

Editorial Comment:

Ike Will Look South

(Editor's note: The following is a reprint from an editorial written by Daily Nebraskan staffer Sandi Baaker for the York Times during a School of Journalism field trip.)

President Eisenhower, fresh from recent triumphs of diplomacy in the Eastern Hemisphere, will look south in late February and early March to Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. Accompanying him on his 10 day journey will be Mrs. Eisenhower and his brother Milton.

The President has said that he hopes his visit will serve two purposes—publicly reflect his deep interest in all the countries of the new world, and encourage further development of the inter-American system, not only as a further example of the way all peoples may live in peaceful cooperation.

It was apparent during Ike's December tour of 11 nations in Europe, Asia and Africa—where receptions given him were unprecedented—that the President was greatly impressed with the potentialities of personal diplomacy. If the coming trip is as successful as the previous one, interest on the part of the United States in her Southern neighbors will undoubtedly be stirred.

Although the itinerary has not been confirmed, stops likely to be included will be in Rio de Janeiro, the present capital of Brazil and Brasilia, the new capital; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Santiago, Chile; and Montevideo, Uruguay.

Two of the four countries, Argentina and Uruguay, were visited by Vice President Nixon in 1958. Nixon was cheered and

jeered in Uruguay and in Argentina he got both a cordial welcome and one outbreak of hooting.

One might wonder why Eisenhower's itinerary does not include stops in Peru and Venezuela. Nixon visited both these countries and in both he was the subject of bitter, dangerous anti-American demonstrations.

Ike's avoidance of the two countries might be for several reasons. If he were to receive a cordial welcome it would appear that the people didn't like Nixon. If he also would be the subject of anti-American demonstrations, it would look bad for the whole Republican party.

With the coming presidential nominating convention, campaigns and election in sight, Ike obviously doesn't want to do anything that would make Nixon or the Republican party the subject of unfavorable attack concerning their diplomatic relations with Latin America.

Whatever are the President's reasons for choosing to visit the countries he has, the United States will be watching with interest the reception he gets. With the present day emphasis on economic warfare, the South American countries take on new perspective with their vast amounts of undeveloped resources.

Ike's personal diplomacy project in South America comes at a strategic time, both politically and economically. This area should be considered to be of vast importance to the United States and it will prove to be of great value to us if the President can show that he is offering our sincere friendship to these people.

Two Outstanding Nebraskans

Each semester when the Daily Nebraskan opens the nominations for Outstanding Nebraskans, after only a few nominees, making the selection appears an impossible task.

Different faculty persons are "Outstanding" in widely differing aspects, and different students have made contributions to the school which cannot be tossed onto a scales and weighted mathematically.

This semester, however, the staff feels that in the selection of Karl Shapiro, nationally known poet, Pulitzer prize winner and lecturer, and of Dick Basoco, senior in Arts and Sciences, two truly outstanding men have been named. Both are writers—one who has carved out a name for himself in national literary circles, and one who is just beginning in the career of writing.

In Prof. Shapiro, the University has a man who brings not only an honored name to the school, but a teacher who can in-

spire his students with a respect and love for poetry—his chosen means of expression. His national prominence may be assessed by noting that the New York Times asked him to write an article on modern poetry—thus acknowledging his prominence in the field. This same article, which has brought a flood of letters to Shapiro and the Times, is being reprinted by the Yale University Press.

And of Basoco perhaps the simplest explanation of that quality which made him this semester's Outstanding Nebraskan is that those whom he criticizes most rigorously are the ones who respect his sincerity and judgment enough to vote him Outstanding Nebraskan.

In a year when the familiar cry is that the campus is full of presidents but no leaders, Basoco ranks as one who is first of all a leader, and secondly an officeholder. He leads not only in organizations, but more important in that wonderful realm of thought—our reason for being here.

From the editor's desk:

On Campuses 'n Things

By Diana Maxwell

The last one is often the hardest—at least that is what every previous Rag editor has told me—and they were right. In one final shot, all the ideas that you haven't had time or the opportunity to explore come bubbling to mind and you'd like to throw them in.

You would like, too, to get maudlin about what a campus paper comes to mean to those who put it out. It becomes to the staff much more than an activity, and far more than just a job. There is a personality which is the Rag, and no change of editorship or business management goes very deep in altering this personality, which is Tradition in the good sense.

You'd like to talk about the way most of the staff views its work. It's very hard to explain how you as a staff come to feel that you have a responsibility to the campus which goes much further than the personal likes or dislikes you might have for the individuals concerned in directing various organizations.

