

EDITORIAL PAGE

Local Battleground

Freshmen enter and seniors graduate and the battle between the University and the city of Lincoln continues. Like a prodding mother anxious to see her child behave correctly so as not to shame her, Lincolnites have created a breach between the University and themselves which has raised indignant feelings on both sides of the fence.

It would seem to one looking at the situation that because of Lincoln's political mindedness, due to its site as the state capital, the University has become a scapegoat for political maneuvering simply to give some local or state politician a chance to criticize something so that his electors will think he is on the job.

Politics are not foreign to many personages on famed "O" street. The University athletic department has felt it. The idea is held that the University is here simply to complement what Lincoln has to offer and athletics have been viewed much the same as in old Roman times when spectators cared not what happened to the Christians in the arena, just so they entertained them.

The Regents are not free to discuss University matters in private anymore. They have no right to choose a chancellor diplomatically so that outstanding men under consideration might not lose their jobs or receive criticism from the respective Universities which they serve. But, the argument goes, the University is part of Lincoln and Lincolnites should know what goes on in their back yards. Worthy is the man who refuses Nebraska University's chancellorship for he will avoid the plague of educating the local big-wigs in what is University business and what is Lincoln business.

The University is a state institution, not a Lincoln nursery, but what citizen in Lincoln does not shake his head questioning when the University is mentioned. Lincolnites have been well educated to believe University students incapable of anything but riots, dissatisfaction, drunkenness, reckless driving, stupidity and irresponsibility.

Such things as donations to charity go unheralded; project groups helping Lincoln families are nonentities; contributions to Lincoln's business growth is unrecognized; and independence is both condoned and condemned when the former has to do with the glory of Lincoln and the latter has to do with the spirit of the University.

Perhaps the people of Lincoln need to form a Parent-Teacher Association to keep tabs on University administration. Or strike out the "parent" and insert those people in Lincoln who are perpetually shocked and incensed by all the goings on.

Lincolnites are so high idealed—yet they were in fevered concern that the Lincoln Air Base would not be reactivated. And more than likely the first time some University student and Air Force man disagrees Lincolnites will call for discipline of the University student.

With a concentration of young people such as exists at the University, it logically follows that the majority enjoy and participate in the same activities and ideas. Just as Lincoln adults enjoy the benefits of the Lincoln Symphony, or the Shrine parades, or the many conventions streaming in and out of local hotels, celebrating in their own way, so do University students have their own beneficial outlets. But the prestige attached to Lincoln functions is twisted when applied to the University.

How surprised some Lincolnites would be if they knew how many times they condemned University students for a prank pulled by some of their own high schoolers. Even the Lincoln children know their parents' attitudes and habits.

Call it political, call it narrow-mindedness. Whichever word is used the situation is the same and will continue as such until either a clean break can be made with the city of Lincoln or until co-operation from all sides is gained. If the latter is to happen perhaps Lincoln will have to forfeit its unthinking one-sidedness.—J. H.

Invitation To Trouble

Now the excitement and ashes resulting from the so called "panty raid"—that produced no female undergarments—have cleared, University students, participants and non-participants, are waiting to see what is to happen. Thus far, there have been no definite statements of policy by the administration concerning the action to be taken in the water throwing or fire building that went on Monday evening.

Though there has been no definite statement from the administration, University students might take careful note of what Lincoln Mayor Clark Jeary had to say about the matter. That he was displeased is obvious, that he was right about the ways and means of handling the participants is a questionable matter.

Mayor Jeary was completely correct when he threatened court action on persons who interfered with the fire and police departments. Such action can not be tolerated. However, the suggestion of prosecuting all persons identified in photos taken at the "riot" is not right or just.

By making the suggestion that all persons identified be subject to disciplinary action, Mayor Jeary makes it clear that he considers it an offense to even watch a group of weak-minded, stupid, unthinking "students" show their stuff. A person would be equally guilty to be among the throngs that gather when a prospective suicide stands on the ledge of a tall building.

Other of Mayor Jeary's suggestions would do little more than compound an already difficult situation. To suggest that University ROTC units be called out to quell a student riot" similar to last Monday's would be ridiculous.

culous. Even the most casual student of military tactics realizes that communication and organization of forces are of prime necessity in effective military action, and it is military action that he suggests.

Just how could the ROTC department call out their members in such short time as is allowed when something like Monday night's action takes place? Just how could ROTC cadets cope with a mob of persons, students or others without training, equipment, limited supplies and already over-loaded training schedules would make it impossible to obtain these two necessary elements.

To call out the state national guard would be equally silly; if not more dangerous. One can well imagine the effects of a clash between students and armed National Guard members.

