

EDITORIAL PAGE

Can We Support AUF?

In the past The Nebraskan (then The Daily Nebraskan) has reluctantly supported the All-University Fund (AUF) in its fall drive.

Two years ago Editor Tom Risch wrote: "Nobody questions the worthiness of charities. The big question is: Are all the high-pressure sales techniques necessary to put the campaign over? Maybe they are. Maybe people aren't interested in charity and have to be badgered into giving."

"Whatever the reason, it seems rather ironical that a charity campaign has to be turned into a three-ring circus..."

Last year Editor Ruth Raymond wrote: "The manner in which AUF goes about its work—interhouse competition, artificial rivalry, etc.—have been problems discussed thoroughly in editorial columns in past years. This year's AUF board has taken note of such matters and has attempted, in this fall's organization, to eliminate such activities as drew the most complaints and to add other projects which might bring their organization into more favorable public opinion."

Miss Raymond, however, went on to say: "The Nebraskan staff would like to see people donating to AUF only. After they've examined their consciences and the organizations which AUF supports and sincerely feel that their money is going for a good cause..."

'Badgering' Contributions

Both of the former editors were saying that social pressure have no place in a charity drive. To use a terrible cliché, "Charity begins with the heart." House rivalries, the \$2 minimum and financial goal do not change the giver's spirit.

We agree. One of the objects of the AUF drive is to enable students to donate dedicated money to a worthy cause. Social pressures detract from this purpose.

We therefore can say that any "artificial rivalry" or "badgering" is harmful to the spirit of charity, that is, harmful to the will of the individual who donates.

But the purpose of AUF must also be determined as it affects society.

Two factors are involved. First, despite the fact that the \$8000-goal is the largest in AUF's history, that amount of money isn't going to produce any noticeable effect upon the American Heart Association or upon the American Cancer Society. In fact, the 35 per cent to be given to the Lincoln community chest isn't even sizable—particularly since the chest turns right around and contributes some \$8000 to the University YMCA-YWCA.

AUF's immediate effect upon charitable agencies therefore is negligible.

Fading Stereotype

This one will come as a shock to somebody.

A Yale study reports that college students drink far less and far less often than many persons imagine. And, the study says, when they do drink it is almost entirely because of their backgrounds and has very little to do with the fact they are in college.

The survey was conducted by the Yale center of alcoholic studies, with some 16,000 students taking part from 27 colleges throughout the country. Twenty-six per cent of the participating students reported they were total abstainers. Over half of the 74% who admitted using alcoholic beverages said they drank less than once a month.

What's more, a fourth of the drinking college men and 42% of the drinking college women reported either they had never been high or had been so less than 10% of the times they had consumed alcohol.

Which is all just a bunch of figures, and means nothing world-shaking, for everyone knows figures can lie. But it does look as if the old stereotype of wild or heavy drinking applied to college students is on its way out. While we're on this optimistic vein, maybe someone will conduct a survey some day and discover that college students really do study! —M.H.

Sinistral Facts

Sinister, leftist movements have become so well known and so very obnoxious to the American public, that a needed sinistral, leftist movement has not even been attempted.

University leftists have been relegated to the fringe areas of all class rooms; they have been forced to bend their backs in a most uncomfortable manner; they have never had a real, custom-built place to call their own, and yet they are afraid to unite and act.

More than 500 University students fall within this sinistral, leftist group. They have been forced to use a small number of seats, a mere five per cent of the total seating available in the University. This deplorable condition has caused unhappiness (masked with an "I don't care attitude"), discomfort and muscular strain from leaning.

They are afraid to act, but now The Nebraskan gives the call to arms—Unite left-handers, don't fail the leftist cause...! —T.W.

'Ends Justify The Means'

The other factor involved is somewhat different. This factor is the effect upon charities in the long run.

Now, we don't mean that the 10-year total of money raised by AUF is any more impressive than that of a single year.

What we refer to is the effect upon students who are "badgered" into donating.

Let's look at it this way. A great number of organizations which are essential, or at least extremely important, in our lives, depend upon voluntary contributions. The Red Cross, the heart and cancer societies, organizations fighting polio and tuberculosis are but a few of these. The benefits society receives, in a humanitarian sense, justifies putting social pressure upon potential contributors.

This concept, unfortunately, is not Christian, for it is nothing short of the principle that the ends justify the means.

But from a utilitarian point of view the "badgered" contributions from a million persons will benefit the whole of society more than it will help the million individuals. In other words, \$2 million in the hands of scientists searching for a cure for cancer is more valuable than \$2 in the pockets of a million persons.

