

EDITORIAL PAGE

An Old Familiar Tune

There's always an old familiar theme in the first editorial an editor writes after hanging a shingle on the office door.

The other day this editor ignored several inches of uninviting dust and looked through some old files.

There are folders about the construction of Love Library, about student attitude during World War II and war efforts of those students.

But we've made progress—progress which must continue. Toward that goal this newspaper will continually work.

Long before this editor ends her regime she knows The Nebraskan will be appreciated by those agreeing with editorial comment; she realizes, like-

wise, the paper will be damned by others opposing such comment. The staff will work painstakingly to carry out the statement in the masthead at the bottom of this page.

One editor—writing a foreword to the semester, compared an editor to a driver just getting a driving license. Training had taken place before and the task now was to steer the vehicle in a straight path.

We're looking forward. We challenge writers who call us a confused generation because we're no worse off than any other generation.

Admittedly, the future does not make our eyes light up—but think back—has it ever? We're re-summing classes in a troubled world, the seriousness accentuated by recent reactivation of the Lincoln air base.

We refuse, however, to allow that theme to dominate our thoughts. We anticipate the future—hopefully—if not eagerly. To the end of improving all that lies in this future, we dedicate this paper.—J.K.

A Day Of Darkness

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey last week depand a showdown with world communism in the Asian-Pacific area.

In doing so, he urged the free world (meaning, particularly, the United States) to warn Reds that any further aggression in the area would be met with complete destruction of their forces.

Perhaps the governor is right. At any rate, the speech sounded like good sense to Americans who hope the threat of the Chinese hordes might be stopped once and for all.

But, if Dewey had been the 34th President of the United States, as he had planned a few years ago, perhaps he would have hesitated more than a moment before demanding a showdown with 250,000 or more Chinese in the jungles of Indochina.

States, in fact, physically support two cold-war fronts?

Even if he were able to meet the Reds with superior forces, a President—democrat or republican—would face an even greater obstacle. Would the American people support such a move?

A President, contemplating a showdown with Asian communism, could profit by examining the indifferent—even isolationist—attitude of Americans prior to World Wars I and II.

As President, he could well remember the unexpected bloody attacks in the American backyard necessary to arouse the nation from its couch of leisure in 1917 and again in 1941.

True, the Korean invasion awakened the nation—but the subsequent slowdown in the success of military and diplomatic operations has cooled the ire of the western world.

Governor Dewey, nevertheless, realizes the mess we are in and has suggested meeting force with force—or at least threatening to do so. He would thus raise the blazing sun of American military strength over the East—but he must realize that the midnight hour has not yet struck.

An Active Air Base

Nearly 200 student families live in the hospital area of the reactivated Lincoln air base.

Although government plans now indicate that reactivation will not cause immediate eviction, there can be little faith in tentative proposals.

Lincoln simply could not house an additional 200 families. Students need low-cost housing that accommodates children. There is not enough of this type of housing available now, nor will there be in the immediate future.

Margin Notes

Patience is one of man's best virtues. It would be well to apply it to this first issue of The Daily Nebraskan. If you find your name under a picture of your worst opponent; if you notice headlines appearing in the middle of the story; and if you find the leading paragraph of Kosmet Klub's "Girl Crazy" at the end of the list of mid-year graduates . . . be patient, things will change.

One housemother had a rather appropriate comment last week concerning final week. She complimented the girls in the house about the "quiet hours" which were quite strictly observed.

Maybe she has a good point; at least the strain of finals would be alleviated.

As usual, students are griping, perhaps justifiably, about situations in book stores. Hoping to fill his pockets with extra spending money, a student eagerly walks in with last semester's books only to find the text has been changed for the next semester.

Daily Thought

It is poor comfort for one who has broken his leg that another has broken his neck.—Danish.

Why Am I Here?

