

EDITORIAL PAGE

Not Goodbye

This editorial is not a farewell. It is about a man who has served his University and plans to continue serving it.

A University ruling has forced this man to retire from his position as Director of the School of Fine Arts. But Arthur E. Westbrook is not going to leave. He will stay on the faculty as a full-time instructor of music.

If ever a University instructor was close to his students, Dr. Westbrook is. He carries on a tremendous correspondence with alumni of the School of Fine Arts and other colleges. Perhaps the strongest alumni organization of the University is made up of his old pupils. Every year he sends a letter to each School of Music graduate giving a roundup of the year's activities. Truly, his efforts in this respect are amazing.

But these efforts are not confined to alumni. Dr. Westbrook has shown an interest in his students which has caused many of them to think of him almost as a second father. He is the director of the University Singers and every Christmas when that chorus gives its concert of carols, Dr. Westbrook and his wife serve homemade cocoa

and cookies. Also, the School of Music sponsors an annual Christmas party in the halls of the music building with plenty of pop corn and apples.

He is considered one of the finest administrators in his field in the country by his fellow administrators. He serves on a seven-man committee which tours schools around the nation to check on standards. He is a member of the Executive committee of the National Association of Schools of Music.

According to David Foltz, who will replace Dr. Westbrook as chairman of the department of music, the whole staff is continually stimulated by Dr. Westbrook's tireless energy. He has influenced a general feeling of solidarity between students and faculty.

For this type of influence he has received an honorary Doctor of Human Letters degree along with two other honorary degrees.

Dr. Westbrook knows his business and that is vital for an administrator, but he will not be remembered by graduates so much for this technical knowledge as he will for his deep and sincere interest in the individual student.—D. P.

Three Months Without School

Strains of George Gershwin's "Summertime—and the livin' is easy" sound fine, and the words are intriguing. To spend a summer of playtime—with easy living—might be on the vacation agenda of many University students. From sailing on Cape Cod to camping in the Rockies will be some students—taking a rest from hard months with the books.

However, even to these easy living students, a few little facts strained through from nights of black coffee and no sleep might apply. Think of the sun-tanned student out sailing on bright blue waters. At first glance, nothing else could seem farther from school life. But perhaps the sight of a fish might make the student-sailor remember what he learned in a class about what to do in case he and a shark were in the same waters.

The student with sleeping bag and camp rations hiking through the mountains. This, too, seems completely divorced from studies. But perhaps into his college-trained mind might spring the geological definition of a certain rock formation or the explanation of layers of earth.

Even to those students not following Gershwin's song-pattern of easy living—those with summer jobs—undoubtedly will come a few reminiscent strains of college days. Some students will be living at home. To the women, a home ec course—how to carve the roast or how to make lemonade—might interrupt the vacation atmosphere. Many students will be living away from home. To these, hours spent pouring over some bizad assignment might remind them of how to keep a budget.

Many summer jobs for the University family might be in connection with one's nine months of college training. Take for instance, the engineer. After wandering around campus carrying a slide rule during the winter, the engineering student might find himself working for the county surveyor's department—applying some of that book

knowledge.

Or take the agriculture student. After hours of agronomy, animal husbandry, dairy and poultry student, our aggie might find himself perched atop a tractor from sunrise until dark. Perhaps he has learned how to turn the tractor from row to row a bit more economically.

Even to those students with summer jobs—but jobs not in any way connected with their field of study might come the reminder of a school year. Think of the coed working at a summer resort and watching a sunset over the Grand Canyon after a day of waiting tables. The dust in the air might remind this student of the scientific explanation of the evening beauty.

Or to the young lady in Teachers college, a summer of playground direction might lead her to remember what to do when Johnny raises his hand. Even the physical education major might have learned how to catch bigger and better fish through a course in bait and fly casting. Or a construction job might remind the male student of his weight-lifting course.

To top off the summer vacation—reminiscent of school days—one's course in French might enable one to ask the way to the Folies Bergere. To those traveling students, of course.

Gershwin might have had the right idea—"Summertime and the living is easy"—it sounds mighty nice. The college students' summer might be easy—with a vacation—or it might be hard—like going on bivouac in the hot Georgia sun.

But even for three months—one-fourth of one year—those nights of cramming for exams, sitting through hours of lectures getting writers cramp from taking notes and those endless days in the library gathering material for term papers will still be with us. Vacation or not—we're college students for the duration.—R. R.

'Little Bad Boys'

"Now about these Russians, I don't believe the Soviet leaders are bad men. They are like little boys who enjoy throwing brickbats at other people's greenhouses."

This opinion concerning Russia was asserted by the then under secretary of state, Dean Gooderham Acheson, Jan. 3, 1946. At that time, this was exactly what the Russians wanted the U.S. to believe.

