

EDITORIAL PAGE

Your Point Of View

In an University classroom this week, one instructor, of considerable repute, culminated a discussion of the pros and cons of the steel industry, corruption in government, political parties and general newsworthy topics, with the insistence, oft-repeated during the semester, that his students have faith in their fellow-man, in their government and in the future.

The entire discussion—whether Truman is justified in seizing the steel industry, whether more corruption exists in private or public life, whether certain governmental trends are along the road to socialism—was, in the instructor's mind, an absolute substantiation of his main contention—that man have unshakable, intelligent faith in man.

This one man's point of view is a rock-hard belief in the ultimate goodness of human nature. To him the growing controls on private life represent fear and the borrowing of trouble from the future by individuals. Example of this (not particularly supporting the instructor's opinion, one way or another), is the constitutional amendment now prohibiting any U.S. president from seeking more than two terms as head of this nation.

People voting, in state legislatures, on ratification of the amendment, felt, on occasion, that the bill was wrong in that the circumstance might justify a man remaining in office for more than two terms as president. Also felt was that the American people were expressing, in constitutional amendment, their fear of each other.

This instructor spoke of a faith—not a blind acceptance of a certain philosophy—that has colored his attitudes toward wars, Congresses, Presidents, floods, crime and, yes, even happiness during his years spent in direct contact with the news-making factors of the world.

It became apparent, with the climatic analysis, that one's whole reaction to any circumstance is primarily dependent upon one's point of view of the subject at hand. This seems extremely elemental, but, just for instance, look at the news on any one day in the papers.

One could look at the rioting prisoners in the Michigan state prison with cynicism and ask "What is this country coming to?" Or one could read about the rebellious prisoners and say "This indicates a need for investigation into convict rehabilitation work." The newspaper reader could scan the story about atomic blasts in Nevada and shudder about the danger to mankind from atomic bombs or could do everything in his power to advance the demand that atomic power be utilized, for peaceful progress.

To come from the international scene to our University campus, one could read of coming elec-

tion stories and complain about certain domination of voting or a student might do something about such conditions with his voice and his vote. One might read a story about the honors convocation and curse academic standards or do something to improve his own academic rating.

No matter what the situation, no matter who the personalities, and no matter what the circumstance, your point of view is the primary motivation for what you think. Yours might be cynicism; or, as the instructor mentioned, you might have faith in something.

To our readers, The Daily Nebraskan would like to remind that—be it campus or international—your point of view colors all—and it can be black or white or a hundred shades between. Whatever The Daily Nebraskan prints in news stories or writes in editorials, your reaction is your point of view. See what we mean?—R.R.

Blue Monday Forseen

The necessity for presenting a blue, pink or green slip in order to vote in the general election May 5 may turn that date into a blue Monday—so far as the number of students voting.

Although the colored slips do seem necessary in view of the somewhat complicated election procedure, it probably will cut the number of voters considerably unless interest sparks a great deal more than in previous elections.

These slips, which students may obtain in the office of registration, B7 Administration building, or Room 206, Ag hall, contain the student's cumulative record hours, scholastic averages and college. Reason for the slips is to prevent confusion and insure fair voting for Student Council representatives which are chosen by colleges.

Since ID cards do not contain the information which is necessary for this type of election, the additional slip step appears inevitable. However, it would be advisable in the future to find an easier method of securing them—if possible at the election booths at the time of election. While recognizing the necessity for the slips, The Nebraskan also fears this step will sharply cut the number of voters.

Students will have to be acclimated to this new step. It involves extra minutes and extra steps, but it surely should be worth the effort in order to have a hand in determining which students will be your representatives on the student governing body and which students will lead your classes.—J.K.

We Can Find Out

When candidates for junior and senior class officers and Student Council representatives take the spotlight Wednesday night to be questioned by students, the meeting will mark the first attempt in many years to allow the voting students a chance to find out personally for what students seeking office represent. It is a wise move.

The essence of a good democratic feeling in any election is sparked by a knowledge of the candidates, who they represent and what they plan to do when in office. Until this year, it didn't make much difference who led the junior and senior classes; all the presidents did was plant the Ivy. However, now there seems to be promising indications that class officers—aided or encouraged by class councils—might actually be doing something constructive.

Consequently, that the students know what the candidates propose to do when and if elected takes on much more significance than in recent years.

