Just Between Us . . .

By DON PIEPER
Editor

Eighteen University students have taken advantage of the Student Council action to re-open filings for class officer posts. For some reason 15 of these students applied for senior offices, but the point remains that there is some interest in class government on this campus.

In fact, I can honestly say that there is the most avid interest that I have seen in four years here.

It's hard to understand why this interest lay dormant during the original filing period. And it's harder to understand why it lay dormant during the first extension of the original filings.

But the fact remains that there is interest in class government.

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From all early indications there will be a wild election campaign. I cannot remember a wild election campaign on this campus. One encouraging result of the re-opened filings is the number of women who decided to try their dainty hands at the dirty game of campus politics. Heretofore, coeds have been willing to let the men take over the class offices while they dominate the other activities. But now the women are reaching into other pots.

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However you look at it, a few strong women candidates can throw the election wide open. For the first time in years there might be some organized woman voting—or at least campaigning.

Although the official list of candidates has not been released as yet, rumor has it that at least one independent has filed. This is another group which has failed to show any political ambition in the past. Now is the time to press the advantage.

The Nebraskan is not choosing sides, but we expect some lively news in the next few weeks.

NEBRASKAN EDITORIALS

The Communist Peace Offensive

Victory For 85

The headlines Monday morning read:

First POW Trade Successful

A hundred Allied war prisoners—including between 30 and 35 Americans—were released by the Communists in the first sign of peace in almost three years of Korean fighting.

So far, the Communists have proved that they are sincere in their peace offensive. So far they have fulfilled every provision of the exchange agreement.

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Would-be realists among us, however, hasten to point out that trucks filled with ammunition were interspersed among trucks bearing Allied prisoners as the convoys traveled southward—free from UN air attacks. There are those who declare that the Communists are trying to pull the wool over our eyes, as they prepare for a new offensive—in Korea, in southeast Asia, in Europe or some place else. There are even Americans who object violently to talk of any truce negotiations.

"We can never compromise with the despised Communist totalitarian states," they say. "To negotiate with them is to admit that we respect their claim to power and are satisfied with co-existence."

These America-plusers are simply chauvinists who advocate having nothing to do with the Communists until we have pushed them off the map—or destroyed the map they live on. Included in this group of Americans who feel that negotiations with Communists can bring no good are a number of Congressmen, army officers, newspapers, veterans and other citizens.

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But the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners proves that they are wrong. We can gain in negotiations with Communists. Thirty happy American families already attest to that. Thirty mothers, saying "My prayers have been answered," will never doubt that happiness can be won by talking with the Reds.

Thirty families were overjoyed Sunday night, 35 more were to know that their sons or husbands were safe by Monday night and 19 more families will know by Tuesday night. If nothing else, the prisoner exchange has brought happiness to nearly 85 American homes.

Even if the truce talks which open Saturday fail to produce an armistice, the Communist peace offensive has not been without its advantages to the United Nations. The life of one wounded prisoner and the happiness of his family is well worth the time, effort and expense of negotiating with the Reds.

If the Communists have bargained in good faith—and it apepars they have, no matter what their motive—we cannot lose in expanding negotiations for peace. Even if we fail to win a solution to the many problems existing between East and West, we stand to win the lives and well-being of the prisoners still in Red hands as well as the lives of UN soldiers holding the line on the Korean battlefield.

The stakes are high enough and the initial successes are promising enough to challenge us to re-double our efforts for peace in Korea.—**K.R.**

Trip To Russia

The Crown at Queens College and the Spectator at Columbia University are going to send a cablegram to Russia.

This is their message:

"The recent trip to the USSR by a group of American editors and publishers provided a welcome sign of friendship between our nations. On a student level such an opportunity would do much to further international understanding.

"We therefore request permision for a group of college newspaper editors to visit the USSR in the near future."

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A cablegram like that ought to catch Mr. Malenkov with his guard down. The pudgy premier has been peeking out from under the Iron Curtain for the last few weeks and letting some Westerners peek in. The group of publishers and editors mentioned in the cablegram studied—if you can call seeing what the Russians want you to see studying—Soviet life and conditions. tl to see studying—Soviet life and conditions. It was a sound move and one which Americans semed to appreciate.

In fact, we appreciated it so much that a group of our college journalists have decided to try for an encore. There is no reason why church groups, patriotic organizations or other college groups couldn't try for permission too. We might as well really put the Russians on the spot.

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It is impossible to predict how the Russians will greet this move. It is impossible to predict how the Russians will greet any move—especially when they are conducting a "peace offensive." But the fact remains that the student journalists at Columbia University and Queens College have perfected a way of calling the USSR bluff. The Malenkov mistake began when he allowed the professional journalists a look at his country. It's an old story that if you give in to one group, it's hard to refuse anyone else. Of course, the Russians are experts at excuses and it doesn't seem unreasonable to expect a blue-ribbon excuse if the collegiate request is refused.