Bob Reichenbach

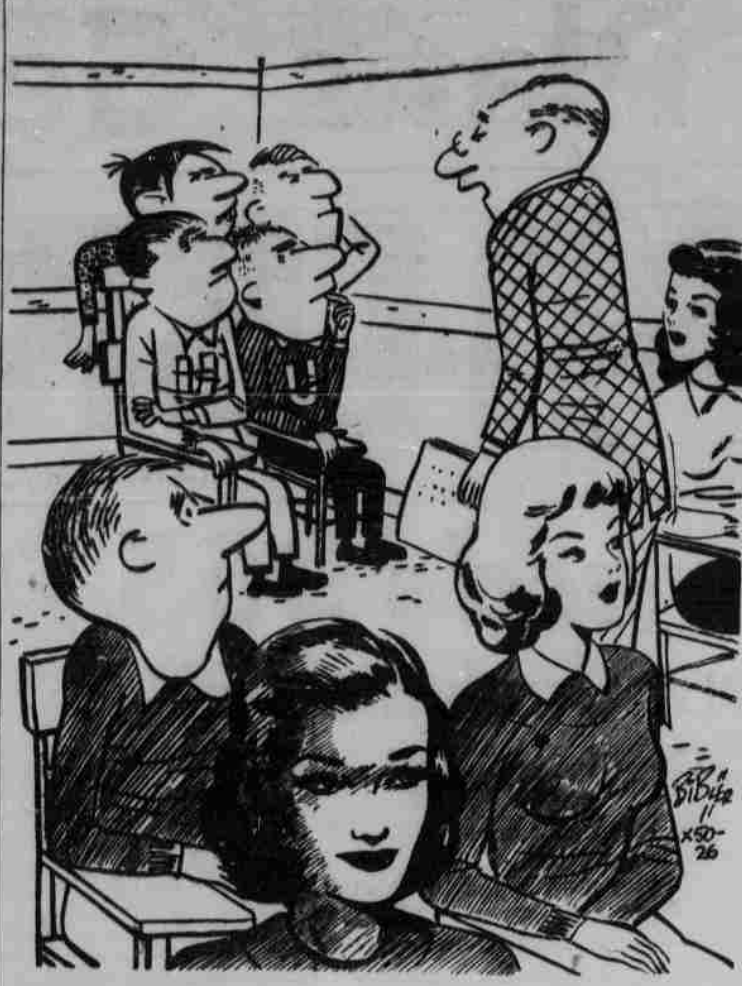
This column will represent the attempts of a Bizad student to interpret the news as he sees it. I will try to cover such things as the national, state and campus politics, sports, national and state news in general and local and campus news in particular.

The communist government in Czechoslovakia recently decreed that every student completing what would be the equivalent to our eighth grade must take aptitude tests to determine whether they are allowed to continue their education.

Registration problems bring to mind various signs of a new semester such as people wandering through the halls of the buildings peering at the numbers on doors, checking them with their registration blanks; irate students clamoring at the doors of the dean wanting to know why the instructor listed in the schedule isn't teaching the course this semester; equally irate learners demanding of their instructors of the last semester why they got a D instead of a B and what's the deal here anyway?

The mad scramble to round up textbooks and tests from those who had the course last semester; the semi-annual evolution of journalism evidenced by the changed appearance of the Rag; the hourly migration to Dirty Earl's, the Crib and Royal's with classes seldom going the limit; listening to the instructor you had last semester run through the same line of chatter again . . . all these are signs that a new semester in the passing parade of "learning" is under way.

Congrats to the Misses Krueger and Raymond and their new staff and to Mickey Cohen and his staff. May they have the best of luck in their new jobs. With columns like this they'll need it. Like the man said, what am I doing here?



"Why don't you boys spread out a little more—there's no use for all of you to flunk this examination."

Fashion Folly

Synthetic Fabrics Take '52 Spotlight

The snappy winter winds aren't stopping fashion-wise gals from thinking of spring. The new exciting fabrics, designs and colors of this season's clothes are urging coeds to discard their winter apparel.

University fellows will take a second look at the gal who is correctly dressed from tip to toe. So each week this column will relate the newest fashions in everything from shoes to hats.

Since every college woman is usually "on the go", she will want clothes that have "easy to care for" qualities. Consequently buyers are taking particular notice to the new synthetic fabrics such as Orlon, Dacron, Vicara, Dynel and Acrilan.

Everyone will enjoy blouses, dresses and sweaters made

from the new Dacron fabrics because they are washable, crease, moth and moisture resistant, and require little if any pressing. Newest fabrics of Dacron are printed sheers, corded types, Dacron and wool jersey, taffeta.

Of course, one of last year's favorites was the linen dress. This year's linen will be combined with different fabrics. For example, linen dresses will be shown with worsted jersey spencers, jackets, long coats or boleros. Linen will be used not only for separates and dresses, but also for princess coats of full length over that barefoot dress of silk shantung or a crisp cotton sheer.

Speaking of cotton, the long staple cotton poplins or broadcloths will be in the 1952 spotlight.

As you glance at the clothes on display in any of the leading stores, you will be aware not only of the fabrics just listed but also fabrics of cotton, rayon and silks. Next week "Fashion Folly" will relate leading colors of 1952.