The Nebraskan feels that photograph could be used to good effect in breaking up a "riot." Rather than having a photographer taking indiscriminate pictures, including student bystanders, have several stationed at the doors of the Women's Residence Halls, ready to record the entrance of the weak-minded few who make the brave move to enter the Hall. These people are the ones that are the leaders, and the ones that deserve to be reprimanded.

Mayor Jeary, like the University administration and many students, is looking for a solution to the problem of student "riots" that end in damage and bad publicity for the University and City of Lincoln.

For this he is to be commended; however, recommendations with "get tough" notations are nothing more than invitations for far greater damage and possible serious injury to those involved.—T.W.

Margin Notes

Bubble Bath

Modern science has done many things with Grandma's old fashioned laundry soap, but this story rates with the best of modern wonders.

Many rivers are now becoming polluted with detergent residues from soap factories. In some cases, these heavily charged waters reach city filtration plants downstream, turning them into gushing bubble baths.

"This creates a terrible problem," one city engineer said.

The sentence sums up—very briefly—many of the "soap wonders" of the age.

Maybe This Time

As a rule, baseball clubs are noted for their drive, spirit and push to get on top.

Every once in a while, though, a team comes along that just has trouble making the grade. The St. Louis Browns were that type of team.

This season, the team moved to Baltimore and became the Orioles. Fittingly enough, but still not helping the league standings, the offices of the Orioles are on Eager Street.

Wise Words

"Don't do what I do, do what I say!"

These were probably the sentiments of Con Dempsey, former Pittsburgh Pirate and San Francisco Seal hurler, when he told his junior high school physical education class:

"Knowing how to jump and how to fall is important."

Then he stepped back, tripped over a mat, fell and broke his arm.

Just Plump?

Take heed ye who fall in the ranks of the obese.

Statistics rank obesity as America's No. 1 health problem. Lean people live longer than those who are fat; they are less likely to suffer from heart trouble and the other degenerative diseases.

The obese have fat "pads" throughout the body. In a normal person's body there is about 20 per cent fat; in the obese there can be as much as 60 per cent.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



"No, not tonight, Professor Snarf has been temperamental, sullen, cynical, nasty, and in a bad mood all day, so he thought he'd better take advantage of it and grade papers this evening."

On The Light Side

At Loose Ends

By JOYCE JOHNSON

I'm sure no one will dispute that this past week has been one of the "splashest" on campus. Ivy Day proved to be beautiful and clear after the two senior honoraries spent the week preceding it visualizing themselves wading through mounds of snow to select their successors.

The excitement of Saturday's festivities also climaxed a year-long search for a chancellor. Thus, the appointment of Dr. Hardin closed a year of reorganization and numerous administrative changes. And it appeared everyone was satisfied, that once again we were one big happy University family.

Then suddenly, bango, the lid blew off.

Good old Mother Nature provided the climate, and the students did the rest. Although the spring "airing" Monday night was as enthusiastic and spirited as the campus has seen for some time, its repercussions will probably never be as twisted and internationally publicized as the panty raid of two years back.

Life magazine and papers all over the country made much ado of the frolic. Even Nebraska citizens traveling abroad were confronted with gasps of "What went on at NU?"

We were even pictured by some outsiders as cohorts of the Communies staging our own little May Day riots. It was a riot all right!

Everyone seems to have a good time verbally spanking the students after each one of these episodes. Whatever the psychologists, publicists and politicians proclaim to be the truth behind the scene, the symptoms will undoubtedly show themselves again.

As sure as the lilacs will bloom annually in Lincoln the "giggling girls and bawling boys" will again let their enthusiasm soar at a fever pitch.

Why can't someone come up with a novel and gala spring event that would please and entertain the campus? It's true "College Days" went out the window after one experiment, but CU Days at Colorado will never die. Why? Because those students have an opportunity to express themselves in an exuberant manner.

It would be nice to turn our backs on each one of these incidents and mously exclaim, "Why don't you grow up you naughty little kids," but as a new crop of students appears each year so does a new outcropping of rash and rash ideas.

There are be kind to dogs, water moccasins and amnesia victims weeks. There are also Red Cross and AUF drives. But what about our own drives? We are all trying to live together in one small area, and sometimes the study deadlines, extracurricular requirements and social obligations create a cooped up, explosive situation.

Following the riot students seemed to enjoy the street dance that was brought about by the quick thinking musicians of one fraternity. Why can't there be a week set aside each year at the end of the semester in which a street is roped off and "every-one-is-invited" evening dances and an atmosphere of friendly mixing be provided?

I'm sure our University public relations department would sigh with relief.

What about an "NU DAZE" trial?

Two On The Aisle

Tragedy Of Film 'Caesar' Destroyed By Anthony

By DICK RALSTON

The coming weekend seems quite barren of good movies... with the notable exception of "Julius Caesar," which began its second week at the Nebraska Thursday.

