

EDITORIAL PAGE

We Could Learn By Example

That American university students are an extremely fortunate group is an undeniable fact. That they need to be reminded of this fact periodically is equally undeniable. Students at Nebraska share in the good fortunes of their counterparts in this country over. They are well-housed, well-fed and well-dressed. The most struggling and moneyless person at the University is bountifully supplied with the necessities of life in comparison with students in other parts of the world today.

There, the inauguration of a student body president was attended by several Cabinet representatives, a group of members of Parliament and two envoys from foreign embassies.

The need for trained personnel is so acute in Indo-China that he discovered that every young lawyer who had graduated from law school the spring before already had become a judge.

The two pictures—of American and foreign university students—have been sketched and when they are held side by side the contrast is obvious. Small numbers of struggling students attend universities in the face of hardships. Twenty per cent of a nation's youth go to college in the midst of plenty. Under the first conditions political, economic and social leaders of nations necessarily are produced. Under the second set it is possible for many persons to spend four years learning nothing, making no contribution to their nation and society.

It would behoove the fortunate ones to think of their less lucky—yet equally, or more—energetic counterparts. It would behoove us to learn by their example. —S. H.

Tribute To Trees

Arbor Day was celebrated Thursday in Nebraska and people around the country paused for a few moments in a busy day to think a little about the beauty of nature that was native to America far before man first entered the scene.

A great Nebraskan, J. Sterling Morton, founded Arbor Day. The holiday was first observed in 1872, and one million trees were planted.

Each year, many tourists and Sunday riders drive to Nebraska City to visit Morton's famed home—Arbor Lodge. Visitors follow Apple Blossom Trail and look at the colorful flowers.

To the average University student—unless he happens to be from Nebraska City, of course—Arbor Day more than likely sort of "slipped by" with little special notice.

It is good, though, to just pause for a moment, and recall that the state of Nebraska is somewhat famous for founding the day. We should be justly proud.

Let's keep planting trees on Arbor Day. Let's keep our nation filled with men and women with foresight who realize the necessity of saving the land. For goodness sakes, let us not allow Arbor Day to slip by us, completely unrecognized. —D.F.

On Display

University sororities—in fact, the whole University—will be on display this weekend.

High school junior and senior coeds from all over the state will be staying at sorority houses for a weekend of concerted rushing—the only rushing sororities are allowed to do before next fall. This phenomenon is officially labeled Legacy Weekend.

To high school girls whose mother or sister belonged to one of the Greek sororities having chapters on campus, the weekend will provide a chance to become acquainted with the present chapter. They will be entertained at picnics, movies, slumber parties, dinners and any sort of informal get-togethers that ingenious actives can invent. For many of them, it will be their first peek at college life.

To sororities, the weekend provides a chance to make a good impression on some of next year's freshman rushees. If they can show the legacies a good—no, I mean fabulous—time, the girls will return to their home town considerably influenced toward next fall's choice and full of praises for their mother's or sister's sorority.

These few high school girls will be responsible for accomplishing what harassed housemothers have been trying—usually unsuccessfully—to accomplish all year. Bedrooms will be immaculate (probably for the first time since mid-year room switch), former rivals will become best buddies (for a day) and company manners will be brought out of hiding. From Saturday noon when the first legacies arrive until Sunday, the magic word will be Fun—not only for the visitors but the hostesses as well.

To the University, Legacy Weekend is a chance to familiarize future coeds with some of the opportunities and traditions which await them. Not only the sororities, but the whole campus, should be on its best behavior. First impressions are important, and naturally the entire school wants those impressions to be good—extra specially good.

With a wise eye to advantageous University publicity, Panhellenic is sponsoring a style show in the Union Saturday afternoon. But it is principal through the friendliness of all University students and the sincere welcome extended by everyone they meet that our weekend visitors will be favorably impressed with the campus.

Only the fraternities might have grounds for complaint against the project. The boys will of necessity be spending a dateless evening while the girls escort legacies around town en masse. But, on the other hand, Legacy Weekend has advantages for them too. Think of the studying they could do! —M.H.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



On The Light Side

At Loose Ends

By JOYCE JOHNSON

Who said there was no activity in Lincoln during vacation? The mysterious killing of a State Penitentiary guard on Good Friday and the recent throwing of hats into the Nebraska theatrical ring set the town on its tender ears.

In addition to the appointment of Mrs. Eve Bowring of Barr 99 ranch to the Senate filled me with womanly pride and satisfaction. I have often sensed that woman's destiny as the political strength of our state would be realized in the near future.

Does anyone know where I can pick up a second hand ranch after June 8?

It's becoming increasingly apparent that one of the major qualifications of a successful woman in Nebraska... whether she be a Rodeo Queen or a governmental official... is that she be a first-class horsewoman. I suppose there is a comparison between the bawling of Hereford cattle and the filibustering in Washington.

