

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

Union Decision

Prophets, artists and geniuses aren't recognized by their own communities. Neither are attempts to bring the finest of entertainment to a city.

The City of Lincoln proved that when it failed to give true support to the opening show in the new Pershing Memorial Auditorium.

You would think that a city which has dreamed of a new place in which to meet and show and laugh would swarm the arena of the auditorium as it opened its history with a fine show Sunday night. But no, the city forgot that it had dreamed for fifteen years of an auditorium which could host top-flight entertainers.

What is sadder yet is the fact that the University will lose an opportunity to see the many fine shows which have been available in the past through the wonderful work of the Union.

Duane Lake, director of the Union, said that the Union is pulling out of sponsoring top-flight artists. "We've been losing money on just about every big program this year and cannot afford to bring in art figures like the Dave Brubeck show and the Roger Wagner Chorale anymore."

He said that he doesn't know the answer to the problem of lack of interest in cultural programs in Lincolnland. "We certainly can't expect the University students to support the activities alone. In the past we have felt a responsibility as an educational unit to present fine artistic pieces to the people of Lincoln. But from the looks of things Lincoln isn't interested in the type of program we have to offer."

He stressed that if programs like those won't sell—Caine Mutiny tickets were being hawked for \$30 in New York two months later—nothing

will sell in Lincoln.

Perhaps the people of our community are spoiled. Since they have the Pinewood Bowl shows, the University Music groups and other free cultural entertainment programs they may feel that it is silly to spend money on culture when it can be obtained free.

Maybe Lincoln is in a cultural desert. Those who desire to see and hear really fine shows will take the trip to Omaha often.

It is a shame that the Union sponsorship of big name activities is being halted.

It is a blight on the spirit of the people of this community to get behind wonderful programs. Perhaps it is a blight on the students of the University. Prices were dropped quite low so that just about everyone might attend. That did little good.

Lake said that the Union has been able to survive by attracting large crowds to the popular entertainers like Fred Waring and the Sadler Weels ballet.

"But this only indicates that the new auditorium will have to sponsor large drawers like Sachmo every time it has a show. Cultural programs will be left out," Lake added.

The Daily Nebraskan feels to believe that the University wants to feel left out of cultural activities which have been available to us in former years.

We are sorry for the Union activities committee which has worked hard and long hours to boost the top notch entertainers who have come to Lincoln.

We are sorry to see the Union drop a program of big name artists. But we have only ourselves to blame for it.

Pigeonholed Votes

The Student Council's resolution asking that students on Faculty Senate subcommittees be allowed to vote has apparently been pigeonholed somewhere. According to the secretary of the Senate and the chairman of the Committee on Committees, the issue is not on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting of the Senate.

It has been a month since the Council passed this resolution. It was given to the Office of Student Affairs, who passed it to the Committee on Committees, a regular administrative procedure. Apparently any action by the committee was too late to put the matter on the Senate meeting agenda, or action has been postponed until a later date.

The Daily Nebraskan has been in support of

the Council's resolution since it was first passed. It has asked members of the Senate to give this resolution their fullest consideration. The Daily Nebraskan, in its function as a medium for student opinion, sincerely hopes students will have their voting rights in committees restored.

However, all future developments hinge on action by the Faculty Senate, the final deciding body. Until the matter comes before the Senate and a decision is made, students will have to go on serving without the privilege of voting.

All we can do now is to urge the Senate to bring the Student Council's resolution to the floor for discussion and, it is hoped, an affirmative vote.

Budget, Again

The University's budget request goes into a hearing before the Legislature's Budget Committee Wednesday. It has been a long pull since Chancellor Hardin first asked for his five million dollar-plus increase.

Governor Victor Anderson has said he could not recommend the entire amount the Administration asked for, but wanted the University to get as much as possible. State Senators have spoken out at one time or another, some thinking the school's budget should be decreased even more.

The budget has been in the news for a long, and often discouraging, time. Now, with the Budget Committee's hearings, the final result is in sight.

The Daily Nebraskan, like student newspapers in most state-supported universities across the nation, has been concerned about this budget problem. There apparently just isn't enough money to go around. Every state government-administered agency must take a reduction in what they asked for, including the schools.

This results in somewhat of a paradox. A state's strength is found in more than mineral, agricultural or industrial wealth—it also lies in an educated and trained citizenry. The bulk of this educated segment of the population comes from the state's own universities and state-supported colleges.

The final benefits of a strong and amply-endowed educational system cannot immediately be seen in bushels per acre or miles of improved highways. Naturally, these physical qualities are important, but they do not have the same far-reaching effect of an educated populace, agricultural research and leadership training that state schools provide.

The unfortunate fact is that schools, unless given sufficient financial support, cannot maintain these high standards. And once ground is lost in academic prestige, it is very hard to climb back up again.

