

Husker Horizons

'Mischievous' Professors

Tom Rische

'Professors are men who can't compete in the business world and protect their weakness in academic freedom. Academic freedom to them means freedom to sponge off the public and freedom to think crooked.'

That is what Upton Close, columnist and author, recently told a group of Ohio Kiwanians. He went on to say that professors have "mischievous" instincts and like to do sensational things.

"If you want to destroy our society completely, just invite anyone you want to talk to our children in schools and colleges. Maybe we should bring in murderers and rapists and someone to preach free love and a free world," he said.

Maybe Close has gone a little far in comparing college professors to murderers and rapists. Most professors are pretty human. They represent all shades of opinion. Many professors are hopelessly wrapped up in their subject, to the exclusion of everything else. Some are unreasonable; you meet such people in all walks of life. My English professor once remarked jokingly that all English teachers are frustrated writers. This may or may not be true. But the fact remains that there are good instructors and bad instructors. You cannot point a finger at all of them and say "This is what all instructors are like."

Louis Budenz recently wrote an article for the American Legion magazine in which he charged that communists controlled American colleges. Such a charge, on its face, is ridiculous. Undoubtedly there are communist professors teaching in American colleges today. But they are

not nearly as numerous as some people would have us believe. To my knowledge, there are no reds on the University of Nebraska faculty. There may be extreme "liberals," but not communists.

Many American bigots would like to have the public believe that colleges are dens of intrigue and conspiracy against the government. They feel that anyone who dares to disagree or try to look at different sides of a situation are dangerous people. They may charge that professors are weak-minded incompetents. If this is true, then it seems odd that so much weight is given to a college education by leading businessmen.

If professors are men who can't compete in the business world, then how did it happen that much of the planning for Roosevelt's "New Deal" was done by leading college professors? How does it happen that the atomic energy commission has entrusted some of the work on atomic projects to leading Universities, among them Nebraska? How does it happen that much of the research on diseases, particularly cancer is being done at leading universities, Nebraska included? How does it happen that a number of these "mischievous" professors have been appointed to top jobs elsewhere? How does it happen that President Truman appointed John D. Clark, former head of the University College of Business Administration, to his council of economic advisers? The list is much longer.

Upton Close is all wet.

Which End Is Up?

Filings for junior and senior class council positions closed Friday with 25 junior and eight senior applicants. Six positions from each class will be filled.

This is a fine step and may or may not serve the desired ends—to increase class spirit. However, it is only half of the original plan which would have provided for class officers or councils for the freshman and sophomore classes as well. It is probably the least important half of the plan. Having junior and senior class councils is rather like shutting the door after the horse is gone.

The plan was designed to give freshmen and sophomores a voice in governing themselves and to encourage them to retain some of the school

enthusiasm which they had in high school. Junior and senior class councils were something which would be a natural outgrowth of the freshman and sophomore councils. Had the whole plan been adopted, the junior and senior councils would probably have been the least important and least effective parts of the plan. Under the proposed set-up, there will be more people to carry the responsibilities of class office, which may or may not be good.

At any rate, the council will soon select the class councils for junior and senior classes. The addition of more people to class positions may improve the situation. But it looks as if the whole thing is wrong end to—the cart before the horse.

A Student Views the News

Nationalism Rises In Middle East; British, French Control Threatened

Charles Gomon

Like symptoms of a case of international measles, pinpoints of intense nationalism are appearing throughout the poverty-ridden, sun-baked countries of the Middle East. In countries which for centuries have been pawns between great powers a metamorphosis is taking place which cannot be arrested but which must be delicately channeled toward real social, economic, and political advancement. After all, it was a wise application of an intense nationalism which won us our independence from Great Britain.

The crises in Iran, Egypt, Afghanistan, Kashmir and Morocco have served to illustrate the growing inclination of the people of the Moslem world toward independence. The pattern in each case is the same; only the local details differ.

The British have been driven out of Iran by nothing more than nationalism manifested in a fanatical prime minister and an insignificant army. It has been said that the Iranian army could be beaten by the New York City police force.

