

EDITORIAL PAGE

Decreasing By Increasing

Friday's Nebraskan reported that the Innocents Society had raised the limit for Homecoming house displays from \$50 to \$100.

But the increase in the maximum expenditure is not the most significant news.

The importance of the Innocents' action is two-fold:

1. The stated maximum is no longer a limit on expenditures—but a limit on the cost, or value, of the display.
2. The Society provided for an evaluation team to determine costs of displays.

The \$50 limit has meant nothing for as many years as present students can remember. It was intended to keep expenditures reasonably low and enable all houses, regardless of size and financial standing, to compete on a fairly equal basis.

But the absurdity of low limit defeated its own purpose—at least in recent years. Any fraternity which spends less than \$50 on a display is certainly the exception. One fraternity man frankly admitted that his house had spent \$275 on its display last year. The display was not disqualified.

Thus, if the \$100 limit is enforced, it will not be an actual increase. Of course, the problem of enforcement immediately arises.

Can a \$100 limit prove more effective than a \$50 maximum?

Can anyone determine exactly how much a fraternity spent on its display?

Can there be a distinction between actual expenditures and "gifts" or "loans"?

Stately Sentinels

Twenty-four ivy-covered columns stand between the University Stadium and the Coliseum. Two dozen stately sentinels, all in a row, guarding—what?

Looking like something straight from a Roman ruins, the pillars provide proper atmosphere for romantic rendezvous. They might have been erected as a monument to some bigwig. They might commemorate some long-forgotten event. They may be historic trophies of another culture, or just remnants of an ancient University building.

But are they? No.

Actually the explanation is much simpler—and far less sentimental.

Way back in 1898, a new Burlington depot was built in Omaha and glorified with 28 imposing Doric columns. Later when a new station was constructed, the pillars were discarded. For some unfathomable reason, somebody thought the University could use them. The University couldn't, but the columns were accepted anyway.

In transit between depot and campus, four of the pillars were damaged; and the others lay at the edge of the campus for several years. Finally around 1935 they were erected and have become a traditional, if slightly senseless, part of the University.

Which only goes to prove that beauty can be admired for beauty's sake, regardless of such inconsequential factors as purpose or origin.—M.H.

It's Our Money

Alabama filed suit for \$100,000,000 on behalf of Nebraska a short time ago. Arkansas, two months ago, filed a similar suit.

But Nebraska undoubtedly will never raise a finger to retrieve the \$100,000,000 she lost last spring when Congress awarded the oil-rich offshore lands to four states. Right now, Texas, Louisiana and California (and undoubtedly Florida will soon join) are enjoying the revenue from leases and taxes on oil obtained from lands beyond their borders.

The Alabama action consisted of a petition filed with the United States Supreme Court to consider the constitutionality of the Federal act giving ownership of offshore lands to the states.

Arkansas had previously filed a similar petition in United States District Court.

The Alabama brief noted that the Supreme Court had previously found that the Federal government held paramount rights over the disputed lands. The decisions were three in number, one in 1947 and two in 1950.

Under the guise of states' rights, Congress last spring enacted a law known erroneously as the Tidelands Law, which presented the offshore lands, up to three miles from shore, to states bordering these lands.

What kind of states' rights is this—when four states receive the revenue which the Court declared naturally belonged to all 48 states?

What kind of representatives does Nebraska have in Congress—when all four representatives and one senator vote in favor of such legislation?

What kind of citizens are Nebraskans—when they refuse to oppose passage of such a bill and when they prefer to let their \$100,000,000 fill the coffers of Texas, California and Louisiana?

At least, we can be thankful that in looking out for their own interests, the states of Alabama and Arkansas are looking out for ours.—K.R.

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These were the problems facing the Innocents Society.

In answer, the Society conceived the idea of an evaluation committee which would consist of experts on rental costs, value of used lumber and the price of crepe paper. In the hands of this supposedly objective committee will be placed responsibility for enforcing the \$100 maximum.