"Julius Caesar" is undoubtedly not Shakespeare's greatest tragedy, but it does have an appeal to modern readers that most of the tragedies do not. The story of the death of the Roman Empire's greatest figure is sufficiently romantic to satisfy modern audiences where some of his greater tragedies would fail.

"Julius Caesar" is also probably more quotable than any of the others. Hence, even though it is not the greatest, it is probably the best to present on the screen.

MGM is faithful to the original Shakespearean script in its presentation of "Julius Caesar" with but one significant exception: the character of Mark Anthony.

In the original play, Anthony seems to be an honorable man who takes upon himself the avenger of Caesar's death. And therein lies the tragedy of the play: both Anthony and Brutus loving Caesar, Brutus seeking his death for the good of the empire, but Anthony not being able to see beyond his death and taking it upon himself to avenge it.

But the movie perverts the character of Anthony into a schemer who sees an opportunity for power in the death of Caesar, and whose motive in vengeance seems to be more to destroy his opposition rather than to avenge the assassination. This effect may be due only to the casting of Marlon Brando in the part of Anthony. Brando has never looked and acted like an "honorable" man.

However, it seems more likely that this was the effect director Joseph Mankiewicz wanted. Anthony is played with a sneering smirking expression all through the movie. And during Anthony's funeral speech, he is shown as deliberately playing on the sympathies of the crowd rather than being righteously indignant over the assassination.

This seems to be to destroy the tragic theme of the story. For the end of Brutus is then brought about by an ambitious schemer rather than by a righteous avenger. This portrayal of Anthony seems ridiculously inconsistent when in Anthony's final speech, he refers to Brutus: "This was the noblest Roman of them all, all the conspirators, save only he, did that they did in envy of the great Caesar."

Other than Brando as Anthony, I can see no quarrel with characterizations. The list of Hollywood "heavies" appearing in the movie gives some indication of the quality of acting throughout: Louis Calhern as Caesar, James Mason as Brutus, John Gielgud as Cassius, Edmund O'Brien as Casca, Greer Garson as Calpurnia and Deborah Kerr as Portia.

Of the group, John Gielgud turns in the superior performance as Cassius with Mason as Brutus running him a close second.

One other thing worth noting. The use of music in the movie seemed inconsistent. Of course, when Caesar passed through the streets and when armies were on the march, drums and trumpets swung into trite "Quo Vadis" and "The Robe" type fanfares. But music was used so infrequently during the movie that when it was occasionally used for background it seemed only a distraction.

In spite of what I consider obvious shortcomings, I think the movie was good. However, I think a knowledge of the original Shakespearean play would be a prerequisite for enjoying the movie. It is especially interesting to compare your interpretation of the characters with the interpretation of Hollywood.

What Next . . .

By BILL DEVRIES

The guy that said, "People are funnier than anybody" certainly knew what he was talking about. On the world scene we see the never-ending truth in this statement as history keeps recording wars and wars and more wars which have been started, fought, and ended by people—yet which have accomplished little.

We pick up a New York newspaper and read where somebody has stepped out of the darkness in Central Park and stabbed somebody he didn't even know. We continue to read, and see 'at things look bad in Indo-China, that Senator McCarthy has found a surprise witness, that juvenile delinquency has increased 20 per cent since the War, that traffic deaths are up over last year at this time, and that some movie star is suing her eighth husband for divorce because she has suffered "severe mental anguish." And so it goes. We put down the paper, sigh, and say, "Well, that's just human nature."

Sounds pessimistic, doesn't it? Well, fear not, gentle reader, for things are not as bad as they seem. Perhaps the forces for good will yet overcome the forces for evil. However, it is one thing to be aware of a problem and quite another to do something about it.

It has been said time and time again that legislation for good doesn't necessarily make people good. Prohibition proved this. And when Chicago decided to

solve the slum problem by building modern low rent housing districts, solid Chicagoans learned a bitter lesson about human beings: people just don't change their living habits overnight because of new surroundings.

The answer of course lies in education. The next truism that follows quite naturally is that if the leaders are poor, the followers are going to be poorer. When we apply this to a university we see that in a university we have a select group of young people of some ability seeking an education. Because these people as university graduates, will have received training and intellectual attainment superior to that of the masses, they will necessarily fall into places of responsibility which are superior to those of the masses.

Therefore is it out of place for us to take stock of ourselves and ask ourselves if our leadership is in the right direction? Should we not seek to adequately prepare ourselves for the positions of responsibility which await us? If we are aware of the problems of man should we not use our ability to solve them?

Archibald McLeash has said, "Only those who know what a man can be at his best—in his arts, in his ideas, in his realization—are capable of valuing freedom. And only those who are capable of valuing freedom are likely to defend it."

