

Daily Nebraskan Letterrips

Column Confirmed

To the Editor:
It was with a little surprise that I noted that a recent article entitled "For the Heck of It" purported to have been written by Mr. John Heckt. Indeed, the state of my mind could harbor nothing but incredulity concerning that singular fact until a call to the Nebraskan office confirmed it.

In case there are any others who shared any astonishment I would like to assure them that, yes, he is the author of that most edifying piece. I believe congratulations are in order.

I am not quite sure just what he means by some of the things he says but I am quite convinced of his integrity in saying them. He is, I'm sure, an honorable man.

I tried as best as I could to follow his argument, which I must admit was put together with rare intelligence; but due to what I suppose must be my own painful lack of accumulated history and technology, I was unsuccessful in establishing that rapport which is so necessary in understanding his vast constructions.

But far be it from me to suggest that Mr. Heckt write anywhere but at his own level.

I was, for instance, confused when he said that the difference between man and animals is only "dependent upon man's individually small capacity to pass on, that the highest animal has not."
One cannot suppose what a man with an intelligence equal to Mr. Heckt's could mean by a statement like that. One can be sure, however, what he does not mean. He does not mean that animals have no memory or ability to communicate, which everyone realizes is simply not true.
But what he means is still a mystery to the unintellectual; though I'm certain that whatever he does mean, he means what he means, and not, as one would suppose, what he says.

Some people have thought that his article advocates a nation of lechers and harlots. As to the truth of this statement, I think not.

Others have thought that Mr. Heckt was angry with the Christian church, but since the church advocates sex and babies almost as much as he does, I would suppose this is similar to the great writers of the Middle Ages; that is to say, allegorical, that I'm sure there can be no antagonism between them. (I congratulate him for discovering that our laws stem from the Medieval period.)
He does say something

about a "fraud" perpetrated by Jesus Christ, but I'm sure again, as I'm sure of what side of the truth Mr. Heckt is on, that he doesn't mean it.

Since no one has any doubts as to what Mr. Heckt and what most reasonable people believe concerning that "sham," I won't mention it further.
Noting the irrefutable manner in which Mr. Heckt has devastated contemporary institutions, I am looking forward to future criticism of other important subjects, such as Buddhism, the Chinese commune system and the problem of polygamy in Bali-Bali; subjects, I'm sure, on which he has at least as much information as he has shown in his last article.

William E. Johnson

NU Atmosphere

To the Editor:
Being a transfer student to the University of Nebraska, it took me some time to reorient myself to the different atmosphere and emphasis as contrasted to those of the two other colleges I have attended.

So far I have accustomed myself to two major changes. First, an overwhelming influence exerted by the various social groups on campus, and secondly the extreme sports-mindedness of the student body, especially the boys.
To verify this, simply look at any sample of the Daily Nebraskan. Nearly all news that is not of a category, such as people visiting campus, publications by professors, etc., is concerned with either sports or else social events and assorted extracurricular activities.

Both of these campus characteristics I have been able to accept, although with some reservations.
However, during the past few weeks, my ire has been raised. The primary purpose of this institution is to impart an education to its students. The primary way of evaluating this process is that of grades.

The grades are now out. Yet what is heard about it except a few quiet moans? Apparently this school doesn't even have an honor roll or dean's list, or if it does, it keeps it locked in a vault. This is directly counter to what is supposed to be a national trend of beginning to give the scholar his just due.

There are two possible reasons that can be postulated to explain this rather strange behavior. First, the fact that the grade point level of the so-called honor student has never been established. (The 6.5 level needed to qualify for graduate stipends is so low that the large number of people having averages above that

would render the term "honor student" meaningless.)

Secondly, the extremely anti-intellectual atmosphere of this campus would render any recognition detrimental to the students who achieved high marks, rather than being to their benefit.

The question may be asked, when does the scholar receive his just due at Nebraska University? The answer is that he doesn't.
Athena

English Emphasis

To the Editor:
Congratulations on your editorial pointing out the need for emphasis on English in our schools. Too frequently English is tolerated as a necessary evil, and often it is not required throughout the four years of high school.

James B. Conant, in his report on the American high school recommends that four years of English be mandatory, and that emphasis be placed on the reading of good literature and the writing of essays.

He says: "Much work in oral expression is needed; speech, dramatics, and journalism are desirable, they should be taken in addition to regular English courses, not in place of them."

It is a very fine thing that Carl Francis Hense, Superintendent of Schools in Washington, D.C., is setting the pace for the country. He is following Conant's recommendations and is insisting that his English students read widely and write a great deal.

Omaha Benson's Gunnar Horn is certainly right in saying that the English teacher's load is going to have to be reduced if he is going to assign and read enough essays to teach his students good writing.