Acheson continued, "Must every Russian move every rock through a greenhouse—be the result of conspiracy? After all, what's the difference between Russia and America?"

There is a great deal of difference between the two countries. The difference between Russia and America is the difference between slavery and freedom. The past record of these "little boys" included such pranks as uncounted millions of human beings enslaved and murdered; whole nations robbed of their identities; everywhere, the cruel, systematic destruction of human dignity.

Yet here in the U.S., the man who spoke for the government believed that "the Soviet leaders are not bad men, they are like little boys who enjoy throwing brickbats at other people's greenhouses."

It is not surprising that the policy of the U.S. was to force free men in Poland and free men in China to coalesce with the Communist "little boys" whose first intent was the destruction of freedom.

Acheson, however "liberal" and well meaning he might consider himself to be, was a man with an enormous capacity for disservice to the human race.

His record of disservice to the cause of freedom begins at least 19 years ago when he became one of Stalin's paid American lawyers. Before such agencies as the United States Tariff commissions, it was he who appeared as counsel for the Soviet delegations, trying even then to win favors for Stalin.

On May 16, 1933, the U.S. Senate was considering Acheson's fitness for the position of Under Secretary of the Treasury. There was opposition

to him because since he had been the legal representative of the Soviet Union, there was fear that he might be pro-Communist. The opposition was led by Sen. James Couzens (Mich.); the defense by Sen. Millard E. Tydings (Md.).

Senator Couzens then withdrew his opposition with this statement: "I have been encouraged to withdraw my objection to Mr. Acheson on the alleged statement that he is a Socialist."

There is no denial on record by either Senator Tydings or Acheson that he was a Socialist.

Why, among all the American lawyers, did the Soviet leaders hire these two: Acheson and Lee Pressman? Pressman was a Communist and a member of the War cell organized for espionage in the government. Their reasons for hiring Acheson might have been to promote their cause. He believed that the cause of Soviet Russia was a good and hopeful cause; and for most of his life he has been trying to prove that his clients, the Soviet leaders—if only they can be made to feel secure in the affections of free men—will be good little boys.

Five years have passed since Acheson labeled the Communists, "little boys." Since that time, he has been raised to secretary of state and the world is faced with Communism from all sides.

Since then the men in Korea are fighting the results of the "little boys throwing brickbats." The little men have shed their disguised appearance and are showing the nation their huge size and power. It's nothing for them to fool the ordinary American but it's a red feather in the Commie cap to have foiled the secretary of state. Old Joe is probably still laughing about it.—S. G.

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What Am I Doing Here?

—Bob Reichenbach—

I understand that a certain brewing company is paying Dick "They're Not Thinner, Just Printed on Thinner Paper" Billing a largish sum for advertising. Note the color of the Cornhusker cover.

The convocation is over. It seems to have accomplished its purpose to some extent. The only purpose it had, as I see it, was to attempt to appease the wrath of the people of our state and to show them that we are opposed to riots in any form. I think that the University owes a vote to the newspapers and radios of the state for the extremely fair way they handled the convocation when it could have been handled otherwise very easily. It is fairly obvious that nothing was done to prevent riots in the future, resolutions to the contrary notwithstanding. No mention of this fact appeared in any of the papers, fortunately.

From our standpoint, as students, the convocation seems to have accomplished no purpose whatsoever. Admittedly we are cleared of all guilt in the eyes of the public, we hope. But in our own house the situation is unchaned. In my own humble opinion, there will always be incidents of this sort in the spring on every campus in the country. Some will be more serious than others. The ones that occurred here are in the serious category and, as such, have received a tremendous amount of publicity a lot of which was distorted. This is not to say that those involved conclusively should not be punished, but it strains my imagination to believe that because around 100 students voted to go on record as being against riots and another 50 or so voted to try to stop a riot if one should appear imminent such incidents as those in question will cease to occur.

We cannot, of course, excuse such occurrences by saying that they're bound to happen. But on the other hand it seems possible that the "riots" and irrational letters to editors demanding that the boys involved be inducted and shipped to Korea and the college students not be deferred from the draft are part and parcel of the same mass hysteria that lurks not far beneath the surface of almost all of us. It is scarcely more excusable to demand that the rioters (those suspected of rioting would be more accurate) be shipped to Korea post haste than to run through sororities grabbing lingerie. True, no property damage was done by the letter-writers but their actions showed the same traces of hysteria that the actions of the rioters did.

