoral duties. That done, I am satisfied with the set-up.

My friends know that I harbor no feelings of sour grapes, and that my goal was to prevent someone who has a partisan interest in the results of the election from being involved in running it. Why did your news story make no mention of this — which is all very clearly stated in my letter to President Clark?

Peace.

Tim Travis

For Jim Davis

Through association with Jim Davis, sophomore class president, we believe that he is the most qualified candidate for the office of junior class president. Unlike other class presidents, he has been an active leader, not just a figurehead. Through working with Jim in several of his class projects, we know that he is dedicated to continuing service to the university community. Jim spearheaded a food drive for the poor which was very successful. He plans on continuing this activity. Currently, Jim is directing Friends for the Elderly, which provides many needed services for our senior citizens. The Heart Fund was a project that Jim worked on, collecting a large amount of money for this national charity. Through Jim's efforts, The Great Race was another success in raising money for muscular dystrophy.

Because of Jim Davis' past record, and through our personal association, we believe that he deserves your vote for junior class president.

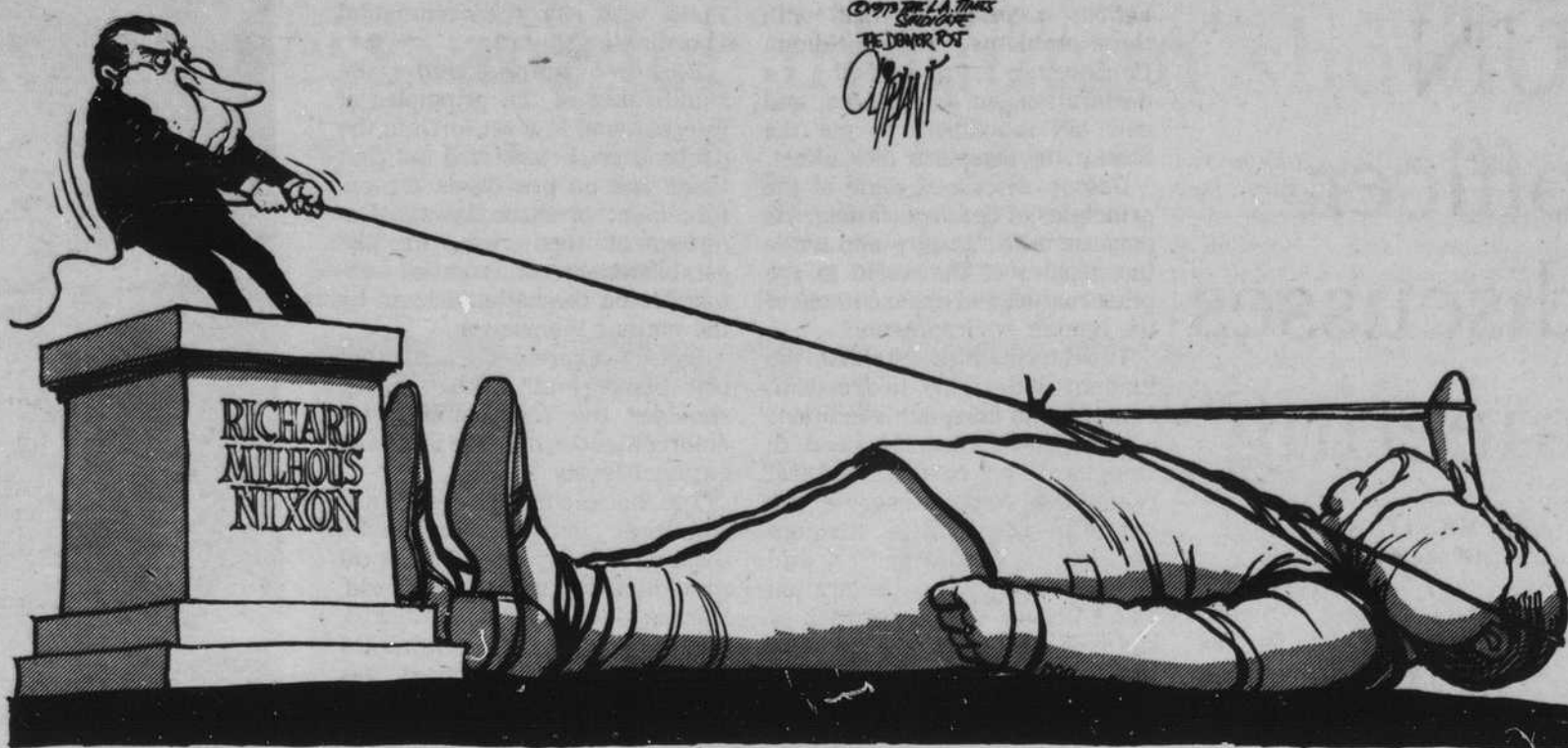
Pat Kilkenny

Junior, President Kappa Sigma Fraternity

Jeff Chase

Sophomore, Sec.-Treasurer Interfraternity Council

Note: This letter is run to rectify an Emerald mistake in confusing the first names of the two Junior class president candidates, Jim and Bill Davis. Jim Davis had a letter written for him which should have been published last week — but was left out inadvertently.



Yes, Frank, I have

An open letter to Frank Morris.

Yes, Frank, I have.

Frank, I grew up in a heavy Mexican-American area. I worked in the fields all through high school and part of college. I've picked for a total of years along side the more regular migrant farm workers. I've lived only miles from farm camps. And no, my family has nothing to do with farming. In addition, I was close enough to the workers to learn their language. And I haven't forgotten what I've seen and learned.