In Egypt a British division and much British broadcasting are currently required to hold the Suez canal from nationalist fanatics.

The Moroccans hurl bricks at their French overlords while Pakistan is threatened by neighbors on both sides. The Afghans want to annex a northern Pakistan province and the Indians are zealously disputing Moslem claims to Kashmir.

It is no coincidence that most of the disorder is centered in the Arab-Moslem Middle East. The self-styled Grand Mufti of Jerusalem (Moslem equivalent of bishop) is believed by many to be master-minding much of the agitation. The mufti holds tremendous personal influence throughout the Middle East, and is known to have visited each of the trouble spots in recent months.

Strategically the Middle East is as vital to the western powers as any area on the globe. The principal factors which emphasize the importance of this area are geography, oil and population.

Geographically, the rectangle stretching from Iraq to Turkey and Egypt lies at the cross-roads of inter-continental trade routes; land, sea and air.

The discovery of the Middle Eastern oil deposits set the stage for 50 years of exploitation by foreign interests. These deposits are now yielding 17 per cent of the world's petroleum production and are over 45 per cent American controlled. The oil is responsible in large measure for the development of an intense nationalistic pride which accompanied the technical advances.

Although the population of the Middle East is wretchedly poor in most cases, and therefore mainly potential in its capabilities, those natives who have received an education are proving themselves to be a force to be reckoned with.

Morocco in French North Africa is serving as the strategic air anchor for the defense of western Europe. Three of five gigantic US air bases have been completed in Morocco. The feverish activity going on has convinced the Arabs in the vicinity that they hold bargaining power over the French. Here, as in Iran and Egypt, the nationalists play their cards like nervous, but arrogant, newcomers to the game.

It would be a mis-statement to say that the powers which have controlled the Middle East have done nothing for the host countries. The much lampooned Anglo-Iranian Oil company was employing 93 per cent Iranians including one-third of the top salaried staff when it was nationalized. The Arabian-American Oil company of Saudi Arabia splits profits 50-50 with King Ibn Saud. However, it is almost universally true that the older colonial powers have done less than they were capable of doing.

A common fallacy of many western observers is the branding of the nationalistic movement as communist. In every case the communists have worked with unexcelled zeal to associate themselves with native nationalism, sometimes to the intense disgust of local leaders. In many cases western selfishness, disinterest, and selfishness have driven the nationalists into the waiting arms of the reds.

An example of this is the statement made by Muad Saleem, one of the more than 50,000 Arabs driven out of Palestine by the Israeli army three years ago. Muad said, "It is the Americans who have brought us to this. The British and Americans are forcing us to communism." A glance at the living conditions of these forced emigrants is enough to appreciate the reasons for native bitterness. This does not excuse the Arabs, but it should be realized if we are to prevent the entire Moslem world from slipping through our fingers into the Soviet orbit.

The problem is nearly out of hand but the Middle East must be made to temper its demands for the sake of world security while we and the older colonial powers must face the reality of an ever growing nationalistic philosophy. It is up to us to keep the people of the Middle East from accepting a red patent medicine as a cure for the epidemic of measles.

Ann's Alley

By ANN GILLIGAN

To the readers: The society column has its bad days when it comes to getting "new" news. So instead of relating the "new" business, we thought we'd let the campus get wind of some of the "old." For instance, we know that Dick Claussen sees a lot of Barb Turner, that Con Woolwine dates almost no one but Sharon Fritzier, that Norma Lothrop has been seeing lots of Steve Carveth, that Rocky Yapp and Kay Sommers have been going together "steadily," that Ted James sees almost no one but Sue Brownlee, that Mary-Anne Harris and Fred Moshier have been going together for a year and a half now, that Dodie Elliott dates only Jim Massey, that Sydna Fuchs and Foster Woodruff seem to be seeing lots of each other, that Bob Becka and Marsha Ireland get along quite well, that Bobbie Russell and Dick Spangler date frequently, and that Joanie L'Heureux and Ray Mladovich see lots of each other.