"Gifts" and "loans" are out. They must be counted as purchased or rented. Even actual property of the fraternity must be figured into the total figure.

Without a doubt, the evaluations committee will have a tough job. But if a group of "cost experts" can't equalize display values, no one can.

If fraternities are convinced that they can "buy" display trophies, they may figure a way to get around the new system—as they have in the past.

But if the committee knows its business and if the Innocents Society insists that the rules be enforced, the \$100 limit may mean a lot more than the previous maximum of \$50.

It isn't very often that you can decrease by increasing.—K.R.

Dignity Defended

The joke mentioned in Professor Chasson's Letterip is reprinted for the benefit of those who might have missed it.

A dusky young man was a whiz
With girls, and he tried kissing his.
Said she, "Dat can't be,
'Less you's stronger dan me—
An' honey, ah reckon you is."

The Nebraskan takes no issue with Chasson's statement that "no segment of our society should have its dignity violated." No violation of dignity was intended nor should any be inferred.

On the contrary, "segments of our society," whether they be a minority or not, have cultural heritages which they may be justly proud of. Those who disparage any reference at all to minorities and the fact that they do exist are ruling out any mention of the contributions and accomplishments of that minority.

However, we do agree that any disparaging references are out of order. But, in this case, neither the intention nor the interpretation lends itself to the epithet of "distasteful or offensive."

Frequently well-meaning persons are prone to be hypercritical and overly assiduous in their defense of minorities without realizing that oversensitiveness and continual consciousness of a minority situation actually works to defeat their end of relieving tension.

After all, the purpose of a racial adjustment is not assimilation or absorption, but rather recognition of an equitable status. It would be rather un-American to deny the existence of minorities.

Thus, we believe it is more in keeping with democratic principles to recognize and admit the right of differences of various cultural heritages to exist than to demand a conformance to one standard.

What is Professor Chasson's attitude toward the traditional drawl of the Texan, to the New England twang, to Irish brogue or the long "A's" of the Bostonian? We believe that one of the most important concepts in a democracy is the right of differences to be, not only tolerated, but freely admitted and recognized.

What is happening to the American tradition of being able to poke fun at ourselves? If Professor Chasson's criticism were taken to its logical end, we would be in isolated compartments with high "must not talk nor laugh" walls about us. Certainly this would be a stultified conformance-conscious nation then.

If the position of The Nebraskan is still regarded as offensive to Professor Chasson or others, we must apologize since no offense was intended. For, it is true, offense is a matter of personal taste.—E.D.

Margin Notes

Someone Had To Object

The present tensions over Trieste were inevitable. The Western World had to disappoint either Italy or Yugoslavia. That's what happens when you promise the cake to both Jack and John.

The recent British-American decision to turn Zone A over to Italy seems to prove that we are now interested in tightening our friendship with the Italians.

Of course, in a month or two we may be courting the Yugoslavs again.

The Wrath Of The FBI

What could ever possess a kidnapper to cross a state line—particularly if the distance were only a matter of 12 miles?

One would think that having state authorities prosecuting a person would be bad enough—without adding the federal government, with its FBI, to the list of one's enemies.

Obviously, Carl Austin Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Brown Heady feared neither state nor national officials.

But the coin has another side.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"I know you made an 'A' on the test—but you just LOOK like a 'C' student."

Letterip

AUF: A Tax In Disguise?

Dear Editor:

Recent editorials and letters found in this paper have hashed and rehashed AUF's purpose, position and methods. May we state forthrightly that the purpose is in keeping, timely and accepted to everyone.

Its position on this campus is not only vital to impress upon the student his civic responsibility, but also relieves the student from pressure of individual charity drives and protects him from fraud.

Charity is but one form of our democratic way of life. May we stress charity—"generous in giving to help the poor and suffering." AUF has lost its stature. It is a tax.

Voluntary contributions are given with our own volition. This is why other worthy organizations met with such great success since the Boston Tea Party. We still resent a Monarchical attitude. Granted, this is done to justify the means, which may be more effective in dollars and cents, but it leaves a bitter resentment among the givers.