No matter what the critics' views are concerning our new Senator she has nevertheless become a national figure in the last week. A morning TV show allowed several minutes in picturing Mrs. Bowring on her Sandhills ranch as she gave her final instructions to her ranch hands and bade her cattle a temporary goodbye.

TV and cattle reminds me of Fred Allen who certainly took the bull by the horns in humorously dealing out a black eye to television.

He said that in Akron, O. there are 700,000 TV sets and 640,000 bathubs, which implied that 60,000 people in this area are dirty TV watchers... talk about cleaning up television!

Allen also noted that a nutritionist in Boston, Mass. warns that audiences who combine both snack eating and television staring are undermining their health. I understand a book will be published soon on this topic. I believe the title reads, "Peace of Mind or To Piece or Not To Piece, That Is The Question."

New laws are even being passed concerning TV owners. In Ohio divorce cases the television set is awarded to the parent who obtains custody of the child. This sounds like the new giveaway program, "Take and Take."

Probably the best argument Allen dug up was when he reported that a national party chairman said that a personable appearance on TV is essential to political success. Allen added that the country's next president may be another piano player by the name of Liberace. His campaign slogan might easily read, "With Liberace You Can Be Sure."

As to the future of television, price of cattle and Nebraska politics. Borrowing from Mrs. Bowring, "Let's ride the fence awhile until we find where the gates are."

Two On The Aisle

'Rhapsody' Has Music, Plot—And Liz Taylor

By DICK RALSTON

"She's just darling." The author of that remark wasn't a virile young male admiring Liz Taylor's obvious physical charms. It was a very respectable-looking middle-aged lady stopping to look at a picture of Liz on her way out of the theater.

I agree with her. Starting with "Place In The Sun" Liz started growing up. In "Rhapsody" she is a very accomplished actress who would be "just darling" even without her generous beauty.

However, Liz's features are given the full Hollywood treatment in "Rhapsody" whether they are needed or not. She plays a "poor little rich girl" and sports a new outfit in every scene. Her Cadillac convertible doesn't change, though.

In spite of the fact that she occupies a very prominent part in the movie, "Rhapsody" offers more than Liz alone. Vittorio Gassman, who is pretty hot with the bobby-soxers according to rumors, is in there pitching—guess what to who.

Also along for the ride is John Ericson, an awfully weak link in an otherwise strong chain. These two young bucks engage in that old spring pastime all through the show—that of competing for the fair lady's hand. The results prove that even in the movies, a woman's mind is totally unpredictable. Louis Calhern plays the poor-little-rich-girl's rich father.

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The Student Forum

Del-za-poppin'

BY DEL HARDING

Hot, muggy days and miles of burning pavement. A lush green carpet over the countryside. Spanish moss dangling from the trees. Exotic moonlight nights. Shabby riverside and roadside shacks. Folksy radio announcers, and the blaring of pulsating jazz or foot-stomping Western music from the radio. Cordial people, perfect hosts. This is Arkansas, Louisiana, and more particularly, Houston, Texas.

While most NU students were resting up for the last stage of classes, four of us were taking an enjoyable and educational trip to a Kappa Alpha Psi (national photojournalism honorary) convention at the University of Houston.

My knowledge of the Cougar school, which is located in the largest city in the South, was limited to a recollection of a football-win inspired gift of some \$2 million to the school by a local oilman and of the enticing of the star Nebraska Wesleyan basketball player to their campus.

I've visited many campuses and attended one other university besides NU, but I found HU unique.

About 80 per cent of the students work, most of them taking from five to eight years to graduate as a result. Tuition is high—\$40 for each 3-hour course. (But some things are cheap—phone calls are still a nickel.) HU has its own student-run radio and TV stations. And the name Cullen, the aforementioned oilman, is ever prominent.

The student-faculty relationship is informal, to say the very least, giving the feeling if "one big happy family." No doubt this informality is largely due to the newness of the college and the older and more mature students. The coeds are more settled and not so wide-eyed. Heels and earrings are popular feminine class wear.

Veterans and married students

From The Daily Kansan

Why Dishonesty Trend In American Schools?

The trend today in American schools, while statistics never will be devised to show it, seemingly is toward more and more dishonesty or "get away with all you can to get out."

Dishonesty (cheating, lying, falsifying, or whatever you will) has been with us since the days of Adam and Eve and in all probability will continue until the millennium, but must it increase as it seems to have in recent years?

Even our own KU catalog which is sent to prospective students contains the ominous warning "Infractions (of dishonest work) will be reported to the dean for investigation and judgment," but still it goes on here as (presumably) in most other schools if figures gathered by statisticians are correct.

It actually cannot be proved to be a growing trend—this dishonesty in school work—for, as said before, statistics will not show how many students cheated in 1910 as against 1954. If they did they probably would be so astronomical as to astonish even the most cheating-conscious persons.

