

Nebraskan Editorials:

A Burst Of Optimism

The Interfraternity Council, in a burst of seeming optimism, has petitioned the student affairs committee to hold its traditional IFC Ball off campus next spring.

No ball was held last spring, because the University said the IFC could not hold the event off the campus. The idea of holding the Ball in the Coliseum was overwhelmingly defeated.

The reason the Ball was banned as an off-campus affair was because of faculty objections to drinking by students at a University approved function. This drinking apparently grew out of proportion at the last Ball in the spring of 1955.

This year, however, the IFC has promised to keep the party under control with house officers responsible for their particular groups. Any fraternity getting out of control would be dealt with by the IFC as a whole.

This promise, while it might remove some grounds for objection, would not be an assurance that drinking would be completely eliminated. Neither the IFC or the student affairs com-

mittee could seriously believe that the IFC can be held responsible for the actions of every member of some 24 fraternities.

Wherever a large number of college people gather together in a commercial dance hall, listening to a good band and buying setups for 15 cents, there is most likely to be a certain amount of drinking going on.

The Nebraskan seriously believes that the IFC Ball can be a successful event, as it was in past years, without excessive drinking and actions unbecoming University students. If the IFC is honestly trying to sponsor an "orderly party"—and why wouldn't they be if they want the event to continue to be an annual affair—then it is difficult to see reason for objection on the part of the Committee on Student Affairs.

The Nebraskan wishes the IFC officers the best of luck in their appearance before the committee. It is readily discernible that neither party will be fooling the other as to the complete elimination of drinking, but then both the administration and students know what happens at Kings on Friday night also.

Experience Counts

Nominations of three student members of the committee on student publications will soon be sent to the Student Council.

Whether the Council realizes it or not, the selection of these students is one of their more important functions. Each of the Publications Board members has an equal vote with four faculty members in the management of the affairs of the University's student publications.

The approval of publication budgets and selection of responsible persons to the staffs of The Nebraskan and the Cornhusker are not responsibilities to be taken lightly. For this reason, persons chosen for the pub board should have some idea of what is being published at the University. They should be familiar with the duties of staff members and standards of successful performance. They should be without bias toward Greek or Independent or member or members of their own particular organization.

A member of the board of publications should

realize that it is more important for a publication to present real issues than it is for the publication to be in agreement with his personal views.

It would seem, therefore, that the most logical choice for election to the board of publications would be that student who has had some experience in journalism or has been associated with University publications in some capacity. The two incumbent members of the board should be strongly considered as it is usually a bad practice to completely change the membership of a governing body in one sweep.

The Nebraskan is not sponsoring a candidate for election but it should be apparent that membership on the board of publications is not just another activity position which is awarded through political maneuvering.

Here is an opportunity for the Student Council to take responsible action by selecting responsible and capable individuals.

FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES:

Power, Diplomacy, Canal

Two major military lessons have been re-emphasized sharply by the Suez Canal crisis.

One is the military and political liability of over-dependence on a nuclear strategy. The other is the necessity of a proper understanding of the role of force, military power, in international relations.

When Gamal Abdel Nasser, President of Egypt, nationalized the Universal Suez Canal Company the immediate governmental and public reaction in Britain and France was forceful. Military action was envisaged. But neither Britain nor France was ready to apply military power of a type suited to the situation.

If force was to be employed the only possible objective that made sense was seizure of the Suez Canal—and seizure in such a manner that the canal could not be blocked for any long-term period by the defenders.

Neither Britain nor France was prepared for any such operation.

Thus, though both Britain and France talked of military action, they did not have immediately available the type of armed force needed to carry out such action on the Suez crisis. Time, perhaps the most precious of military and po-

litical commodities, was required to assemble the task forces needed, and even then Peter was robbed to pay Paul.

The other great lesson of the Suez Crisis was mentioned inferentially Sunday by Secretary of State Dulles. Mr. Dulles warned that the "danger of war would recur" unless a Suez solution could be obtained.

When the Suez crisis first developed Mr. Dulles indicated by his actions that he did not believe vital interests were involved. President Nasser learned that the West was divided and that the United States would not use force and would oppose its use by others.

Mr. Dulles has now restored force to its traditional place in international politics. But it would have been better if Western power had been obvious and ready but neither sworn nor invoked.

Unfortunately, military power is a continuing factor in the world of men.

A realization of the proper place of force in international relations is essential to a sound diplomacy. But, more than ever in the nuclear age, the homely policy of Theodore Roosevelt is still applicable: "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

From the editor's desk: ...with malice towards none

Candidates for vice-president have several things in common.

Richard Nixon and Estes Kefauver both live in the same neighborhood in Washington and their children attend the same public school.

