

EDITORIAL PAGE

The Council's Hot Potato

The Student Council, which has on occasion been criticized as lethargic by The Nebraskan, certainly did not live up to that description last Wednesday.

In referring a motion to the judiciary committee which would ban campus organizations, professional and honorary, containing racial or religious clauses, the Council has served notice that it is aware of injustice on the campus.

The Last Word

The manipulation of public opinion is an art in which few persons are thoroughly schooled.

But Sen. McCarthy, if not an expert, is at least one who has had a very liberal education on the subject.

The exchange of remarks between McCarthy and Toledo Blade publisher Paul Block Jr. would point to this. In a Thursday radio and TV broadcast McCarthy urged listeners and viewers to send telegrams to the President if they agreed with him (McCarthy) on the issue of trade with Red China.

The Toledo Blade, with a little different wording, offered to accept readers' signatures to a letter supporting Eisenhower's stand, as well as to forward replies favoring McCarthy.

That same evening the Blade reported it had received 9870 for Eisenhower and 324 for McCarthy. This illustrates something every pollster knows—the wording of a question is definitely a factor in determining what kind of an answer one will receive.

Public opinion expert McCarthy was prepared for such a contingency.

With an eye to the headlines, he dismissed the Blade's argument very neatly.

He said simply, "It shows how dishonest a paper can get."—E.D.

Matter Of Motive

Henry Steinberg, organizational secretary of the Los Angeles Communist Party, spoke to a student group at UCLA recently on "McCarthyism: A Real Danger."

The talk, was on a topic which has been current and controversial for so long that although it is still current, the two sides have been reduced to sometimes tiresome repetition of the same arguments.

Criticism of McCarthy and his methods has become so widespread that it includes groups of widely divergent political beliefs.

This anti-McCarthy group is not entirely leftist and "pink," in fact it isn't even predominantly left and pink. It includes all true liberals—and we define liberal as including otherwise conservative persons who believe in the word from which liberal is derived—liberty.

The leftist, pink and bright red element in America, symbolized by the speaker at UCLA, is using the same terms, the same now-trite expressions as this larger, truly liberal group in condemning McCarthyism—but for entirely different reasons.

It seems necessary to point out again that while on the surface of things politics put strangely contrasted groups on the same side of the fence, the point is how and why they are there.—S.H.

Why Not TV?

An activity-minded group of young men on the University campus have been missing out on one of the better opportunities for "fame and fortune" they'll ever see.

The young men are united by a common bond—an interest, if only very slight, in show business. They are also united by a common desire—representation on the Student Council. They are all guilty of at least two sins (possibly more) overlooking or failing to take advantage of a "good deal."

Many persons, on seeing the CBS television show, "Toast of the Town" took particular interest in the Princeton Triangle Club presentation. Possibly, a number of them thought to themselves or out-loud, "Would it be a good deal if we could do something like that?"

It would be "a good deal." And we could do it.

A doubter will ask how. Take a look at the Fall Revue with its individual sets made of fraternity casts. Note the Coed Follies, cast from sorority members. Finally, observe the Spring Show sponsored by the group of sinning, activity-minded young men.

A show of almost any type, musical or variety, made up of students from these other productions would be fully as good as the one that was seen by millions of TV fans last Sunday evening.

The possibility is a great one. Maybe the sinning, activity-minded group of young men has considered it, but they haven't done it for some time. The rewards to the sinning, activity-minded group of young men would be twofold: (1) a possibility of profit (2) a possibility of great recognition for themselves and the University.

Why not try it?—T.W.

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What will become of the motion remains to be seen, but, at the very least, the Council is giving adequate warning to organizations possessing discriminatory clauses.

Passage of a resolution withdrawing recognition of discriminatory professionals and honoraries would take no little courage. Once passed, the Council would have established the precedent of intervention in campus organizations.

Would the Council be willing to withdraw recognition of nationally-affiliated professionals and honoraries or be content to wave the big stick at only locally organized groups?

More important, would the Council be inclined to enforce such a policy if social fraternities were involved whether or not they were nationally affiliated?

Then too, organizations not specifically prohibiting personnel for racial or religious reasons in their constitutions might just as easily include such a ban in their secret rituals. What would the Council do in such a case? If it chooses to ignore hidden discrimination, such a resolution condemning open constitutional bars would only be a facade.

Or would the Council be willing to adopt a resolution stating that organizations having such clauses be required to submit annual "progress reports" on what has been done to remove the discrimination within a given period of time? This is the case at another midwestern University.

The Council could let the matter drop as a hot potato and wait for action on the part of the administration, but this could full well lead to action such as New York state universities undertook. That is, withdrawing recognition of all Greek organizations with national affiliation.

Now that the Council has brought discrimination up for consideration, the question is here to stay. Such a matter cannot be dropped or ignored now, for the Council has, by its admission of the problem, focused attention upon it to the extent that inaction or failure to pass positive legislation would constitute endorsement of such policies.—E.D.