The society editor and assistants suggest that these couples and others in the same predicament, could change the "old" news to "new" news by "dating the field," which we think would be too drastic, or announcing their "steady deal," which we heartily would approve of.

And now to more "old" news—last weekend.

Just a few of the dates to the annual Sigma Chi pledge sweet-heart dance Friday night were Rex Hogan and Sally Bartling, Bob DeBord and Shirley Williams, Bill Holloran and Nancy Odum, Jim Miller and Barbara Witte, Paul Ely and Muriel Pickett, Pete Kelloway and Kay Barton, Bruce Ackerman and Carol Elise, and Ben Leonard and Janice Fullerton.

The Kappa Sigs had a novel idea for helping us get a list of dates. On the bulletin board they pinned a sign reading, "Please sign your name below if you were at Peony Park with a date Saturday night. If your date was from another school please name the school."

Some of the couples on the list were Dick McDaniel and Bev Brown, Darrel Moreland and Marilyn Post, Bob White and Pat Savage, Don Oden and Valera Jepson, John Bailey and Scampy Quigley, Jack Davis and Jan Wagner, and John Montgomery and Marcia Waehner, from Omaha.

Another request on the list was,

"If there are any new 'steadies,' please sign." The only names listed were those of Stan Grohlinghorst and Jane Farrum. Theta Xi actives found themselves with dates Friday night, but no place to go. The pledges had announced that they were putting on a masquerade party, but went on a sneak shortly before the affair was scheduled to begin. Several people in assorted costumes stood around wondering where to go.

At the Sigma Nu Saturday night "Circus Party" were Springer Jones and Barb Cell, Don Rauh and Robin Rauch, Herm Dinklage and Penny Sloan, Marlene Rees and Bud Johns, Shirley Nash and Larry Hickey, Marianne Kuns and Gary Martin, and Sherry Clover and Howard Hanson.

The Kappa Delta pledge party Saturday night was a gala affair according to Donna Krotter and Doug Rossman, Katherine Melvin and Jim Haggart, Earlene Luff and Bob Acheson, Sara Stephenson and Chuck Marshall, Marilyn Matthews and Leon Kriener, and Kay Burcum and George Madsen.

More dates over the weekend — to Kings, Cotner Terrace, Omaha and other places—were John Dick and Jo Ann Swanson, Katy Coad and Paul Olson, Jo Mellen and Don Bock, Jimmy Franks and Pete Bergsten, Ann McKemie and Bob Johnson, Ray Fritzier and Don Lehmkohl, Helen Schaberg and Paul Cook, and Marilyn Stanley and John Carr.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Well Dean, for the last few days we've been discussing theories of revolution—and then about ten minutes after class took up to day"

Korn Kernels

Better Living Series, Dancing Lessons On Aggies Schedule This Week

Dale Reynolds

"Thanks a Million" is the theme for this week's Better Living Series discussion in the Ag Union at 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday. The topic of discussion, and a very timely one with the formal season opening this week, is corsages and gifts.

A representative of Danielson's florists will be on hand Tuesday with a display of corsages and will be ready to answer any questions that students have. He will have rose, gardenia, orchid, carnation and combination corsages. Also, he will have some wrist corsages and flowers for the hair. Following his talk, an open discussion will be held on any problems or questions that may come up.

The Christmas season has arrived at Ag college with the planning of the annual Christmas program, sponsored by the Ag Exec board. Scheduled for Dec. 18 in the College Activities building, it is one of the oldest traditions at Ag, and also is one of its biggest events. One of the main features of the program is the Ag college chorus singing a few selected Christmas num-

bers. The public as well as students and faculty of both Ag and city campuses is invited.

A new twist to dances was added last week with the "backward" dance in the Ag Union. And from the comments of some of the "backwarding" couples, it was a success.

The last Ag Union dancing lessons of the season will be held Thursday night. One of the dances taught by the Arthur Murray instructors last week was the tango. So, if you want to learn any new steps, Thursday night is your last chance in the Ag Union.