However you look at it, the Russians are on the spot.

Maybe they have nothing to hide behind the Curtain—it certainly would be interesting to find out.—**D.P.**

Welcome, AUF

Appearing elsewhere on the editorial page is a letter from AUF fully endorsing The Daily Nebraskan Crusade for Safety.

This, in itself, is gratifying to the staff members and other persons who have realized the importance of safety on our highways.

But, even more heartening than any endorsement we could receive, is the promise of AUF to take an active part in The Nebraskan campaign.

Laudatory phrases coming from organizations wishing to jump on the bandwagan really accomplish very little. The spirit in which the AUF announce their intentions, however, is definitely within the realistic realm of action.

We welcome the AUF to the campaign and look with hope to the future accomplishments of this organization.—**E.D.**

Yesteryear At NU . . .

By DICK RALSTON
Staff Writer

The aftermath of the budget hassle in 1923 was a compromise.

The budget bill passed by the house of representatives called for an appropriation of $3,123,450 for the University, approximately the same figure recommended by the investigating committee. The Senate, however, passed a budget bill calling for a University appropriaton of $3,597,250, which was clone to Governor Bryan's recommendation.

A conference committee, called to find a figure acceptable to both houses, eventually settled on $3,331,680, or about half way in between the two figures.

This compromise figure was eventually passed by both houses, approved by Gov. Bryan, and no one was satisfied.

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Life is much too short for all of us. But for some it is far shorter than for others.

It is small wonder that most of the campus of 1923 went into mourning after the death of Crescent DeMar at the comparative youth of only eight years. Only one daughter and one granddaughter were left in the immediate family to mourn the loss. But faculty members and students alike joined the survivors in mourning.

According to The Daily Nebraskan, Crescent DeMar was better known on the campus than the best-dressed man or the president of any honorary organization. She resided on Ag campus and was always a favorite in Farmers Fair and Feeder's Day activities.

Because of Crescent's immense popularity, it was announced that no flowers could be accepted for her death, since it would be a problem to dispose of them all.

Although it was a shock to lose Crescent DeMar when she was only eight years old, that isn't too short a lifetime for a sorrel Belgian mare.

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WORLD REPORT

By PAUL MEANS
Staff Writer

TODAY'S HEADLINES . . . One hundred more Allied prisoners today began to pass through Panmunjom's "freedom gate" even as the first 30 American captives released by Communists 24 hours ago were flying to Tokyo for treatment and transfer home . . .

Nearly a half billion dollars worth of European military airplanes will be purchased thru NATO during the next few days . . . The United States will put up one-half or more of the money . . .

Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey said Monday there will be no depression in America, come a Korean armistice or even full world peace . . .

Eisenhower called on Russia to prove it wants peace and said he believes Soviet leaders can be convinced the world does not live under fear of atomic war. . .

The Allies told the Communists last week that they were ready to resume preliminary Korean War armistice talks but warned they would not tolerate long-winded discussions that hold no promise of success. . .

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Secretary Weeks Bats For Business

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article, by Thomas L. Stokes, appeared in the April 10th edition of the Cleveland Press.

WASHINGTON: Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks is beginning to impress Washington with the vigorous manner in which he is swinging his weight around in the Eisenhower Administration on behalf of his particular protege, business—and in many directions.

This Boston businessman and financier, long prominent in national Republican Paarty affairs, saw the election as a mandate to establish an Administration very friendly to business and he is going about that with enthusiasm and energy. Not content to confine himself to his own department, he is reaching out in other governmental quarters in his mission for business. His strategic position as a member of the President's Cabinet gives him elbow room and the President's ear.

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It is within his own department that he has created the most dramatic episode publicly thus far. The furore over his summary firing of Dr. Allen V. Astin as director of the Bureau of Standards, which is under his department still is on the crescendo, with scientists protesting loudly, and with a congressional investigation of the whole affair being sought. His only reason announced publicly was the bureau's rejection of an additive to hop up old storage batteries, a subject of controversy that revolves around its inventor and purveyor, Jess Ritchie, small manufacturer of Oakland, Calif., whom Secretary Weeks championed, and who has run afoul, also, of the Federal Trade Commission.

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The Bureau of Standards has always enjoyed a reputation of objectivity and impartiality. Consequently, any appearance of interference with its findings that has the least color of politics or business pressure is understandably resented by scientists, as well as by the bureau, itself. For the sake of the bureau, and for the sake of Weeks and of Ritchie, a thorough investigation of this most unusual incident seems warranted.

As a Republican Party leader for many years, the secretary has had the most contact with businessmen because of his role in helping to finance the party.

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When he became secretary of Commerce, he regarded it as part of his stewardship for business in the Administration to use his influence also in reshaping regulatory agencies and commissions more toward the business view. He made no secret of that. This task, however, has been done quietly and without dramatics.