Tradition's End

A Nebraska tradition has ended. We hope only temporarily.

Students attending the Military Ball Friday night were surprised to see the Honorary Commandant march down the Coliseum floor in a formal instead of the traditional white suit with matching cape lined in red satin.

Not that the Honorary Commandant did not look the part dressed in a formal but it seemed a shame that she should not be distinguished in the traditional fashion from surrounding spectators also attired in formals.

The military theme has in the past been carried out by the attire of the Honorary Commandant. In keeping with this motif it was assumed that the proper dress would be tailored in military style.

To students who have opposed University traditions gradually yet ultimately going down the drain, the Honorary Commandant in a formal was the final straw.—J.H.

Margin Notes

Can We Match Lincoln?

In almost all fundamental school subjects, Lincoln elementary pupils rank at or above the national norm.

Or so the results of reading, arithmetic and language tests given to pupils in September and tabulated by school administrators indicate. In many cases, nearly 80 per cent of the Lincoln pupils were rated at or above the norm. Many students were a full year ahead of the national norm for their grade.

Similar tests at university level might prove interesting—or embarrassing.

Rising Market

Interest in pets in the United States is increasing rapidly, according to an Iowa small-animal specialist.

The "tremendous boom" in pet interest has especially been marked by the rising popularity of birds. Parakeets are particular favorites, he said.

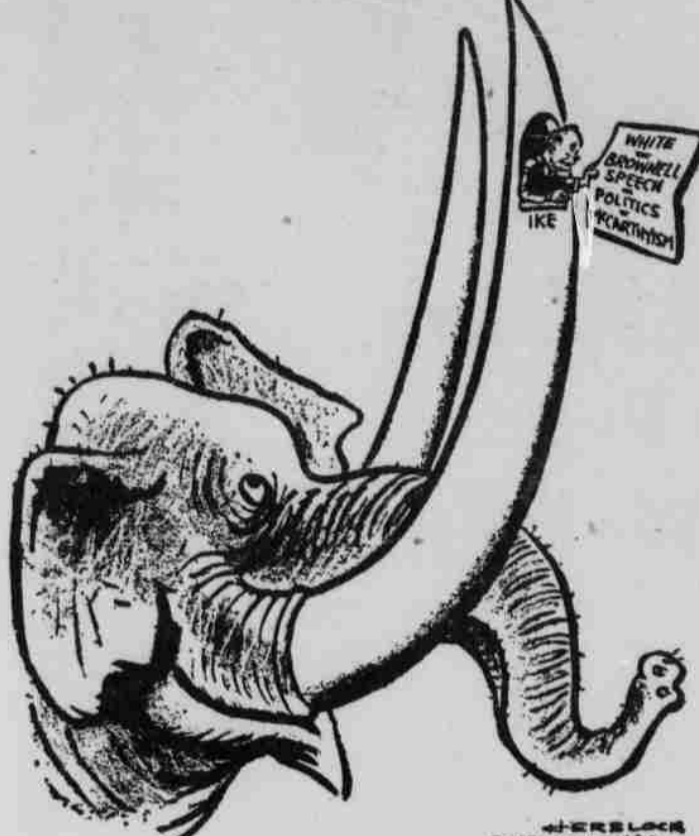
Which ought to make bird cage manufacturers happy.

He Should Have Walked

A Nebraskan sought by the police on a robbery charge was recently captured after several weeks' search. As a result, he was sentenced to seven years in the state penitentiary.

Crime just doesn't pay—especially if you mistake a police cruiser for a taxi and hail it for a ride, as he did.

Ivory Tower



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Rumpled Queen

Ellen Smith Hall Reigns As Crusty Old Dowager

The following article is reprinted from The Daily Nebraskan of Oct. 19, 1950. The author, Jerry Bailey, is a 1951 graduate of the University and is now serving with the United States Army.

Rumpled queen of campus landmarks is Ellen Smith Hall, who squats in silent dignity on the corner of 14th and R. Beneath her rumpled robes of red brick can be heard her heartbeats... footfalls of co-eds who come and go through her stately halls.

Ellen Smith Hall is named after the University's first woman faculty member, who served as registrar many years ago. The Ellen Smith of today—the red brick one—shelters offices of YWCA, AWS and Panhellenic. Her one-time bedrooms are now club-rooms. In her old-style parlors groups like the University Dames hold regular meetings. As many as 15 meetings a day are held in Ellen Smith.

She was constructed as a private residence in the 19th century by people of means. She housed families of prominent Lincoln business men. In the early days of the 20th century she was purchased by the University, and has remained University property to this day.

During World War I Ellen Smith served as a fraternity house, but the presence of so many men was almost a sacrilege in so feminine a building. Today Ellen Smith sees a few males enter her doors, but not many. And no men at all are permitted above the first floor.