Looking up at the two men as they speak from a dust swept platform, it would appear that they are both rather tired.

But, other than the fact that they both have served as United States senators, there seems to be little else of interest that they both share. Nixon says that the farm program proposed by the Democrats is a little bit of a "hoax" and Kefauver states that the American farmer has been betrayed by President Eisenhower.

Both vice-presidential candidates seem to be carrying the battle to the enemy in hand to hand combat. Neither one of them pull many punches or show any mercy. Any strategy that is utilized is simple and to the point.

At Columbus Friday, Nixon hit the nail on the head when

he asked voters to consider this question. "Which of the two candidates (for president) is better qualified by experience, judgment and background to keep the peace?"

Many independent voters will discuss the issues and the candidates and then vote for Kefauver because they trust him to keep the peace and to maintain the nation's prosperity.

Kefauver's Friday talk followed the approved outline. He mentioned all the candidates running for state and congressional posts and then with only a pause for breath, he tore into Mr. Eisenhower, Nixon and Ezra Benson.

He might not have been so nasty had he been informed of Nixon's tactics a few hours earlier. Nixon mentioned his great respect for Kefauver. They were both in agreement with the general aims of government, according to Nixon, and only political differences kept them from being good friends. The Tennessee senator had some strange things to say about his friend. Someone once said that "politics breeds strange bedfellows." Most of us take such things

as dinnertime, opening car doors and attending church as regular features of average days.

In church Sunday, I was sitting behind a man who had little or no use of his left hand. He was alone. I watched him as the congregation rose for the first hymn.

He balanced the hymnal on the edge of the pew in front of him and turned the pages. What would he do when the collection plate was passed and how would he handle the communion trays?

Each event of the service caused me worry, but each time a portion of the worship required the use of his good hand, he would deftly handle the plate or tray with ease. No one on either side of him was ever aware of his handicap.

As the choir's final "amen" ended the service, it was quite apparent that I was the only member of the congregation who had noticed the situation—and I was the only one who was concerned about it.

Sam Jensen

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



'NOW GET IN THERE AN' FIGHT!'



Mr. Mockery...

Jack Phinney

Having downed my third alfalfa pizza and my second Alpha Phi within the last hour, I'm inclined to take issue with Mr. Cook on his recent appraisal of the NU livestock situation.

Turkeys, I'll agree, Bob, are glutting the market, though Gobbler is still in strong demand in some quarters. The porcine population, however, is not nearly so large as you would have us believe. Those porkers that are still in evidence have been reclassified as Pulets anyway.

Recent research has disclosed (and even the Silent Majority would agree with me here, though I don't know why) that the finer things in life are less apt to be found in a Feeds and Feeding text than in the back seat of a six-passenger sedan. With the exception of one outstanding R Street sorority, which can boast plenty of level-limbed gals, this fact seems to be lost in the shuffle of the 6.5 fixation.

Many, indeed, are those who are pondering the identity of the Coed-in-the-Tartan - Shorts who staged her own coming-out party at last

Saturday's primer. The situation, which had been quite fluid, turned volatile around noon when the little lady went into her buck and wing. Amorous attentions were not lacking, and Mr. Falstaff & Co. were soon all but forgotten. Luckily, Miss Tartan - Shorts was rescued by six Sigma Nu's, who hustled her into their car and sped away.

Yale University, I understand, plans to round out its program by allowing females to matriculate within its walls. This innovation affords a golden opportunity for fathers of college-age girls. No need to seek security solely by voting the Democratic ticket, Dad. Simply send your offspring to Yale, see that she marries into New York society, and sponge off your wealthy son-in-law thereafter. This, after all, is only your prerogative.

Nebraskan Letterip

Dear Editor:

Being an independent voter, I would like to direct several questions to the writer of, "What Next, Adlai", which ran October 10th.

Just what is "running socialism"? Is this an indictment of the two Stevenson proposals, and if so, I think you should take an open stand on the proposals, and give your reasons for that position. Perhaps you feel that socialism does not merit any comment today, since everyone knows what it really is.

If the Stevenson proposals for banning H-bomb tests and ending the draft would not (as you say) do much to strengthen national security, would it improve the international situation?

Eisenhower has stated that talk of ending the draft has already caused some damage among our allies. Are you willing to rely on the words of one candidate in his criticism of the other candidate as the election day approaches? Wouldn't it be better to draw your opinions from disinterested, qualified reports?

Do you infer that the Republicans are more concerned about the "General Welfare" than about the average American? Are you saying that the Democrats are more concerned about the average man than the Republicans?

Do you feel content to state that "during the Democratic regime almost one-third of the world was lost to Communism," and offer no comment as to the reasons for the loss? Or are they so clear to every reader that no explanation is needed?

