

# Just Between Us . . .

By DON PIEPER  
Editor

Monday class officer fillings open. Certain of those who will go to the Administration Building for filing blanks will do so because they have been tapped by a campus party as nominees. I hope there will be others.

Several informed sources maintain that the Faction (All-University Party) is undergoing an organic change—for the better. This, of course, means that Faction men admit that there is something which needs improvement. I agree that improvement is needed and, if the changes are sincere, I offer my wholehearted support.

I offer that support not because I believe that the basic political philosophy of the Faction is necessary but because I want to see the day when our campus conducts politically mature elections. I want to see University elections serve as a training ground for practical politics. If this ideal is ever to be reached, active political parties will be needed.

One of the main reasons for the drought of healthy politics on this campus is the lack of issues. This year there is an issue—and I think it is a big issue. There are persuasive arguments available on either side. This issue has nothing to do with the Greek-independent struggle.

Should there be a Junior-Senior Prom next year?

There is nothing earth-shaking about this issue but it does have its campus significance. I am firmly convinced that a Spring Formal with a name band would add something to the social set-up we now have on the campus. This year's officers tried to put such a dance over but the student body just wouldn't respond. Does this mean that the idea of a class-sponsored dance is wrong? Or does this mean that this year's officers just didn't do things the right way?

However you look at it, there was no Prom this year and tradition says that there must be a Prom every year. I think that there are excellent possibilities here for an issue. Something about which two groups can disagree. It is needed and it is healthy.

The Faction argument is and has always been that fraternity men wouldn't get elected—rather wouldn't be sure of being elected—if some organization didn't guide things. My answer has always been that fraternity men don't need to win merely because they are fraternity men. If Greek candidates are the best men, then they most certainly deserve the office. And one of the big troubles with the Faction has been that the men nominated aren't always the best men.

It amounts to this: Can the university voter be trusted to pick the right man? I think so.

The fraternity man, they say, is usually the one who is most interested in school affairs. He is the one who gets called upon when Omaha finds itself short of manpower in a life and death fight with a monstrous flood. He is the one who receives the appeals for blood. He is the one who is easy to contact in AUF drives.

It follows, then, that he should be the one who gets into office. I cannot swallow this reasoning.

## NEBRASKAN EDITORIALS

### No Rest For The—

Campus activities reached a climax this week as meetings, speeches, plays and programs reached out to divert students from any hum-drum college rut.

The entire week is devoted to Search Week, with concerts, public speeches, luncheons, classroom talks and conferences. Wednesday through Saturday the Mock United Nations General Assembly meets. This means speakers, committee meetings and plenary sessions. A make-believe World Court was staged at the Capitol Wednesday night.

Poet Karl Shapiro spoke at the University the same night. So did Dr. Maurice Latta, assistant professor of economics. He spoke on Point Four. "Ghosts," University Theater production, opened Wednesday night for an eight-day run this week and next.

Estes Carnival, an evening devoted to Ag College entertainment, is set for Friday night. The Navy Ball, highlighted by the crowning of a queen, follows on Saturday night.

### Yesteryear At NU . . .

By DICK RALSTON  
Staff Writer

Columnist "Artemus" didn't like the editor's comment. ". . . we hereby make a solemn promise that we will not foist on the readers the customary clever editorial on signs of spring."

Quoting Artemus: "Perhaps there is in his soul no love for love, no sense of beauty, no desire to recognize in his fellow men the urge to be up and doing things poetical. If so, may the eternal powers darken his every living day. But he cannot, with a flourishing hand, sweep away tradition and then mockingly tell us that we are witnessing the absence of an annual preparation."

"For some time now I've been witnessing the actions of Mr. Brownell (the editor). On the surface he is a quiet spoken, unassuming and pleasant young gent. From his exterior, you would never guess the presence of ulterior motives which would debase the nobler possessions of man. But, dear unsuspecting ones, you never should judge the worth and thoughts of men by their obvious actions and gestures. They may cover a dark interior. Such a man, judging from his recent edi-

It leaves out so many things. For instance, Faction representatives choose the class leaders—and often on a basis of keeping different houses happy rather than in an effort to find the man best suited.

