

Nebraskan Editorials Protection From Oneself

Dr. Ray Billington's discussion of English universities at a convocation in Love Library Thursday opened the eyes and ears of his listeners. The few students who attended left the auditorium with good-natured rallying cries of "to Oxford!"

Dr. Billington said that the faculties of Oxford and Cambridge were of the opinion that students were equals in adult behavior and the ability to make mature decisions. The length to which this concept is encouraged and protected seemed to be in sharp contrast with the academic and social restrictions placed on students in American universities.

He told the story of a young student who attempted in the dead of night to climb one of the university buildings, a usual practice of students there. This is usually done in pairs and with regular climbing equipment, but this particular student was alone. He miscalculated a step and dropped one hundred feet to his death.

Matter Of Choice

The attempt by Student Council officers to "build an empire" this year has been brought out most flagrantly in the recent Council proposal to limit activities.

The only thing the Council would achieve by passing such a proposal would be to rack up another judo hold it already has on campus activities and further antagonize students in their opinion of the Council.

Such a proposal is neither needed nor in keeping with the activity spirit on this campus. It is an attempt to control the individual within each activity—an extension of the control exercised over the activity as a unit through the Council's authority to either approve or reject an activity's constitution.

Participation in activities has always been a matter of choice with students—those students who were not interested or unable to keep up activity work and studies dropped out. The students with ability and leadership have always turned out on top with few if any duplications in presidencies.

The AWS Board functions adequately to enable more coeds to hold offices and board positions. If control over men students is needed, the answer would be a men's counterpart to AWS.

Such an attempt on the part of the Council to control individuals in the development of their abilities and judgments of those abilities lacks the spirit which this University has in the past boasted—students learning and thinking for themselves, self sufficiency and confidence.

The London papers were irate and demanded that administrative officials impose a heavy penalty upon students found climbing buildings. The officials declined on the grounds that although the incident was regrettable, nothing should be done to discourage ambitions and incentives among students.

In America the view seems fallacious. This is the nation which feels she must assume the protection of individual from himself.

Billington also said that Cambridge and Oxford students were asked no questions as to their actions, regardless of how strange they may seem. For instance, four young men were seen quietly consuming four bottles of wine underneath faculty members' apathetic noses. Dr. Billington discovered later that they were members of the wine committee for a dance and were merely testing the wine.

Perhaps the most significant story was that of the university's reaction to a Communist front society operating openly there. He stressed that communism was in no way making ground at the university; in fact, students, in an effort to make sport of the few who belonged, crashed a meeting one night and succeeded in electing themselves as the society's officers. The old members went to the administration to see if they could get their society back. The university, because it wished to promote freedom of conscience, suppressed the new organization in fairness to the old members.

Dr. Billington's stories were pleasantly humorous. He himself said that procedures in England would not necessarily succeed in the United States. He did intimate, however, that students here are deprived of the right of self-made decisions.

Students who talked among themselves following the convocation felt that Cambridge and Oxford sounded like great places to be—with freedom to choose the lectures one wishes to attend and with the respect faculty members bestow upon the students.

But to think that such an ideal situation could work profitably here was considered by students as ridiculous. Cambridge and Oxford, they reasoned, drew the cream of the crop from English youth, and in a university where enrollment is in practically no way limited or screened, a great deal of supervision from above is required.

This is a view, moreover, with which The Nebraskan feels forced to agree.

Yet when students insist that American university students represent the best of American youth, this view is a frightening self-condemnation.—K. N.

The Lenten Promise 'Clutched' Feeling Blinds Men To Deathless Life Of Faith

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At the expense of better judgment, one resorts to a popular campus expression to illustrate a Lenten thought. Minor conflict is often discovered when someone says, "I'm clutched" and your calmly given advice is usually, "Don't panic." Pop quizzes, first date with a handsome fellow, too many activity meetings when there is no other time to shop for that new formal and that "I don't know which way to vote" feeling in Student Council meetings are frequent reasons for feeling "clutched" on our campus.

