

Just Between Us...

By DON PIEPER
Editor

A great Nebraskan—who built up an outstanding academic and extra-curricular activity record at the University—will deliver the address at the 82nd annual commencement June 6.

He is Herbert Brownell—Innocent, Phi Beta Kappa, editor of The Daily Nebraskan, top of his class in scholarship—who President Eisenhower appointed United States Attorney General.

Brownell's subject has not been released as yet. He could give a talk of nation-wide interest. He could answer some questions the country would like to have answered.

For instance, the former Nebraskan could explain the new administration's policy on tideland oil. He could go into the problem deeply and present General Eisenhower's personal opinions on the problem and its solution.

Or, he could delve into the darkness of Communist infiltration in the state Department and his ideas on getting such subversives out—if there are any left. He could make a clear-cut policy report on the Justice Department's future in this realm. There certainly is a lot to be known about it.

Along the same vein, he could discuss academic freedom and the point at which instructors should be censured in their teachings—if there is such a

line. Nebraskans are certainly interested in this subject and Brownell's views as Attorney General are vital.

There are many other problems—most of them having to do with Communists and Communism—which Brownell could cover. The new administration will still be new in June and a general outline of policy in all departments would be interesting and highly enlightening.

What we don't want a speech telling us that we are the heirs of world power. We don't want to be told that we have a grave responsibility. We don't want to be told that these are tense times and ever college graduate owes his community every ounce of his energy.

I don't think that Herb Brownell will deliver that type of an address. He knows that these things are important but he also knows that an understanding of the vital issues of the day is important.

It is a privilege to have Brownell here. It is in keeping with the tradition set last year when Trygve Lie spoke. The experience of both men qualify them as outstanding world citizens today. Their appearance on this campus adds to the prestige of the University of Nebraska.

The case of Brownell is a little different because he is an NU alumnus. We are proud to welcome him back.

NEBRASKAN EDITORIALS

The Arrival Of Teeth

In response to last week's editorial requesting specific proposals concerning the improvement of The Daily Nebraskan's safety campaign, a suggestion was submitted.

This suggestion will, in effect, put teeth in the safety drive.

Daily, The Nebraskan intends to publish the names of all students and faculty members involved in traffic violations. Appropriately, this listing will appear next to the safety pledge.

Persons whose names will appear in this list will no doubt be embarrassed, but this is not the primary intention of the column.

Rather, the purpose of The Daily Nebraskan is to illustrate to the student body and faculty that colleagues, as well as any other group, are not above being reminded that safety is the business of everyone.

This compilation of names will continue throughout The Nebraskan's safety campaign.

There is the possibility that no students or faculty members will be involved in traffic infractions on a given day. This desirable situation will be duly noted.

Activities V. Studies

Fewer and fewer students are interested in extra-curricular organizations and activities. The Daily Sun noted on the Cornell University campus. The same decline in activity-minded individuals appears to exist at the University of Nebraska.

The Sun ascribed the decline in extra-curricular interests to three factors:

1. Increased demands made upon the student in other areas of university life, particularly in ROTC requirements.
2. Serious concern for academic achievement, a factor noted in a recent Sun survey.
3. Increased determination to enjoy social life at college prior to military service.

These may or may not be the reasons for lack of interest in campus organizations and programs. But the Sun is undoubtedly correct when it declares that "they have been used in many instances as mere rationalizations for the failure of qualified individuals to develop their own talents and abilities."

The Sun is wrong, however, when it states, "Participation in many of the more difficult extra-curricular activities need not interfere unduly with (students') academic achievements or social desires. More often than not, such participation merely requires that the individual reorganize past patterns of behavior, making them more time-saving and efficient."

The Sun is wrong not because participation in the activities of a Union committee detracts appreciably from studies. And not because report-

ing for The Daily Nebraskan once a week will prevent a student from cracking a '9' in history.

The Sun is wrong because any student who enters into an extra-curricular activity soon expands his scope to include a second activity—or else he assumes a more important position in the first. The student devotes more and more of his time to organizations and activities—until finally activities start raising havoc with studies.

By this time he has become too much the "activity man" to drop any organization—so he hangs on, letting studies slide and even sluffing through activities.

The Sun would not be wrong if a student could stop with a single limited activity. It would not be wrong if the student could refrain from adding activities when his schedule—even after reorganization—is filled.

But students do not seem to possess the ability to be content with what they have. The next job always looks a little brighter.

Perhaps this is the reason students hesitate to enter into any extra-curricular affairs. Perhaps they realize their inability to stop when they are well off.

If students are becoming aware of this quality of activity men, the "snow-balling" of activities and campus jobs may provide the chief reason students refuse to participate in extra-curricular organizations.

