

EDITORIAL PAGE

Academic Freedom: Waning?

Now it can be told. Now that the prejudices emotions, irrational appeals and all other sentiments that accompany elections have been satisfied or deflated, the story of a strike at academic freedom can be told.

But the story has to do with academic freedom. And, to those who parrot Sinclair Lewis' words "It Can't Happen Here," the attempt to limit academic freedom occurred at the University and in reference to a University instructor.

During the recent heated campaigns for various state offices, tempers rose to the point that a certain instructor was reprimanded, by a non-University member, for his statements in regard to one candidate.

The instructor, of course did not bow to the passion of the moment. He became angry at the attempt to limit his freedom to express what he believes. But he was not cowed into conciliatory action by the threat on his freedom.

But one thought of the denial of academic freedom remains in the mind of the instructor, in the conversation of those who know the story and in the beliefs of this writer.

In this particular case, academic freedom received no harm. But in the next instance of this

sort—and more are sure to occur—a greater fear or worry about the right of an instructor to express his political beliefs will exist in the minds of faculty members who know the story.

Instructors, in view of this and recent attempts to suppress academic freedom, might think before they speak, that someone might go to the chancellor, the governor or the Board of Regents to protest what they do not like.

In this controversial election year, the opinions of everyone, including faculty members, will come under close scrutiny. And many discussions, lectures and just idle conversations will turn to politics.

We all must stand up for what we believe—not only a belief in academic freedom—but in sincere, unafraid and thoughtful expressions of our opinions.—R.R.

What Do You Think?

This morning U.S. foreign policy is scheduled to receive quite a thorough investigation in a debate by two prominent former government employees, O. John Rogge and Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr.

All classes are dismissed for this convocation which should stimulate student thinking on a subject which appears to be headed for the position of a major plank in both Democratic and Republican platforms this fall.

Both Rogge and Schlesinger have been in contact with governmental services, Rogge with the justice department from which he was dismissed and Schlesinger with the offices of war information and of strategic services.

After the convocation, if Rogge and Schlesinger make sense to University students and speak so that the foreign policy layman can understand, many college minds should be stimulated to a thoughtful consideration of the attitude of this country toward the rest of the world.

It seems rather divorced from our college life to think about such things as containment or expansion in Korea; about using Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalist troops; about attacking or blockading the Chinese mainland; about giving Germany equal status in the North Atlantic Treaty organization; about nationalization of Iran's gigantic

oil industry; about keeping Turkey in the position of leaning toward the Western powers; about the status of Trieste; about the respective values of economic and cultural aid to foreign powers as contrasted to military support.

Perhaps these questions do not have much to do with whether to get up for an 8 o'clock, to study or to play, to coffee or to go to a convocation. The little, everyday decisions and consequent actions of our lives seem untouched by considerations of foreign policy.

However, it is well to remember that the foreign policy of this United States is, primarily, the wish of the majority of voters—of the persons that represent the people in Washington, D.C., through legislation and administrative acts.

To attend the convocation is laudable; to think about what Rogge and Schlesinger have to say will be better.—R.R.

Waiting Around

It has always been a mystery why instructors in zoology laboratories refuse to allow students to leave when they complete the required work for the afternoon.

Although many finish one half hour before the official end of the lab, and most all finish at least 15 minutes early, the rule stands.

Only An Island?

Editor's Note: This is the last in a series of Lenin articles written for The Daily Nebraskan by student pastors and campus religious leaders.

Off the west coast of South America there is a beautiful decorative spot on the map called Easter Island. It is pleasant to the eye and pleasant to the ear—but it is not a part of the mainland.

On March 25, we come to a beautiful decorative spot on the calendar called Easter. It too is pleasant to the senses. But, it is the tragedy of the day that it too, is separated from the mainland.

Until a person sees Easter as a part of the

mainland of life, until a person sees Easter as a continuing experience in life, that person is missing the highest joy that heaven hands down to earth, that of walking in newness of life with Christ.

Everyday should be Easter. Each day should be lived under the spell of immortality. All people should walk, and live, and dwell, and abide in the power of endless life.

The trouble is that we fail to realize the personal element in Easter—the element that takes in you and me. We see Easter only as something that happened to Jesus Christ.

It is tragic that we make Easter an island, when it is really the great continent of the faith that undergirds all our living.

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Barbed Wire



Barb Wylie

Rumor has it that already the wheels within wheels are beginning to turn within the various campus "political" parties.

Let's examine the two questions facing the two major parties on campus. The first, after facing probably the strongest opposition it has come in contact with last year, will try to draw from its list of rather obvious prerequisites, persons to fill class officer positions to work as a mouthpiece for the organization.

The other group will try to select capable persons who stand a good chance of beating the "faction." These persons will be selected from campus groups, male or female, affiliated or independent, with the primary thought of beating the "faction."

A word of commendation to faculty members. It has finally dawned upon me that the reason for uncommon leisure hours during vacations is due to the fact that instructors have begun to assign most papers and extra class work to be completed before vacation starts.

Not only is the instructor assured of having the work before final exams begin, but the student can utilize vacation time for needed relaxation without a constant worry of two or three term papers to be completed.

One comment that seems necessary on the recent Nebraska primary is the distribution of delegates to the Democratic convention. Of 12 Democratic delegates to the July convention, Sen. Estes Kefauver can claim only four.

Sound-Off

'Strong-Arm' Methods Used In Butler Campaign At NU

A University instructor was recently threatened for making remarks about Sen. Hugh Butler's age in class.

