

EDITORIAL PAGE

A New Freedom

An incident which appeared as a black smudge on the page of freedom of expression now promises to open a bright new chapter for the faculty of the University.

If words indicate policy, University professors now have the unqualified promise of the Board of Regents that "free associations, free exploration and free expression" are "limited only by responsibility for our general welfare."

For the first time since conservative critics launched their repeated attacks on so-called liberal professors, members of the Board have defined their policy on the rights of instructors.

The Lincoln Journal hailed the statement passed by the Board at its Saturday meeting as "as fine a document, and as straightforward and resounding a declaration of the principles of free thought and expression, as has come from any university campus."

The statement, submitted to the Board by Dean W. V. Lambert of the College of Agriculture, declared:

"The men and women selected by this University, as a part of the structure of higher education, are chosen for their proficiency, their expertness, in various fields. By virtue of their training and scholarly endowments they must be assured of and are expected to understand both the rights and responsibilities of their positions, including these:

"1. The full right to speak as a citizen. "2. The responsibilities of citizenship.

"3. The right, as a professional person, to freedom in research and to publication of the results thereof, limited only by the precepts of scholarship and faithful performance of other academic responsibilities.

"4. The right, as a professional person, to free and thorough expression in the classroom."

If the Board of Regents means what the words say, a new chapter of intellectual freedom has opened at the University. No longer must professors fear unreasonable attacks upon their beliefs and upon their classroom conduct by groups which fail to comprehend the necessity for intellectual freedom.

Men such as Dr. C. Clyde Mitchell, the object of the current controversy, and Dr. E. N. Anderson, who was attacked in a similar manner last year, are now assured of support from the Board of Regents against unprovoked attacks.

Members of the Board reserve a great deal of commendation for their endorsement of the Lambert statement. The Board undoubtedly found it difficult to uphold Mitchell when one of the Regents himself led the attack against the professor. The Board would have found it easy to have dropped the case quietly in a closed session.

Such action perhaps would have ended the Mitchell case—at least for the present—but certainly it would have provided no defense against future attacks on freedom of the classroom.

The Nebraskan hopes that Nebraskans who have criticized Mitchell and Anderson will study the statement with an eye toward understanding the principles of freedom of expression. When the citizens grasp the essence of this freedom, unprovoked attacks will cease.

The Nebraskan hopes that members of the Board of Regents will forever keep the statement foremost in their minds—both in and out of Board meetings. Their duty is to keep the statement alive.

The Nebraskan wishes to remind members of the faculty, who will not forget the Board's stand, that with the right of classroom freedom comes deep responsibility. They must maintain intellectual honesty, an open and inquiring mind and an earnest desire to stimulate student thought. When these conditions are met, no professor should ever be criticized for his opinions.

Because the truth never seems to erase all the scars of false charges, the Mitchell incident should never have occurred. No excuse existed for the charges made against the professor of agricultural economics.

But because the incident appears to have precipitated the statement of an admirable policy toward freedom of the classroom, perhaps the University should consider itself fortunate that the issue has been brought into the open.

If the absurdity of irresponsible attacks upon freedom of expression can be exposed throughout the nation as it has on the University campus, the Hand of History might well record the dawning of a new era.

The chapter would be entitled "The Fifth Freedom: Freedom from Unprovoked Investigation."—K.R.

Margin Notes

The Right To Be Left Alone Congressional committees may be virtually omnipotent in the United States, but not so when interrogating a foreign national.

Canada has indicated no desire to force spy-exposer, Igor Gouzenko into testifying before the Jenner Committee either in Canada or the United States.

Gouzenko risked his very life to make the sensational and valuable disclosures in the Canadian atom spy case, and is now living under the protection of a police guard.

It is about time someone recognized the right of privacy.

Protecting The Student Perhaps a student's lobby helped influence the President in his latest move in tariff policy.

Eisenhower formally rejected the Tariff Commission's recommendation for higher duties on low-priced briar pipes.

The picture of the typical college man with a pipe in his mouth will continue, thanks to the student's pal, President Ike.

They've Got Us Either Way In promising jobs to the 22 unrepatriated U.S. prisoners of war, Myron Wilson Jr., president of the Cleveland Indians ball club, has given the Commie propaganda machine terrific ammunition.

If the men did decide to come back, the Reds could say that the U.S. had to buy them back.

If, however, the men decided to stick by their original stand and refuse to come back, the Commies could say that the men prize Communism above a lucrative offer of employment.

Little Man On Campus... By Bibler



"Now that we've boiled your paper down to this relevant material—I think you're ready to re-write."

The Daily Bruin:

Robin Hood Denounced As Red; Purge Underway

(The following article is reprinted from The Daily Bruin, student publication of the University of California at Los Angeles.)

Approximately six months ago, a national affiliation, Paul Harvey by name, scooped the world with the little known idea that Robin Hood was a Communist.