So, Frank, I've done more than just see the pictures or the picket lines or defend marketing and economics. I've been to both sides now. Have you Frank?

My original statement still stands. I will continue to buy lettuce with the highest quality-cost ratio and support free choice for all peoples.

Joseph Vidali
Graduate, Marketing

Two possibilities

It's beginning to look like a bumper year for ironies in politics. But the irony that I feel is the most expressive of this presidential administration and an example of a truly pathetic man in the White House is this: Mr. Nixon stated that those involved in the suppression of information as to the Watergate affair (Haldeman & Co.), though they were wrong, believed in their hearts that they were right in doing what they did. For some psychotic reason he forgives that type of action, but it seems like only a few months ago that Mr. Nixon stated that to grant amnesty to the draft resisters in Canada and Sweden would be to forgive their actions.

The men who left for Canada believed in their hearts that they were doing the right thing too. Having served in this last "War" and seeing the things I saw, I know they did the right thing too.

Now since Mr. Nixon is in the forgiving mood let him now forgive these men who escaped the insane killing in S.E. Asia, and did the only sane thing that there was to do.

If Mr. Nixon cannot see the difference between what is right and what is wrong, there seems to be only two possibilities of recourse — IMPEACHMENT or possibly a Frontal Lobotomy.

Keith Holznagel
Broadcast Major Senior

Dear Fred

(Open letter to Fred Loveys)

The ASUO has been completely destroyed this year, a personal achievement of which I am sure you are proud to claim. Fred, I really feel that you are an unfortunate individual. Imagine somebody thirty years old dirtying their hands in ASUO politics. Perhaps your involvement is your way of proving your manhood. Or perhaps it just makes you feel almighty when you grind a fragile association into the ground.

Of course Fred, I am sure you realize that I'm no great fan of yours. You represent the one thing in this world I despise, hypocrisy. You printed ballot slogans in German while accusing the Senate of playing childish games. You criticized the Senate for refusing to be abolished and then you make your own recall into a joke on the ballot. Perhaps

the joke is not the manner in which the recall was presented, but who presented it in that form. You went to the Election Court seeking fines against campaign rule violators, while you still have an outstanding fine of \$12 from Fall Term.

You ask others to respect the integrity of the ASUO while you make a mockery of it. How can you morally justify running an election in which you are being recalled because of your past mishandling of elections?

I am hereby withdrawing my name from candidacy for ASUO Junior Class Vice President. I am not, however, withdrawing my efforts to rebuild all that you have destroyed. One more thing Fred, I really do hope you will grow up before you enter the real world because it could be quite rough for you.

Gene Pronovost

Not true!

A paragraph of your news item on the May 2 faculty meeting published in the May 3 issue of the Emerald refers to me as saying during the debate on a governance committee that students on such a committee "wouldn't have the time or the experience to resolve some of the difficult political and technical questions that the committee would be faced with."

I don't believe that to be true, and it was not a part of my argument on behalf of the Faculty Senate Committee rather than an ad hoc committee.

James Tattersall
Professor, Economics

Commentary

Outrider: Crippling the President?

By GARRY WILLS

What amazes about Watergate is the speed with which everything changes. What was yesterday's joke is today's sober possibility. A mere three weeks ago Richard Kleindienst could defy those who criticized the President's wide use of executive privilege by saying he could do it because he had the votes. True enough, last fall he got the votes. But according to new polls, he no longer has the voters.

If you want to stop him, said Kleindienst, just try to impeach him. That's no longer a funny thought, either. A short while ago, columnist William Buckley criticized CBS for not rebutting Nicholas Von Hoffman when he said, only half-jokingly, that we should not push the investigation too far, or

we'll have to impeach the President and end up with Agnew. Now that's no longer even half a joke.

Other people are changing sides as piddly. Some old foes of "perissiveness" say we should not go too hard on the President. And those who worried, a week or so ago, about executive encroachments on Congress, now say we should not "cripple the President" by too severe an attitude on Watergate. Dr. Kissinger says we should have "compassion" on his fellow Nixon intimates—now there's a new word in this administration's vocabulary. What he means, I suppose, is that if we take our support from Nixon, Kissinger can no longer act like our unelected President.

Well, what's wrong with that? Others argue that if we take away Nixon's few trusted (and now tainted) intimates,

and leave him all alone in his whited sepulchre, nothing will get done in the nation.

That very argument shows just how far we have gone in our total dependence on the President. So, in its way, does the argument for impeachment—that, too, derives from the presidential cult: if we don't have a pure President, it is assumed, we just can't function as a nation.

That is nonsense. President Johnson was not very pure; but what caused the breakdown of his administration was the war. Nixon was never very pure, and is doing far worse things to civilians in Cambodia than he ever did to the Democrats at Watergate. If the President is "crippled," then perhaps he will not bomb another city whenever he likes. Maybe he will learn to take the people, the press, and some other

elected officials into his confidence. It is worth a try, and may be the only good thing to come out of Watergate.

Meanwhile, Von Hoffman is right about impeachment. Agnew would be no better—and not even much purer. He is in that right wing of the Party that lived so long in Mitchell's shadow. Even if he knew nothing of Watergate, he is caught in its toils—as are younger right-wing candidates for President or Vice-President, like Senators Brock and Buckley. The taint cannot be entirely removed, any more than Nixon can, until 1976. Meanwhile the President can be partially "crippled," to the country's benefit—and certainly to Cambodia's. And other institutions can be revitalized, starting now, starting with Congress; and continuing in 1974.