The matter is now in the hands of the Legislature. In those hands rests the future of the University of Nebraska.

Footnote On Evaluations . . .

The Daily Nebraskan is right in the middle of it again. The problem of evaluating classes has blown up storms on both sides of the fence. Those "agin" them say that the student is not in a position to know what to look for in a teacher and any evaluation would deteriorate into a popularity contest.

The "9" student's judgment of a teacher would not be the same as the "3" student's.

The Daily Nebraskan does not feel that it is the place of the campus paper to blow its horn for any specific plan. Some clarification of the issues involved in the evaluation proposal may be sought by interested people on the campus and we feel a responsibility to back up our stands with reasonable thought.

So . . . Mr. Charles Miller of the Physical Education department called the office to offer the staff a look at the evaluations which have been made in his department for the past seven years. "You can determine for yourself whether they have proved anything," he stated.

His questionnaires, given in classes for majors and minors of his department, are objective in form and cover such items as the quality and interest of the teacher's lectures, the quality of the text book, an over-all appreciation of the course and material and a view of the benefit of the course.

"We are sure that our junior and senior students are mature enough to make sound judgments of the teachers. We know that the evaluations of the courses are not personality tests for the teachers.

"But we also know that our teachers are

sincerely interested in what they can do to make the courses more valuable to the students. That's the job of an educator."

Mr. Miller stressed that the evaluations in his department were completely voluntary. "They would lose their value if they were forced on anyone."

The teachers do not administer the questionnaires; the chairman of the department does. "That way there can be no mistake as to the objectives of the evaluation; we don't raise or lower a grade if a student makes an unfavorable remark about a course."

And some of the remarks on past evaluations have not been favorable. Miller stressed that in one particular course where students had requested more lab practice, the decision was made that more lab would benefit the student. Result? This semester the course is offered with an increase in the amount of practical work.

Which all goes to prove that evaluations can work. The Physical Education department members have gotten together following the evaluations and "because of their sincere interest in improving the department and the courses have taken the suggestions of the students to heart."

By the time a student gets to college he should be mature enough to look objectively at an instructor and a course. And instructors should be willing to do their share (whether it's big or little) to make the University a better academic institution.

That's why we're behind an evaluation program.



with malice toward none . . .

—sam jensen

I'd like to say a few words about March sickness.

This hypertrophical malady is associated with studentus publicus at secondary institutions of learning. It usually becomes malignant during the middle of March which is the reason that Augustus Caesar declared that all the world should be taxed.

The cause of March sickness, or Nalsmith's disease, is often attributed to prolonged periods of yelling and screaming on cold winter nights in large drafty auditoriums. Which, if you'll excuse me, reminds me of a joke I heard on the Jack Benny program about Yul Brynner at a basket ball game . . .

One of the more obvious symptoms of the disease is an overwhelming urge of citizens of such communities as Worms, Neb., to run, drive or crawl to Lincoln, Nebraska and crowd the mammoth Coliseum which is often used for personal appearances of Elvis Presley or for the Military Ball which, alledely, opens the University social season.

According to the local newspaper, The Worms Nightcrawler, will undoubtedly win the state tour-

namment and it is the duty of all citizens to cross the sandhills by Conestoga wagon and support the "Fighting Illini" (where the name "Fighting Illini" came from is a mystery to most citizens of Worms.)

Oh yes, Worms is in Class DD 689.

So, thousands of people — basketball fans — descend like plagues of humble bees on the Capitol city . . .

eating hot dogs buying programs waving pennants wearing leather jackets ignoring red lights getting run over

And what of Grand Island High, my alma mater, that destroyer of giants and champion of truth—will they be represented when the big game is played over there (over there, over there)?

And what of Worms Consolidated High — that preserver of the American tradition and slayer of Goliaths — will they be represented when the big game is played over there (over there, over there)?

Yes indeed, they'll both be over there when its over, over there.

Nebraskan Letterips

To the Editor:

During my short time on this campus I have had opportunity to notice the great emphasis your Newspaper places on the existence of fraternities and sororities. This leads me to bring forward a few thoughts, which from my very first day on this fine campus have been pressing to get out.

In his essays "Must You Conform" Robert Lindner appeals to the youth criticizing it for its preference to associate at the expense of privacy. Young people are flocking like cattle in the organizations. For this they pay more than their private lives; they give up their ego, contaminate themselves with the herd and sacrifice their own personalities.

This characteristic of today's youth is exaggerated, but people, who have something to say, find it often necessary to put it into extremes to be heard. My impression of the American College youth is of no long experience, but clear, I believe, as the first impressions often tend to be characterized by a clear distinction. You find it, for instance, difficult to give an impartial view on a friend, you have known for a long period of time.