Harvey, an ABC commentator, must have been a little advanced with his theory. The people were willing to believe that the Communists were a pretty dastardly lot and capable of anything, but they didn't latch onto the Harvey point.

The Boy Scouts were not above suspicion—but Robin Hood? that was going too far.

Chickles

By CHICK TAYLOR Two mosquitoes were resting on Robinson Crusoe's arm. "I'm leaving now," said one, "I'll meet you on Friday."

He was so tight that, when he went to the beach, he wouldn't buy her a parasol, but told her shady stories instead.

While examining an inductee, an Army medic noticed a scar on the boy's scalp and asked about it.

"I got it from being drugged," said the inductee.

The doctor, failing to see the connection asked him to elaborate.

"Well," said "COLDER" the inductee, "I was working on a ranch. My horse bolted, my foot got caught in the stirrup and I was drugged."

A social worker went to visit the insane asylum and spotted a chap in the nude sitting in a cell with his hat on.

"My good man, that's no way to be sitting around. Why don't you put some clothes on."

"Oh—nobody ever comes to see me."

"Why do you wear the hat then?"

"You never can tell... someone might."

She was only the undertaker's daughter, but you should see her lower the bier.

Two girls talking about boy in history class: He's so dumb that he doesn't believe in the battle of Bunker Hill cuz he heard it wasn't fought on the level.

Letterip Position Of Independents

Dear Editor: The editorial written last week in response to a letterip from a "wondering" independent stimulated a discussion among the Barb Activities Board for Women members.

First, it was truly unfortunate that a misprint appeared in the quoted portion of the letterip, stating, "We just want to exist on this campus without fair share of participation in campus activities."

Second, it was interesting to note the distinction drawn by the editor between non-Greeks living in organized houses and "independents" who owe allegiance to no group. This is in all fairness a thoughtful distinction, but mere recognition of this difference does not solve the participation problem for the non-Greek student...

The difference between the numbers of Greeks who participate in campus activities as compared with the smaller numbers of non-Greeks can be explained in part by the methods of organization used by these two groups. For the organized non-Greek, there is no direct system of reward and punishment for the individual.

The Greeks gain a good deal of co-operation from individuals through their methods of recognizing individuals built upon traditional standards established by the group. Fining for non-voting and non-participation in house activities builds enthusiasm rapidly. The Greek has ready-made ideals and traditions to be achieved while the non-Greek must gain his motivations elsewhere.

BABW has been organized to

promote this motivation for the unaffiliated women. We operate under the assumption that the unaffiliated women includes: active participation and service in campus activities, social functions, as well as scholastic activity. This requires: information about campus activities, encouragement to participate and recognition for trial and/or success in participation for the non-Greek.

To make these things possible, BABW must provide opportunities for acquaintance among unaffiliated women, co-ordination of purpose, attainable goals and then support will follow. We are trying to fulfill these needs for the unaffiliated women whom we can logically contact.

We have heard that a similar coordinating board is being formed among the unaffiliated men. If this group receives the response to it that BABW has received, the ground work to successful non-Greek enthusiasm and co-ordination has been laid. This, as we of BABW see it, is our purpose for existence.

We are asking the Nebraskan for support in one phase and that is help with transmitting information. Many times our only means for publicizing is through written articles. PLEASE don't pass them off because they don't seem important to the whole student body.

Also, BABW asks of all campus organizations, which are, as the editor points out, predominantly Greek, to extend a friendly hand of encouragement to the unacquainted non-Greek participant. With acquaintance built upon common grounds, co-operation between Greeks and non-Greeks is sure to arise. THE BARB ACTIVITIES BOARD FOR WOMEN

Stolen Goods

Stanford Gets Time Bomb In Log For Football Gift

By JANCY CARMEN Exchange Editor

Because the A&M bonfire committee decided that it wasn't manly for cadets to wear lipstick, freshmen will not longer be required to wear lipstick or skip to classes during the week preceding the A&M-University of Texas football game. The Battalion reported that the energy put to use in skipping better be used in building a better and bigger bonfire. In years gone by, first year cadets have had to wear lipstick and skip to classes from the Monday after the Rice-A&M football game until before the Thanksgiving Day game when the bonfire is lighted.

The H-SU Brand recently suggested that members of the different classes would give different responses to a question which none of them could answer: Freshman: I don't know.

Sophomore: I can't seem to remember.

Junior: I must have overlooked that particular fact.

Senior: I really do not feel qualified to add anything to what has already been said on the matter.

A hollowed log containing a time bomb was found recently on the Stanford bonfire site. This was one of a series of pranks which have plagued the Stanford campus for the past few weeks. Stanford authorities suspect that the log was brought to the campus by a group of students from the University of California at Berkeley with the help of a Stanfordite. The act was in direct violation of the non-aggression pact signed between the two universities to prevent this type of vandalism during Big Game Week.

The Colorado Daily reports that the sheer rock wall of Macky auditorium has been

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