While other Cabinet officers in both Democratic and Republican Administrations have exercised the same prerogative, the regulatory agencies are not branches of the Executive Department, though the President makes the appointments. They are creatures of Congress and are supposed to represent the over-all public interest, and not any special interest.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS . . . . . By Bibler

Union Cues

Union Personnel System Is Extensive, Complex

Marianne Hansen

An elaborate organization employing from 100 to 150 students and handling from $40,000 to $50,000 annually in cash or meals—that is the Student Union. There is more flurry of activity behind the scenes than most students realize.

For instance, consider the Union personnel system, which is extensive and complex. Any student is free to apply for a position as a part-time worker and may serve as anything from cook to night supervisor. Students fill part-time positions as waiters, bus boys, dish washers, soda jerks, fry cooks, cashiers, supervisors, bookkeepers, sign painters and movie operators.

The Union offers the same opportunity for advancement as downtown commercial firms. Jim Ferris and Keith Maul, pharmacy seniors, started four years ago as waiters and worked up to positions as night supervisors. As supervisors, they are in charge of the whole building from 5 p.m. until closing.

Promotions are based upon merit ratings made three times a semester. Workers are graded on 10 points, including attitude, cooperation, dependability and efficiency. Ratings are graded numerically, averaged, recorded and thereafter form a part of the student's service record and are used in filling out recommendations and references after graduation.

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The Union pulls its workers from all parts of the state—and from other countries. Although most of the workers are boys, several girls are employed as clerks or waitresses. Many students stay all four years. The longest record of service, however, is held by a student working on his master's degree, who stayed seven years.

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Gene Cody, Crib supervisor, voiced his approval of the personnel system. Cody, who is serving his second year as a Union employee, works from 20 to 25 hours a week and intends to continue working until graduation. He said, "I think the Crib is the best place to work, because there is more activity there—always something doing and people coming and going."

Another Crib supervisor, Roland Struss, also likes the excitement in the Crib. He gives as a specific example the surprise kiss one of the waiters received from a pretty customer last Sunday night. It seems there was a sign on the waiter's back reading "Kiss Me!"

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Another advantage of working in the Crib, in the opinion of several waiters, is the excellent chance it offers to meet the cute girls that drop in for a coke. Then, too, it's extremely easy to learn all the popular songs because waiters are forced to listen to them repeated over the juke box all day. Bob Lucas, sophomore worker on the party crew, turns his worker status to another advantage. Because he is acquainted with all the help, he can always make sure of prompt service.

Roger Larson, assistant director of the Union, feels the present personnel program has worked out very successfully. "The quality of our student employees is very good, and our experience with them has proved extremely satisfactory," he added.

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To these students, part-time employees, the Union is not only a refuge of relaxation and diversion but also a well-organized business establishment.

The Union offers the student employees not an opportunity to work during their college years but also to learn how a cooperative concern as extensive as the Union is organized and how problems which arise are handled. The student worker certainly has a first chance in gaining experience in business, personell, organization and enjoyment. The Union employee need have no fears that he is working in a business that is not beneficial to himself in every way.

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TUESDAY

Honors Convocation, 10:15 a.m., Coliseum, Ben Cherrington speaker.

Scholarship Honors Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Union ballroom.

Dance party and final dance lesson at 7:30 p.m. in the Union.

Dr. George Kuriyan, professor of geography at University of Madras, lecturing at 8:30 p.m. Love Memorial Library.

Red Cross Senior Life Saving course at 7 p.m., Coliseum pool.

WEDNESDAY

Film society meeting at Esquire theater, showing "Orphus."

Craft shop, at 7 p.m. Union.

Dr. George Kuriyan, professor of geography at University of Madras will lecture at 7:30 p.m. in Union Faculty Lounge.

American Association of University Professors meeting at 6 p.m., Union Parlors. A and B.

Employee Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Union Ballroom.

Red Cross Senior Life Saving course at 7 p.m. Coliseum pool.

THURSDAY

Fine Arts Ensemble concert at 8 p.m. Union ballroom.

OPERATION KOREA

'No Ammo Shortages Were Seen'

By GENE OWEN
Staff Writer

Recently there has been a surge of comments sweeping over the country concerning an ammunition shortage in Korea. These comments have ranged from sheer condemnation—of no one in particular it is interesting to note—to the typical Mortimer Snerd philosopsy of "Well, that's the way it goes."

For the benefit of my unfortunate few readers—and the journalism students who have to read the paper anyway—I'll pass on a few of the observations I had the opportunity to make while in purgatorial Korea.

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As far as small arms ammunition was concerned, the only problem encountered was that of transportation. The supply was abundant. There never was a shortage of .30 cal. ammunition that wasn't immediately alleviated, even if it meant a special operation by Army and Air Force planes to parachute the needed ammunition to the fighting men.