It has been said that this is reality. Practical politics operate this way. Unfortunately, they often do. However, in American politics, only George Washington was put into the presidency under a one-party banner. Politics on our campus are unrealistic in the American tradition because they have only one party. Granted, no one has shown sufficient interest in the last few years (really not since the veterans left school) to organize against the Faction. And when attempts have been made at forming more than one party, it has always been on the Greek-independent level. I do not think that this is the proper place for splitting the campus. I think that issues, similar to the Prom issue mentioned above, can be brought up where disagreements do not rest on affiliation.

Faction men fight this because they say that it splits the fraternities. A united fraternity system is one of the main objectives of the Faction. I know that I am opening myself to immediate and loud criticism, but I do not believe that most of the work of student leaders has to do with Greeks as Greeks or independents as a class. Therefore, I do not think that split in campus politics would hurt things too much.

Fraternities go much deeper than mere campus politics and I will everlastingly defend the basic fraternal principles. I belong to a fraternity and I am very proud of that affiliation. I would never consciously do anything to injure that affiliation or the Greek system in general.

Nevertheless, I believe that if the man elected is honest and makes the decisions which are to the best interests of the University, he should make the same decisions whether he is barb or Greek.

Last year some seniors began an opposition party called the "Senior Action Committee." It didn't amount to much because it had no basic principles or objectives other than the defeat of the Faction. This is all right within a temporary framework. But this campus sorely needs another group interested in what goes on. I definitely think that something ought to be done this year about achieving that objective.

Until something is done to bring active competition among political philosophies I strongly urge any interested student to take advantage of his right to file for either a class office or a Student Council position. If you feel that you can do something with the position, try for it.

No one should be afraid of filing just because he feels that he doesn't have a chance to be elected. If competition does nothing else, it proves to the Faction that fraternities must nominate the best men if they expect to win.

Nor should any fraternity man be afraid to run for an office because he was left off the Faction list. If he is sincere in his desire to help his school, he should follow through. Worthwhile results often require courage.

Then, too, there is a mental health clinic planned for Friday and Saturday and an all-University square dance Saturday.

If University students can't find time to study, it's no wonder. Mock UN Assemblies, speeches and plays are just as much a part of college education as book studies, most observers will undoubtedly agree. But when a campus is so filled with functions that activities interfere with activities which interfere with other activities, book studies are long forgotten.

If a student participates in Search Week or the UN Assembly or attends several lectures this week, he can be thankful that the first six weeks—with its exams and class reports—ended last week.

Perhaps the reason a score of activities occur this week is the assumed decline in studies. But what happens if students are so worn out from last week's tests that they can't function this week? Or if students so tear around this week that they can't get back to the books next week?—K. R.

torial, is Phil Brownell."

So ended a great tradition of writing about the beauties—and follies—of spring. I completely agree with Artemus that Editor Brownell's words were the next thing to sacrifice.

Therefore, I hereby respectfully request of the present editor, Mr. Pieper, that he champion the cause of spring in his column. If he chooses not to, I can only think that "perhaps there is in his soul no love for love, no sense of beauty . . . etc."

From the college world of 1933: At Wittenberg University three blond coeds debated with three brunettes on the subject that brunettes are smarter than blonds. The brunettes won—proving their point.

University of Minnesota students needed smoke for one of their theatricals, and obtained a smoke bomb from the National Guard unit. The smoke drove everyone out of the theater before they discovered that one bomb contained enough smoke to screen 45 acres.

Students in German universities were permitted to scrape their feet on the floor if they didn't like the lecture.

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## WORLD REPORT

TODAY'S HEADLINES . . . The United States Wednesday demanded that Russia discipline the Soviet jet fighter who attacked a U. S. weather reconnaissance plane last Sunday 25 miles off Kamchatka . . . The State Department announced a protest has been delivered to the Moscow Foreign Office by the American Embassy . . .

