EDITORIAL PAGE

American Version Of 'The Charge'

and loud enough, someone is certain to believe what you say.

Remember last spring when Congressman Velde, chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, dropped a hint that his committee might be planning to investigate the clergy for possible Communists. Do you remember the uproar which arose from the American people-and even from other members of Velde's committee?

"Such an investigation can never happen, if freedom of religion and freedom of speech are to remain intact," we were told.

During the summer the short-term executive director of McCarthy's Senate Investigating Subcommittee, J. B. Matthews, wrote a scathing article in an American magazine in which he said, point-blank:

"The largest single group supporting the Communist apparatus in the United States today is composed of Protestant clergymen." Another wave of indignation swept Matthews right out of his subcommittee job -

despite the objections of Sen. McCarthy. The clergy still appeared safe from congressional investigation.

Another bright chapter followed. Bishop Oxnam, directly accused of aiding the Communist cause "during the week" by a Velde committee member, Rep. Jackson (R-Calif). appeared before a congressional committee to answer the charge.

When he emerged from the hearing, Oxnam was completely exonerated. The name of the clergy remained unsoiled, and possible investigations appeared farther away than

And then the inevitable happened. Names of 600 supposed Communists and former Communists among the cloth were released by the House Un-American Activities Com-

There in prominently-played news articles, both in the Omaha World-Herald and the

Why The Beanie?

Ever wonder why freshmen are supposed

In the beginning of the tradition, freshmen were undoubtedly to be singled out as the lowest of the earth's wretches. The cap, originally green, marked the wearer as an object of scorn.

But today the NU beanie is red, not green. It is worn by some frosh, discarded by oth-

Sale of beanies helps to support the Innocents Society, Coed Counselors and a local clothing store.

What we want to know is - is the beanie a genuine tradition or simply a commercial enterprise?

Theoretically, wearing the beanie should be a humbling experience. The freshman should lower his head, walk along the sides of corridors and speak only when spoken

But does he? Ha.

The little red cap serves only as license for actions which would disgrace an upperclassman. The beanie seems to justify shouting in the halls, wandering into the women's physical education building and generally playing the campus jester.

Indeed this is a farcry from the humility fraternity men would have the caps pro-

Perhaps Innocents and Coed Counselors are contributing to the delinquency of fresh-But the clubs are making money - and

fraternities have an excuse to rack up demerits. And the freshmen are still buying the beanies.

No one seems to mind the system, as meaningless as it may be . So who are we to A Woman's World say anything?-K.R.

Big Business

Opponents of the administration have been criticizing Eisenhower's cabinet and advisers for being heavily weighted with representatives of "big business."

They continually point out that government is now becoming an instrument of business and that government is leaning over backwards to favor the moneyed interests of the country.

Perhaps they are right. Perhaps they are Transportation Conspiracy?

The intimate relationship between government and business, however, is pointed out sharply by the following sentences from a news article published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch: .

" . . . the recent fire which destroyed the General Motors transmission plant at Livonia, Mich., shocked the Treasury because of the possible loss in tax revenue if General Motors automobile production is curtailed serlously. A loss of 100,000 autos, and millions of tax dollars, has been mentioned."

If the government is becoming dominated by business, perhaps the Republicans know which side of their bread is buttered .- K.R.

Isn't it strange? If you shout often enough Lincoln Star, were the names and some of supposed activities of a number of the 600.

The story seems to have stuck its foot into the door of clergical investigation. With the exception of the individuals named, no one seems much concerned about what is really going on.

Whether the accused are guilty of their charges is not the point. The point is that the investigation, the very suggestion of which horrified Americans last spring, is now under-

Even Matthews is back in the act. Tuesday morning's papers carried the story that Matthews had charged, in a TV discussion, that "thousands of clergymen" helped in the postwar Communist campaign to demobilize our armed forces. The hunt is on.

Perhaps a full-scaled investigation will be some time in developing. But, unless the trend of public opinion is reversed, there will be no turning back until McCarthy and Velde have galloped over the backs of American clergymen to new heights of hysteriabased thought control.

"Into the Valley of the shadow of death rode the six hundred," wrote Tennyson. The remainder of the American clergy

The Challenge

Today's issue of The Nebraskan contains the first of a weekly series of articles to be written by a number of persons representing various fields.

Under this vague classification, we hope to include as well as academic figures, religious leaders, perhaps some students and maybe a few public officeholders.