After referring to the fact that Sen. Butler was 74 and not in too good health, the instructor received a phone call from one of the top officials in the Butler campaign, who had heard about the remarks from his daughter.



This irate politico informed the University instructor that he had better write a letter of apology to the senator immediately.

"We're going to take care of some of you guys who opposed the senator," he is reported to have said.

The instructor thereupon told the politico to go fly a kite because he was already planning to leave the University in June to go to another job.

Your Church

Lutheran Student service, Alvin M. Petersen, pastor. Friday, 7:30 p.m., roller skating party, meet at 1440 Q street.

Wesley Foundation, 1417 R street, Richard W. Nutt, pastor. Friday—7:30 p.m., roller skating party. Sunday—3:30 p.m., STE Consecration service; 5:30 p.m., Wesley Fireside featuring "A Garden of Prayer" by Wesley Players.

Baptist Student house, 315 North 15th street, C. B. Howells, pastor. Sunday—7 a.m., Joint sunrise service with Cotner house; guest speaker, Dr. E. E. Smith; meet at Baptist house to go to Pioneer park; breakfast after the service.

Lutheran (Missouri Synod), Al Norden, pastor. Sunday—10:45 a.m., divine worship in Room 315, Union, (sixth in series of sermons on "Old Testament Types of Christ"); 5:30 p.m., Gamma Delta cost supper in University YMCA lounge, Temple building.

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that the University should teach Butlerism and the theories supported by Nebraska's senior senator, even though most of them went out of vogue years ago.

Chancellor R. G. Gustavson will probably not allow state politicians to meddle in the internal affairs of the University, or to reward their supporters or punish their enemies on the faculty.

It is doubtful that such strong-arm methods by Butler supporters will get them anywhere. The mere fact that such threats are made endangers American principles—the right of free speech and thought.

The University will, or anyway should, resist the advances of politicians, who seek to control its teachings. Huey Long tried these methods in Louisiana, but his attempts were short-lived.

It may have been that people couldn't spell Eisenhower, but the reason is probably deeper than that.

Nebraskans, particularly those outstate, are isolationist and conservative for the most part. Senator Taft, justly or unjustly, has a fairly wide-spread reputation for being conservative.

At any rate, the Taft campaign got a shot-in-the-arm in Nebraska, and in Wisconsin too. Maybe it is a good thing the senator didn't come to Nebraska to campaign. Voting in New Hampshire showed that Taft did worst where he had campaigned extensively.

Another race not so surprising was the Peterson vs. Butler race for the senate. For a time, this writer thought Peterson might win, but changed his mind shortly before the election after talking to various people.

Peterson had plenty of good issues upon which he could have blasted Butler hard—and effec-

tively, Butler had a lousy voting record—when he was there. Instead, Peterson engaged in a free-for-all mud-slinging campaign.

Peterson avoided taking sides on any controversial issue, trying to sit on the fence and on both sides of it. He praised himself as the nation's best governor. He spent his time denouncing Senator Butler for being absent from his office, while Peterson himself was absent just as much.

Senator Butler was undoubtedly wise in refusing to enter the mud-slinging campaign. He at least won respect for this. Peterson's campaign probably lost him more votes than it gained. Many people who intended to vote for Peterson, including this writer, became nauseated by the ridiculous campaign he was putting on. They either voted for Butler or didn't vote at all.

Many people expressed the view that the Republicans had put up two very poor candidates. Many, including this writer, said they would gladly vote for a third candidate, if there were one.

But, at any rate, the people spoke—and decided that seniority counts, especially since there wasn't much difference in ability between the two candidates.

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Friday All-University Convocation, 11 a.m., Coliseum. Speakers, Arthur Schlesinger Jr.; O. John Rogge. Dr. Lewis Barabato speaks on "Mental Health in Colleges." Love library auditorium, 11 a.m. NUCWA, 313 Union, committee meeting on modification of veto, 3 p.m. NUCWA, 316 Union, Committees meeting on the powers of the general assembly. Campus Tours sponsored by Builders start at 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 p.m. Meet in Builders' office in Union. Registration for Coed Counselors closes at 5 p.m., Ellen Smith Hall and Ag Union. Aquaquettes' swim show, "Down the Mississippi," Coliseum, 7:45 p.m. Sunday Pre-Easter breakfast, Ag college activities building, 7:30 a.m. Art exhibition opens in Morrill Hall.

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Advertisement for Horland-Swanson Gaucho Shirts, featuring an image of a woman in a blouse and the text 'Horland-Swanson campus sensation!' and 'SLEEVELESS COTTON BLOUSE'.

Margin Notes

The University should be proud to have a man on its faculty like Dr. Harry G. Schrickel, psychology instructor. Dr. Schrickel has received one of 246 scholarships which will send him to Harvard next year to study anthropology, psychology and sociology.

A gang of New Jersey convicts have surrendered to guards after starting agitation for better treatment from their keepers. Undoubtedly the man will receive punishment for their participation in the uprising. But it could be fairly asked whether the prison officials will take into account that the prisoners' conduct might stem from bad living conditions at the institution.

The facilities of the Union's lending library should be of great advantage to students. It was announced recently that eight new pictures, six by Maurice Utrillo, and the remaining two by Duffy and Segonzac, have been added to the lending library. Students can have free of charge, a bit of culture for one semester by taking advantage of this library.

Americans equal something on the order of a hoghead of heavy metal. Philip Wylie.