

Just Between Us...

By DON PIEPER Editor

THIEVES TAKE NEARLY \$500 This is a pretty poor commentary on Easter vacation.

Of course, there is no possible way of telling until the culprits are apprehended whether University students are to blame for the rash of fraternity robberies that hit the campus during vacation. But surface facts indicate that the thieves were well acquainted with where fraternity money is kept.

It is also impossible to tell now whether the same individuals were connected in all three thefts. Since each theft had basic similarities, it doesn't seem too unreasonable to suggest that one person—or one group of persons—was mixed up in all of the robberies.

Let us hope that no one from this campus was connected with this mess. It seems almost impossible to think that any University student would pull such a stunt.

Whoever is responsible knew, however, that fraternities—and sororities—are notoriously easy marks during vacation periods. And there doesn't seem to be any solution—at least any obvious solution—to the problem of keeping persons out of closed houses. During Easter, and other vacations which come during the school year, organizations often leave some money in the houses. It would be highly unusual if any really significant sums were left, but a certain amount of working cash is often kept around by treasurers for change and small expenditures. This money usually isn't deposited before vacations.

Most houses seem to feel safe in leaving this money locked in a safe, cabinet, desk or similar place. And under normal circumstances, there is no reason why this shouldn't be all right. But it looks as if a greater effort had better be taken to put all loose money into banks any time a house is left empty—for even an afternoon or evening. As long as windows are made of glass, no

house is going to be impossible to break into. And as long as we have vacations, there are going to be empty fraternity, sorority and residence houses. And as long as we have individuals in society who feel that stealing is all right—if they get away with it—those houses will be broken into.

It is quite impossible to have every house on campus watched throughout the entire vacation. The campus and city police do attempt to keep a constant lookout, but this just isn't enough. It is impractical, I think, to ask that any more men be added to either police force as far as patrolling the campus is concerned. Campus police did not know of the robberies until contacted by a Daily Nebraskan reporter. When you get right down to it, there isn't much way that they could know. No thief is going to show himself when police are around. It doesn't seem unfair, however, to ask that campus patrolmen keep an even sharper lookout in the weeks to come.

It is most important to note that vacations aren't the only times when fraternities and sororities invite robbery. Whenever the organizations hold an off-campus party or dance, houses are left relatively unprotected.

It is a sad commentary on human nature to suggest that students should be more careful about leaving their belongings and money lying around. This may involve a cynical view of our fellow men, but there doesn't seem to be any way of getting out of it.

The more I think about this problem, the more convinced I become that there is no answer. It is impossible to keep persons from breaking into houses. It is impossible to keep everything in houses from being stolen—remember that more than money was involved in the recent robberies. It is impossible to station policemen at every house. It is impossible, or at least it seems to be, to teach humans that stealing is wrong.

Try to keep individuals from coming to the place where they think that they must steal. But, also, try to make stealing as unprofitable for them as you can.

NEBRASKAN EDITORIALS

It's The Atmosphere That Counts

Last week the Student Council declined to investigate any possibilities for the honor system at the University of Nebraska.

The proposal that the Council examine several systems was dismissed with: "An honor system at the University is impossible. The right atmosphere does not exist."

The Council is right. The University is not ready for an honor system.

Nor will it ever be unless someone makes a conscious effort to produce the right atmosphere.

Any honor system which might be established at the University at the present, one assumes, would be wrecked by the discovery of widespread cheating.

But this was not the case at the College of William and Mary this year.

According to a letter from the president of the college to all alumni, "mimeographed copies of mid-term examinations in Military Science and Tactics were removed from the offices of the department prior to the examination and came into the hands of several students."

The press got wind of the cheating and threatened to publish the rumors which had come to their attention.

The president of the college immediately issued the following statement:

"Infractions of the Honor Code involving certain students in the Department of Military Science and Tactics have been uncovered. Investigations are being made, and appropriate corrective measures have been and are being taken. It is not the policy of the college to release details regarding students involved in disciplinary matters."

That statement sounded as though the college administration was taking a firm hand in the matter and would deal with the students.

