

Conscience of a Liberal

By Steve Gage

Tribute, if it can be considered such appearing on this page, should be paid to Mrs. Bobbie Bible Spilker, University alum, etc. Surely one as deeply interested in the pursuit of an advanced education and further, as one relegated to "DEAR OLD NU," I will hardly second the text of the letter that our endeared alumna sent to the Student Council. And as I peer around my (beef?) horn-rimmed glasses, flouting my shy little self-inflicted inferiority complex, I would like to rattle some cornhusks or throw some paint at the State Historical Society just to draw some attention to this writer's outspoken, anti-Sower views.

Tribute, as I said, must go to Mrs. Spilker but my conscience demands an answer to this question from the dear lady at the same time, the question being "Although we might be able to be proud of our University, how in the sam hall can we ever be proud of our beloved state?" Mrs. Spilker, if I may quote, said, "Nebraskans have an inferiority complex about being Nebraskans. Likewise, I feel that most Cornhuskers have a guilty conscience about being Cornhuskers." Well, dear lady, if we should all lie down on one big psychiatric couch together and then leap to our feet analyzed and remedied, ready to carry the Big Cob of the Scarlet and Cream onward to the fray, then what should we do with respect to our state. Huh?

I'm sorry. I apologize. I shouldn't have trampled on anyone's little corned, beef-fed, and more often than not, bull-fred toes. Yes, I know, Children of the Sod, our state is our Great Heritage (and I might add, Disparage). But let's look at some facts. According to a report made by the National Education Association, Nebraska ranks 49th among the 50 states in its expenditure per capita for all public education. Wonderful! Boy, I was happy when I read this! It really inspired me and, contrary to the sage the returning Prodigal Son) from the Delt House, I can't forget it!

No, I can't forget it when I recall these words of Senator William Skarda (representing the seventh district in Omaha in Nebraska's Legislature) concerning the University's submitted budget: "It's too high. I'm questioning the integrity of the Board of Regents. They didn't make it (budget in detail) available to the senators. I think there is going to be a showdown. They (Board of Regents) are encouraging state sales and income taxes. Their needs are hidden. They are a good bunch of lobbyists. I'm not against education—just for fair play. It is a question of how much people will stand for." (Daily Nebraskan, Dec. 13, 1960, p. 1.)

Of course, this criticism of the University, its Board of Regents and its administrators, comes juxtaposed with the high praise of California educator, Dr. Lyman A. Glenny, for these same elements. And of course this criticism must be swallowed with Mrs. Spilker's recalling of the standards of excellence that many departments of the University have established and of the many outstanding individuals in the various academic fields.

Yes, we students of the University will acknowledge many achievements by Nebraska or rather by individual Nebraskans. Hats off to Governor Frank Morrison for his unwavering support of the University's budget and to Senator Lewis Webb of Ogallala for his unequivocal support of University functions. (Daily Nebraskan, Dec. 13, 1960.) "I'm in favor of this budget. Whatever is needed for building the University should be met. We can't lag behind. The University is one of our greatest advancements. It should not be neglected whatsoever."

But what I am asking for is an answer in action. Words are plenty down in the Statehouse chambers. What I demand of every open-eyed Cornhusker (slap you on the back, you clod) student is just one penetrating question: What in the hell are Nebraskans going to do about Nebraska? Right now I'm ready to leave as soon as I get my sheepskin. Maybe to come back someday when the political climate has sufficiently changed. But now to leave this state, my home state, for some life, some thought and action about everyday things like schools and taxes and caring for the aged and progressive industrialization.

By the way, as happy as some of my readers might be right now about my decision to leave Nebraska, I am sorry to say that many of fellow students — the fruit of Nebraska mangroves — are going with me. The Census Bureau recently (Febr. 16, 1961) released a breakdown of population gains and losses by age group. It was no surprise to this writer that, while Nebraska grew to an official population of 1,411,330, it lost during the period from 1950 to 1960 more than 16% of its youth in both the 20-24 and 25-29 age brackets. As the Journal Bureau commented on the situation, "a prime export of Nebraska has been its youth" and not its beef. Also significant were the figures on the 65-and-over group: an increase of 25.9% during the past decade in this group. So as I cross Nebraska's borders for elsewhere (anywhere), just one more question: Where do you want your Social Security check mailed to, Gramps?