Your closing remark ("good English involves more than just not saying 'ain't'") is extremely perceptive. Too many people believe that to learn to write one has only to memorize a list of rules or a set of "don'ts."

The hard fact is that one learns to read well only after wide and extensive reading and intensive practice under guidance. If good reading and writing habits are not instilled early and developed through all the levels of education, the student may well remain crippled for life—an educated illiterate.

James E. Miller, Jr. Chairman Department of English

Purpose Questioned

To the Editor:
What purpose is the Daily Nebraskan intended to serve; what purpose does it serve?

Parkinson spoke at a convocation last week in a room large enough to accommodate half of those that came to hear him. The Daily Nebraskan said very little about this fact? Why? Isn't it of concern to anyone that all classes were not dismissed and that facilities were shamefully inadequate.

Lack of space in the Rag cannot be the reason for there being no mention of the situation. Have you read the Rag lately? Half of it is tripe — including articles such as "The Heck of it" by Heckt.

Kenneth Evans

Editor's Note: C. Northcote Parkinson was brought to the University through the efforts of the Student Union; hence, Union facilities were used. An estimated 750 persons heard him speak during the morning of Feb. 22 in the Union Ballroom, the largest facility the Union has to offer for a convocation of this type.

After the Union made efforts to bring a man of Parkinson's stature to the University and arranged for both a morning speech and an afternoon discussion forum, we believe Union officials should be praised for their efforts rather than scolded for lack of available space for everyone to hear Parkinson.

The convocation was not an All-University one for reasons held by the University. That will explain why all classes were not dismissed. The University gave instructors the discretion to dismiss classes if they so desired.

As to Mr. Evans' Letterip, perhaps he would class it, too, in the definition he provides for 50 per cent of the material in this newspaper.

'A Few Facts'

To the Editor:
The purpose of this article is primarily to point out a few facts. I wish that those who hold the Greek system so highly would realize that they are not only a member of that particular group, but a member of society of which independents, professors and all others are also members. The same should be understood by the independents.

The Greek system is nothing but an organization. It is a group or people holding to a common idea. This also pertains to a group that organizes in a dorm or anyplace else. Belonging to a certain organization doesn't make a person any better than another.

The Greek system has no authority to stop organization in the dorms nor do the independents have authority to do away with the Greeks. It must also be brought out that those who organize in the dorms have no right or power to look down upon the other members who oppose their plans.

Before we speak harshly against another let us recall the second great commandment of God, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Besides the above points, I would like to know under what authority Ron Mohl can classify the girls in the dorm as libidinous clock-stoppers?

LOWELL SAUTERY

New Uniforms

To the Editor:
Dear Student Body,
The Tassels of the University of Nebraska are happy to announce that we have changed our uniform. Beginning next year, you will see all of the Tassels in red skirts, white blouses and white blazers. Tassel emblems will be worn on the blazer pocket.

With this change to a more collegiate uniform we feel sure that our spirit as well as yours—the student body—will be increased.

Another spirit booster for the coming year is to unite and organize the Kernels so that they are a cheering section such as Cobs and Tassels.

We also have added a new senior officer to our organization. She will be the overall chairman of the Tassels' Homecoming responsibilities. This will improve Homecoming even above and beyond last year's advances.

We're ready for a bigger and better year, so thought you would like to know.

Tassels

'Pink Sheets'

To the Editor:
Once more the "pink sheet phantom" has hit Selleck Quad, slinking about in the wee hours and trailing in his wake a publication as worthless as it is childishly malicious. (At least whoever it was delivered in the proper place this time.)

Whoever you are, do you really think anyone is going to pay any attention to your immature and vile attacks on people legitimately elected by their contemporaries to speak for them?

Strangely enough I don't agree with either Mr. Eason's or Mr. Porter's views, but you will note that they both had the guts to sign their statements. And neither of them found it necessary to spread garbage about in the dead of night for fear that they might be seen.

What are you afraid of? If you have a legitimate gripe, you're free to state it, but isn't it only fair to let those you lash out at know from whence cometh your adolescent mouthings?

Your last two publications (and I use the term loosely) were dependent entirely on cheap, childish name-

'Rockspring' Will Continue Tonight

The University Theater's experimental play continues tonight and Saturday night in Howell Memorial theater beginning at 8 p.m.

An original play written by R. G. Vliet, it won the \$300 Fred Ballard memorial prize sponsored by the Nebraska Masquers.

Starring a cast of five, the play is open to the public for 50 cents for season ticket holders and \$1 for others.

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calling which had no purpose or direction and came very close to downright libel. Your scrubbings are injured ego of far greater magnitude than you claim Mr. Eason has.

dents (big or little "i") in branding you a harmless crackpot not worthy of the smallest amount of attention.

