

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Personal View

One of the fondest desires of all journalistically inclined persons is to have a chance to say exactly what he thinks about a certain matter.

Students who have read their Nebraskans through several "administrations" of editors no doubt have noticed the variety of attitudes toward the personalized sounding off by Nebraskan writers.

As editor of The Nebraskan, I come in contact with situations which I believe are important to the University population as a whole.

However, the news staff must deal with facts in what they write. They cannot present a story about the beginning of an AUF drive by saying, "AUF is a good deal; be sure to give when you are asked to do so."

Instead, they must make a note that, "Phyllis Colbert, AUF president, asked that all students contribute . . ." Often, facts simply cannot be woven into something interesting, something with appeal to you, but the facts are important and you deserve to know them.

This then is the purpose of this editorial and others like it that will follow: to take those things that are important and try to interest you in them.

European Unity In Sight

Monday headlines screamed the announcement that the nine-power London conference was a success.

Meantime another hope-provoking announcement blasted its way into the news when Italy and Yugoslavia agreed to divide Trieste and clear up a nine years' dispute which nearly resulted in war about a year ago.

So the Western defense line seems to be soldered together—at least for the moment.

But optimism is not a positive assurance against the possibility of something back-firing. The Trieste settlement is a cut and dried proposition formally going into effect in three weeks.

But in the United States, while optimism supercedes any momentary qualms, there are speculations as to the outcome of Mendes-France's report to the French Chamber of Deputies on Thursday.

Sign Of Initiative

Signs of the times are always interesting to The Nebraskan, and when worthy of being reported, are passed on to our readers.

This pep rally, like so many over the years, had pretty much the standard crowd: cheerleaders, pep band, coaches, football team, (these made up a great part of the voluntary attendees) fraternity and sorority pledges, freshmen pepsters and a few "gung ho" oldtimers with freshmen women dates (these made up the involuntary audience).

But the signs were the interesting things. Of course there were the usual banners, with sayings "Go Huskers!" "Sock 'Em!" etc. in very small letters and dear old Zeta Zeta in large ones, but on this occasion, there was a new one representing one of the Halls at the Sellenck Quadrangle.

This is the first time in years, at least from what The Nebraskan sign watchers have seen, that the men in the dormitories have taken the time and trouble to make themselves seen as well as heard at the rallies.

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high quality, accurate comprehensive newspaper if we deal with things other than facts in our news columns—apparently, we can't interest the mass of our readers with facts alone.

The introduction is complete; this is the Personal View for this issue:

Students are needed to apply for the Committee on Student Publications, more often called the Pub Board. Three students, one from each of the upperclasses, are needed to fill the existing vacancies. The three will be selected on the basis of an interview with the Student Council.

Here is what has not been said about the Pub Board. First, student Pub Board members do not have too much work to do. It is a good activity for persons who do not have too much time for activity work.

In short, the Pub Board is something you could do if you want to. It doesn't make much difference to the Student Council who or what you are if they think you can handle a position they want to fill.

That's it for this time. I said exactly what I think about the Pub Board, and hope the long introduction didn't scare too many people away from reading these last few lines.

Grid Saga Relates Tale Of Non-Entity



"You know how fast he jumps into bed—well, last nite we 'short-sheeted' him."

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(Editor's note: The following article is reprinted from the Public Mind column in the Lincoln Journal.)

This is the story of Johnny McKown, Outstanding preppter of All-State renown, Johnny was speedy, elusive and tough. As big as an ox and liked to play rough. Scouts looked him over. Alumni did, too. John got an offer from Southeastern U. Tuition, lodging and board to be paid. And cash from a fund called "Grants-in-aid."

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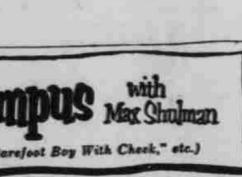
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By JANCY CARMAN
One can certainly feel sorry for the UCLA students who live so close to the beach they don't know what to do. However, their interests are good—maybe. A recent letter to the editor of the UCLA Daily Bruin stated:



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On Campus with Max Schulman

(Author of "Barefoot Boy With Check," etc.)

FOOTBALL THROUGH THE AGES

The football frenzy is upon us. But let us, in the midst of this pandemonium, call time. Let us pause for a moment of tranquil reflection. What is this game called football? What is its history? Its origins? Its traditions? These are not idle questions, for when we have the answers we will appreciate even more fully, enjoy even more deeply, this great American game of football.

First of all, to call football an American game is somewhat misleading. True, the game is now played almost exclusively in America, but it comes to us from a land far away and a civilization long dead.

Football was first played in ancient Rome. Introduced by Julius Caesar, it became one of the most popular Roman sports by the time of Nero's reign. The eminent historian Sigafous reports a crowd of MMCLXXXVIII people at the Colosseum one Saturday afternoon to see the Christians play the Lions.

With the decline of the Roman empire football fell into disuse. The barbaric Huns and Goths preferred canasta. However, by the Twelfth Century A.D. football had emerged from its twilight and risen to its rightful place in the firmament of European pastimes.

October 21, 1512, will ever remain a red letter day in the history of football. On that day Leonardo da Vinci, who has often been called "The Renaissance Man" because of his proficiency in a hundred arts and sciences, was painting a picture of a Florentine lady named Mona Lisa Schultz. "Listen, Mona baby," he said as she struck a pose for her portrait, "I keep telling you—don't smile. Just relax and look natural."

Another date dear to the hearts of all football fans is September 29, 1442. It was on this date, according to the eminent historian Sigafous, that a sixteen year old lad named Christopher Columbus tried out for the football team at Genoa Tech.

The end of football in Europe came with the notorious "Black Sox Scandal" of 1887, in which Ed Machiavelli, one of the Pisa mob, paid off the University of Heidelberg Sabres to throw the championship game to the Chartres A. and M. Gophers. It was a mortal blow to football on the continent.

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On that date a British packet loaded with tea sailed into Boston harbor. The colonists had long been smarting under the English king's tax on tea. "Taxation without representation," they called it, and feelings ran high.

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