Although the livestock judging team didn't fare so well as a whole in the inter-collegiate judging contest in Chicago, one of the members of the team received a great honor. Russell Schelkopf, Ag college senior, was awarded the distinction of being the high individual in the contest. This is such an honor because he had to win over 170 students from 34 universities. This honor comes to an institution perhaps once every 15 years, so Russell Schelkopf should indeed be congratulated.

Union 'N U

Bridge Tourney Heads Union Agenda; All University Students Eligible

Hal Hasselbalch

Headlining the Union calendar this week is the bridge tournament Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. in the ballroom. A Phi Delta team, Jamie Curran and Jack Trumphy will host the contest last year.

Only teams may enter the tourney. They may officially register at the activities office or on lists provided in organized houses.

Speaking of the activities office, it has been moved this week. Tuesday, Union activities office will be found in the old game room. Gene Grimms uses the present office. The new arrangements will give both the director and students plenty of room to work.

Another new addition to the Union agenda is chess lessons. Dick Kelly instigated the program which will be 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Eldon Shafer and Kelly will lecture and give individual help to beginning chess enthusiasts. Later a chess

club will be formed which will sponsor a tournament that will tie in the Big Seven chess tourney.

As the Yuletide approaches, the handcraft shop gains in popularity. From 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays the shop will be open for the manufacture of Christmas gifts. Instruction and tools are free.

Following the Messiah concert Sunday, the Union is serving coffee in the lounge, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. This traditional get-together features carol singing and soft music for pre-vacation socializing.

Although all details have not yet been worked out the Union plans to make flight demonstration trips available to students soon. The excursion will include a tour of the Lincoln airport with a 40 mile plane ride. Lectures about the field and planes will also be given in the 20 minute long demonstration.

Art Galleries Plan Second Film Showing

The second showing of the film, "Lascaux, Cradle of Man's Art," will be presented by the state museum and the University art galleries at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Gallery B, Morrill hall.

The first showing of the film depicting prehistoric paintings found in French caves was presented Sunday afternoon.

The paintings were discovered in 1940 by two French boys trying to rescue their dog from a deep hole into which it had fallen during a hunting expedition. The caves with their magnificent decorations are among the most important monuments of prehistoric art.

Protected from drafts, moisture and vandalism, the pictures are as brilliant as though painted yesterday, according to art authorities.

The subjects depicted by the prehistoric artist include bison, ibex, deer, wild horses and cattle. In addition to a thorough examination of the cave and its paintings, the film also shows other important sites in the neighborhood and tells briefly the story of prehistoric man.

Dean Rosenlof Attends Sports Rules Meeting

Dr. G. W. Rosenlof, dean of admissions and inter-institutional relationships, attended an invitational conference on intercollegiate athletics in Chicago Saturday. The conference was called by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools to discuss ways to help colleges and universities continue intercollegiate athletics by eliminating dishonest practices and encouraging high standards of sportsmanship.

Dean Rosenlof, president of the association, said representatives of the American Council on Education, the U.S. Office of Education, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and various schools will attend.

The conference is concerned primarily with enforcing rules governing athletics which may be drawn up by other educational groups, Dean Rosenlof said.

PENDING POW WOVES

Monday Union: Recreation committee, 4 p.m.; YWCA: Alum newsletter, 3 p.m.; world organization, 4 p.m.; fine arts, 4 p.m.; freshman commission, 5 p.m.; freshman commission 4 p.m.; human rights, 5 p.m.; representative council, 5 p.m.

Tuesday Adelpi meeting: Supper, 6 p.m.; business meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Students Perform At State Hospital

Eight University students presented a musical program for mental patients at the Lincoln State hospital, Tuesday evening. The program was given in cooperation with the Lincoln Red Cross Gray Ladies, with Mrs. Hermine Ham in charge.

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Dean Lambert To Speak At Meeting Of Ag Men

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Peterson To Speak At NU Convocation

United States foreign policy will be discussed by Gov. Val Peterson at the University convocation Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 11 a.m. in the Union ballroom. Governor Peterson will relate facts concerning his trip to Europe last summer with the air force in relation to U.S. foreign policy.

This is an all-university convocation, however classes will not be dismissed in order to attend.

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