Where does AUF fit into this picture? Its \$8000 is small beside the \$2 million. But the 4000 students who have donated their \$2 presumably will become acquainted with their social responsibilities and the need of society for their money.

Theoretically, AUF's campaign should begin the development of a habit of giving to worthy charities.

Can AUF Be Christian?

As we have said, this social point of view is not Christian—not when the donations are made with a grudging spirit.

The role this concept can play in a presumably Christian society is simple. When a person realizes the importance of financial contributions to worthy charities and yet finds that he hates to donate, perhaps he will think twice before writing off his attitude as simply part of his nature.

The realization of the importance of contributions to cancer research perhaps will cause him to wrestle with his soul. Perhaps he will donate next time with a free spirit.

The Nebraskan therefore supports the current AUF drive because:

1. AUF provides an excellent opportunity University students to donate money to charities—but only if the contribution is made willingly.

AUF may cause students to become aware of social responsibilities and to adjust their attitudes toward voluntary contributions to charities.—K.R.

Margin Notes

Unsigned

Juvenile pranksters, using red paint instead of this semester's customary yellow (and more appropriate) slammed Coach Bill Glassford this week end, apparently for K-State's unexpected and decisive football triumph over NU.

Rather a foolish crowd, these vandals. They could have received more thorough publicity if they used The Nebraskan's Letter columns.

But then, they would have had to sign their names....

Of Meager Beginnings

With the appointment of Earl Warren as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the traditional American story of poor man makes good is once again made factual.

Warren worked in a railroad roundhouse as a youth, and, after the murder of his father by a housebreaker, was forced to support his mother.

The legend of meager beginnings to positions of high respect not a "capitalist fairy-tale" but a dynamic truism of democracy.

Dust Storms Possible

It seems that even nature is conspiring against the farmer.

Between floods and surpluses, droughts and insects, plus an unclear government conservation policy, Cornhuskerland farmers may face dust storms.

Two NU agronomists predict the possibility of severe dust storms throughout Nebraska if a dry winter and considerable wind this fall and next spring take place.

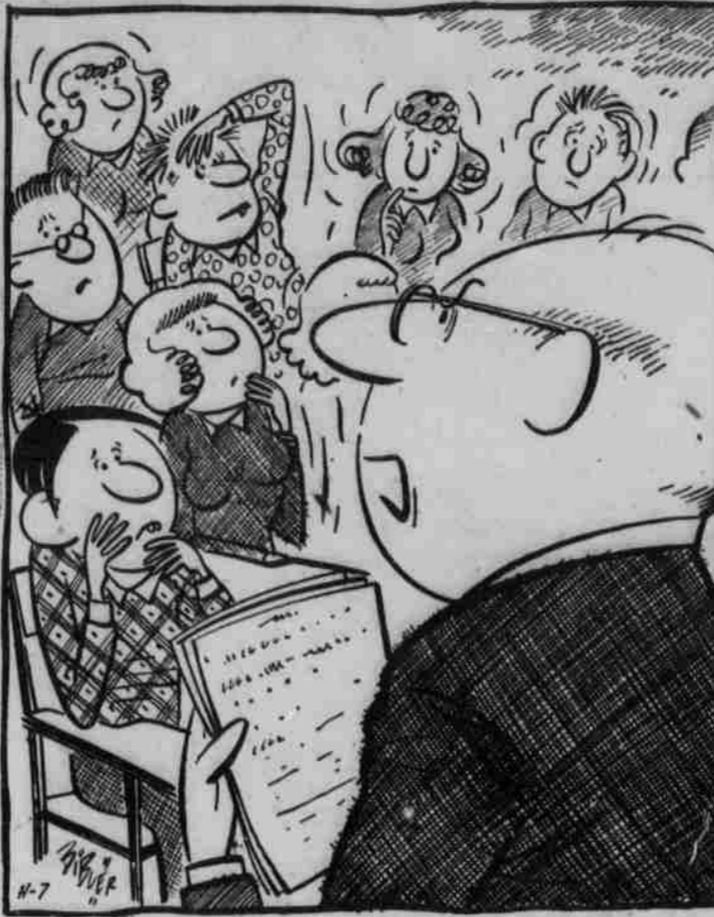
Blood Donors

The Red Cross Bloodmobile was in Lincoln Tuesday and only 11 University students registered to give blood.

This runs quite a bit short of the average turnout last year, but the reason is probably that the bloodmobile came so early that students were unprepared.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"I don't see how any of you can expect good marks in this course—The very fact you enrolled for it shows you don't have a very high IQ."