Three years ago the class officer election was completely upset with write-in candidates winning both the junior and senior executive posts. Completely Faction instigated and promoted, the election was valid and the voters were simply exercising a right to elect write-in candidates. The main fault was that no one had any idea what the two candidates proposed to do when elected. At that time the offices were almost void of responsibility except the Ivy Day planting ritual. Now, they have some significance. How long it

will last depends a great deal upon whom next year's junior and senior class members decide to choose as leaders.

They are the ones who will be your class officers; they should be representative of the majority of voters—not a minority. Wednesday night is a good time to find out just what ideas, if any, the candidates have for the offices they seek.—J.K.

Does He Mean It?

Sen. Robert Taft, speaking in Boston at a news conference, has suggested that congressmen consider impeachment of President Truman for his seizure of the steel industry. Senator Taft called the seizure of the steel industry "a valid case for impeachment . . . valid for presentation to the House certainly."

There is certainly much room for speculation about the President's action in which has been termed another step along the road to Socialism. Senator Taft and three other senators are supporting a resolution directing a Senate committee to study the President's legal rights in making the seizure.

The Senator from Ohio has his sights set on the White House via the Republican party. Harry Truman has announced that this is definitely his last year in the White House. But Senator Taft seems to be in favor of extra-curricular methods to "Help Hurry Harry Home." The impeachment of a president or even proceedings to do so, in the midst of national and international period of tension and crisis might lend great fuel to the fires of Communism burning brightly in the world today.

Senator Taft might get to the White House. But his latest suggestion to clear the Presidential headquarters for his arrival seems to indicate lack of thought, timing and plain common sense on the part of Mr. Republican. Truman perhaps shall be proved wrong in his seizure of the steel industry. And Senator Taft's remedy might be proven just as fallacious.—R.R.

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What Am I Doing Here?

Bob Reichenbach

Several items in yesterday's Daily Nebraskan seem worthy of comment. One of them was the letter suggesting that Ivy Day be skipped. The writer stated that, to the writer, Ivy Day had very little significance. Maybe he's right. One thing that Ivy Day does, at least, is to provide fodder for Letterips.

Another thing that has been getting a lot of attention lately is the new, so-called "Seniors-with-guts" faction. For the last three years I have been opposed to it, in principle, to the organization on campus known as the Faction. I still am opposed to any one party or group which seeks to control the politics of the campus. The Reichenbach situation seems to be somewhat changed. Merely referring to the All-University Party as the Faction would not seem to be quite correct. Now when someone speaks of the Faction I wonder which faction they mean. Are they speaking of the fraternity-controlled faction or the "seniors-with-guts" faction? I think it might be a good idea to give these factions names so that there would no longer be the aura of doubt surrounding the word faction as used in campus politics.

Possibly connected with the political situation is the question of whether students who are not in the College of Engineering should help support, peculiarly at least, a departmental function of that college. Or should any student be expected to give financial support to any activity which is limited to only one college. For instance, should all University students be expected to buy "B" ribbons for a Bizad day, or "A & S" ribbons for an Arts and Sciences day or "T" ribbons for a Teachers College day? Anyway, I think you get the point. In my opinion, and in that of a number of others, it is grossly unjust to ask students not enrolled in the College to help, or should I say to totally support "E Week." Particularly is it unjust, I think, in the light of the stand which the representatives of that college took on the issue of an all-University event such as College Days. At this point my personal prejudices cannot help but creep in. I have never been able to understand, however, in my four years at this institution why non-engineering students should help pay for "E Week" from which they derive only the possible benefit of some publicity for the University and the opportunity to see the displays. I will admit that the idea of selling ribbons to finance a venture is a good one. But what would happen if every college and school in the University decided to put on some kind of an exhibition and to pay for it by selling ribbons to students, people downtown in Lincoln and state employees?

Until the situation mentioned above occurs, I suppose there is nothing too wrong with the engineers selling ribbons. It is, I feel, a situation that deserves a lot of serious thought. As long as some of you have helped pay for "E Week" it might not be a bad idea to drop over there and see what they have to offer.

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Who's Innocent? An organization which is entirely Nebraskan in origin and character is Innocents, men's senior honorary society.

Thirteen men have been inducted on Ivy Day for 48 years of University history. The traditions surrounding Innocents have been explicitly followed except for three years during World War II.

Innocents propose to "group outstanding campus men into a single organization to strengthen University spirit."

Dr. George E. Condra, state geologist, organized Innocents in 1903 to prevent class wars and fights.

Selection is made by senior Innocent members on the basis of leadership, scholarship, character and contribution to campus life.