Perhaps I am out of line especially right here in the heart of Republicanland to suggest federal support of our school and a hearty endorsement of President Kennedy's aid to higher education measures. But perhaps I feel that the federal government should help those who cannot help themselves. Perhaps I feel that our state could be labeled as a "financial disaster area" in the field of higher education and therefore needs outside help. Perhaps I agree with the closing paragraph in the editorial in the Lincoln Journal, Feb. 21, 1961.

"Nebraskans will be on the side of right opposing—as they unquestionably will oppose — the entrance of the federal government into public education. But their protestations will be futile and empty gestures unless, at the same time, they are assuring that the local people can, and will, give the unprecedented support needed for education."

And how would you like your corn meal, Mrs. Spilker? Deep down I like the state, I like the school and am reasonably proud of it. I am proud of Clifford Hardin and Clarence Swanson and their colleagues. And I am proud of many of my fellow Nebraskans. And I am tired of sitting around oozing pride and cheers for those who realize where the rest of the nation is going and where Nebraska is staying. Do something, Nebraskans! At least investigate these opinions listed above and the many other opinions I have of my state. And once again, Mrs. Spilker, which psychiatrist would you recommend to me?

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NIA Grateful To Council

To the editor,
The Nebraska International Association executive committee would like to say that it believes that the author of the column entitled "Gossip" has named his column appropriately. (i.e. The Daily Nebraskan Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1961.)

We do not feel that the Student Council has threatened our organization nor denied us any rights. On the contrary, we are very grateful to the Student Council and its representative, John Hoerner, for their concern for the NIA in assisting us and in explaining the position which the Student Council must take toward new organizations.

We understand that there are definite procedures for becoming an organization and that until we fulfill them we cannot be represented on the Student Council. Our actions are due to the constitution of the Student Council which the students of the University have passed by their own votes. While we believe that we should be represented on the Council, we are willing to go through the steps required by the constitution in order to attain such a position.

In this regard we sincerely appreciate the views expressed by the editor in the Daily Nebraskan, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1961.

Again, our thanks and appreciation to the Student Council, John Hoerner and Dave Calhoun.

Jagjit Singh, India
Co-Chairman
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Co-Chairman

Guilty

By Bob Nye

Students of the University, hear me out! A new crisis has arisen, for Monday is Sadie Hawkins Day. (Better known as SH Day.) The female population again levies a bothersome ordeal to us. THIS COULD HAPPEN TO YOU!!!

Now shipmates listen unto me, and I'll tell you in this song of things that happened to me when I came home from the grill.

—ACT I—

The Ground Hog arose from his burrow. The sky was clouded and the rites of spring commenced.

—ACT II—

But wait — where is thy partner, for each must have another, be it only a convenience. Ah, convenience is like a fragile rose — beauty undefiable — but when clipped its beauty must decay into obscurity.

Wine flows as youth poured their hearts out to the Goddess Spring, and gold and diamond are reduced to symbols not of love but of Bacchus.

—ACT III—

Love? What hath fever wrought — The war was stagered with artistry and beholders were believers. Truth must prevail, the sham will be revealed and the believers will frolic in their merriment; and will rejoice at the artistry.

"Well Sammy, my dear Annie
When I woke next mornin'
I had an achin' head
My gold watch and my pocket book
My lady friend had fled."
(If confused read 6, Jam. column on RUMORS.)

Council Meetings Open To Students

The Student Council representation committee will hold a series of open meetings beginning March 7 in order to discuss the various areas of Council representation.

Bill Connell, chairman of the committee, reported the committee felt the open meetings would give interested students a chance to attend and present their ideas thus establishing a better communication between the Council and campus.

The first meeting will deal with campus activity representatives on Council.

In other new business, the Council approved a motion that the social committee investigate the possibility of photograph identification cards. Council members pointed out that this would prevent swapping IDs and provide more positive identification of students.



NU Delegates To Attend Meet

Representatives from the University's Teachers College are attending sectional meetings of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) in Chicago, Feb. 22-25.

Dean Walter K. Beggs, who is on the International Relations Committee of AACTE, and Dr. Wesley C. Meierhenry, coordinator of Teacher Placement Division at the University, are among those attending.

By Phil Boroff
BEN-HUR, A TALE OF THE CHRIST, a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture starring Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, Stephen Boyd and Haya Harareet.

After a roadshow engagement of nearly a year in Omaha, "Ben-Hur" has finally come to Lincoln.

Based on the widely sold novel by Civil War Gen. Lew Wallace, "Ben-Hur" has been a successful play with William S. Hart and a successful 1926 silent film with Ramon Novarro and Francis X. Bushman. Now M-G-M offers a new, great \$15,000,000 production. Like "Gone With the Wind," "Ben-Hur" is one of the most-talked-about, most-known films anywhere.