McCarthyism: Bad, But...

Dear Editor, In regard to the letter published on Sept. 29 by my friend Mr. Shaffer, I would like to point out several impressions gained from several people since the publication of my own letter.

As I said, everyone wants to find Communists until somebody starts to do it. I do not profess to be able to argue the good and bad points of Sen. McCarthy's investigations, but I do know one thing, and that is that Mr. Shaffer's editorial comment.

fer points out a good theme for a Senate or House investigation is a very unfair system of inquiry. It seems to afford little or no protection to the person under questioning.

The Fifth Amendment is one of our most important safeguards and it must not be sacked, but it seems obvious that someone who retreats behind it must have something to hide. The publicity of an investigation is also bad, and it is a good question whether the whole set-up should be taken out of Congress or not.

Sen. McCarthy has brought some Communists to light; but it must be remembered that an investigation is not a trial, and does not have the power to establish either innocence or guilt. None-the-less, what is being done affects all of us, and being another apple in the barrel, I would rather get rid of the bad one than spoil the whole.

So far, no one has brought up a better method. Everyone complains about the McCarthy

method, but no one seems to have any better ideas. If there are any, let's have them and see what can be done about them. Rather than jump on McCarthy let's do some constructive criticism.

It does get tiring to hear "innocent" people complaining about being smeared, and it also gets tiring to hear "I am against Sen. McCarthy and his methods."

Now if I were a Communist, I would be scared to death of a Congressional investigation, and I think I would holler pretty loud about "un-American methods" and "McCarthyism" but if I had nothing that couldn't stand the light, I don't think I would fall back on the Fifth Amendment, even on principle—I'd hate to have the people wondering what I have to hide.

I would like to see the Nebraskan do some thinking on the problem of a better method and come out with it rather than waste ink on blasting McCarthy, which by the way, it doesn't seem to do like some papers I've read.

Del Harding has a right interesting column and, on the whole, the editorials are far above the average of most student newspapers.

DON H. SHERWOOD

'Fine Publicity'

Dear Editor, Thanks for the fine publicity in the daily newspaper!

I notice in the Wednesday issue, Sept. 30, for example, "Aerial photos, 9 Books Added to the Library Stacks." It wasn't so long ago, after all, that The Nebraskan carried the headline: "Five New Books Added to the Library!"

We are doing better now, you see, and with the help of a \$60,000 appropriation for books. We will work hard during October to round it out to an even 10 books.

If you will read the opening sentence of this same story, you will see what a well-balanced collection we are developing: "Love Library has added 500 aerial photographs and nine new books to its present stock."

Everybody knows that books are becoming obsolete anyway. Have a good time and at least keep the football scores straight. FRANK A. LUNDY Director of University Libraries

AUF Kick-off

Dear Editor: As you may know, tonight the All University Fund will have their kick-off dinner. After this meeting, several hundred students, who have donated not only their money but their time and energy, will embark on a Campus and City-wide tour in an effort to solicit students for donations to the All University Fund.

Personally contacting several thousand students is a big job and I seriously doubt if the AUF solicitors would undertake such a job if they didn't think it was worthwhile.

I have been around Campus for a couple of years and in that span of time the AUF has proved its worth to me. I believe that the money that we have given in the past has brought double dividends.

For not only has the money had an impact on the fields of science, social understanding, and education, but it has let the people of America and of the world know that we, here at the University of Nebraska, are keenly interested in social and cultural betterment.

In times such as these, what could present a better challenge than an opportunity to help

The Student Speaking

Del-za-poppin'

By DEL HARDING

Heading the "remember-you-heard-it-here-first" department this week is this advice: Mark down Thursday evening, Nov. 19 as an evening to keep open. A top-notch stage play has been booked for the Coliseum that night.

It's complete with three top Broadway-Hollywood male stars and is produced by the same man who produced "Don Juan in Hell," Sadler-Wells ballet, "Don Juan in Hell," and now this—sometimes wonder if we fully appreciate the top talent the Union brings us year after year, and at prices students can afford.

Student tickets go on sale Wednesday, Oct. 14, so expect the publicity "break" soon.

And once again, the "who's for Homecoming" poem: The singer is noted for T, The band is famed for D, And together da da dee.

So far nobody's figured it out—will explain it next week.

Comrade Kushner was accused last week of being a Red—and was promptly chosen a member of the Board of Student Publications... my, my, what a Red-nest have we! He's given up his column because he's on the "Pub" board—not because "they found him out."