As for other non-rioters trying to stop rioters I don't know. I can't help but think of the many times I have seen soldiers try to stop a fight between sailors and marines. The non-fighters soon become fighters, usually fighting against both the original combatants. Imagine a mob of rioters marching on the girl's dorm. Across the street another mob forms to prevent the other mob from rioting. This is the stuff from which gang fights are made. It almost defies the imagination to think of a lone pacifist, or even a few of them, standing in the path of a mob and saying, "Stop, you don't know what you're doing!" Why add manslaughter to the other crimes?

It seems just a bit unfair to me to say that the onlookers were just as guilty as the men in the mob. I sat in my car across from the Pi Phi house for a few minutes and watched the boys at their play. The thought occurred to me that something should be done to stop it... but only briefly. I have seen mobs before. And I have seen men with much more control over the members of the mob than anyone at the University has over any student try to stop them. To make a long story short, they failed. At the time I saw the mob they were so far along in their sport that it would have been ridiculous, not to say foolhardy, to have ventured near and asked them to go on about their business. On top of that, from the way some of the "participants" have been implicated, it is probably a good thing that I didn't cross the street. From the third floor on the Pi Phi house or any other one for that matter, it might have been a little hard to tell who was rioting and who was trying to stop the riot. From some of the reports, the girls have been rather indiscriminate in their identification. Since this identification, is accepted, apparently as prima facie evidence of guilt it does seem possible that the girls might make sure that those they identify were actually in the mob and not just watching. There's a big difference!

All in all the whole incident is regrettable... from the riots up to, and including, the convocation. To me an official apology on the part of the University by the Chancellor, such as he made on Your University Speaks May 4, and a promise to do everything in his power to punish the wrong-doers

Don't Feel Bad

(Editor's Note: Letters printed in the Letterip column represent only the author's view and in no way reflect the opinion of The Daily Nebraskan. This column is offered as a service to readers in order to offer a chance for them to express their opinion. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld upon request. Please be brief.)

To you students who actively entered into the "May day riots" on the girls' dorm, and especially to the 75 who have been chosen to carry the brunt of the penal measures, do not let your respective consciences feel guilty for the dastardly prank that you created by running rampant through the girls' dormitories and sororities.

On May 15, your University did something that should cause you to feel far more ashamed of it than it does of you.

I mean, expressly, the all-University convocation, which the various organizations coupled with the Chancellor, wished to occur to show the people of Nebraska and the people of the United States that this sort of thing would not happen again, and the one that did happen was merely a nightmare. This convocation was merely a public display to the people of Nebraska. The real issues of the problem at hand could have been discussed to everyone's satisfaction.

In a country where majority rules, the Student Council asked for permission to present to the public a certain policy. A few tentative hands were raised on behalf of the motion; a few were raised opposing the policy. Our Student Council president, who is indeed amazing at figures, found that the policy was passed!

Yes, your University has put 75 men on every type of probation known to the minds of the faculty and to show their ever-loving attitude for freedom, democracy and policy that you are innocent until proven guilty—they dedicated a whole hour to air the views of some 6,000 University students. After they passed their little, meaningless resolution, the meeting was closed, and the reason that most students went to the convocation—to find what it is to happen to the men discovered and what will happen to those in future time—was brushed aside with the statement of "they will be punished."

Realizing, in proverbial custom, that all I say will be held against me (and certainly that is the attitude of the University; in fact, anything anyone says will be held against me) I will admit that I have a very close friend that was indicted by our vigilant faculty for being a participant of the riots. He was arraigned; told that he was guilty; was given no chance to meet face to face the person

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- Thursday Sale of University ROTC band's album of records in Union. YW Noon Discussion group, Ellen Smith dining room, leader, Neala O'Dell. YW Worship Workshop, 4 p.m. Ellen Smith dining room, Phyllis Knerl, leader. YW Community Tours, Ellen Smith southeast room, 4 p.m., leader, Jane Jackson. YW Student Faculty coffee hour, Union faculty lounge, 4:30 p.m. Theta Sigma Phi meeting at 5 p.m., Ellen Smith. YW Office Staff meets at 5 p.m. in Ellen Smith dining room, Barbara Hershberger, leader. YW Christianity and Social Problems commission, Ellen Smith northeast room, Clarice Millen, leader. NUCWA dinner, 6 p.m., Parlor C, Union. NROTC parade, 6 p.m., practice field west of the Coliseum. Kosmet Klub Smoker, 7:30 p.m., Parlor X, Union. Alpha Phi Omega, 7:30 p.m., Room 316, Union. Gamma Alpha Chi will not hold a meeting. Pledge project and initiation will be tabled until fall.

would appear to be a more logical conclusion than a convocation. It would have accomplished the same results without all the attending publicity. In a deal like this, one person's guess is as good as another's

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Letterip

who "put the finger on him." (And let us use these gangsterisms as that is practically the case). But before I go too far, let me also admit that if this person was a rioter, I, too, was a rioter. Hearing shouts of glee, we left our study rooms to investigate.

