#### Nebraskan Editorials:

### **Our Native Son**

It isn't often that a candidate files for public office with no financial backing, official party support or organized campaign. Especially when he's still a senior at the University of Nebraska.

Such a man, however, is Dick Johnson, senior in Ag College, member of the University Student Council-who Saturday tossed a battered straw hat, the symbol of his campaign, into Nebraska's political ring.

Johnson filed for representative from Nebraska's first Congressional District in the House of Representatives. He will run against the incumbent Phil Weaver of Falls City.

Usually, under these circumstances, such a candidate isn't given much of a chance. But Johnson isn't entering the 1956 Republican

primary for entertainment. He means business and he's out to win.

The 24-year-old Fairbury student has plenty of standard political assets on his side of the ledger, He's young, a Marine veteran, good-

### **Birthday Salute**

As long as man has lived in more or less a society with others of his kind, he has delighted in building legends about his heroes.

Men who, by virtue of a peculiar ability or the fortune of being in a particular place at a particular time, have been idolized and placed on high pedestals until there is nothing really left of the original article.

Some, like Napoleon Bonaparte, were loved and feared at the same time while in power, vilified when defeated, and then raised again to almost god-like heights when the French people became tired of their new government.

Such is the fickle quantity of history, which idolizes some men of no particular ability, forgets those of real greatness and can't decide on the

Then men like George Washington come along. They never do anything wrong.

The first history an American school child learns is how young George cut down the cherry tree, and told his father he had done it. George was honest.

Then, after a few side-lines on Abraham Lincoln, the school child learns how George threw a silver dollar across the Potomac River. He was strong and athletic.

Then, after surveying port of the Western Frontier, George became Col. Washington and led the colonial militias to victory against the British, and eventually to independence.

He chaired the congress that met to organize the new state, and saw its Constitution develop after endless haggling through the hot days of July and August.

He was brave, and a true leader of a new

Finally, he was the only person to be unanimously elected President of the United States. He served two terms in the first eight years of the new democracy, starting a chain that exists up to this day.

In short, George Washington is the embodiment of all the virtues that make up an Ideal-American. He rests above the common gardenvariety legendary hero, who either drank too much or had a nasty temper.

Any vices George might have had nobody knows much about. Nobody would believe them

So, a salute to George Washington on his birthday, just as Americans have been saluting for the last 157 years. A salute to America all wrapped up in one

man, who was the Father of our Country, its first military leader and its first political head. And he still found time to invent deep-dish apple pie.-F. T. D.

# Afterthoughts

### A Shock .

In a 1941 Cornbusker, one of the division pages shows an serial view of the University campus -and it's a shock. Burnett Hall is only a basement, Love Library is completely missing and the temporary buildings have not yet reared their clapboard heads in the photograph.

But the strangest thing is the presence of rundown houses all over campus. One of them blocked the view of Social Sciences Building from R Street.

All slong 14th Street, beside the Union, around the corner and across the street (does anyone remember Dirty Earl's?) there are more.

Despite the griping at times about campus being one vast muddy parking lot, it has made a huge improvement in 15 years by getting out

### History Lesson

Recent experimentation and research by various hypnotists and psychiatrists across the country has resulted in claims of proof of reincarnation. Certain people- notably Bridey Murphy, once a gay lass dancing on the green Irish sodhave told their life stories through the minds of the hypnotized subjects.

The possible effects of this system on history iors sould be astounding. Students could pick eir particular field by simply finding out in what period of history they originally lived. It bests time travel all hollow for expense.

looking, a college student, and has been raised on a Nebraska farm-and the name Johnson certainly can't hurt him any.

He has the plow-calloused hands, the mudcaked boots and the wind-burned cheeks of the Cornhusker farmer; he has the dignity and forthrightness of the young politician; his voice and appearance carry the honest conviction of that which he speaks.

But most in.portant, and not to be overlooked in an agricultural state, Johnson knows and understands the problems of the farmer. In his first press release he cut to the core of the farmer's difficulty when he said: "The answer to our farm problem lies in providing a means of consumption of the farm products instead of underproduction of farm products."

