

EDITORIAL PAGE

Business As Usual?

The Omaha World-Herald, in its Sunday magazine section, carried a story about the University's Homecoming celebration—complete with pictures of the five Pep Queen candidates. The story cited our Homecoming and Ivy Day as the two major events of the year that draw attention and alumni to the University.

The Daily Nebraskan and a majority of the student body feel the same way. However, it would appear that the administration of our University does not share the same sentiments.

Attempts have been made by representatives of Corn Cobs and Tassels to see if classes could be dismissed this Saturday—in order to make Homecoming a real Student Holiday—with complete emphasis on the entire University family greeting alumni, parents, and visiting students and friends.

The Nebraskan examined the situation—listening to reasons both for and against the dismissal of classes Saturday morning. We then came to the firm conclusion that—since University classes are dismissed only for occasional one-hour convocations and the three traditional vacations during

the entire school year—that the dismissal of Saturday classes would inflict no great upset in the University work schedule.

We also felt that Homecoming should take precedence over other projects—desires of class dismissals in the future—because of its great importance to the future of the University. Homecoming is the most appropriate time during the entire school year for alumni to be induced to contribute financially to their alma mater and for prospective students to decide to enroll here.

Dismissing classes Saturday morning probably affects very few persons—but the overall spirit and attitude which might be generated by an administrative proclamation of a Student Holiday would ensure the success of the entire weekend's activities.

Homecoming means fun for student, faculty and alum. It can also mean the future of the University. The Nebraskan is sure that the student body is of this opinion. Administrative support of the annual festivity—through the declaration of a Student Holiday, is the vital factor still missing.—R.R.

Wrong, Guess Again

With nearly all of the returns counted and a landslide victory for Eisenhower assured it appears that the American people again outguessed the professional guessers.

After being completely wrong on two successive elections, it would seem that it will be a long time before the people will again have the faith in the pollsters that has been built up in the last few decades. Polls have sprung up on nearly every facet of popular thought and opinion from choice of cigarette to whether or not you believe

700 Visitors

The only University-sponsored function bringing large numbers of high school students to the campus—the Nebraska High School Press Association annual convention—is over now. Only the scattered remains of Journalism contests, special issues of The Daily Nebraskan and Scarlet and Cream and notes from the many panels and discussions are left to remind the regular student of the past weekend. But—and this writer is talking from personal experience—there will be a great deal more left in the minds of the 700 high schoolers.

As far as The Daily Nebraskan can determine, the press convention is the only project designed on a purely academic level that brings large numbers of high school students to the campus. Of course, there are Band Day and basketball tournaments but they have athletic backgrounds. It might be said that E-Week fits into this category, but it is not primarily designed for the high school student. It is open to the public in general.

In the eyes of The Nebraskan, the School of Journalism in general and Assistant Professor William H. Hice, in particular, are due for a "thank you." Nearly every student in the school put in several hours—and many used a lot more—working on the convention. It was a publicity stunt extraordinary.

It seems as if more departments could try the same sort of program. It is certainly beneficial to get high school students on the campus and introduce them to what our school has to offer. It is nice to show them a good time at athletic contests, but it is ever so much better to help them in the field they like best.

Since most of the members of the staff are in the School of Journalism, it may seem as if we are merely pushing our own projects. However, our participation in this project has only convinced us that it is worthy of more campus recognition.

We ask you, deans, directors, professors, instructors, and students in the various colleges and departments of our University, why not think over this project?

College Days went over the hill. The Nebraskan believes in the principles behind College Days. Since this program seems to be impractical, we recommend that its principles be implemented in projects similar to the press convention. These projects are a lot of work, but they definitely are worth it.—D.P.

Margin Notes

One Rally . . .

Homecoming week, the time for inducing a feeling of Cornhusker loyalty into the students, will be hindered by the limiting of rallies to one instead of the usual two.

The rally committee gave the reason that the Friday night rally was cancelled because it would have too much competition with house displays, therefore, Wednesday will be the day for the single rally.

In past years, the Friday rally was supported wholeheartedly by students even with the house displays. The Wednesday night rally will be hindered with the fact that students will be in night classes, meetings or studying.

The Nebraskan recommends that the rally committee reconsider its choice and have either two rallies or the one, but on Friday.

It's Finally Here . . .

The "to be out soon" announcements have finally ceased with the Student Directory distributions which began Tuesday. The Directory staff deserves a round of applause for its persistence in obtaining names and addresses of all students.

With the work over for the '52 staff, the '53 staff will soon begin the work all over again in the never ending name typing cycle.

The Teacher's Gather . . .

Tonight elementary education teachers will gather in the Union Ballroom for the purpose of "bringing together all of us in elementary education for one evening of fun," according to a banquet spokesman.

Daily Thought

Promises may get friends, but 'tis performance that keeps them.—Anonymous.

A THOUGHT FROM THE FACULTY

Can American's Judgement Be Trusted?