The Challenge, as we have chosen to call it, will truly be a challenge-both to our potential authors and to our readers.

The column will be a challenge to the authors in that they will face a critical audience, which has recourse to The Nebraskan's Letterip columns. In another sense, it will be a challenge for the authors to present what we hope will be frank admissions of what the student will face in his particular

The readers, however, stand to get the better of the bargain-provided they meet their challenge. That is, reading the column with a critical and appraising eye. The persons contacted to write this series will not be limited in any way to subject mater; they will only be requested to write about what they consider one of the most important problems, issues or challenges in their field.

In fact the authors will have the liberty to go out of their field should they consider that

The purpose of the column is simply to make available to our readers the wisdom of successful persons in varied fields. This, we feel, is in keeping with our concept of youth-unable to effect changes of itself, but being capable of evaluating and scrutinizing the judgments of others.

In itself, this is a challenge.-E.D.

Margin Notes

The Game's The Thing

For the forthcoming grid tilt between Notre Dame and Oklahoma at Norman this Saturday, tickets are being sold to Oklahoma students-one to each student. Except married students. They are allowed one additional ticket. It seems that 100 more applicants spoke for tickets than University records show are married. Looks like Norman justices-ofthe-peace will do a booming business before

The campus is going to the women. Figures published in Tuesday's Nebraskan show that University coeds have captured another traditionally male honor.

For as many years as anyone can remember, a social fraternity, usually Farm-House, has topped the organizational scholas-

But, finally, a sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, has toppled the kingpins of brains. The Theta's 6.570 average comfortably defeated Farm House's 6.471.

The coeds are to be congratulated.

The Student Council appears to have sold its soul to the Lincoln buslines. The 400-per cent increase in the price of University parking stickers should send off-campus students flocking to bus stops.

Perhaps the law of supply and demand will solve the parking problem, even if the University and the Council can't,

The Party Line

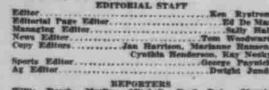
Despite President Eisenhower's attempt to form a mild coalition cabinet, the American tradition of straight-line party control seems certain to defeat any effort to follow such European customs.

The resignation of Secretary of Labor Durkin proves that the administration can't have its cake and eat it, too.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



those students who always sit on th' back row."

The Challenge

Journalistic Signposts **Show Decay Of Values** By NATHAN B. BLUMBERG by interests and a McCarthy

Asst. Professor of Journalism (This is the first of a weekly series of articles treating the problems, issues and challenges of the day as viewed by repre-sentatives of various fields of

endeavor.) Two recent events in the field of journalism serve as examples of a formidable challenge con-fronting Americans. It is the problem, old as civilization itself,

The first event was a decision by a special committee of newspaper editors and journalism professors who had been asked by Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, to look into the matter of an independent study of press conduct dur-ing the 1952 presidential cam-

That committee, after weeks of deliberation, came to the conclusion that it was not "feasible" to make such a study because, in the words of the majority report, there is "no methodology for measuring bias.

Thus, faced with a multitude charges that America has a "one-party press," a distinguished group of editors and teachers chose to sidestep the issue by mumbling about "methodology" instead of launching a project which had been demanded by a majority of undergraduate members of Sigma Delta Chi. The issue is left in mid-air:

the study, which may have proved conclusively whether newspapers had or had not been swayed in their news columns by their editorial viewpoints, is sidetracked.

The University of Nebraska undergraduate chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, acting on its own and to its great credit, officially rejected the conclusion which the committee had reached.

The second event was newspaper conduct in the handling of news reports on the so-called Kinsey report. It was to be ex-pected that the tabloids and the blood - and - thunder dailies throughout the country would have a field day.

Many newspapers refused to publish a news story on the Kinsey findings, either on the grounds that it would constitute free advertising for the book or that it was offensive as material for a family newspaper. Still other newspapers dismissed the book with a single news account.

And there were other newspapers-and these are the ones which should be our concernwhich piously proclaimed that they were performing a public service while laving their pages day after day with the most lurid and libidinous details of this 800-page book.

It is also interesting to note, incidentally, that a few news-papers which refused to print a word about Dr. Kinsey's re-search could find no objection to publishing in intimate detail the sordid record of the Jelke case in New York earlier this year.