Organized houses on this campus, to meet their quota, are not collecting their money by voluntary means. Either an "axe" is held over their heads or they are assessed on their house bills. This is not giving in any sense of the meaning.

This letter is not intended as a solution. However, we prognosticate more and more bitter resentment toward the present method of collecting until the ultimate death of AUF.

Let us save this organization.
DEAN DAVISON
DICK MALLAT

Chickles

Some curious ideas about anatomy prevail in the press. It was stated the other day that a colonel was recently "shot in the ticket office."

Another paper says a man was "shot in the sub-urbs."

"He kissed her passionately upon her reappearance."

"She whipped him upon his return."

"He kissed her back."

"Mr. Jones walked in upon her invitation."

"She seated herself upon his entering."

"We thought she sat down upon her being asked."

"She fainted upon his departure."

A maiden who walked on the Corso

Displayed overmuch of her torso

A crowd soon collected

But no one objected,

And some were in favor of more so.



Dignity Violated

Dear Editor:

Distasteful "jokes," such as the one in today's (Oct. 7) "Chickles" column should never find their way into the columns of any decent newspaper. I believe that an editorial apology to the members of our fine Negro community, both student and off-campus, is strictly in order.

It is our responsibility as those who are fortunate enough to enjoy the benefits of a University, which draws its strength from democratic institutions, to insure that no segment of our society have its dignity violated.

I speak as one who is outspokenly in favor of a strong, independent student press; but freedom carries with it a great responsibility for the protection of the rights and dignity of everyone.

ROBERT L. CHASSON

Assistant Professor of Physics.

(Editor's note: See editorial columns for an explanation of The Nebraskan's position.

The Student Speaking

Del-za-poppin'

By DEL HARDING

HELLO, frens and peoples, we going to press. Reddy? That not! Oh, my yes, must explain that quaint (sophisticated word for queer) poem:

The Singer is noted for T...T Zone, that is!

The Band is famed for D... DEE and you're DUM if you don't get it now!

And together, They Make T...—even with an IQ of 68 you should get it now!

Read a story in a California (land of fruits and nuts where even the weather's unusual) collieth paper about a guy who swallowed 100 sleeping pills because some Theta—a Greek girls club—refused to go out with him.

Lots o' gals put you to sleep, but that's overdoing it a-bit. He should try Independents: the fresh-women are interesting but immature, the soph-women are sexy but sowed-up, the junior-women are nice but nil, and the senior women are cynical, sarcastic, sardonic and satiric.

There! That should make four more enemies.

"He has used the weapons of criticism, sarcasm and ridicule to tear men down when they needed building up. Nebraskans have been used to winning teams and of course they hate to lose. But some of them hate a lot worse to have their sons sold down the river by a mediocre coach, an egocentric slave-driver who shows virtually no concern at all for their mental or physical well-being."

The above quote is taken from an article in a Grand Island

publication, printed under a pen name, entitled "An indictment of Bill Glassford."

The article condemns Glassford thoroughly. Some of the criticism I think is justified, but it is overdone and worst of all, unsigned!

Anyone who doesn't have the guts to let his readers and his subject know who's doing the griping doesn't deserve to have his comments printed.

Adding some comments of my own: at Nebraska you play football, and that's ALL, brother! If a football player does dare participate in any other sport, he runs the risk of being dropped to a third or fourth team slot and seeing little if any action come football season.

It's not this way at the other Big 7 schools! Sure Bob Reynolds played football and baseball—but he was an All-America selection. It's the average athlete I am talking about.

Glassford has bemoaned his lack of ends on this year's squad. What's happened to Bill Giles, George Mink, Lawrence Goll, Ken Reines and Ralph Weddle? And where's Jim Cederdahl, whom sportscaster Bill Stern described as one of the best frosh backs he'd ever seen?

That's all the griping for this week. In summary, my main criticisms of Coach Glassford are these:

He is not understanding about his player's desire to participate in other sports.