Sound-Off

Reactivation Of Lincoln Air Base Brings Problems To City's Citizens

Tom Rische

(The views expressed in this column are not necessarily those of The Daily Nebraskan.)

It's official now. The Lincoln Air Base is going to be reactivated. It won't be right away, but within a year or two, the city of Lincoln is going to have an additional 6,000 people living near it. Lincoln's businessmen have been widely congratulated for the efforts in obtaining the air base for Nebraska's capital city.

On the other hand, the coming of the air base will bring with it definite responsibilities. I wonder if the city is planning for these responsibilities, as it is for the benefits.

Lincoln has the reputation of being an "overgrown country town." It is a shopping center, one of the cleanest cities in the area. Any military installation is bound to bring those standards down just a little bit. They might bring the standards down quite a way if the coming of those servicemen were not planned for.

Lincoln has rather strictly enforced liquor regulations. Will it be able to maintain the same standards with the coming of an air base? It is well known that a lot of drinking goes on among servicemen. It is not entirely the men's faults. Many service installations offer little in the way of entertainment for the men.

One girl remarked that "it won't be safe to go out on the streets at night," when she heard about the reactivation of the air base. I seriously doubt that the situation will be that

bad, but there is always a certain amount of proximity in service camps. Despite what the recruiting offices may say, the service is not one of the great moral builders in our country.

Lincoln has eight movie theaters, two drive-in theaters, three or four roller rinks, two swimming pools (not counting those at the Y's and the University), and a few baseball and sports diamonds. However, Lincoln's recreational facilities have often been criticized as inadequate for a city of its size. What might they be with 6,000 men looking for some way to amuse themselves? During the last war, Lincoln maintained a U.S.O. It has none now.

What will be the housing situation when the air base gets in to full swing? There are a number of critics of the present housing in Lincoln. With a six per cent increase in population, what will be the situation? Reports from other parts of the country indicate that servicemen and their families

have been found living in little shacks. Let us hope that nothing like this will exist in Lincoln. It is often easy to think that the present situation is fine when one lives in a comfortable house. But what about the people who have to live in little huts?

Lincoln is going to have its air base. May it accept the responsibilities which go along with that air base.

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Connie's Corner

By CONNIE GORDON Society Editor

Welcome to the inner sanctum for the semester.

The news of the day concerns the ways students rang out the old and heralded in the new . . . semester, that is.

One party line during exam week was held at Bob Peterson's home in Omaha. Bob's date was Barbara Bell. Other dates included Wenk Stebbens and Nancy Gardner (OU), Jim Oliver, and former University students, Mary and Bob Stryker.

Reliving their high school days this vacation at the annual Northeast-Lincoln high school basketball game were former alumni of 26th schools. They were Carole Church and Jack Stockstill; Martha Lee Miller and Dick Wieland; Phyllis Schock and Bill Aldrich. By the way, Lincoln high won.

The SAM's had a get-together at Peony this weekend in honor of the dead and gone finals. Don Silverman took Elberta Bush, Ira Epstein squited Phyllis Potash (Omaha) to the affair. Manny Dworkin took Mona Friedman from Omaha and Sid Rubin escorted Marilyn Meyer.

Other dates over the weekend included Denny Knopik and Norma Erickson; Tom Burt 'n' Jean Ann Sweeney; LaVerne Poppe and Carlin Walker; Eleanor Heiser and Mary Wymen; Sue Crawford and Chuck Thompson.

Bowling the time away this weekend were Mary Pattison and Dick Faes and Nancy Chamberlain and Bill Weir.

Dorothy Perry and Louis Du-Teau are now a steady duo. Ditto with Jerry Langlett and Emerson Scott. Congratulations are also in order for Janie Madden and Leroy Crosby who passed candy and cigars Monday night.

Traveling around the countryside this "vacation" were four Sig Alphas. The quartette consisted of Gene Ready, Jim Hoover, Bill Miller and Jack Scoville. Their journey took them to Sioux City, Yankton, and Hartington, all in South Dakota.

More dates for the weekend included Bruce Hollander and Joanie Mickelin; Pat O'Brien and Chuck Wedmeier; Peg and Bartunek and Fritz Wilkins; Charlotte Veta and Benny Robinson from Omaha.

That's it for today except: If there is any news or special event you would like to have appear in the column, be sure to call me at The Daily Nebraskan office, and I'll be more than happy to include it in the column. And with that final word, class is adjourned until Friday.

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