

EDITORIAL PAGE

Responsibility—Not Censorship

The Tulane University student newspaper, "Hullabaloo," has received a letter of "reprimand and admonition" from the student council there for printing "opinionated material" not approved by the paper's faculty advisers.

The fact the news was embarrassing or unkind, and forces a significant change in the "Hullabaloo," Tulane is a school without a real newspaper. They have instead an announcement sheet whose editors walk softly with empty, upturned hands.

The happening at Tulane indicates an unhealthy situation. The student council letter was based on the fact that the paper printed "opinionated material" that was not approved by the paper's faculty advisers.

The fact they do have control of the news appearing in the paper limits that publication to the facial level, indicating the editor or editorial staff of the paper are not considered competent to judge what should or should not appear in the paper and how it shall be presented.

The Nebraska is quick to agree that vulgar, dishonest and libelous statements should be kept out of newspapers, but controlling the press is not the way to do it.

But at Tulane, the student newspaper is forced to carry news stories that will give no displeasure to a group of advisers. As for printing "opinionated material," this is no sin unless the editors attempt to present opinion under the guise of fact.

In short, student newspaper staff members should be allowed to print what they believe is the truth in a form they consider tasteful and correct. If their judgment is in error and is not acceptable to the reading public for whom they write, they should not be allowed to print or cause what they wish to be printed.

How ever trivial it may seem that a student newspaper "way down at Tulane" gets slapped by the student council, it is important that advisers approve news that goes into any paper whether it be a university or other community.

Control of the press has been one of the first objectives of dictators, Red or otherwise. Peron, Mussolini, Hitler, Lenin, etc., had control of the press in order to make their regimes successful.

The Nebraska believes that any power of any group to reprimand and perhaps control the student newspaper is wrong, if that control is applied for other reasons than for lack of accuracy, honesty and good taste.

Student newspaper control (along other than the lines mentioned) is not in the best interests of the students who make up that newspaper's reading public.

The Nebraska feels the conditions set up for its publication to be adequate so far as control of the newspaper is concerned. The controls are stated in the masthead of the paper on the editorial page.

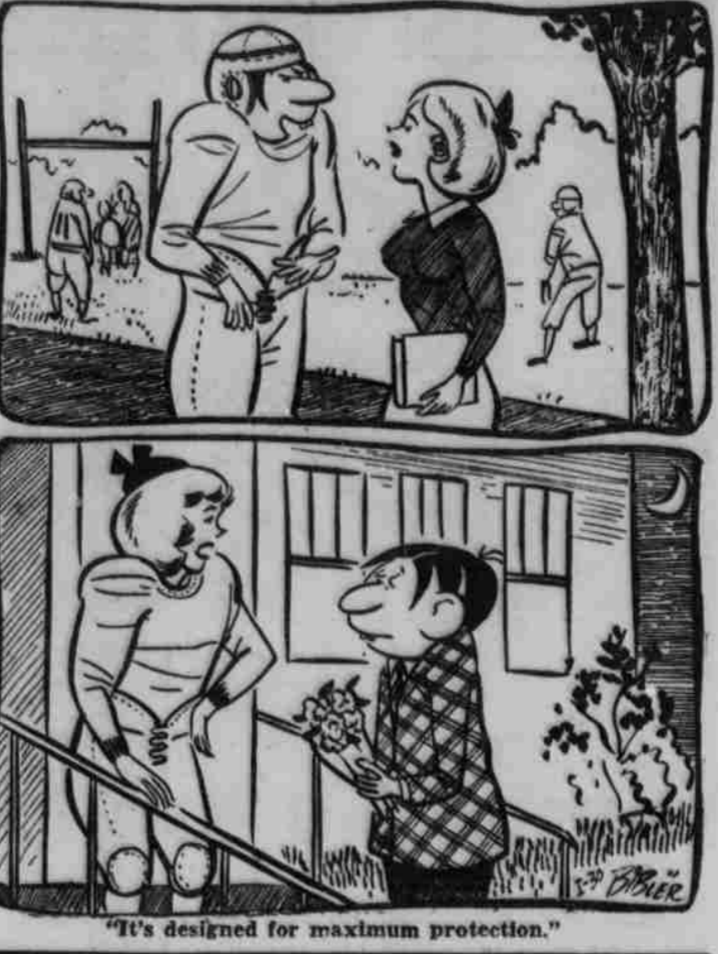
"It is the declared policy of the Board of Publications that publications under its jurisdiction shall be free from editorial censorship on the part of the University, but members of the staff of The Nebraskan are personally responsible for what they say or do or cause to be printed."—T. W.