During the Lenten season, Christians naturally look ahead to Holy Week or that week when we think of the events that took place in the life of Jesus. It could be titled "Week of Conflict" since the recorded incidences tell of terrifying dilemma not only for Jesus but for many others who were involved with him whether they were his followers or his accusers. The question Pilate faced "What will we do with him?" represented the same conflict for most of the lead characters of the Holy Week story. Look at some of these and imagine the deep clashing of thought within them. The Disciples, as they had a last meal with Jesus, must have been a very thoughtful lot as they tried to reconcile their deep premonitions about what was to happen to their Master and what they might do to avert his having to leave them alone in the world.

Think of all the conflict in the temple when the money-changers were ousted and their feelings of wanting to strike back but dared not because His accusation of embezzlement of funds could not be denied. Imagine Simon's "clutched" feelings when Jesus rebuked him for feeling self-righteous and respectable when the prostitute woman invaded his Bethany home to anoint Jesus' head, an act to symbolize her genuine love and desire to put her sensual life at a far higher level than she had ever known before. The conflict in Judas that set in after he tipped off the Romans of the whereabouts of Jesus was too intense to live with; he made an end of himself.

Likewise, Jesus faced a life and death conflict as he prayed in Gethsemane to escape from an early death if it were his Father's will. It was human to want to live and it would have been easy enough to find an escape from the city but he knew it was ungodly to recant his teachings now and deny the claims about himself as the Son of God. This most unimaginable conflict of wanting to hold onto life and yet do his Father's bidding must have been decisively settled in the Gethsemane garden for none of the details of the trials and the physical torture reflect anything else but a reconciliation and understanding of the meaning of a deathless life.

The resurrected Christ is the exception to the story; all conflict had given away to glory triumphant. The Cross stands as symbol of the paradoxical working out of conflict into glory. At the meeting of the cross bars or the point of greatest conflict there is the heart of God. Philosophers and theologians through the ages have been hard put to explain the meaning of God's redemptive power as we see it in the story of the Cross. Perhaps the most rational explanation to be found is the fact of those who witness with the assurance, "Because He lives, I too shall live."

The element of conflict is not foreign to our lives for we live in an age that has been described as "fearful" because of strong, opposing thoughts that are constantly at war both within us and in the world. Positive thinking is not always enough to resolve our unsettled minds. We feel too "clutched" most of the time to understand the attitude of faith. We try to protect ourselves and are always on the look for security.

We may need to venture a bit more; to live life "dangerously," to trust our lives in faith that God exists and that God can redeem. Abundant life may be characterized by deathless living that transcends any amount of conflict. Staying "clutched" by the things of this world will doubtless blind us from ever seeing the deathless quality of life that comes from a venture of faith.

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Wednesday - 7 p. m. Lenten service on "I, Pilate, Sentenced Him," 7:30 p. m. choir.

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Sunday - 4:30 p. m. Cabinet meeting, 5 p. m. supper and Forum with a discussion of "Campus Gods on Trial" will be led by Mark Bryant and Edmund Irvin.

Wednesday - 7:30 p.m. Chapel service.

Nebraskan Letterip

Big Brother

Dear Editor: Once upon a time A. Bility was a freshman at this University. Re-evaluating his high school accomplishments, he decided he was capable of majoring in three subjects - physics, math and English.

For two years, he labored diligently, devoting his spare time to work beyond his class assignments. He was well-nourished and happy. But at the end of his sophomore year, he was brought before the Board of Regents and advised thusly: "Young Man! You can't major in three subjects! Regardless of your fine grades, your rosy cheeks and your fraternal life, we feel that you must be hurting yourself; you aren't getting the most out of school and you are giving students who are content with one major a hindering, inferiority complex. Therefore, before continuing, you must choose. The physics department must content themselves with some research assistant of lesser value—the Math and English department must employ another reader, regardless of his interest and ability. Yes, you must throw two years of hard work in one subject out the window, because it's for your own good. Being but a college youth, supposedly mature, you are incapable of considering these factors in their proper light, so we, you elders, have established this ultimatum for you."

Dazed and hurt, A. Bility went out upon a hostile campus to reflect. "Can this really be? Will I, the rest of my life, be cut down everytime I attempt to do more than the sages deem best for me? Are initiative and am-

bition now a crime? Is keen competition, once so cherished, on the way out at Nebraska? It must be so!"

"Smile, Big Brother. 1984 is drawing nearer."

JENNY

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