These episodes, it seems to me, exemplify the trend toward easy and cheap answers, pious platitudes and a refusal to employ ethical values to situations which confront us in our daily lives. The trend is not limited to one or only a few fields of human endeavor; it is permeating the whole fabric of our society. One sees it every day in politics, where issues are submerged

University **Bulletin Board** WEDNESDAY

InterVarsity Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Union, Room 313. Student Council Meeting, 4 p.m. in Union Room 315. Student Publications Dinner, 6

p.m., Union Parlor C. BABW Judging, 7:30 p.m., Union faculty lounge.

Alpha Kappa Psi Meeting, 7:30
p.m., Union, Room 313. THURSDAY

Interfraternity Council Meeting, 5 p.m., Union, Room 316. Coed Counselor Meeting, 7 p.m., Union faculty lounge.

Alpha Phi Omega Meeting,
7:30 p.m., Union, Room 315.

FRIDAY Annual Dean of Women's Tea, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ellen Smith Hall, Newman Club Record Dance. 7:30 p.m., Union ballroom,

thrives in an atmosphere which frequently moves us years closer to George Orwell's 1984. It is evident in television, in movies, in magazines which worship at the shrine of Utter Mediocrity. It can be seen in education,

from the elementary grades to the post-graduate field, where forces are working assiduouslyand sometimes insidiously - to lower standards, to make technique more important than knowledge, to make experience more significant than truth, to make a mockery of studies which the many generations which preceded us have painstakingly and almost unerringly constructed as the only pathway leading to an understanding of

It is this drift away from values, a willingness to substitute expediency or "new ideas" for the hard, cold, unrelenting fact that men must take a stand where clear issues are at stake, that is at the core of many our social, political, economic an educational difficulties. Instead of meeting problems

head-on, analyzing and judging them on their merits and then making a rational decision, one can see Batten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne replacing Plato, Socrates, Milton and Shake-The soap opera technique is overwhelming us. When plati-

tudes and propaganda are temporarily victorious over values and knowledge, we become a nation of invertebrates-animals without backbones. In Shaw's greatest play, "St. Joan," the crisis of the Maid of

Orleans is also our contemporary crisis. "Without these things," Joan cries at the end of her defiance of the Inquisitor, "I could not live." In those words she is made to show that she is more concerned with the conditions of life than with life itself.

This college generation, this "silent generation" if you will, should seek out the educational paths which will create a stubborn insistence on knowedge and values. The road of pragmatism, while paved abundantly with good intentions, leads inevitably to hell. When a person-or a nation - stands before an Inquisitor, how could he be better answered than in the words of

in love. Prettiest girl in Lincoln. One of twins." "Twins huh? How d'ya tell 'em

"Nobody could ever fool me on my Angelina. Besides, her twin is fullback on the football team."

. . The newlyweds booked the honeymoon suite in a hotel. The

bride beautiful creature truly statuesque in figure. and her husband was obviously very much in love with her. walls WARMER! were thin, and two sailors oc-

cupied the next room. "My dearest," said the hus-band, "you are so beautiful. I think I'll get a sculptor from New York to model you." A moment later there was a knock on the door. "Who's there?"

sculptors from New

And then there's the one about the man who hurried up to the counter, laid down two nickels

and demanded a can opener. The clerk handed him a dime, and the man went happily on his . . . "I can't marry him, Mother,

he's an athiest and doesn't be-lieve there is a hell." "Marry him dear, and between us, we'll convince him he's

The Student Speaking

Strictly Kushner

Contrary to rumor, this column has not returned to the inside page of the no longer Daily Comedy of Errors by popular demand. Since receiving my Pub Board pension, Rystrom et crew are attempting to give me an honest position.

I wanted to name this column of tripe "I's Right!" However, the stuffy staff felt that this would mislead the readers and reflect an inaccurate and contradictory title for the continuity.

The Air Farce really has got-ten a bit tangled in their own red tape. If they had the money they spent sending telegrams between Washington and ROTC wings, the stamps wasted to inform juniors and seniors they are in-out and in the advanced

course, I'm sure they could fi-nance a squadron of B-36's. The Daily Nebraskan dedicat-ed no less than 36 inches of its precious space in analyzing the slings and arrows of outrageous misfortune incurred by the recent confusion. Certificates in lieu commis-

sions. One brave soul (may he rest in peace) had the nerve to ask the instructor, "What means this certificate?" "It means you're deferred by

the department of the Air Force until you graduate, at which time you are eligible for the draft, After two years, you may apply for a reserve commission."