But it seems from such recent happenings as the West Point scandals—and the basketball fixes of the recent past that the cheating ogre is gaining new followers.

Surely the argument of the most naive that they just didn't catch them in the old days is groundless—cheating always has been looked on as bad by those with principle.

But what is worse is that cheating seems, contrary to what some of us more "highly educated" college men and women may believe, to increase in each grade of scholastic advancement. In a Purdue university opinion poll taken five years ago, 65 per cent of the hundreds of ninth graders interviewed said they would cover their papers if they suspected someone was copying, yet only 46 per cent of those in the freshman year of college said they would take steps to prevent copying.

The former president of the

are more in evidence. The Cougars have only local sororities and frat and few students be long. There are the same "activity wheels," but they seem more sincerely interested in their work—not merely using it as a stepping-stone to a senior honorary.

I've often heard the time-worn term "Southern hospitality," but it's no exaggeration to say we were royally treated. Of course there was much good-natured razzing about "you'll be darnyankees!"

All of the campus buildings are air conditioned—a near necessity. "Easy" and "not very tough," were the standard replies to my asking if their courses of study were difficult. The replies were also uniform on another subject: McCarthy. They hate him.

Heard how a Texan radio station with a Mexican-based transmitter offered "for the low low price of \$1.98 you can have a gen-u-ine autographed picture of our Lord Saviour, Jesus Christ!" Barnum was right.

Had a former United Press photographer as a banquet speaker. He was a stocky Milton Berleish Kansan who saw much action as a WW II combat photog. His talk dealt with his failures and successes, and one of his blunders is worth passing on.

Seems he was driving a Jeep through the streets of Paris one night when a riot broke out and bullets started whizzing past him. He curbed his Jeep and dived under it, grabbing for his roll-film camera to snap some action pictures.

He fumbled frantically with his camera, trying to load the roll of film. The riot was quickly quelled, and he climbed from under his Jeep to see just "why in the hell" he couldn't get the film into his camera.

He held up the roll of film and—lo and behold—it was a roll of cherry lifesavers.

Governing Boards of State Universities and Allied Institutions, Dr. Charles E. McAllister, said in his book, "Inside the Colleges" that he found a marked increase in cheating in 89 colleges that he visited. He reported one dean said his students "apparently do not know right from wrong."

He attributed the cheating trend to mishandling of so-called progressive education, disrupted family life, and the inordinate attention paid to grades. The Purdue surveyors put the blame on teachers who put too much emphasis on high marks and parents who disillusion their children by explaining their own questionable actions with the theory that the end justifies the means.

These reasons—and you will notice both placed the finger of blame on over-emphasis on grades—we see.

But we will add that we think it boils down to a start in the average U. S. public school. Too many youths come out of high school in this country without having put in as much effort in four years as many college students put in on just one term paper. High schools do not make the students work—instead they have the attitude that everyone is entitled to a high school "education," so almost every entrant is graduated.

The student then comes to KU or any other college from this typical high school expecting to get through four more years on father's money, party a bit with father's cash, and do (or not do) just what he did in high school.

Suddenly he finds the pressure on, and, not used to studying and possibly not having the desire to do the same, resorts to a well number of crutches so well known the nation over—files, crib notes, stealing papers, et al. This is the reason cheating will continue to increase.

This trend toward nation-wide dishonesty can be stopped in kindergarten.

Jeanne Meyer

Letterip

Friedman-Pepper Controversy Rages, 'Knowledge Needed' Theme Rapped

Dear Editor:

Janet Cooper's letter could not have been more timely. It is amazing that the religionists are still harping on their "What you need is knowledge" theme. Apparently they don't realize that no amount of Bible-reading will answer the basic question of whether the Bible is valid, either as a source of information or as a guide to life.

Actually, Marvin Friedman, James Ellington, Ellie Elliott, and Richard Rowen would be surprised to learn just how much of their kind of knowledge F. Jay Pepper has.

He attended religious schools for a period of twelve years; in addition to which he has been actively engaged in thought, reading, discussion, debate, and writing on various aspects of religion for the past ten years. It is obvious, then, that F. Jay is by no means ignorant of his subject.

Yet the general tone, as well as all three letters against him was that Mr. Pepper simply knows nothing. Such assumptions are inexcusable from four people who do not even know the per-

University Bulletin Board

FRIDAY
Lab Theater Tryouts, 3-5 p.m., Room 201, Temple Building.
BARB Tea, 4-5:30 p.m., Ellen Smith Hall.

Sarton Lecture, 8 p.m., Love Library Auditorium.
All University Square Dance, 8:30 p.m., Ag Activities Building.
YWCA Faculty Women's Tea, 3:30 p.m., Ellen Smith Hall.

SATURDAY
Square Dance Festival, 8 p.m., Coliseum.
Block and Bridle Spring Show, State Fair Coliseum.