What do you as an editor of a college newspaper think of Stevenson's health and educational programs? Why are you interested in what the educators and medical men say about the proposals if your paper, by policy, does not endorse the views of any particular interest?

You state that federal aid to persons without the ability to pay hospital bills is good politics, but questionable as to economics. Certainly there are other issues than politics and economics, but perhaps idealism among college editors is frowned upon today.

As you have pointed out, understanding is often difficult, and partisanship often by an independent university paper does not aid that much-needed understanding.

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Voice of The Turtle



Three books came to The Rag office last week with a request from the publisher to send him two clippings of the reviews we wrote about them. The publisher is Balantine Books, and they are handsomely bound in durable paper. They retail for \$3.35.

Actually, they are good books. One is The Wild Reader, edited by B. W. Shir-Cliff. It contains choice bits of such literary footlights as S. J. Perelman, Robert Benchley,

Fred Daly

James Thurber, John Lardner, Ogden Nash, Roger Price, Frank Sullivan and John Crosby.

There is also the words and music of Tom Lehrer's "Hunting Song," for the musically declined.

The whole book is witty, satirical, suave, saucy, mirthful, etc. You know, like most collich people go for. It is good, too.

The second is a collection of L'il Abner tales, which isn't bad. The best part is the introduction, written by a fellow named John Steinbeck, which insists that Al Capp, L'il Abner's creator, ranks at the top of the American literary mountain.

He makes an analogy to Dante and The Inferno, since Dante wrote in Italian instead of Latin, and Capp writes in cartoons instead of words. In Dante's day any writer worth his salt wrote in Latin instead of his native language.

I guess Steinbeck is inferring modern America's native language is the comic strip. From the success Pogo has made in college audiences in the East, old John might have something there.

New course—English 289... Contemporary American Funny Papers. Prerequisite—3rd grade reading (have to keep the standards up).

The third is called The Ball of Wax. It was written by Shepherd Mead, who also wrote How To Succeed With Women Without Really Trying. The latter work should be familiar to Playboy enthusiasts.

It is supposed to be about a world of tomorrow, based some-

what on the idea of Huxley's Brave New World. It is mostly about girls, and all that sort of thing. Also, Moss Hart has written a musical (quote: "song-studded, laugh-littered" unquote) based on the book, called In The Pink.

There is a spanking new table down at the Grill, and the shuffleboard is gone. Progress!

It is that time of the year again. Cold-catching time again, that it. Last winter the Turtle lined his shell with outing flannel and soaked his feet in hot brandy but he still caught seven colds in eight weeks.

The IFC did the wise and only thing they could do Wednesday when they passed a resolution urging fraternities not to carry banners to pep rallies bearing only the name of the house.

This in no way contributed to Nebraska's sometime spirit, and functioned mainly as a riot-inciter. Pep rallies were developing into little more than armed chais, where pledge classes attempted to beat the whey out of one another.

The Readers Digest is sponsoring a \$41,000 student contest, according to George Madsen, the friendly man. The contest contains choices for the six most interesting articles in the October Digest.

The lists closest to the result of a survey of Digest readers will receive the prizes. First prize is \$5,000, with a like amount going to the scholarship fund of the winner's college.

Thus, students could benefit school as well as self, which has all sorts of character-building potential.

It also seems like a laughin' easy way to pick up a little Christmas money. Or try, anyway.

BILL MURRELLS

Drive In Barber Shop
and
Sportsman Barber Shop
15 & P 7 Barbers
To Serve You

Advertisement for Gold's College. Features a photograph of Miss Judy Ramey, NU's Representative to GOLD'S College Advisory Board. Text includes: "Introducing- Miss Judy Ramey", "Judy and the other members of the College Advisory Board are ready to show you a sensational collection of clothes chosen with you needs in mind. Here Judy shows off Jantzen's Kharaplaid Swivel Hip Skirt, 15.95 and Town Talk slip-on sweater of Jantzen's wonderful Kharafleece, 16.95. See this and other smart fashions soon. GOLD'S Sportswear... Second Floor".

Advertisement for Old Spice Pre-Electric Shave Lotion. Features a large image of the product bottle. Text includes: "Old Spice PRE-ELECTRIC SHAVE LOTION", "use Old Spice to get a better shave!", "Quicker... closer... smoother... no matter what machine you use. 1.00 plus tax", "SHULTON New York - Toronto".

Advertisement for The Nebraskan. Text includes: "FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AND Member: Associated Collegiate Press Intercollegiate Press Representative: National Advertising Service, Incorporated Published at: Room 29, Student Union 143 & R University of Nebraska Lincoln, Nebraska".

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