He works his players too hard. He does not temper his criticism with enough praise.

The sermon is over.

Pasture Parley Alexander And Boys To Compete In KC

Back again for another quick look around Ag Campus. The big event at Ag College this weekend proved to be the annual Farmers' Formal held Friday night in the College Activities building.

Our congratulations to the charming queen, Miss Ginny Barnes, member of Alpha Chi Omega.

The University Rodeo Club has scheduled another meeting for Wednesday evening at 7:30. There is a lot of planning to be done for next spring's rodeo. May I suggest an application be put in for nice weather for the date.

That was the only handicap last year.

If there is anyone who didn't learn to dance in the one lesson last week, there are five more chances coming up with the next one scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Ag Union.

A change in meeting time of the Ag Union Activities Board has been arranged. Meetings will now be held at 7 p.m. instead of the usual 4 p.m.

The Senior Livestock team is

going to the American Royal in Kansas City this weekend to compete in the annual judging contest. Best of luck to Professor Alexander and his boys. They've delivered before and I'm sure they can do it again.

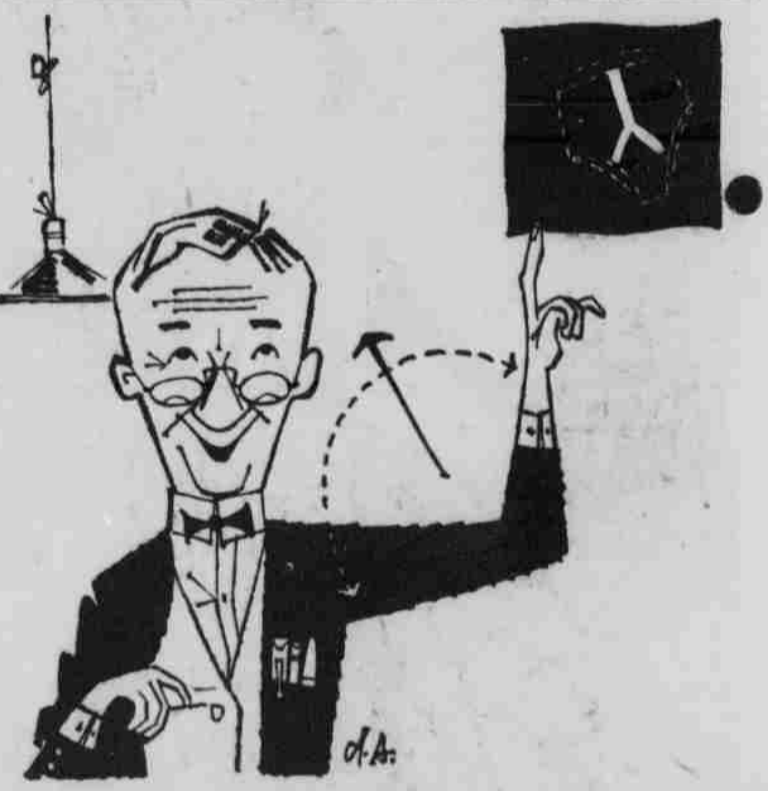
Tickets go on sale for the union-sponsored stage production, courtroom scene from "Caine Mutiny" Wednesday in the Ag Union. Sale price of the tickets is \$1.25.

Speakers in the Better Living Series provided an interesting session last week. It was also very educational as Ag College students from countries all over the world presented their views and impressions. The Ag Union sponsors the series.

If you're thinking bad things about this column by now here is a little poem that might help the situation:

"From the time you are born
Until you ride in a hearse,
There's nothing so bad,
But what it could have been worse."

—DWIGHT JUNDT.



Thomoid P. Fusty, beloved geometry professor, says

"There's good hypoteNEWS in Jockey brand Shorts!"

"Find out all the angles, and stop being a square," continues the professor, who is not above a classroom drollery. "Millions of young men are discovering new comfort in tailored-to-fit Jockey brand Shorts—and if you don't believe me, just axiom!"

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