

Summer Nebraskan Editorials:

A Backward Look

Well, Eisenhower has decided to run, just as many people knew he would, and if Ike and Stevenson are nominated at their respective conventions, this shouldn't surprise too many people.

Weeks of intensive campaigning are sure to follow the conventions, and come November, whether Eisenhower or Stevenson is elected, there will be persons who were sure he would be.

It reminds one of the story told about an old hermit who was being interviewed by a reporter. Telling how he had completely divorced himself of all interest in the outside world, he said that the last election he remembered was when William Jennings Bryan was elected.

"But Bryant wasn't president, he was defeated," the reporter objected.

"Well," the old timer commented, "just before I came here, I heard some fellow making a speech and he said that if Bryan wasn't elected the whole country would go to the dogs and everybody would be in the poorhouse. Seems to me things have been going along pretty well, so I just naturally figured, he'd been elected."

This story illustrates the fact that things which at the time seem vitally important, to some people at least, are usually not the life and death matters they seem.

Looking over some of the issues which have been fiercely contested on this campus in the last year or two, the same fact stands out. Whether to have one or two weeks for exams, where to go for migration, what average to require of organization officers, whether there would be another Kosmet Klub show, who should be in charge of Ivy Day—all of these questions raised a considerable furor among various segments of the University population.

Now, a few short months later, many of those same people could not remember where migration actually was held, or what was decided about Kosmet Klub, or what the average requirement was?

This is not to say that free discussion and argumentation doesn't have a place. This right to express an opinion has been one of the things a free press has always fought for.

But it still seems that many persons are too willing to take issue, merely to be taking issue. A little perspective never hurts. A quick backward look at the important issues of past days, will show that in all probability the world won't fall apart if your pet issue fails. It is fine to have an opinion, but after all, Bryan wasn't elected and most of us still aren't in the poorhouse.

Quite A Contrast

Congratulations, rather belatedly, albeit sincere, are due Nebraska's two beauty queens, both from the University. Miss Diane Knotek and Miss Shari Lewis are not only very attractive and personable young ladies, but they are the sort of persons who make good representatives for the state and the University.

One cannot help but contrast them with the young lady, to perhaps stretch the term, who is the holder of the Miss New York title. The newspapers recently carried the stories on the fight with her husband, which resulted from an all night celebration-drinking party. The stories also mentioned that this husband is her second—and that she is 18.

The state and the University can well be proud of the caliber of its representatives. Both Diane and Shari have worked hard in various campus organizations. Diane was one of 21 senior women named to Mortar Board at Ivy Day.

Shari, Nebraska's entry in the Miss Universe contest, has been spending the summer quietly working at a local bank, where she holds a job of responsibility and trust.

The Summer Nebraskan wishes the best of luck to both Shari and Diane, knowing that wherever they go they can only reflect credit upon themselves, their parents, their school and their state.

Hard To Decide

With the plethora of fine free entertainment available to Summer School students at the University, it is often hard to decide what to attend. The Summer Opera production "Let's Make an Opera" certainly deserves special consideration.

The charming production tells the audience, in a most enjoyable fashion, how to make an opera, and then proceeds to do so in the third act.

The cast, all veteran performers, should add much to the opera, for in opera, as in most musical forms, it is the music, rather than the story which is the most important.

This opera, is not the sort of thing intended to be an oasis in any "cultural desert"; it is a good piece of musical entertainment. As such, it should have wide appeal.

Just A Story...

This is a story. It is the story of Joe, who went to Summer School at the University. He went—partly to show his parents he really was serious about college, partly because his friends were going, partly because there was nothing to do at home, and partly because he figured he could easily have a whale of a good time in town while picking up a few easy credits.

He skipped class when he felt like it, and spent a lot of money on beer, while he complained to his friends about the heat. He ignored the special programs planned for summer school students, he never read a book, nor visited the library.

All in all, it was a pretty good summer, there were parties, and some pretty girls; he got a lot of sleep (during the day) and every so often he wrote home and told his parents how much good summer school was doing him, and laughed at all his friends who spent the summer working.