U. S. Delegate Ernest Gross, who led off the disarmament discussions in the General Assembly's 60 nation Political Committee, has challenged Russia to demonstrate in the current U.N. disarmament debate that Prime Minister Georgi Malenkov sincerely wants to settle world problems peacefully . . .

A seventh grade country school boy who lives near Alexandria, Neb., says he fatally shot his sister, aunt and family dog because his aunt would not let him watch television . . . He was found later at the home of a neighbor—watching television.

### 'Probe Of Church Would Be Scandal'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial appeared in the March 13th edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Members of Representative Velde's Un-American Activities Committee have been prompt to oppose his radio-voiced threat to investigate churches and clergymen. The Illinois Republican's notion, happily, was condemned by members of his own party as well as by its Democratic minority on the committee.

Nevertheless Velde's remarks about church-connected organizations and individuals revealed the bent of mind of a contemporary inquisitor. In seeking new fields to conquer and new headlines to harvest, such men have gone from rather obvious Communist-front organizations to other political groups, to governmental agencies, to schools and colleges. And now Velde has underscored the recently expressed warning of a Washington clergyman that churches might well be next.

The Illinois Representative's explanation of such an investigation was the possibility that "the American Communist Party through its membership, is attempting to destroy religion in this country—by infiltration, and by external means." Communist hostility to religion is well known. But the defense of the churches had better be left to their own leaders: the bishops, the preachers, the elders and the various church boards. Governmental investigation of church groups and ministers goes against both the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion and our treasured separation of church and state.

Such a probe would be a scandal to millions of Americans and it would give anti-American propagandists abroad an utterly unwarranted chance to argue that our intellectual and religious freedoms were fading away.

### U.S. Plane Incident Called 'Murderous'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial appeared in the March 13 edition of the Chicago Daily News.

The Western world was still speculating on a revival of the "peaceful co-existence" theme in the funeral orations for Joseph Stalin when two Red jets shot down an American fighter plane over the U.S. zone of Germany. Co-existing with these trigger-happy ruffians requires the act of a Solomon and the patience of a Job.

The American pilot managed to parachute to safety, but this does not alter the fact that it was an unprovoked and murderous attack. The incident occurred close to the Czech border. The speed of jet planes makes discussion of exactly how close academic.

As far as the Reds are concerned there is no point in discussion at all. The moment we formally protested to the Czech government at Prague, it used an old Communist gambit and counter-protected that the Americans had flown 25 miles inside the Iron Curtain and had "insolently" violated Czech territory.

This is unlikely. Even if it were so the Red pilots pursued our planes and shot one of them down with so little warning that there was no chance to defend themselves.

The point is that in time of peace, however uneasy the peace, you do not shoot down other nations' planes unless they are clearly bent on warlike invasion of your territory.

The age of high-speed military aviation has complicated international relations. Things were simpler when foot soldiers patrolled borders. One nation's sentries were very unlikely to shoot their opposite numbers unless they were ready and eager for war.

There is no reason to read this into the attack. If the Kremlin had suddenly decided to take the big plunge, it would hardly do it this way. This leaves us in the same dilemma that has confronted us in similar incidents over Germany and over Japanese waters.

Was the shooting done by eager beaver pilots or had they been told to be eager beavers?

If such an incident was planned, the purpose would be to prove that the death of Stalin has not weakened the toughness of the Kremlin's gangster stooges. It might have been calculated that the time was propitious to demonstrate to all the other Red satellites that they can afford to be bold, counting on us to be prudent.

The least we can do is to continue to demand an apology and indemnity for the plane. Our Air Force has already announced that it will fight back the next time. The first answer from Prague was the type of insolence we have learned to expect.

### LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS . . . . . By Bibler



"I knew I wouldn't like this dull, stupid course th' minute I got my mid-term paper back."

### Cum Laude

## Grad Earned 2 Degrees, Not B.A. At University

Jane Saxton

Even though Leon A. Sweet did not receive his bachelor's degree from the University, the Chemistry Department still claims him. For, as a 1930 graduate of Carthage College (Ill.), he received both master's and doctor's degrees

from the University in 1931 and 1933, respectively.