But such an implication could not have been farther from the truth. The entire matter was handled by the Honor Council, a student body.

According to the president's letter, the "violation of the Honor Code came to the attention of the Honor Council, and, as a result, 24 students were separated from the college."

If the action had been the arbitrary decision of a handful of students, the scandal would have disgraced the honor system at William and Mary.

The president admitted that "this episode has been one of the most distressing which I have ever had to face." He added, however, "Despite the unpleasantness... I believe that the end result is

good—good for the boys involved who most surely have learned a valuable lesson, good for the college whose tradition of honesty and integrity, not only stood the test, but has actually been strengthened by the ordeal."

Newspaper editorials said: "The... incident is a severe blow to pride but rather than being disgraced, William and Mary can hold up its head for having once again placed a high premium on honesty"; "the College... is to be congratulated on the manner in which its students... upheld the honor code..."; "William and Mary is better off for the absence of cheaters... and though this act threatened a stain on their school's coat of arms, the student Honor Council's decisive action wiped that stain off."

The victory was not the victory of the Honor Council nor of the administration. It was the victory of the student body, a body so steeped in the traditions of the honor system that the mere knowledge of cheating was enough to "separate the students from the college."

Despite the fact that the American honor system was inaugurated at William and Mary in 1779, the climate in which cheating is not tolerated was not born. It was developed into the spirit of the college.

Undoubtedly that sounds very fine on paper. Developing the atmosphere in which an honor system will flourish, however, is a little more than just talking about it or legislating a few rules in Student Council.

The Council rejected an investigation of an honor system because it knew such a system could not be established by a majority vote. It acted wisely, in this respect.

But in doing so, the Council blocked efforts to develop an honor atmosphere. A competent Council committee could have investigated several possible systems and, considered a number of increases in student participation in University government, particularly as it affects student conduct.

From there the committee conceivably could have mapped a path toward a workable honor system at the University.

We will never construct an honor system overnight. We will never, in fact, construct an honor system unless we start to prepare students for the roles they must play in such a system.

Since the Student Council is the only representative body on campus, the initiative rests with it. But last week it refused to accept any responsibility in the matter.—K. R.

Yesteryear At NU...

By DICK RALSTON Staff Writer

College students have long been adjudged to be cynics. Rightly or wrongly, the indictment has been popular. The Nebraskan of '33, however, didn't particularly agree:

"When doomsday rolls around, and the process of singling out the sheep from the goats is begun, it is our fondest hope that consigned to the nethermost regions of the bottomless pit will be a certain class of people whom we now set about to describe.

"These are the individuals with dour faces and perpetual leers who feign disillusionment with everything. It is their mission in life to go about making cynical comments about every project they see undertaken. Their greatest satisfaction is

achieved in pricking the bubble of someone else's idealism. Their very presence puts a blight on any contemplation other than that of the mean and the horrid. They point gnarled fingers at everyone explaining the underlying motives of greed which actuate him in whatever endeavor he may be engaged.

"Few, if any, who scoff at the efforts of others as Quixotic, are able to demonstrate any accomplishments of their own, or even any attempts at accomplishment. Their sneers are usually expressions of their own inability to accomplish, their lack of ingenuity and energy in attempting.

"The goal of complete achievement is seldom reached. But life is unbearable without the feeling, illusion though it may be, that some things are worth working for.

WORLD REPORT

By PAUL MEANS

TODAY'S HEADLINES... The U. N. General Assembly Wednesday adopted a Western plan for disarmament talks despite a strong appeal by chief Soviet Delegate Andrei Vishinsky to modify it in the interests of East-West harmony... The vote concerned a 14-power resolution, approved earlier by the Political Committee, which would have the General Assembly instruct the UN's 12-nation disarmament commission to continue its work on the regulation, limitation and balance of all armed forces and all armaments and to report by Sept. 2.

The Communists have announced that they are ready to send home 600 disabled prisoners... this figure includes only 150 Americans and other U.N. soldiers... The chief Allied negotiator asked for a recount, and added "I hope that we get more... Former Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett said Wednesday ammunition output had been "definitely unsatisfactory." But he denied there have been shortages all along for the fighting in Korea... Lovett blamed the Army "as a whole" for past ammunition shortages and said he took ammunition production "out of the Army's control."

