

By Bob Bosking

Prevalence of certain symptoms has caused me to conclude that a plague-like disease has entered this campus, unbeknownst to many of the afflicted. Its symptoms are such that I call the scourge "jaundiced zebraitis."

The first symptom of its contraction is late-night and early-morning perusal of a medium sized, yellow-and-black booklet. This symptomatic perusal occurs most often before University examinations, while the person is in deep concentration, apparently oblivious to the symptom itself.

As the disease develops, the perusal becomes more frequent, and the afflicted shows an apparent addiction to the spore, although still (apparently) unmindful of its effect on his system.

The effect at this stage is two-fold: while the afflicted feeds on the spore itself, the spore steadily devours the frontal lobe, the center of reason and creativity in the human brain.

Steady deterioration follows. The patient's mind receives less and less exercise, and the frontal lobe soon stagnates. The patient rapidly depends entirely upon the jaundiced zebraitis spore, and manifests this dependency by a strange outward appearance of security and complacency.

Deterioration may be said to be complete when the patient secretes whole passages of any given spore-type (examples: Macbethosis, KingLeareosis, and others of the genus Shakespeareolitis; the other strains are predominantly British variants, with a few exceptions including the rare but fatal Danteosis spore).

Prognosis for afflicted persons is an either-or situation.

The patient may recover from his condition by vigorous exercise of the frontal lobe, using readily-available apparatus such as textbooks, assigned reading for courses and writing research papers from source material only. Even without such apparatus, exercise is possible by using ears and eyes in classes.

The alternative is more pessimistic, and envisions the eventual deterioration of intellect and individuality. Thus the disease begins with a failure to use the frontal lobe as it was intended and as we purport to do at this institution.

Failure to read, to listen and think in class, to dissect and reassemble ideas, to create from analysis of source materials, all are failure to use the mind. Failure means confinement to yellow-and black striped wheelchairs, crutches and resuscitators of the mind.

Mike Jeffrey, business manager

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What Happened?

Yesterday was a shocking day for Student Council. Those among its membership who had not heard about Bob Kerrey's profits on the student discount card were shocked. Those who heard, for the first time, an account that was more than rumor were shocked. And Kerrey, himself, after the introduction of a motion placing his hold on the position of second vice-president of Council in jeopardy, said "This is a complete shock."

In trying to analyze exactly what happened at the meeting, we alternate between humor at the irrelevancy of some of the arguments brought before the Council and sympathy at Kerrey's being subjected to a gruelling round of questioning. In the end, Council decided to send Kerrey to the judiciary committee to explain—again—his profit. This is probably what would have happened had the motion been defeated, or even had no motion been introduced.

As we see it, there is no moral issue to be decided. With the information as it was presented yesterday, we must assume that Kerrey is the victim of the long-battered "breakdown of communications."

Two questions remain to be solved. The first, Kerrey's future on Student Council, we leave to the judiciary committee. The second, the principles involved, should be aired before all students.

Kerrey told the Council he acted under the assumption that the discount cards were only "Student Council-endorsed," rather than a working part of Council. He said last year's Council president, Denny Christie, did not know of his profit, but that Christie did not believe

that Council could handle the money collected nor make a profit. Although Christie also believed that no Council member should make a profit because of his position. Kerrey held that the cards were not a part of Council and that he was therefore entitled to the money.

The Daily Nebraskan holds that, in the absence of any explicit separation, the discount cards are a part of Student Council. We further maintain that no student should be subjected to either a profit or a loss unless these possibilities are well announced and every student is given a chance to apply for the position—just as in the case of the Daily Nebraskan's business manager.

Yes, we were all shocked, and bewildered. There is a lesson to be learned from yesterday's Council meeting. If Kerrey's actions are wrong, steps should be taken to prevent the slightest possibility of their recurrence. If they are right, they should be explained to remove any doubt.

We assume Council and the judiciary committee will take steps soon to rectify this situation.

CARTOONIST BILL MAULDIN whose works have appeared in the Daily Nebraskan this year, is currently in Viet Nam doing war cartoons with the U.S. military men stationed there. Until his first works from Viet Nam are received, we will present some of his cartoons from World War II, which established his renown as one of the greatest war-cartoonists ever. We hope our readers will enjoy the first of these cartoons today.

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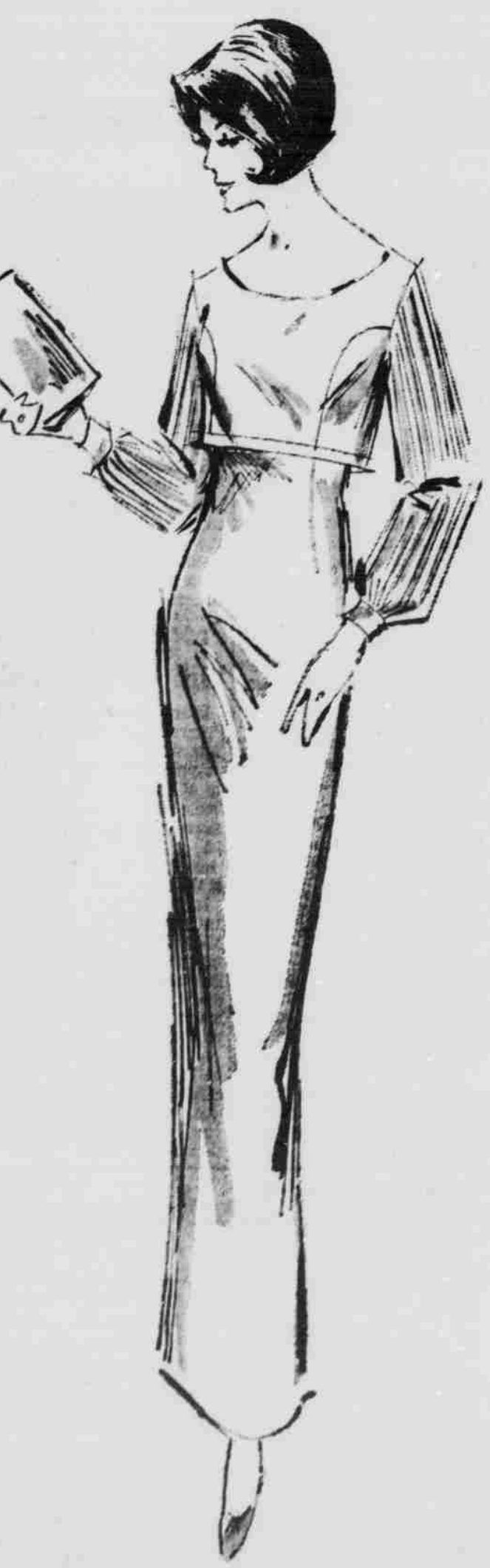


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