Margin Notes

Forewarned is forearmed. Apparently Major General William Dean, who spent 38 months as a prisoner of the Communists in Korea, is a staunch supporter of this old maxim.

The Nebraskan

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"It's designed for maximum protection."

The Challenge

No Curtains For Us

By CHARLES W. COLMAN. Dr. Colman received his Ph. D. at Cornell University in 1932. An associate instructor in the Romance Languages department at the University of Nebraska in 1947.

"In the very period that saw Russia emerge as a threat to world peace, American educators, with the tacit consent of the American people, began lowering here a Language Curtain that has inhibited our knowing the minds and hearts of either our enemies or our friends."

"The irony of this approach cuts deep when translated into any language. No question about it, a great many foreigners speak English; but what they cannot understand is our monolingual discourtesy, our cultural arrogance, our evident ignorance of the fact that ethnic symbols and sympathies and aspirations defy translation and must be directly apprehended by sufficient knowledge of a foreign tongue."

"Certainly it is a strange paradox that, at the very time we were assuming world leadership, we should have lowered the language curtain and thereby have created for ourselves a formidable and completely unnecessary handicap."

Soon after the first World War we enjoyed, by and large, the friendship and good wishes of the world.

Exchange Editorial

College Days Reviewed In Much-Used Editorial

They'd ask me to go along, but I had to study. I even missed the football game. Froth, I called it. Wasted time; I was in school to study.

Student Forum

Where Are We?

By BERT BISHOP. For all those students who delight in the romance and tickling bluster of a condoned conspiracy, the magazine "The Reporter," March 2, 1954, issue, has real news.

Robert Munger means is debatable. Senator Karl Mundt of South Dakota said, "So far as I am advised, Students for America is the only nationwide anti-Communist and anti-socialist student movement in this country."

What is amazing about the SFA is its insistence upon conspiracy and secrecy. There is a "hard core" of loyal big shots at the base of each chapter which controls its operations and insures that the college's administration does not become aware of the chapter's existence.

However, the University of Virginia newspaper, The Cavalier Daily, had this to say when the local chapter came to light: "These first-year men take it upon themselves to determine who is and who is not un-American through their own junior-grade imitation of McCarthyism."

Letterip

'Knowledge Must Precede Criticism; More 4-H Representation Needed'

Dear Editor: I was rather interested in F. Jay Pepper's letterip of last Friday, primarily because I think it indirectly points up the religious problem at this University.

before whose alter we place a wreath every other Sunday. It is something which is directly connected to our everyday lives, whose relevance we may ignore but never completely escape because of our essentially human nature.

But I do not believe, as he does, that this disinterest is due to a lack of validity in religion as to student ignorance of just what religion really is.

These cannot be the root of our problem, because any study of the past will show that men have been able to continue religious study even when threatened with death for doing so.

What this has led to is obvious, at least to me. Most students come to college with a Sunday School knowledge of what religion is. They tend to think that what they know about this subject is all there is to know.

If this analysis is correct then it is no more possible for students to learn anything of religion in a week than it would be possible to somehow absorb the principles of physics in a week's time.

Yet, if religion is merely for the ignorant and superstitious and is unable to withstand intelligent intellectual examination, then we would be justified in maintaining as Mr. Pepper does, that it is merely an "upside-down" sort of thing which we should outlaw.

I do not pretend to know very much more about religion than Mr. Pepper. However, I am at least aware of my own ignorance.

But, in order to criticize something, we must know enough about it to speak intelligently. People call themselves Christians or Jews; do they have the faintest idea, learned up to the time they were confirmed, of what Christianity or Judaism is?

Therefore, we must know enough about it to speak intelligently. People call themselves Christians or Jews; do they have the faintest idea, learned up to the time they were confirmed, of what Christianity or Judaism is?

Though we may ignore what we have conceived religion to be, we cannot actually ignore the questions which religion asks and seeks to answer.

The following article is written in opposition of Dale Reynolds' views set forth in his bi-weekly column (Aggie News, Views; March 2).

The questions have always been there, but as long as we could comfort ourselves with flattering illusions and easy solutions, we could avoid seeing them.

The Ag Exec Constitution states in section II article I, "The purpose of this organization shall be to support the work of any function or movement that will advance the interests of the College or Agriculture."

University Bulletin Board. WEDNESDAY. Red Cross, KOLN-TV Program, 6:30 p.m.

In summarizing we feel that Reynolds' arguments are invalid in respect that it would defeat the Ag Board member plan.