Really, he's not a commie... he just doesn't like Nixon. This might lead to his being called a Democrat—goodness me, that's worse! (With apologies to Editor Ken who probably won't print this!)

Proving that "Old Soldiers Never Die" (they just smell that way) are two shiny new civilians cavorting around the campus:

George Wilcox, ex-boy Innocent and reported founder of the DB&G, and footballer Nick Aducci.

When Coach Bill described Aducci as a morale builder, it was a masterpiece of understatement. The old guard footballers are still chucking over his antics at Camp Curtis. Like the time when he wanted to go into town one evening to "see that great gangster-cops picture everyone's raving about."

His buddies, not knowing of any cop-badmen shoot-'em-up in town, asked him which movie he meant. "Why, 'The Brave Bulls,'" he replied!

This part of the column was written late Saturday evening, after a MOST trying day.

I have seen every home football game for the last eight years, and about half of the out-of-town games during the same period Saturday afternoon. I saw the sloppiest most loosely-played football game I have ever seen in those eight years.

After the Oregon game Coach Bill said, "I am not a bit discouraged." Earlier he had said it would take five games to tell what kind of a football team Nebraska would have.

Well, I for one am darned discouraged, and wonder if the first five games might show instead the caliber of coaching the team is receiving.

Kansas State 27, Nebraska 0. Nebraska football players are just not that bad!

Unless Nebraska's "slumbering giants of the gridiron" are snapped out of their lethargy before next Saturday, Pittsburgh will give them a rude awakening indeed.

Pasture Parley

Farmers' Formal—Cotton And Denim

The Fall Roundup, sponsored by the Ag Union, proved to be a great success Friday night. A large crowd attended and the various committees did a wonderful job of decorating and planning. The organization of the dance and entertainment gave an indication of the work that went into it.

The big event on Ag campus this weekend is the annual Farmers' Formal. Everyone be sure to attend and don't forget to go over to the Ag Union and make your choice for Farmers' Formal Queen. The music which will be furnished by Bill Alber's orchestra promises to provide the proper atmosphere. And if it's an informal dance you want, this is the time to go... dress order of the evening is traditional jeans and plaid shirts for men and cotton dresses for women.

Are there any students on Ag campus that don't belong to one of the departmental clubs? If there are, now is the time to join, as nearly all the clubs are staging membership drives. It's immaterial what your major is because there is a club for nearly every department.

The dues are relatively low for the benefit derived, for when you do pick the club you want

to join you know that you will be associated with students with the same interests as yours. The various clubs also sponsor such events during the year judging contests, celebrations, publications.

The AUF drive is also starting this week on Ag Campus and it would certainly look good aif we would not only meet the goal set but go well over it. After all it is a very worthwhile cause.

Starting Wednesday, the first in a series of six dancing lessons will be given at the Ag Union. They start at 7:15, so surprise your girl at the next dance and be able to move once around the floor without crippling the poor girl.

The weekly movies at the Ag Union on Saturday nights have been drawing good crowds. Of course, the shows have been top drawing cards too. By the way anyone interested in running the movie projector should contact Mrs. Peters at the Ag Union.

All you square dancers grab your western clothes! The Ag College Country Dancers will hold their first All-University Square Dance this Saturday. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dancing will be from 8:30 to 11:30 in the Ag College Activities building.

One of the weekly activities which is not receiving the attendance it rates is the AUF YMCA. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Besides the fellowship of worship an interesting speaker is usually obtained and the topics of discussion prove to be very educational.

So long for now. See you at Farmers' Formal. DWIGHT JUNDT

University Bulletin Board

- TUESDAY
Orchestra Practice For Men, 7 p.m., Grant Memorial Gym.
AUF Kick-Off Dinner, 5:30 p.m., Parlors XYZ, Union.
WEDNESDAY
Kosmet Klub Workers Meeting, 5 p.m., KK Room, Union.
Cob Active-Worker Meeting, 5 p.m., Room 313, Union.
Kosmet Klub Active Meeting, 7 p.m., KK Room, Union.
Pep Rally, 8 p.m., Rally begins in front of the Coliseum.
NUCWA Publicity Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Room 309, Union.

make ours a cleaner, healthier, more prosperous world.

So when an AUF solicitor knocks on your door, I hope that you will ask him in and listen to what he has to say.

And when the solicitor asks for your donation, I hope that you will give much more than you can afford.

For if you give only a few coins which you will probably never miss, you are only fulfilling an obligation; but if you give, and give until it hurts, you will know in your heart that you have played an important part in the formation of a better world.

BILL DEVRIES



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