If Johnson can satisfactorily show the Nebraska farmers how to resolve this problemhow to provide for the consumption of farm products-he may be able to make an interesting race for Congressman Weaver in the primary runoff.

Already student enthusiasm, particularly on the Ag Campus, has generated quickly behind Johnson and individual campaign contributions, though in small donations, have been pour-

He has set a tentative speaking itinerary to cover the first Congressional District thoroughly in the next few weeks. He also intends to use the radio and television media to reach the voters, and especially the farmers, in the Lin-

Johnson has attracted a stout group of students, interested in seeing a young man with fresh ideas installed in the House; he has caught the attention of several prominent Lincoln politicians who are interested in beating Weaver; he has drawn the support of several faculty members who are interested in seeing the principles for which Johnson stands brought before the voters; he has caught the eye of many people who would simply like to see if a young fellow with a lot of big ideas could ever get the

In but a handful of days, Johnson has achieved what many politicians with five times the backing would be unable to do-if nothing else, injecting into the Nebraska poltical stream, a blood of new and younger vintage.

every once in a while in politics a young candidate seems to spring out of the soil, dust off a few specks of dirt and a couple of grains of pollen and rise to full height before a surprised countryside populus.

Perhaps, in Dick Johnson, Nebraska has such a man .- B.B.

### **Pending Problem**

Parking on the University campus has been a small but often irritating problem to students and faculty for a number of years. With the prospect of an expansive building program looming in the next few years, this problem could easily become acute.

As it stands now, parking at this University compares favorably with other schools. Comparing notes with other universities in the Midwestern area shows that this campus is, in many ways, better off than many universities of like

This condition, however, will not last. Present building plans call for new structures to be built in areas now used for parking. The additional space made available by purchasing private homes a few years ago along 14th street will be gone. This space currently supports the bulk of campus parking.

Suggestions have been made to both the administration and to the Student Council regarding solutions to this pending problem. They include restricting ownership of on-campus cars to juniors and seniors, building parking garages and providing off-campus space for student and faculty drives.

Most of these solutions would be too expensive for the University and the state of Nebraska to support, largely because of the large-scale expansion that will start the problem in the first

A parking garage would probably not pay for itself, largely because it would be inactive during the summer. The idea of restricting on-campus cars to upper classmen has been squelched because of the hardship to students trying to get around in a city as large as Lincoln.

The best solution seems to be the purchase of additional land outside the present boundries of the University, necessitating students to walk a few additional blocks.

This purchase of land would be very expensive according to the Administration, and the availability of much space is limited by local business districts and the railroad right-of-way.

It is perhaps a little strange to be thinking of a problem regarding the University which does not exist at the present. The fact that this problem will exist sometime in the future can be seen only by observing plans that as yet have not been put into effect. For this reason, it is an easy matter to to overlook the situation.

It is, however, a situation that cannot be overlooked. With enrollment expected to reach 15,000 in ten years, and with new buildings and other facilities, students within the next decade might easily find themselves with little or no access to automobiles.

The University, with sights set on a bigger and better University, should perhaps lower them a bit to the street level .- F. T. D.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



by Dick Bibler

-Glenna Berry-

### Shrewd Russians Influence Asiatics

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 - This morning began for us with a guided tour of the United Nations, which culminated in a council with Joseph El Haj, member of the UN secretariat.

Mr. El Haj spoke on the UN Technical Assistance program, explaining that there were three methods through which the TAO could

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veloped coun- Glenna Berry tries-through sending in experts for consultation, by raising fellowships for the education of indigen-

ous engineers and by establishing training centers in the actual areas. Direct gifts of money are never given.

Perhaps the high spot of the day was our opportunity to observe the shrewd Soviet tactics at work in the Trusteeship Council, the body of 14 members which is responsible for the supervision of the 10 UN trust territories.

During the Belgian committee report of the conditions in Ruanda Urundi, the Soviet delegate constantly besieged the speaker with exacting questions and tart comments.