By EDGAR N. JOHNSON
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Those Americans to whom the realization of the democratic ideal is of serious concern must consider of vital importance the question whether the majority can be trusted to submit to rational considerations and act in a rational manner. This is to say whether it can be trusted to think and act intelligently.

For the majority must make decisions which determine the way in which the country is to go. Among these decisions is the periodical choice of national, state and local governments. If this choice is made intelligently we get the best available candidates in public office. If not we get less than the best. In times of national and world crisis less than the best is not good enough.

It is quite evident that there are more men than ever in public life who are willing to affirm and to act upon the conviction that the majority of American citizens are neither rational nor intelligent.

These citizens are to be appealed to, they say, not as informed men and women who act in accordance with their considered opinions, but as uninformed citizens who act in accordance with their prejudices, or as mere sentient animals who act in accordance with their instincts and feelings.

If the support of the majority is to be sought it must not be talked to as if it could reason. It is incapable of understanding this kind of approach. It wishes to be convinced that he who makes the appeal is sympathetic with or will support its prejudices. It wants to have its passions aroused, not its mind stimulated.

It is to be hoped that these men are wrong. The apparent success of those who use such strategy can lead and has led to much disillusionment. This success can be found first of all in those who manipulate our mass media of communication for profit.

It is not difficult to imagine the cynical scorn for the intelligence of the ordinary American possessed by those who make fortunes on comics.

The producers of bad movies pose as the obligated amusers of the American illiterates. The writer of the ordinary radio or television script does not assume that his listeners have ever read or written very much, or can understand many polysyllabic words. The recent political cam-

aign took over these methods. A melancholy phase of this whole question is that some elements in our educational system have taken over the views of the sellers of comics, cosmetics, political candidates, and programs. They too assume that democracy is incompatible with reason, and that as more people go to school they are to be taught less because, for some strange reason, they have lost the capacity to learn.

Some in this group go so far as to suggest that it is hardly necessary to know anything. It is only necessary to get along. Accordingly when curricula are to be built they should be composed of a great deal of what

has been called "contentless co-operation." It is hard to develop a rational citizenry upon ignorance or upon quantities of tactful apple-polishing.

Sebastian Castellio, a sixteenth century French humanist who suffered from religious persecution remarked in one of his tracts, "Let no one think he is going wrong in using his mental faculties. It is our proper way of arriving at the truth." One of the golden rules of Nazo oratory was never to try to appeal to the reason of the audience.

"The real art of oratory," a Nazi Gauleiter defines "as the capacity to evoke emotion." "The

Party Speaker must address himself to the sentimental and emotional reactions of the masses rather than to their reason."

If Americans in ever greater numbers are to surrender to those who have no trust in their powers of reason, if they are to abandon their intelligence to the manipulators of their prejudices and feelings, and if they are to believe those who trust in the essential stupidity and animality of the majority, then we are preparing, via the public relations officer and the advertising agency, for the accession to public office of the fanatic, the demagogue and the authoritarian.

Just Around

Loomis, Love Halls Furnish Parties For Stay-At-Homes

Jan Steffen

By MARILYN MANGOLD
Guest Columnist

The quality and quantity of this column will undoubtedly be touched by the absence of Jan who has fled to New York to get the scoop on a real party. But here we go, hoping that this columnist can report the parties with the fervor with which she attends them.

Since there apparently is a temporary slack season on pinnings this week some backtracking will have to be done to announce items of romantic interest. November 3 was a big day for the DGs who announced two pinnings and one engagement. Engaged are Kay Cover and Jack Morrow, Sigma Chi. Micky Walt is now wearing the Sig Alpha pin of Parker Geesen and Mimi Hamer has chained Jerry Roe's Phi Gam pin to her anchor.

Only two pinnings were announced Monday night. Barbara Akesson passed candy at the Chi O house to reveal her pinning to Tom Hunton, TKE, and Lola Foss told her Alpha Xi Delta sisters of her pinning to Dick McCauley, a Pi K A from Iowa U.

For those who did not unofficially migrate to Kansas, there were two good parties providing an outlet for the energy generated from listening to the game. Love Memorial Hall and Loomis Hall combined efforts and sponsored a Treasure Hunt at 3820 Holdrege.

The party-place was decorated with Treasure Island trinkets. Some of the islanders and their dates were: Burt Carter and Shirley Parson, Ray Harmon and Eleanor Steavenson and Dick Dunklau and Lois Kleckhafer. Others who were in the spirit of the hidden treas-

ure days were: Gene Kerr and D. JoAnn Shmonek, Wayne Keller and Joyce Kuehl, David Chapman and Carol Dunker, and Don Geister and Janice Baker.

The Beta's Roaring Twenties party completes the list of affairs on last week's agenda. Johnny Cox's band played for the flap-

Did You Know?

Are we the most talkative nation in the world? Figures seem to indicate that we are—and are growing more so. Of the 79,300,000 telephones in the world, more than 45,500,000 ring in the United States. We carry on 175,900,000 conversations a day—that's exactly 900,000 a day more than a year ago.