Minor Stockholder To Challenge 'Mac'

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in the April 6th edition of the Omaha World Herald.

Lewis D. Gilbert, crusading minority stockholders who has baited such titans as Winthrop Aldrich, Alfred P. Sloan and the late Charles M. Schwab, is limbering his oratorical guns for a shot or two at Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

"I've a few questions to ask the general at the Remington Rand annual meeting," says Mr. Gilbert, who has been heckling top brass at some 1,500 stockholder meetings over the past 20 years.

Mr. Gilbert owns 40 shares of Remington Rand, Inc. stock. The company, which last year named Gen. MacArthur chairman of the board, is one of six hundred in which Lewis Gilbert or his younger brother, John, own stock in amounts ranging from 10 to three hundred shares.

Attending the annual meeting of these companies as self-elected champions of minority stockholder groups (or, as some managements say, as "professional agitators"), is more than a full-time job for the Gilbert brothers.

This year, with some three hundred meetings lined up, they expect to be busier than ever. Lewis Gilbert says he wants General MacArthur to explain his qualifications for the 100-thousand-dollar-a-year job as Remington Rand chairman. And that he'd like the general to give the stockholders a report on his first year in that job.

"As stockholders and part-owners of the corporation we are entitled to know," he says. "The general had better show up. If he doesn't we'll accuse him of being AWOL."

Independently wealthy, Lewis Gilbert started attending annual meetings in 1933 after inheriting some stock. He's been making the rounds and giving free advice to boards of directors ever since. His own business experience was limited to four weeks as a clerk in a bookshop.

One of his first battles ended in defeat. He got up at a Bethlehem Steel Company meeting to protest a large pension the directors had proposed for the late Charles M. Schwab. An irate stockholder, obviously an admirer of the steel tycoon, tried to take a swing at Mr. Gilbert and the young crusader almost got thrown out of the meeting.

Lewis Gilbert is known for his shrill and penetrating voice. He boasts that he can outshout any presiding officer who tries to deny him the floor.

Right now he's pressing hard for a 25-thousand-dollar retelling on executives' pensions and cumulative voting for directors. Under cumulative voting a stockholder can cast as many votes as there are directors to be elected and he can cast them all for one or two candidates if he so desires.

NUBB

THURSDAY Sinfonia luncheon noon Thursday in the Union, Parlor X. New Student Week Committee luncheon noon Thursday in the Union, Parlor Z. Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship meeting 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Union, Room 313. Law College meeting 1 p.m. Thursday in Union Faculty Lounge. Builders (campus tours) meeting 5 p.m. Thursday in Union, Room 313. Interfraternity Council meeting 5 p.m. Thursday in Union, Room 315. Builders meeting 5 p.m. Thursday in Union, Room 316. Phi Epsilon Kappa dinner 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Union, Parlor A. Student Union show rehearsal 7 p.m. Thursday in Union Ballroom. Pi Lambda Theta meeting 7 p.m. Thursday in Union, Parlor Y. Citizenship Club meeting 7 p.m. Thursday in Union, Parlor Z. Christian Science meeting 7 p.m. Thursday in Union, Room 313. Alpha Phi Omega meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Union. FRIDAY Nebraska Regional Committee on urgent educational problems luncheon 12:00 p.m. Friday in Union, Parlor X. Nebraska Regional Committee on urgent educational problems meeting 2:00 p.m. Friday in Union, Faculty Lounge. Inter-Varsity meeting 12:30 p.m. Friday in Union, Room 313.

THE 'FOOLISH' PRESS

Big-7 Papers Have 'April Fool' Issues

The Daily Nebraskan was not the only college newspaper to publish a special April Fool edition last week. Among the exchange papers received by The Nebraskan were four "all-in-fun" issues, three of them from Big-Seven colleges.