Book Notes

'Jefferson Selleck' Rates As Stereotyped Memoir

Mary Worrall

If you're interested in reading personal diaries, you might try "Jefferson Selleck" by Carl Jonas.

Although Jonas, a native Omaha, probably never intended his novel to fall into a stereotyped memoirs class, it fits there well. Very little of the book is coherent. It's a mad mixture of a chuckle-worthy and brain dulling events. Take them as you please.

To us Nebraskans, old Jeff Selleck is the typical Omaha businessman, loosely speaking. His problems are universal, and his family is average. There's nothing particularly eyebrow-raising about Jeff's life, except that we Midwesterners are most familiar with it.

Gateway City, where Jeff, his wife Gertrude, and their two

(maybe even mockery) of Nebraska's largest city. Mention is made of places and events which sound like something you've heard before. For instance, obviously a satirical imitation think about the Sleepy Hollow country club and its Kangaroo golf match; the big elk hunt in the Gunnison river country; the Omaha-tinted banks and department stores; odors from the many meat-packing plants; and, best of all, the annual Yaw-Et-Ag Indian festival in which a Princess and several Courtesses are chosen.

The book is actually quite readable, in a general sort of way. If you can drag yourself from one paragraph to another, you might occasionally pick up a hint of something familiar. That's the best part of the book, the scraping together of tidbits which recall Omaha to you.

But just what do people who are unfamiliar with Omaha get out of the book? Gateway City must be just another city to them, and the pleasant memories are lost to them. Then, "Jefferson Selleck" is just another book.

Chords And Discords

Four Ace's 'Perfidia' Destined For Popularity

David Cohen

The Four Aces have brought out one of the hottest discs to date. "Perfidia" can't miss being a hit. The guys and enthusiasm are in the right places. The reverse side, "You Brought Me Love" has the same fire but the song itself isn't as good.

Rosemary Clooney proves that she is a top singer on her latest release "Tenderly." Percy Faith does an excellent job backing her and the fine arrangement adds laurels.

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Letterip

Non-Doers

Mr. Chairman of the senior Action Committee:

The students here at the University want to know who you are. You have to fall into one of two classifications on this campus: the grippers, or the non-doers. We suspect very strongly that you are the brain-child and larynx of the grippers, for student of your organization being to gush, wail, weep and gnash the teeth.

In contrast is the do-nothing group of which we are members. Our function is to carry out the duties suggested by our name, and to sit back and laugh at you, the grippers, as everyone else would do were they aware of your existence. We are as effective in our capacity as you are in yours, for if being inert were a laudible attribute we would be the most unrewarded group in the world.

At present, the non-doers are marvelling at your vigor and impetuosity! Congratulations for determining to present a slate of candidates, for student of office, better qualified to serve than any other. No doubt your list will be without any label of bias or personal friendship—solely on the candidate's merits. Very noble to say the least—your efforts to salvage the student body from the murky depths of the pit of faction tyranny.

Far be it from the non-doers to make a suggestion, for our purpose is to observe and wonder, but since constitution, student representation and the like are equally worthless in the light of University and faculty control, we offer the observation that spring is here, so why not forget the perplexities of life, grippers, and do something worth your while. Turn your thoughts to the pursuit of the opposite sex for a change. That is the only thing which deprives us non-doers of complete fulfillment of our name and purpose.

Senior Non-action Committee.

Senior Action Dear Mr. Faction President: As we stated Wednesday, the senior action committee is submitting a list of suggested candidates for class offices and student council representatives from colleges within the University. We submit this list to the students at the University of Nebraska who know who we are backing. Your group is also backing some of the candidates and the students want to know who you are backing.

Where, Mr. Faction President, is your list of candidates? If it is today's Daily Nebraskan? If not, you are not giving the students a fair deal—maybe you don't intend to give the students a square deal. If you don't, we will try our best to give them the whole story. Don't you have "nuts" enough to name your own men?

SENIOR ACTION COMMITTEE

NU BULLETIN BOARD

Thursday E Week starts. YW Noon discussion commission, meets in Ellen Smith dining room, Neala O'Dell, leader. Junior class treasurer filings close at noon in 209 Administration.

YW Worship Workshop commission, Ellen Smith dining room, 4 p.m.; leader, Phyllis Kneel. YW Student-Faculty coffee hour, 4:30 p.m., Union faculty lounge, Barbara Bredthauer, leader.

YW Community Tours group, Ellen Smith southeast room, 4 p.m.; leader, Jane Jackson.

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