From the American point of view the grilling was repetitious and unnecessarily sarcastic, but to the Asiatic and African nations, the Russians' attitude was an indication that Russia is vitally interested in their land, taxation and public work problems.



# Columnist Rips Proposed Event

I am compiling two notebooks for the benefit of " terity, One is a list of People Who Are Walking Absurdities (a rapidly growing and not-in-the-least-exclusive host, but, regrettably, libelous); the other is a notebook of the Things I Would Least Like To Do.

And one of the primary Things Would Least Like To Do is to plan or have anything to do with the Spring Event. Just what the Spring Event is, I don't know, but it's at least a committee's

Anyhow, it is a colossal waste of time - worse, far, than Builders could ever hope to be-and if it could walk, it would be in the other notebook.

So far, I have hesitated to mention this farce because participation in it has been limited to a small committee of otherwise worthwhile people who met for lunch in the Union (where else?

#### My Bootless Cries

I imagine even the local Communist cell plotting to overthrow the government meets in Parlor X for lunch once a week) every Wednesday, and bored themselves with soporific syrup about furthering the student's interests, et cet-

Until the issuance of last Friday's Nebraskan, I let this sleeping dog lie, hoping it would get diabetes and forsake the Spring Event. But, alas, I've been in my tent too long. I should have entered battle long ago. Someone dropped a lump of sugar in the campus beer.

The notoriously objective and stoical Nebraskan nearly did handstands over Spring Day, tra-lala It was, to them, "long awaited, much planned, fully discussed" (I'll bet it was fully discussed. Belabored might be more the

word). They said it will be another Veishea. If I want another Veishea, I'll go to Iowa State for

Last year the only thing that

races and the greased pigs was an opportune campus riot. It doesn't look like we'll have as much luck this year.

The ostensible purpose of this thing is to preclude any such out bursts as a riot this year. It's a pretty reckless preventative, it seems to me.

All I can foresee is a free afternoon for most males to drink beer elsewhere, an epidemic of ague from sitting on the village green during the (ugh) barbecue and a lot of slippery, uneducated pigs running around with or without

I doubt if the Nebraskan or the Committee realizes that this Spring Event has definite pagan over-tones, and I call upon the student religious chapels to ban the thing.

For my part, I'll be home in my cellar breeding plague rats and howling imprecautions down on the street-dancers. Either that, or I'll be at the Spring Event, making entries in my notebooks.

## Letterip

#### Denuded Texts

To the Editor:

Why is it that a school of N.U.'s status has no standard book cover design? The only book covers available this year have been of poor quality and they are still

Other institutions utilize a cover with school colors and the seal or other symbolic design; students are easily recognized by the books they carry (if they are caught in the act!)

Why must Huskers carry denuded texts? Surely they realize the functional as well as decorative value of a good book cover. Perhaps campus bookstores could investigate the matter, and start selling decent covers.

Undercover Operator



### The kids who hold onto their dreams

All kids dream.

Some of their dreams are but phantasy. Others are those of accomplishment, of doing something better, creating things that haven't been created before.



Many a lad has turned such dreams into a way of life. They have become graduate engineers. Equipped with an important array of technical learning, they have taken positions in the nation's laboratories, engineering firms and factories. By doing so, they are contributing to the health, welfare and happiness of us all.

#### A Nation Salutes its Engineers

This week is National Engineers' Week. Because Minneapolis-Honeywell is basically an engineering company, we take special interest in the nation's salute to the engineering profession.

#### A Special Group

Saluting a whole profession, though, is extremely broad. This company has come to feel that there is appreciable difference between just an engineer and a Honeywell engineer. Time and again, Honeywell's engineers outstrip those of other leading corporations with speed and effectiveness in their solutions to difficult problems.



What accounts for this, of course, is the cooperation and spirit with which each job is attacked. This makes Honeywell particularly proud of its engineers. We now, therefore, not only salute the engineers of America. We also want to express special appreciation to a special group within that profession, the engineers of Minneapolis-Honeywell.

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