The Sun might well include this item within its list of factors. And it might just as well stop attempting to convince students that activities need not detract from studies.—K. R.

Yesteryear At NU...

By DICK EALSTON
Staff Writer

Getting back to serious topics, students of a couple of English schools went out on a limb back in 1933. Because of certain parallels to modern times, I reprint the editorial comment in The Nebraskan 20 years ago:

"Two large student organizations at Oxford and Manchester universities in England, the famous Oxford Union and Manchester Union, voted in a recent discussion by a large majority that the members would in no circumstances fight for its king and country."

"Conservative Englishmen, sons of aristocrats, in one of the oldest and most conservative of English universities! Imagine them declaring outright that they will not fight in any war, no matter what the circumstances. No longer do they believe in a 'war to end all wars,' and a war 'to make the world safe for democracy.' They are convinced that war cannot accomplish this or any other good purpose."

"We doubt if there is a university in this country where as many students, (750 at Oxford and 371 at Manchester) could be induced to make this supposedly radical declaration. Imagine the consternation of a few of the ROTC officers if such a vote should result in some of their classes.

"Most people are likely to be repelled by this absolute pacifist stand. But in view of the fact that war, rumors of war and vigorous preparations for war are continually going on, it begins to look like the only really effective means of doing anything about preventing war.

"This attitude is to be sincerely admired. Certainly it is a consistent attitude for those who are opposed to war. It might be vigorously recommended to the statesmen of the world that some such consistency should be observed. This idea of signing peace pacts and then building armaments indefinitely with the very definite purpose of using them for war purposes, is becoming tiresome."

WORLD REPORT

By PAUL MEANS
Staff Writer

TODAY'S HEADLINES... The lower house of Western Germany's parliament ratified the European Defense Army Treaty and the peace contract with the West Thursday night... However, opposition is expected when the treaties reach the upper House.

Russia's UN debate charged that the United States slandered Russia by asking for action to demonstrate the Kremlin really wants peace... This occurred in the UN disarmament debate before the 60-nation Political Committee Thursday.

The age old tradition of the swallow's annual pilgrimage to the San Juan Capistrano Mission was fulfilled Thursday, with timely precision... St. Joseph's Day saw the main contingent of swallows arriving, following the advance scouts who prepared the way by driving away the swiftnets, who traditionally inherit the nests for the winter season.

'U.S. Law Shields Robbers, Traitors'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial appeared in the March 7th edition of *College Magazine*.

The three-year federal statute of limitations has run out in the famous case of the million-dollar robbery of Brink's, Inc., and the potentially perfect crime has moved a step closer to perfection.

A federal grand jury in Boston decided, with apparent wisdom, that an indictment was not warranted because of a lack of "complete, positive information." There is reason to believe from the events that preceded the end of this time limit, that complete and positive information might eventually have been secured.

It is true that the statute of limitations in the state of Massachusetts still has three years to go, and that the local investigation will probably continue. The FBI will continue to work on the case and turn over any findings to the Massachusetts police. But the Brink's robbers may not be punished for their crime even if they are tracked down. Quite possibly, the criminals have fled the United States. If they picked their refuge shrewdly, they are safe from arrest, because some countries, even though they will turn over to us a man wanted for a federal offense, will not let us get our hands on one sought by a state.

This is not the first time that we have had occasion on this page to object to federal laws which hamper thorough investigation into crimes and balk the apprehension of their perpetrators. For example, we have stated our belief that it was a perversion of justice when Alger Hiss, because of the statute of limitations, was permitted to stand trial on the comparatively minor charge of perjury rather than on the charge from which the perjury arose.

Now we see once again, in a crime against a corporation rather than against the nation, a case in which the machinery of federal law enforcement is stalled by what seems an undue concern for the rights of the accused.

We do not believe that we are advocating cruel and unusual punishment when we suggest that Congress alter the national laws to a point where the agencies of enforcement are given at least an equal chance against the clever criminal—where traitor, murderer, robber or whatever—who today is shielded by the calendar under the assumption that an accused person is handicapped in presenting his defense because a few years have passed since the crime was committed.

MISSOURI

Campus Politics Rough, Only Sometimes Dirty

(From the Missouri Student) Is politics a dirty word? When the propaganda starts flowing and the debates and arguments begin hoarsening vocal cords, charges of dirty politics and tactics accompany almost every word.

For the better or worse, politics, including the brand practiced on this campus, is a question of getting power and prestige as well as bettering whatever government is being elected.

To achieve that power some things have been said and done by many parties which have added neither to the quality of the party campaign nor to the betterment of the campus. Instead, honesty has been sacrificed for the chance of election.

It is important, however, that there be some sort of clarification made between hard-fought politics and dirty campaigning.