Well, that's ducky. Do you think you'll be drafted into the Air Force? Heck no, you'll go in as a buck private (with B.A.) in the Infantry. Wasted Air Force instruction for four years. If you receive a commission in the Infantry after two years, your life expectancy is six seconds. But don't worry about it ...

The Stadium's filled to capacity The Huskers are ready to roll

nacity For ten yards and eventual

their goal.

The down is now one The conflict's begun. The play is over tackle Minnie

Who's concerned with Muscl Max, the cynic

But the whole is there for Bor dogna Who grinds through like a rin

of bologna. The play's worth a few

And the down now is two. A pass called by Gohde is quit discreet But it's short of the mark an falls incomplete

Bill misses Loehr, one of h boys He'll just have to wait 'til Ill

Norrie is off on his adjective As the Huskers come out for down number three. What's this we're back to the o

single wing? Oliver snaps to Yeisley, who's o on a fling He's almost gone 'til he's knocke on his seat It seems he got tangled in Webfoot's webbed feet.

The fans blurt "tally ho, let scene is set, it's now dow four.

It's out of the huddle and dow in position. Poor Bill, with his hat, has nervous condition. Somewhere, not Portland, to Scarlet and Cream h

shown its might. now the scoreboard to winner depicts, It's NEBRASKA 13, OREGON —Walt "Strictly" Witman

Slide Rule

CE's Start Classes In Renovated Building were mailed after school w

When the Civil Engineers arrived back on campus this week, they said, "This can't be." But there it was-their old building had been transformed into a modern and more complete set of laboratories and classrooms. The hydraulics lab is really cool to say nothing of the new Sanitation lab.

During the latter part of last

semester the CE's were cooped up in about 4 rooms on the ground floor of Ferguson Hall; offices which had been in sep-arate rooms were then placed desk-to-desk. Classes are due to begin in the renovated building today.

No doubt, meetings are already being planned in the minds of the chairmen of every engineering society this week None of them have dared to announce any as yet, however. Topics of discussion will no doubt be about membership drives, dues, etc.

By the way, have you bought your subscription to this year's Blue Print yet? If not, better scout around and get yours. I hear tell the issues are going to be on time this year or else. This is not a new claim, but it's always interesting to see how

far they miss their goal every year. If any of you got to read

the last two issues that came out

last semester, you'll agree they were the best ever even if they

B.P. I know I'll be interested how anybody saved any mone this summer; I didn't Can't s I didn't have fun, though.

I asked a few fellows wh they did this summer, and the related a few sad stories abou

Any freshmen who have bee on news staffs during hi-scho are welcome in the Blue Pri

Some fellows are writing a

loyment for publication in the

articles on their summer en

ROTC camp; I don't know the anybody enjoyed them. When asked just how the would handle 2 million men such a training program, thoug no one seemed to have any be ter ideas.

About the most controversis subject on campus today is the situation with the ROTO rigi now, as far as I can see. Some engineers, as well a others, are being made to grad

uate in January or no commission. That's kind of hard to d unless you planned it that way One good way to foul's sched ule up is to decide to gradual one semester ahead of time ju in time to change your last se mester. This from someone that

Don't forget, only 200 days 't E-Week .- John Marks.

Letterip **Crossword Puzzles Yet!**

Although I think you are putting out a fine paper, I have often wondered why college newspapers do not run comic strips or even crossword puzzles. The news and editorials sometimes get kind of dry as a steady diet. With the addition of Pogo or a similar strip, I believe your readership would

TRANSFER STUDENT (Editor's note: Although we cannot conceive of NU students having the time to work crossword puzzles, we do agree that comic strip on a once-a-week basis would be worthwhile. We hope to be able to offer our readers a comic strip in the near

Financial Idea

Dear Editor: Could your financial plight be solved by increasing the student tuition which goes to The Nebraskan? I'm certain that University students are willing to spend more than a dollar a semester for the paper—if it is published four times a week.

Why not ask the Student Council to petition the Board of

Regents for an increase in Ne braskan tuition fees?
A FORMER COUNCIL

Overheard in the crib: "I coul go with him until something bet ter comes along-but what I something better comes alon and sees me going with him?"

Vet says PLANNING TO START SCHOOL-

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