Dr. Sweet's work was done primarily in organic chemistry and his thesis work, done under Prof. C. S. Hamilton, head of the Chemistry Department, dealt with arsenical compounds.

### Letterip

#### Motivation . . .

Dear Editor:

Now days, we hear so much about subterfuge, communism, corruption, thought control, guilt-by-accusation technique, anonymous informant tactics and theater and book banning that everyone becomes excited and confused. To add more to this excitement and confusion, some try to gain sympathy and superiority by demanding results from their friends by insulting methods. If these results can't be obtained, we look elsewhere for some scape goat, a minority victim, such as the KKK, some religious group or even some innocent professor who is trying his best to do the right thing to make this world a better place to live in.

Maybe we should all stop at least 15 or 20 minutes a day to gather our thoughts. This thought gathering could be accomplished very easily by starting the day an hour earlier in an atmosphere of peace and harmony in the many different chapels outside of our campus.

If everyone and his friend would motivate themselves to start the day in this manner, we should receive the results that we are all truly and faithfully trying to accomplish.

ORMAND F. MEYER

The Sophian, Smith College (Mass.) student newspaper, has launched a crusade for more smoking privileges on campus and supports a suggestion "for smoking downstairs in college houses until midnight . . ."

The Sophian feels that "study habits depend on an occasional cigarette."

An ACP Student Opinion Poll revealed last year that students are against smoking in the classroom by about two to one, with more women disapproving than men.

### IT SEEMS TO ME

## Broker Presents Writings, Book To NU

By GLENN ROSENQUIST  
Staff Writer

The late Thomas Jefferson Fitzpatrick was a professor emeritus at the University of Nebraska. He also collected rare books.

Several years ago he offered a scientific collection to the University for a price approximating \$3,000. The University didn't buy. The University hadn't the funds to buy.

Dr. Fitzpatrick passed away. A Kansas City book broker bought the collection, weighing many, many tons and contained in two houses in Lincoln and in several other buildings in Iowa City, Iowa, for \$53,000.

And the wrath of Nebraska's good citizens is stirred up. "Why didn't we get those books?" they say. "Wasn't Fitzpatrick a Nebraskan for about 40 years and a professor emeritus?"

### Another Chance

So the Kansas City broker, Frank Glenn, gives us another chance. I will sell you the vast scientific collections (Fitzpatrick collected engineering and historical literature in addition to natural science) for \$51,000, he said. An effort was made to raise the money. "Friends of the University" tried.

Efforts failed. Collection went up in smoke. The Linnaeus was sold. The rest of the scientific collection is earmarked for dispersal to greedy and eager libraries throughout the country.

The matter appears finished. The University of Nebraska has simply hadn't the funds to be greedy too. No money for luxury items like Linnaeus.

An announcement made Tuesday makes the chagrin of Nebraska's good burghers complete. The Kansas City broker will return gratis two items to the University. They are:

1. All the personal papers and writings of the late Dr. Charles E.

Bessey, founder of the University botany department.

2. A 1665 edition of Robert Hooke's "Micrographia."

I have made an effort to learn more about this fabulous collection of books.

My journeys took me first to Bessey hall, where I learned little, except that a number of Fitzpatrick's collectors' items were housed there for many years.

I next contacted two of the most charming ladies I know. They are both retired University of Nebraska botany professors. Their names are Miss Elda and Miss Leva Walker.

I chatted with Miss Leva for some time about many things. Though Miss Leva is not old, she is old enough to reminisce a bit.

She told me about the botany department as it once was. She told me how generous Dr. Bessey was with his personal library when he was alive and how nearly anyone could borrow a book from it.

And so I asked her: "How, do you imagine, did Dr. Fitzpatrick acquire Bessey's personal papers and writings?"

"I wouldn't know for sure," replied Miss Walker. "They perhaps were given him when Dr. Bessey died many years ago. Or he might have bought them from Dr. Bessey's estate," she said.