But then, summer was over. There was Joe, several hundred dollars poorer and not a whit richer in any respect for his summer. Yes, it can happen in summer school, even at Nebraska.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Sibler



"THIS IS A POOR CLASS TO TAKE FIRST PERIOD—SO NOISY YA CANT SLEEP."

From The Editor:

Talented Writers 'Bounty's' Secret

A brand new magazine for people who want a fresh slant on the world, without the excess of "sophistication" of the "New Yorker," appeared last month. "Bounty" describes itself as the American Satirical Magazine.

Covering a wide range of interests, it is everything one would expect of a magazine whose editors include such well-known satirists as Henry Morgan, H. Allen Smith, Quincy Howe, Ilka Chase and Quentin Reynolds.

If you can, get a hold of a July issue; it contains some particularly interesting articles on the prospects for the political conventions.

The mail situation is improving. This morning I received an "Election Year Argument Settler" from Time magazine. This handy wheel contains pertinent information about all the past presidents, vice-presidents and candidates on one side.

The other side will give you the governor of any particular state, the number of Senators and Representatives at stake in the election, their party affiliation, the number of electoral votes, the state's choice in 1952 and the results in 1954.

In fact, Time claims that it gives you 818 helpful facts. This may well be true. But as for being an argument settler, I don't know. A friend and I got into an argument immediately—over possession of the wheel.

The mail is beginning to take on a decidedly international flavor. So far this week the mail has furnished me with the start of a fine stamp collection. We received a copy of "The Mita Campus", the student newspaper of Keio University in Japan; several copies of the English-language weekly "The Times of Viet Nam"; and a magazine, printed in what I believe is German, called "Spuren." Maybe some kind reader would interpret that for me. I can't tell whether it is a serious publication, or perhaps the German version of a college humor magazine.

A brightly colored leaflet announced the opening of the World Student Congress August 26. The pamphlet, published by the International Union of Students in Prague, Czechoslovakia, began: "What are the main questions facing the world student community? How can we overcome the existing division in the stu-

dent world? It went on to describe the steps we could take to unite students everywhere—all in very good English, but its just didn't add up. Anyway, I'm going to be very busy during August.

Progress Report: The situation in the parking lot continues to be bad. Cars are still parked at strange angles, without regard to the lines. Those of you who return to find your car fenders dented, check. Maybe, if you had parked correctly, there would have been room for the other fellow too.

Progress Report #2: There was quite a good turnout for the first Friday International Luncheon—but many more foreign students than American. Here is a fine opportunity to meet some students from other countries who are studying here—so I hope to see lots of American students there this Friday. Elsewhere in this paper is a hidden clue, and I am offering a small prize to every American student attending, with the correct solution.

Illinois Finds 'Boners' Made By Freshmen

At the University of Illinois, the faculty has been going over freshman English papers with an eye toward perhaps revising the curriculum.

Seems they found a few "minor" errors.

"Whenever anyone called on the head of the government, the visitor was expected to stand while he sat."

"Tragedy, of course, has the inevitable sad ending; the lover loses the girl or dies in the attempt."

"Your telephone also brings inconvenience to you by ringing when you are cooking and are near a critical point of being cooked."

"Since George Washington, we have had some thirty other odd presidents in the White House."

"Like all great Americans, Lee was called to his rest in the year 1870."

"The introduction of the gas driven motor put the finishing touches on the end of the horse."

"When we saw the Pacific, it was miles from the shore."

"Whether raining, snowing, or hailing, every person in the audience stands, faces the flag, and if it is a man, he removes his hat."

"It is the fortunate housewife who is able to phone her grocer, repeat to him her specific desires, and later unpack them in her own kitchen."

SPARKY SAYS

DON'T USE FRAYED ELECTRIC CORDS!



DON'T GIVE FIRE A PLACE TO START



Staff Member?

A letter to the editor received [this lugubrious fellow is a staff member] the other day, might indicate that member.

Letterips

To the Editor: What proof can your officers give that Journalism is not the pimp for the International Kennel Clubs? Explain payments for dog stories, etc.?