The Missouri Student (University of Missouri) mixed fun with facts in an eight-page issue. The front page flag read: "The Missouri Student (All News on Pages Two, Six and Seven is Factual). Among the just-fooling stories in the paper were: 1. Announcement that the Student Union, "in a sweeping change of policy," would sell five percent beer.

Stolen Goods

Lincoln's Words Changed; Now Condemns Taxation

Cynthia Henderson

EDITOR'S NOTE: Peg Bartunek, who has written the exchange column since last fall, has resigned her position as Daily Nebraskan columnist. Her place has been taken by Cynthia Henderson, a member of the Nebraskan's editorial staff.

After last month's blow of paying income taxes many people might well agree with an excerpt taken from the Washington Post in Collaboration with A. Lincoln. "One score and 18 years ago, our fathers brought forth upon this Nation a new tax, conceived in desperation and dedicated to the proposition that all are fair game. Now we are engaged in a great mass of calculations, testing whether this taxpayer, or any taxpayer so confused and so impoverished, can long endure.

"We are met on Form 1040. We have come to dedicate a large portion of our income to a final resting place with those men who spend their lives that they may spend our money. It is altogether anguish and torture that we do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot evade, we cannot cheat, we cannot underestimate this tax. The tax collectors, clever and sly who compute here, have gone far beyond our poor power to add and subtract.

"Our creditors will little note nor long remember what we pay here; but the Bureau of Internal Revenue can never forget what we report here..."

From Kansas we stole the following quips: A professor trying to put across the matter of relatively asked a woman student what a bad man was. The girl thought a minute then asked "which kind?" Another campus character thought he was being appropriate wearing a toga in the union's new lounge. He said he was waiting for the chariot races to start in the stadium.

At Minnesota four students hitched up their chairs to a table in the Union, closed their eyes, relaxed and dropped off into a hypnotic state under the soothing word of a psychology professor.

The professor made his subjects laugh, feel pain, raise and lower their arms and hands, open and close their eyes—all while they were completely hypnotized.

"Now there are many books on top of your hand, and it is very, very heavy. Your hands weigh a thousand pounds—you cannot hold it up."

Four hands dropped back to the table.

"Now your right hand is dead and numb, and will be numb until you leave this room. Your left hand has just been scalded and blistered in a pail of very hot water."

Two left hands came off the table.

FROM UCLA

Press Fights For Rights, But Forgets Its Duties

(From the UCLA Daily Bruin)

We have a funny way of thinking about some things. If the government were to order the nation's press not to publish certain types of stories or not to circulate, specific information, popular indignation would know no bounds. The public would raise hell.

But when the nation's press itself ignores serious news and turns to scandals, crime and sensationalism, we don't hear a murmur. Newspapers are permitted to go on distorting information, half reporting stories and blinking at important goings-on.

Yet the result—whether it comes from censorship or is self-imposed—is the same: The public is not informed and remains ignorant.

Our thinking on this point seems inconsistent. After all, of what value is freedom of the press if it is not used to better communicate information? Not the freedom but the improved transmission of news is the goal. Instead of being alive to this, we jump at each encroachment on a free press and shut our eyes to the quality of news reporting.

This is one of the weakest points in the structure of our representative democracy. An unrepresentative public not able to control its legislators and executives. An unrepresentative public is enslaved.

It is true, no doubt, that the populace's own attitude must bear responsibility for this situation. The only thing people seem to be "eternally vigilant" about today is the Jelke case, the racing results and Little Orphan Annie. Beyond that the scope of knowledge is sort of dim.

At least part of the reason for this attitude stems from the financial setup of the nation's journalism. The editors have to please the public, both to sell ads and to sell papers. Whatever that vague blob of passions wants to

2. Announcement from the "mean of den" that the Second Annual University of Missouri Party Raid would be held May 23. All students interested in participating were asked to register at the dean's office.

3. Report of "a sweeping raid on the faculty lounge" in which federal narcotics agents "uncovered a faculty dope ring involving several University professors." According to the article, "Agents found the professors smoking reefers and puffing on opium pipes in the room. The floor was strewn with hypodermic needles for injecting heroin."

4. Report that "one of the columns and two wings of Jesse Hall were mysteriously carried off."

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