### 'Micrographia'

The other item given the University, Hooke's "Micrographia," had been exhibited each year by Dr. Raymond J. Pool, retired Botany department head, to every freshman class he taught at the University.

Wondering how Fitzpatrick amassed this fabulous scientific collection, I asked Miss Walker about it.

"Dr. Fitzpatrick was a remarkable man," she said. "His courses in history of botany and botanical

### FOREIGN STUDENTS

## Job-Holding Prevented By Law

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial was published recently in the Daily Californian.

Foreign students—who make up a comparatively little-known but highly important part of the American student body—are finding it increasingly difficult to stay in school.

This is primarily because country after country, in a desperate effort to maintain a stable currency, has found it necessary to impose rigid restrictions on currency export.

Some arrangements are usually made for students who plan to study here. Unfortunately, however, the cost of living in this country is so high that it makes any such limited financial plans virtually unworkable.

This means that foreign students, who must have money in order to pay University fees and to eat, sleep and live, have little or no money.

This gives them three choices: to apply for one of a limited number of scholarships; to struggle along on what money they can bring over (since this country's immigration restrictions prohibit them from getting a job here) or to go back home.

Most are ultimately compelled to take the third alternative, a damaging choice both from their standpoint and from ours.

They need the education that American colleges can give them. They will be leaders in their own countries when they return; the more education they have, the better leaders they can become.

We want them to take back a knowledge of American life for this is one of the most effective ways of insuring understanding of American ideals and ways of life. They can return and present America accurately, thus helping to dispel some of the ignorance and misunderstanding of this country.

We have a valuable commodity—education—to offer them. It has never been argued that fair exchange is robbery. Certainly today the United States needs all the understanding—informed understanding—that these foreign students can bring to their countrymen.

There are three ways in which the plight of the foreign student can be alleviated. One is through scholarships, a few of which are offered by the State Department, by colleges and universities and by such service groups as Rotary International.

Another way is for foreign countries to lift the restrictions they impose on students taking currency out of the country. The difficulty is that these countries must at all costs maintain a stable currency—and any loophole offers dangers.

The third, and best, way is for the United States to relax its restrictions on foreign students working in this country. Many are willing to work and would welcome the opportunity to meet more Americans on the job. Today they cannot.

The job restriction is one of the last footholds of isolationism in this country. An internationalist country, as deeply enmeshed in world affairs as this one, cannot afford to lose any opportunity for international understanding.

### NUBB

THURSDAY

NUCWA Emergency General Assembly meeting, 2 p.m., Room 303 Union.

YWCA Noon Discussion at 12 p.m., Ellen Smith.

News and Views Commission meeting, Ellen Smith, 4 p.m.

Leadership Training Commission meeting, Ellen Smith, 5 p.m.

literature were considered by many to be more than outstanding. He was a great botanist, and as a collector of rare books, he was a wizard," Miss Walker explained.

Mrs. Mary Linder Fitzpatrick, his wife, I learned, is a botanist in her own right. In her youth she studied botany in Europe under some of the old naturalists, including Strasburger, one of the greatest of the early modern botanists.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, now 94, is living with two sisters near Iowa City.

### Investigation

And willing to carry a bit farther this effort to learn more of the fabulous collection of the late Dr. Fitzpatrick, I got myself a companion, as it was dark, and drove out to Bethany to take a look at the home where, it is reported, books were stacked to the ceiling, and living space was at a premium.

Not wishing to be arraigned on a breaking and entering charge I didn't go inside. I walked around the plain-looking two and a half story house and then stepped up on the porch.

It was then I noticed the truck tracks and the ruts in the front lawn. The tracks, I assumed, were made by the trucks, backing up to the porch to carry away these priceless tons of books to Kansas City. And from there these volumes will be scattered to points east and points south and points west.

Some of it—to be exact, a book by Robert Hook and writings by Dr. Bessey—will be presented the University by Frank Glenn, book buyer.

Thank you, Mr. Glenn. Your gift is most generous. We are sorry we couldn't buy the whole lot from you.