When Postman E. A. Robinson of Dallas, Texas, reported that he had been bitten, he showed teeth marks on the back of his leg as proof.

"I had quite a time shaking him loose," Robinson said. Asked what kind of a dog it was, Robinson, still dazed, explained, "It wasn't a dog; it was a small boy, about four years old."

Jack Harris of Mandan, N. D., has recovered! A radio announcer, Harris told his listeners he would do the laundry of anyone who identified the author of the phrase, "So much to do with so little time." Mrs. Henry Hoppe identified the author as Cecil John Rhodes. Then Harris asked her occupation. She is laundress for the Mandan State Training School and its 300 inmates.

In Austria, a dignified gentleman was arrested for selling cold tea as whisky. He explained to the judge that he needed the funds to start a temperance league.

Just in case you need further evidence of inflation: A St. Louis woman sued a bus company, charging that she had had to get off a bus when the driver refused to change a \$5 bill. She won \$1,500 damages after the court decided that "in light of changed economic conditions," \$5 is no longer a big bill.

pers at the Lincoln hotel ballroom. The Betas and their dates must have turned their parent's attics inside out to come up with the authentic costumes that were worn.

Seen doing the Charleston (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) were Carl Mammel and Myrt Pickett, Dave Kaup and Jan Jacob, Dale Swanson and M. J. Weir, Paul Shedd and Ticky Rothenberger.

Swapping stories of the Golden Twenties between dances were Keith Mumby and Jeanne Perren, Juby Shellenberger and Pat Heberner, Dick Clark and Ardel Wilhelm, Ted Barger and Mary Alice Hoob, Bob Clausen and Barb Bell, Cal Bentz and Mary Alice Hobb, and Rocky Yapp and Julie Johnson were some more of the costumed couples.

Trying to get away from it all, the Sig Ep and Sigma Nu pledges tried to sneak to Kansas. After a few minor catastrophes both groups watched the game and are reported to be safely back resuming their quiet pledge lives.

Quite a few, Alpha Chis went to Kansas; they were not sneaking, however. Harriet Cook and Bab Vogt had a migration date, as did Marlene McCullough and Bob Ock. Pat Nellis, Ben Martin, Susie Eynear and Jean Clohart sat in the drizzling downpour with Jeannie Loudon and Leo Gier.

With the amount of work required on homecoming decorations there will not be many slambang parties this weekend. A lot of open houses are promised for after the game this Saturday. Watch for the list this Friday.

Main Feature Clock
(Schedules Furnished by Theater)
Varsity: "Operation Secret," 1:00, 3:06, 5:12, 7:18, 9:24.
State: "The Quiet Man," 1:29, 4:06, 6:43, 9:20.

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- 3:15-3:30 Curtain Call
- 3:30-3:45 Fashion Fair
- 3:45-4:00 Linger Awhile
- 4:00-4:15 Spins & Needles
- 4:15-4:30 Town Crier
- 4:30-4:35 This I Believe
- 4:35-4:50 Robin's Nest
- 4:50-5:00 News

Once Over Lightly Hit Weak Spot For Best Revenge On Enemies

Marlin Bree

There are students in this University who do not know how to successfully cope with their enemies.

Now take the case of Joe, a student. People always took advantage of him. He could never find a clean shirt—his room mate had worn them. When he looked for his stockings they would always be dirty.

People took advantage of Joe mainly because he had little chance of getting back at them. He wasn't strong, rich or intelligent.

If Joe had only known there is a way to handle persons whom you dislike. It isn't necessary to have any special attributes, either. The idea is to strike back at the offenders when they are at their weakest moment—or when they are sleepy. Thus, the place to strike is their bed.

The methods of dealing with an enemy's bed are varied. Among those who practice this art there are several widely acclaimed methods.

One way to handle an enemy's bed is by pouring water on it. This, however, is very crude. A much better way is to place a bottle full of water in the bed. The end of the bottle has a cork in the end, and the cork is fastened to the edge of the bed. When the strange bottle is found by the enemy, he will throw it from the bed. This will also wet down the bed—but in a much more clever way.

For that matter, anything can be placed in a bed to cause distraction. Eggs, crackers and such will cause the desired effect. A dead skunk was even used once and produced pleasurable results.

Removing blankets from beds is frowned upon. It is too simple. By raising your enemy's bed springs from the frame of his bed and fastening it up by string, you can produce an unusual effect; the string won't hold the weight of your enemy.

NUBB

- Wednesday
Nu Med—Cornhusker picture will be taken at West Stadium photo lab, 12:15 p.m.
- YW Leadership Training—Southeast Room, Ellen Smith, 4 p.m.
- Fm Upsilon Omicron meeting—Home Ec Club Parlor, 5 p.m.
- Gamma Alpha Chi meeting—Sigma Kappa House, 12:20 p.m.

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