Would there be any reasonable grounds to apply Lindner's words to the American College youth? I will try to put it diplomatically saying that Lindner has hit too hard on a vulnerable point. For is it not correct that the American College youth of today is marked by his uniformity, his unconscious successful attempt to resemble the others. This is manifested in the boys' crew cut, their T-shirts or in the Co-eds' white socks.

As long as uniformity is only limited to the outer appearance it would hardly do any harm. But does this traditional urge for conformity not express itself in the mentality and behavior of the College youth? I think it does to a certain degree. And I find the answer in fraternities, sororities and numerous other societies. As a humble apprentice in the field of Political Science I become tempted to use a quotation from Rousseau on his "Social Contract."

"Each of us puts his person and

all his power to the Common use under the Supreme Direction of the general will; and as a body we receive each member as an indivisible part of the whole."

Later he says, "These clauses of the Contract rightly understood, may be reduced to one: the total alienation to the whole community of each associate, together with all of his rights."

In practice Rousseau's theory might easily lead to the complete suppression of the individual, which was precisely what he fought against. Now, it would be ridiculous to apply these theories to fraternities, sororities and numerous other societies on a college campus. But are these in their actual form not an expression of group mentality?

That these societies are in existence only because of the general tendency against individualism, I dare not say, of course. The enormous prestige these associations enjoy because they help to form your character and adjust you to live in a community in harmony with your fellow citizens, is well deserved. But can the members of a fraternity not be compared with the team of a sports club, where each player has renounced his ego to be an anonymous part of a collective body. Activities in a sports club are extremely valuable, but it would hardly be fair to the individual and to his fellow beings to cut off his rights all the day long.

Does the individual not pay too high a price for this method or adjustment? As different as people may be when they enter a fraternity has no comparison to how uniform and resembling each other they will be after a few months in this machinery hall of collective body forming.

I have the impression that what meant to be an adjustment and building of the character has developed into a molding of uniform individuals with no will but that of the mass.

How dangerous consequences this establishment of a corporate personality and mind may have on people and society in general is worth pondering!

V. A. C. Christensen

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"I UNDERSTAND HE'S UP FOR RETIREMENT NEXT YEAR."

Doc's Diagnosis

In the immediate future our nation must take definite calculated actions to reduce tensions and increase confidence among nations by establishing control of armaments. To achieve this purpose a sound system of disarmament must be reached with the assurance that its enemies will do likewise.

The need of disarmament is readily evident — it is to preserve peace.

Before the threat to peace becomes any greater, steps should be taken to lessen the perils of the outbreak of war by disarmament. The greatest danger at the present is that of surprise attack, which could totally disable a country and put it at another's mercy before it has any chance to retaliate. Disarmament will ease this danger of surprise attack.

These are the reasons for disarmament and the way of effecting it. The reason is to curb the possibility of a nation's surprise attack on another nation and completely demolish it through A-bombs, H-bombs, guided missiles, etc. The way of adopting the disarmament is through a strong, well-supported disarmament plan — one that guarantees disarmament of all nations.

The only factors left is the means of adopting the plans, drawing them up, and supervising it. The solution to this lies, I believe, in placing trust and confidence in the United Nations. The United Nations is the only element of government that has the support of all

nations to the extent that it can give this guarantee of disarmament of all — that no nation will lay down its arms only to find that its enemy has continued to build up its military strength in secret.

President Eisenhower stated his belief that "deliberations within the framework of the United Nations seem most likely to produce a step forward in the highly complicated matter of disarmament." Our president looks to the United Nations for the adoption of a plan for disarmament and as the best means of gaining support for the total disarmament program.

Along with any plan of disarmament, a complete system of inspection is necessary. The open skies aerial inspections and inspection of key ground locations would, supposedly, eliminate all secret rearmaments.

Yet this inspection could never quite accomplish complete security. It would be very easy for a country to conceal atomic weapons, in great enough quantity to destroy all civilization. To eliminate this danger I favor a monopoly of atomic weapons for the United Nations as one means of affecting the disarming of all governments of those weapons.

It is essential that the governments of all countries unite their efforts for the adoption of measures directed toward the prevention of war and cessation of the arms race by peaceful means.

The Campus Green

We're OK

Dear God, Sir: Yours of the 25th received and note with displeasure by all us here. What are you trying to do disturbing the balance of all us here All us here are doing quite nicely on that job by ourselves. Yours, but not so Happily

David Happily

The Square

The square is perfect form Compact and righteously erect But not too righteously So much that it stands out For pridity. The circle is perfect form also But a bit too perfect. Let us not strive to be too Well rounded. The triangle does not quite make perfection, Something about three is religious, mystic And we shouldn't strive to be too three.

David Happily

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