Are we headed in the right direction?

Letterip

Religion Debaters Told To 'Shut Up'; ATO's Offer Ivy Day Sing Solution

To Mr. F. Jay Pepper and Mr. James G. Ellington

On those rare occasions when I obtain a copy of The Nebraskan, I read the Letterip. In each issue which I have obtained this semester, there has been a letter written by one or the other of you in which the writer vehemently supports or derides religion with tactics somewhat akin to political mudslinging.

Now, gentlemen, since I very seldom get The Nebraskan, I cannot keep up to date with your arguments. I do not know what started your fight nor exactly what you are fighting about. But I love a fight, be it fist or otherwise, and because of this weakness, I must get in one punch. I shall make only one punch, and, though you gentlemen curse, belittle, deride, and defame me, I shall retain my intellectual dignity and refrain from making silly charges and counter-charges after this one letter.

First of all, let me introduce myself. I am a minister's son and a member of one of the more conservative church groups. I do not believe in fanaticism nor in weak-kneed liberalism. As a physics major I have a solemn privilege, yes, even a duty, to hold some odd ideas and customs. Although I do not ride a bicycle (joke for the engineers), I do hold some individualistic ideas, some of which I shall now publish for your edification.

In the first place, the man who defends religion, and especially the Bible, in this age of skepticism and unbelief, is the bravest of men. As some absent-minded Prof once said, the fear of public disapproval is one of the most powerful influences on human behavior that is known to man. Mr. Ellington should be commended for his brave stand in defense of something which his public generally holds in contempt.

In the second place, there are, in every college, pedants who think that they are heroes if they become modern Da Vinci's and Galileo's and carry the torch for some radical or new theories which, they think, will break man free from the shackles of religion and other "unscientific superstition."

In the third place, what future is there in arguing religion? You, Mr. Ellington, will probably accept an argument based on the Bible. Therefore, I remind you that the Bible repeatedly says that man can only "sow the seed," and that the rest is up to the Holy Spirit. Religion is a matter of faith and trust, not of knowledge based on logic. Therefore, why argue religion? Your logic cannot convince anyone. You and I know we are right, but we cannot convince others by arguing.

Since you, Mr. Pepper, probably do not accept the Bible anyway (so I assume from your letters), one need not use Biblical quotations against your arguments. Despite your own seemingly embittered convictions, you probably will not convince anyone else of your stand.

Now that you do not have many companions in your delusions, for indeed, you have. But you probably will not convince anyone who is not already of your opinion. After all, religion is not illogical. Just because the Bible says some things which man cannot understand does not mean that they are not logical.

Man's logic has not yet reached its peak. There is yet much work to be done. And he who says that presently accepted methods of logic are the only acceptable methods is not being very broad-minded. Just because you yourself do not believe that the Bible is true, why raise a stench trying to prove something which

can probably never be proven scientifically, pro or con?

To make a long story short, why don't you guys shut up? Probably both of you are sincere and mean well, but from where I sit, your disagreement sounds like a cat and dog fight.

And now, while you gentlemen hurl vicious verberages at me, I shall climb back into my ivory tower and, with an air of detached superiority, ignore your petty remarks. Nothing you say can hurt me. After all, I hardly ever get to read the "Rag," anyway.

Paul Bliss

'Solution'

Dear Editor:

Since when do one, two or three wrongs make a whole mess right? Evidently it happened when Kosmet Klub decided to start passing the Ivy Day sing cups around as though the real contest was to be who can work the totals over to get it next. Maybe there will be another cup put in the pile to go to the house that is able to get one the most number of times in one year.

Nevertheless, Alpha Tau Omega would like to see the rat race terminated, not recessed while the sponsors go out for more cups and confessions of past wrongs.

Here's our criticism—As the results stand today, Phi Chi holds the winning cup although they were illegally entered in the competition. The DU's hold second place (a real advance since they were scratched from the winners of Ivy Day) and the Phi Gams have to share a third place cup with the Deltas who illegally entered a medley, but were extended a "legal-violation" since they had worked so hard before the proper word was given to them in person by a members of the sponsors.

It was a very humanitarian act on the part of the sponsor—remember the "member" did represent the sponsor—but isn't there an old phrase entitled "Ignorance of the law is no excuse?"

Now for a solution—and it's obvious that a solution is in order. First place to the DUs—because they deserved it over all the legal entries. Second place to the Phi Gams and third to whichever organization legally entered that compiled the third highest number of points, guesses or whatever the tabulation consisted of.

We understand that this is the method that would have been thought to have been used by all that entered this year. Why not use it and play the game of "Who Really Gets To Keep The Cup?" next year and forwarn the entrants ahead of time.

Bill Weber,
Alpha Tau Omega president

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