If you have a view to express (not evidenced so far), and if you expect support, how about letting us know who you are — if you dare.

C. C. Oberlander

CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICES

DISCIPLES STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (CHRISTIAN CHURCHES)
1237 R Street
Keith D. Stephenson, minister
10:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Discussion
5:00 p.m. Supper
6:00 p.m. Worship and Program

LUTHERAN STUDENT CHAPEL (NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL)
535 North 16th Street
Alvin M. Petersen, pastor
9:15 a.m. Student Church Council with Bible Study (1st and 3rd Sundays)
L.S.A. Cabinet with Bible Study (2nd and 4th Sundays)
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
5:30 p.m. Lutheran Student Association

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH (CATHOLIC STUDENT CENTER)
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Confessions on Saturday: 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.

UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (PRESBYTERIAN, CONGREGATIONAL, E.U.B., E & R.)
333 No. 14th Street
Rex Knowles, minister
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
5:30 p.m. Supper
8:00 p.m. Vespers
6:30 p.m. Forum

UNIVERSITY EPISCOPAL CHAPEL
12th and E Streets
Gilbert M. Armstrong, Chaplain
9:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Wesley House, 1417 E)
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
6:00 p.m. Canterbury

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL (MISSOURI SYNOD)
15th and E Streets
Alvin J. Norden, pastor
9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
5:30 p.m. Gamma Delta
Wednesday evening Lenten Service 7:00 p.m.

UNIVERSITY METHODIST CHAPEL (WESLEY FOUNDATION)
W. B. Gould and J. B. Write, ministers
8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Wesley House, 1417 E)
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship (535 N. 16th)
10:30 a.m. Coffee hour and Bible Study (Wesley House)
5:00 p.m. Supper (Wesley House)
6:00 p.m. Forum (Student Union)
7:00 p.m. Vespers (Wesley House)
Monday Lenten Services, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Vespers at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

From the Editor's Desk:

It Seems to Me . . .

By Carroll Kraus

Like wow, we've been bombarded with Letterrips.

And since there were so many since our last edition Wednesday, the Daily Nebraskan decided to relinquish part of the three columns on this side of the page so that most of the letters to the editor could appear today.

It's my belief that the University newspaper has a responsibility to both express the views of its staff and to let other members of the student body be heard through columns and letters.

As for the columnists, Kraus let me thank you for continuing to bring in your efforts on time. We won't chuck 'em in the general file, i.e., wastebasket.

Interesting to read the "Nebraska Union News," you know, the little mimeographed sheet that's put on the booths in the Crib every day or two.

Some of the material lately, however, has seemed to border on the unprintable. To keep our paper running, I'd best not quote. But take a look a time or two of the item's sometime.



Kraus

The March 1 edition foretold the presentation of "Quo Vadis" Friday and Saturday night in the Union. The sheet described the movie as slightly pornographic.

Either the Union is warning prospective viewers to stay away from a sinful picture or else they're trying to attract customers.

"Quo Vadis" was just about THE attraction back in the days when it was first appearing on movie screens. No need to cheapen one of the top pictures of not too many years ago.

Fraternity Help Weeks seem to be getting into full swing. The Sammys plan a work session at the State Hospital tomorrow and the ATO pledges are going to run to Omaha on the last leg of a money-raising campaign for the Crusade for Freedom.

Both are fine projects to be undertaken by fraternities and are bringing more respect to Greeks from local and out-state adults.

Only hope that groups carrying on these campaigns remember that the primary purpose should be doing something constructive where needed and think of advantageous publicity as secondary to the primary goal of helping others.

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Do You Think for Yourself?

(TAKE A CRACK AT THESE QUESTIONS AND SEE IF YOU CONNECT)

If you were offered a high-paying summer job as an animal trainer, would you (A) insist on small animals? (B) ask for pay in advance? (C) find out why professionals won't take the job? **A B C**

"Time heals all wounds" is a statement (A) denounced by antiseptic manufacturers; (B) as true as "Time wounds all heels"; (C) that means your mind can build its own scar tissue. **A B C**

In traffic, when a driver behind you blows his horn, do you (A) go and sock him? (B) wonder what's wrong? (C) hope it'll settle his nerves? **A B C**

When a pal bends your ear about why his filter cigarette is best, do you listen most to (A) his chatter about how good it tastes—regardless of how it filters? (B) his remark that the filter must be good because it's new? (C) his comments that both really good filtration and real tobacco taste are important? **A B C**

women who think for themselves have studied the facts about filters and have chosen Viceroy . . . the one cigarette with a thinking man's filter and a smoking man's taste.

*If you checked (B) in three out of four of these questions, you don't exactly flunk—but if you checked (C), you think for yourself!

When you buy your next pack of cigarettes, take a moment to think about what you really want. Most men and

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