The walls of Ellen Smith are covered with plaques, mementoes and portraits. Beethoven frowns down from the piano, and a canine portrait of Ellen Smith's dog looks wistfully out over a parlor.

The massive carved staircase and balcony, deep carpets, dark draperies, all give an air of peaceful twilight to Ellen Smith's interior.

The building's center court is the scene of dismal waiting when

co-eds crowd it during AWS court sessions. Did a girl linger too long over that good-night kiss? Did she stay out after hours? She will wait in Ellen Smith's somber court before going upstairs to be told that she has been campused.

A room in Ellen Smith's musty attic has been remodeled to serve as a YW or a ship workshop space. In her dungeon-like basement Ellen Smith conceals the YW mimeograph and piles of old clothes being collected for Europe. Narrow creaking stairs lead down to the lower depths, and limestone walls meet the touch. Many steam pipes give the area a strong resemblance to a Turkish bath.

A tunnel is rumored to run from Ellen Smith to the Coliseum. Girls perhaps could find their way to basketball games without paying admittance if they could squeeze through steam pipes and survive Gehenna-like heat.

Plush upstairs furniture and an ornate silver service are used when Ellen Smith is host to some meeting. But outside of special events, Ellen Smith enforces an unwritten rule that the upholstered furniture is not to be sat upon. Her old grandeur is not to be disturbed by anything short of major functions.

Perhaps the most colorful event at Ellen Smith is the "Hanging of the Greens" late in November. Ellen Smith is decorated for the Christmas festivities and many parties are held within her at that time.

On the whole, Ellen Smith, serves overtime as a meeting place and activities center. Workers within her may praise Ellen Smith, but they look forward to expansion into offices in the projected Union addition.

In the future, when the new campus and projected modern buildings are an actuality, Ellen Smith will probably still be on her corner like a crusty old dowager. She will be wrinkling her ancient nose at the 20th Century and all its works.

Letterip

Robin Hood OK In Illinois

Dear Editor: In an article on page 2 of The Nebraskan of Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1953, under the head of "Robin Hood Denounced As Red; Purge Underway" is the following sentence:

"What I'm leading to is the statement made last week by a woman on the Illinois textbook commission to the effect that Robin Hood was a Communist."

My objection is that "a woman" referred to in this sentence is on the Indiana textbook commission, not the Illinois textbook commission.

Mrs. Vernon E. Olson Fargo, N. Dak. P.S. I think your regents are to be congratulated!

Chickles

By CHICK TAYLOR Sir Launcelot, the famous knight of old, was lost in a rip-snortin' snow storm. Then he fell hopelessly exhausted in a snow drift. Pretty soon along came one of those big St. Bernard dogs, who found Sir Launcelot and barked until the knight regained his senses enough to climb on the dog's back. Then the St. Bernard carried the half-frozen Launcelot through the storm until they came to an inn. The dog thumped on the door with his tail until the innkeeper opened it.

"Help, help—" pleaded Sir Launcelot faintly.

"Of course, of course," replied the innkeeper. "Why I wouldn't even turn out a knight on a dog like this!"

Father: "Why are you eating with your knife?" Young son: "My fork leaks."

"Leftovers again," said the cannibal as he ate two old maids.

The designers in the foundation-garment business have no choice, they just do the best they can to keep things in shape.

The Student Speaking

All That Glitters

I Was A Communist For The University Police

By HANK GIBSON (The story thus far) Although the University Police were collecting many parking fines, they were unable to account for a centavo Span. "cent") of the money. J. Edgar Burrow, police chief, suspected the subversive element on campus of getting the money. Since I had been a member of the Subversive Activities Club for many months, passing along information to the University Police while remaining unsuspected, it was my job to find out if the campus commies had the money and to get it back.

One night at a Subversive Activities Club meeting I casually expressed an interest in where the money from parking fines went. One commie said, "Ah, Comrade, if you only but knew."

Not many things slip by me. A lot of people would have thought nothing of the remark or of the way it was given. But not I. He couldn't put anything over on me, by gosh. He knew something.

But there was no time for idle badinage. The meeting was beginning. The first speaker cast a black shadow over the members by bringing up the name of that great American, Joe McCarthy.

"Something must be done about Sen. McCarthy," warned the speaker. "He is hurting us badly and doing wonderful things for the United States. His constant reminders of un-Americanism give the people too great a feeling of security. His accusations, all based on truth and law, give the people a strong sense of freedom and of their rights as Americans."

"Most of all, he is too self-sacrificing. Asking nothing for

University Bulletin Board

- TUESDAY
Corn Cob Active Meeting, 5 p.m., Photographic Productions Lab, West Stadium.
Kosmet Klub Active Meeting, 7 p.m., KK Room, Union.
NUCWA "McCarthyism" Discussion, 7:30 p.m., Room 315, Union.
French Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 316, Union.
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Nu-Med. Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 217, Furguson Hall.

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