You'd like to point out, even though it wouldn't make a particle of difference, that to criticize what an individual says is not to criticize the individual. To disagree is not to slam; to criticize is not to purge. But mentioning it wouldn't make any difference, and the next time a Nebraskan editorial or columnist criticizes some part of the work or activities of some organization, the officers of same would roar like wounded lions.

And you'd like to toss out those ideas which you promised you'd mention sometime

—Like why do applications to some state agencies—like the Railway Commission, have one blank which asks for religious affiliation? The state constitution stipulates that religion, race and that sort of thing shall not be considered in hiring state employees. Seems like if it isn't to be considered, it shouldn't be asked in the first place.

—Like to mention that despite what a letter writer said, the Daily Nebraskan thinks that the library staff does a good job with the salary and funds available.

—Like to rejoice that some of those dismal rooms in Soc are being painted. With color yet.

—Like to recall with some wonder what the campus looked like three and a half years ago when we were freshmen—temporary buildings housed the Counseling Service, Student Health, Regents Bookstore, Ellen Smith Hall was, and there was an extra white house on 16th St. where Wesley Foundation plans to build. Newman Club lived in a small building and the Kellogg Center hadn't been heard of yet by students. The Rag only came out three times a week; and there wasn't a Mueller Planetarium for the skies to whirl around in. Lyman Hall wasn't and neither was the new Student Health. There wasn't a hole in the ground for the Sheldon Art Galleries, and no plans had been mentioned yet for an art building.

—And who says things never, never, never change on campus???

—Like to speculate about being freshmen and to note that they are about to take their first finals (and remember to get some sleep, gang). To make a wild, supported statement—school is harder now than it was when we were freshmen—maybe because education is back in the vogue.

—Like why is it that in the last paper Kai and Co. went berserk again on ads???



Diana

A Few Words . . . Of a Kind

by e. e. Hines

By E. E. Hines At this very moment it is probable that my two Java birds are kicking seeds out of their cage and splashing water on to the floor.

Why anyone would buy two Java birds or two any kind of birds is beyond my comprehension. Only a fool would want a bird. I, as indicated, have two.

They are practically worthless. I bought them because of the way they look. They're a man's bird with none of the canary or parakeet look. They have gray bodies, black and white heads and red beaks.

Guaranteed

My Java birds are guaranteed unable to talk. If they weren't, I would never have bought them. I have been subjected to the jabberish of prized parakeets far too often to count.

You know the routine. You walk into a home and out walks proud homeowner with her Tweety who "is just the cutest, cleverest thing in the world." Then for the next 15 minutes you suffer while she tries to get Tweety to say something.

Usually Tweety doesn't say anything. If not, the rest of my visit is devoted to an explanation that Tweety hasn't been feeling well lately, and that the barking of the neighbor's dog upset him earlier in the day.

If Tweety does "say" something, it's intelligible



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to no one except his proud owner. The few times I've been able to understand the Tweeties I have met, I have noted that without fail they are horribly unoriginal conversationalists.

I shudder when I think that every minute there must be vast numbers of people sitting by their pet birds waiting for them to speak. I contend that only a bird brain can appreciate the thoughts or expressions of another bird brain.

Un-American

As I say, My Java birds do not talk. But they do chirp. They produce a horrible, unmusical chirp which they choose to exhibit most frequently when my record player also is performing. I usually note a distinct dissonance. I also begin to doubt my birds' Loyalty to America because they chirp loudest when I play Russian music.

My Java birds (I call them mine. I actually gave them to my wife after they flopped a two-month trial with me. She didn't seem anxious to claim them. She said something like: "They're your birds. You take care of them. Don't try to palm them off on me.") do have talents, though.

You may recall that I have mentioned these talents — they kick seeds and splash water. They also produce a loud squawk whenever I put my hand in their cage to care for them.

And I ask myself, "Why should I keep feeding these damn birds? All they do is ruin my music and provide me with a daily sweepup job. They are completely thankless and loudly resent any venture I make into their black-wired universe,

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The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 300 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

The members of the Student Council Library committee would like to publicly express our appreciation for the cooperation we have obtained from the Administration and the Library officials in extending library hours this semester.

Special thanks go to Mr. Frank Lundy and Mr. Richard Farley of the library staff, and to Mr. James Pittinger of the administration. The committee members sincerely hope that the

many students who have expressed an interest in extending library hours will take advantage of this new opportunity for extended study and research.

Fran Spooneman Bob Stine

Grad Club Coffee

A Graduate Club coffee hour will be held 7:50 p.m. today in the Student Union.

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