The same situation prevailed in the case of mortar ammunition, with one slight exception, that of 60-mm mortar rounds used for illumination.

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These rounds are now obsolete and the only source of supply is the forgotten stockpiles left over from World War II. A few thousand of these specialized projectiles were shipped to the fighting area from the South Pacific and the United States. However, the quality of these rounds was so poor that in order to insure proper functioning in cold weather, for which Korea is well known, the men in the mortar squads had to sleep with the rounds in their sleeping bags with them to prevent freezing. The use of these illumination rounds is not entirely essential in view of the fact that the heavier mortars and artillery have the same type of projectile which is far more effective in every respect. It is always available.

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In the case of artillery ammunition it is my belief that the same situation exists as that of the small arms ammunition. The only acute problem is that of transportation. Never was our battalion in need of artillery support, and that support was unobtainable. Our requests for fire on the enemy were always immediately fulfilled and never was there a cessation of fire support due to lack of ammunition.

I don't mean to contradict the words of Gen. Van Fleet, for he is a far more able man than I can expect to be. My intention is to relate the facts as I encountered them and hope my feeble efforts are sufficient to give the reader another view of the situation.

Opera Views

The famous opera star, Giovanni Martinelli, was closeted with reporters. He complained that his throat was affected by cigarette smoke, and asked would they mind getting rid of their cigarettes.

"But Mr. Martinelli," cut in one of the boys, "didn't you endorse a cigarette once?"

"Yes," was the answer, "but remember what I said. I said that these cigarettes never make my throat sore. And that is perfectly true—I never use them."

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Our Guardians?

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to my "colleague," Mr. John G. Bitzes, for his plendid satire in the April 15th edition of The Daily Nebraskan pertaining to the "Guardian of American Democracy," Senator Joeseph R. McCarthy. What a magnificent country we would have if Mr. Bitzes were influencing the left hand of his proposed glorious leader, Senator McCarthy.

Now, I readily understand the difficulty some readers have encountered when trying to interprett many of the innuendos, contradictory statements circumlocutory expressions, and just plain deletions of pertinent information in the satire, but if the article is read again, and again and again, the truthless meaning can be visualized. However, in order to clarify several undeniably hypothetical statements, the following additional information should be considered before drawing any rabid conclusions from Mr. Bitzes' satire.

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One historical statement suggested was that Greece was the everyone knows that democracies were functioning back in the days of Neanderthal man. How modern history does fool the ignorant!

Of course, we know the Daily Worker (our opposition's party paper) screams for anti-segregations, and fair treatment to all selves), but how their bosses in the Kremlin practice what the Worker stooges screach! I am sure M. A. Lincoln (in spirit) would cherish a trip to a land where our oppositions' "liberal" slavery laws are functioning. Ah. Words are so cheap Mr. Bitzes.

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Some noteworth ommissions from the satire concerning our Leader's great triupmhs of recent date should also be mentioned: his assistance in ferreting out some "democratic liberals" from the United Nations and the Voice of American, and also his denouncement of indirect assistance to the Chinese "volunteers" in Korea through trade with the "democratic liberals" in Red China.

A very important item Mr. Bitzes overlooked was the color variation of shirts worn by the American Legion (he only mentions the "blue shirts"). There are shirts of Navy blue, Air Force blue, Marine blue and green, and the olive drab of the Army. Some are stained with blood. And many Legionnaires know that human blood runs red, irregardless of skin color.

Yes, indeed, we should amend the Constitution of the United States. Since the American Legion's motto is "For God and for Country," we should modify the Fifth Amendment to read . . . " nor shall be completed in any criminal act against his country to be a witness against himself, if he is a coward" . . . for it has been said that "God hates a coward."

Now, just who are these guardians of American Democracy?

RICHARD A. STUBEN

Safety Endorsed . . .

Dear Editor:

At our Thursday meeting of April 9, we of the All University Fund, discussed the Safety Crusade sponsored by The Daily Nebraskan. We came to the conclusion that safety is everyone's business, not a newspaper's alone. In line with this conslusion, AUF is backing the campaign 100 per cent. We will strive to get other groups and individuals to do likewise.

Sincerely yours,
THE ALL UNIVERSITY FUND

NUCWA Coverage . . .

Dear Editor:

Thank you so very much for your excellent coverage of the NUCWA Spring Conference and Daily Nebraska publicity throughout the year.

We realize how important publicity in The Daily Nebraskan affects the success of this project. Thank you again.

NITA HELMSTADTER
Spring Conference Chairman

Investigation . . .

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on running the special report on church investigations. Even though Congressman Velde retracted his intentions of digging into religion, you can be sure that he or someone else will be trying again. Someday the churches will be investigated, mark my word.

Sincerely,
FRANK PIERSON