Campaign political propaganda is not dirty by definition, as some would have it. The only way for a party to win an election is to publicize its qualities and knock those of the opposition. That this interchange of communication sometimes grows vehement is no indication of any foul play. On the contrary, bitter arguments, accusations are part of the game and only a lily-white idealist can expect a party to teach each other with kid gloves.

Therefore, it is wrong to accuse politics of being dirty in itself. The methods of dirty politics are sometimes hard to recognize. Three years ago, members of both parties forged ID cards to stuff ballot boxes. This was easily recognizable. But name-calling on the basis of broad generalizations is not so easily discerned. Its use, however, is a sign that the party employing

WORLD OF PREJUDICE

Northwesterners Disapprove Race Restrictions On Housing

With a wistful, backward glance at Brotherhood week, The Nebraskan publishes accounts of recent campus developments in the world of prejudice.

Bias Clause

The Williams College (Mass.) chapter of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity has been suspended by its national council for pledging a Jewish student last October. A clause in the national constitution—"The Bond of Phi Delta Theta"—limits membership to "men of white and full Aryan blood." Recently the 37 members of the chapter unanimously reaffirmed the decision to admit the Jewish student.

... On The Social Side

One Engagement, Two Pinnings, Mark Week

By NANCY ODUM
Staff Writer

Cecilia Pinkerton, Chi O, and Dean Linscott, AGR, have announced their engagement. A senior in Teachers, Cecilia is from Beatrice. She is past vice-president of Tassels, past secretary of Builders and secretary of Mortar Board.

Pinnings

Ruth Kleinert announced her pinning to Jack Davis Monday night. Ruth, a Teachers freshman from Lincoln, is an AOPI. Jack, an SAE, is a sophomore in

Springs. He is Student Council vice-president, past president of Builders, and secretary of innocents.

Pharmacy. He is from Omaha. Candy was the order of the day at the Kappa Delta house Monday night when Chris Pivonka announced her pinning to Dale Bunsen. Beta Sig. Chris is a junior in Teachers from Lodgepole. Dale, an AG senior, is from Bertrand.

Party Calendar
FRIDAY
Sigma Phi Epsilon formal
Ag College Estes Carnival
Terrace Hall formal
Theta Xi house party
SATURDAY
Sigma Alpha Epsilon house party
Beta Sigma Psi Davey Jones Locker party
Alpha Gamma Rho formal
NROTC Ball
Acacia formal
Sigma Alpha Mu Orchard formal
Ag Country Dancers square dance

Your Church

By PAT PECK
Staff Writer
LUTHERAN STUDENT FOUNDATION
Friday—6:45 p.m., visitations; 8 p.m., scavenger hunt; 9:30 p.m., "Let's Talk About It."
Sunday—9 a.m., leave by bus for choir tour; 9:15 a.m., Bible study; 10:15 a.m., rides to church; 5 p.m., LSA costs supper; 6:15 p.m., program, discussion on leadership, Don Anderson in charge.
Tuesday—7:15 a.m., Lenten Matins; 7:15 p.m., choir and Lenten Vespers.

UNIVERSITY EPISCOPAL CHAPEL
Sunday—9 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., morning prayer and sermon, "The Prophet Ezekiel," Dr. William Swindler, speaker; 7 p.m., Vespers.
Wednesday—7 a.m., Holy Communion.
Friday—7 a.m., Holy Communion.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHAPEL
Sunday—Masses, 8, 9, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday—7:30 p.m., Study club, Newman Center and Ag Activities building.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL (Missouri Synod)
Sunday—9:30 a.m., Bible study; 10:45 a.m., worship; 5:30 p.m., Gamma Ielta.
Wednesday—7 p.m., Lenten meditations.

BAPTIST-COTNER STUDENT HOUSES
Sunday—Church school and morning worship in city churches. 5 p.m., student supper; 6 p.m., forum; 7:30 p.m., deputation service at First Baptist Church 14th and K Streets.
Thursday—5 p.m., 7 p.m., annual waffle supper for benefit of summer conference fund at First Baptist Church.

METHODIST STUDENT HOUSE
Sunday—5 p.m., Wesley Fireside, panel discussion: "Military Training vs. Christian Thought."
Tuesday—6:15 p.m., Kappa Phi meal in the Upper Room, Union.
Wednesday—6:30 a.m., breakfast; 7:15 a.m., Lenten service, Rev. Clarence Smith, speaker.

NUBB

Friday
Deadline for student preference on AUF opinion poll. Return choice to Union, Room 307.
Karl Shapiro final talk, 8 p.m., Love Library.
Saturday
NUCWA third Plenary Session, 9 a.m. to noon, Union Ballroom.
Sunday
Cricket practice for anyone interested in southwest corner of Coliseum, 2 p.m.

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