Have you ever followed a fire truck? If so, did anyone indict you as an arsonist or for disturbing the peace for merely watching? We watched the various attacks upon the girls' dorm from the SAME SIDE OF THE STREET AS THE GIRLS' DORM!

Yes, I am guilty. I dared watch the authority of the omnipotent University flaunted—I must be a rioter, mustn't I?

Yes, "comrade," we rioted on May day, the traditional "4th of July" of the communists, and because of this we are being treated as if we lived in Russia, secret police, trumped up charges and trials, public displays of disapproval and purges from the party.

It is a well-known fact that witnesses to the same accident give various and sordid details and descriptions to the same accident. Four hundred men are assembled below you; which were the ones that "stormed the Bastille," which were the ones you merely saw? How does the University know that the informers were accurate and had photographic eyes and memories?

Seventy-five students are being indicted and proven guilty in the same breath. You could be next whether you were there or not. Find an iron clad alibi—or no—don't. You wouldn't be given a chance to prove that you were innocent.

One more point, maybe you shouldn't worry. Remember the poor Phi Psi that was taken care of last year? Nothing happened to the students connected with this; maybe nothing will happen to you. And to the University: Thanks for the wonderful insight to a true democracy; thanks for the 60 minutes you dedicated to our well-being; thanks for getting these treasonous suspects arraigned; thanks—for nothing! LARRY DUNNING

Tiny Children

To the Editor: I've waited a long time to write to The Daily Nebraskan—even told myself that few of the issues were important enough to really get worried about. Now, I have a real issue, so before I'm rusticated, to wander over the vast expanses, hear my humble opinions.

Whenever there is loss of morale of troops in the army there is one and only one place to look for the cause—and that is at the head of the unit. It isn't the little, uneducated peon who caused the trouble, but rather the top brass who failed his men! Likewise, I believe that the students of Nebraska are treated like tiny children, sitting in awe while a commandment-bearing tabloid is unveiled before them. Don't do this! Don't do that! Our University is an institution to develop individuals, not intellectual midgets. No—I do not condone the mob action (neither assault, stealing, nor murder) nor do I look with pride upon the money the

spoiled kids who have so much of everything waste.

However, I say this. The action that took place is a sub-conscious revolt against the dogmatic pressures and restrictions that so typify the University in particular and the state of Nebraska as a whole. This is the very heart of conservatism in these United States and don't think for a moment you will be given a chance to forget it.

There is no truly spontaneous, wholesome spirit at the University and there shall be none until a liberal, healthy atmosphere prevails. So I say—to you of the "old guard," who castigate us so easily, look about you at the progressive schools and benefit by their actions. Plan combined functions where the youth of this University can let off their steam. Create unity of organizations rather than individual discord. Cast away your pilgrim "holier-than-thou's" and face reality. Lead, don't push. Run don't walk. This my friend is 1952, not 1928. MARK DITTMAN

Up To Us

To The Editor:

I participated in the recent riot. I cannot explain why I did because I don't know. Anyway it is no longer important for me to find out why I did it. The thing now is for each of us to look back at what we did and pray to heaven that we are stronger next time. Certainly most of us would not have participated had we had our right senses about us.

I would, therefore, like to propose that we get our senses about us now. We are responsible for loss of property, this is a criminal offense under most law. If we are not prosecuted, we should of course be grateful. But we should show that gratitude by initiating among ourselves a fund which we will submit to the administration. This money will come only from confessed rioters and would be offered as payment for the losses.

I personally believe that the figure submitted by the Chancellor Tuesday is too high. I am willing to pay for damage that was done but I don't think that I should be asked to purchase new furniture to replace something that was worn out anyway.

I repeat: I would like to have a fund started among ourselves to pay for our damage. NAME WITHHELD.

Potential Draftees Should

Fill Data Forms—Colbert

Students subject to the draft are urged by J. P. Colbert, director of veterans and selective service affairs, to fill out draft data forms in order that the University can file college student certificates with their local draft board.

These certificates give class standings for the school year 1951-52, which are the basis for deferments.

Draft data forms may be obtained at the office of the dean of a student's college or at the office of veterans and selective service affairs, 106 Mechanic Arts hall.

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Margin Notes

An educator of Lincoln remarked in a recent panel discussion that acceptance in a group is most important to teenagers. Perhaps this theory might explain the University's group of rioters, the strong competition to receive recognition in actively organizations, the strength or weaknesses of organized house living or maybe even the strong picnic spirit these days—assuming that people in these groups are teenagers!

Daily Thought

Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.—E. H. Chapin.