Many may consider "Ben-Hur" an impressive biblical spectacle, but it is also a sincere story of human beings and their relationships to each other. The famous chariot race and the exciting sea battle will be remembered, but so will the emotionally moving relationships of Judah Ben-Hur, Prince of Judea, with Messala, a boyhood friend who, as a Roman tribune, becomes a manhood enemy; with Shiek Ildermin, the Arab ruler who owns and loves horses and who provides the horses Ben-Hur drives in the chariot race;

With Esther, a freed slave of the House of Hur whom the Prince loves; with Tirzah and Miriam, Ben-Hur's sister and mother who turn lepers after being imprisoned by the Romans; with Siominides, Esther's father and faithful servant to the House of Hur; with Quintus Arrius, the Roman consul whom Ben-Hur saves and who later adopts the Prince as his own son;

And with Christ, whose birth, kindness, teachings and crucifixion are to Ben-Hur as they should be to all Christians.

The entire cast is excel-

Inside View

By Phil Boroff

lent. Oscar winners Charlton Heston is a strong Ben-Hur and Hugh Griffith is a delightful Shiek Ildermin. Stephen Boyd as Messala, Jack Hawkins as Quintus Arrius, and newcomer Haya Harareet as Esther are all exceptional.

Martha Scott plays Heston's screen mother for the second time. (She was Moses' mother in Cecil B. DeMille's film, "The Ten Commandments.") Cathy O'Donnell as Tirzah and favorite Sam Jaffe as Siominides are fine, as is Frank Thring as a toothed Pontius Pilate.

The film is an outstanding achievement for Wil-

liam Wyler, whom I consider the finest director of American films. The three hour and 32 minute film, with a 15 minute intermission, was scripted not only by credited Karl Tunberg, but also Christopher Fry, Maxwell Anderson, S. N. Behrman and Gore Vidal.

Cinematography, costume designs, the over 300 sets, the exciting music score and all technical areas add to the film's excellence. VARIETY, tabloid of the amusement industries, has said that: "... the famous chariot race... will probably be preserve in film

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WORSHIP SERVICES ON CAMPUS

- BAPTIST STUDENT FELLOWSHIP**
Directors of Student Work
Boyer L. Jones & H. Meryl Burner
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 - 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 - 5:30 p.m. Supper
 - 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour
 - 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 - 8:00 p.m. After-Church Fellowship
- Groups Meeting at:
Frat Baptist Church 14th and K Streets
Second Baptist Church 28th and S Streets
- DISCIPLES STUDENT FELLOWSHIP**
(Christian Churches)
1337 R Street
Keith Stephenson, Campus Minister
- 10:45 a.m. Worship (Cooperatively with U.C.C.F. at 333 No. 14th)
 - 5:30 p.m. Supper, Worship & Forum (Cooperatively with U.C.C.F. at 333 No. 14th)
- LUTHERAN STUDENT CHAPEL**
(National Lutheran Council)
233 North 16th
Alvin M. Petersen, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 - 10:15 a.m. Coffee Hour
 - 10:45 a.m. Worship
 - 5:30 p.m. Lutheran Student Association
- SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH**
(Catholic Student Center)
C. J. Keenan, pastor
R. F. Shreeve, J. R. Myers, associates
- Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 12:30
 - Confessions on Saturday: 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.
 - Business Meeting and Social Hour—7:30 p.m.
- UNITED CAMPUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**
(Presbyterian, Congregational, E.U.B., E. & R.)
333 North 14th Street
Alan J. Fleischer, Minister
- 10:15 Communion Served at UCCF Student House
 - 10:45 a.m. Corporate Worship
 - 5:30 p.m. Forum Fellowship
- UNIVERSITY EPISCOPAL CHAPEL**
Services at Center while present building being rebuilt
Gilbert M. Armstrong, Chaplain
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 - 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
 - 11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL (Missouri Synod)**
A. J. Norden, Pastor
18th and Q Streets
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
 - 10:45 a.m. Worship
 - 5:30 p.m. Gamma Delta Supper
- WESLEY FOUNDATION (Methodist)**
William B. Gould & J. Benton White, Pastors
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Wesley House, 1417 R Street)
 - 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship (at USC, 325 North 16th St.)
 - Dr. Amos A. Thornburg will be the guest speaker
 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour and Discussion (Wesley House)
 - 6:00 p.m. Vespers
 - 6:15 p.m. Forum (Student Union, Room 234)



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