

Nebraskan Editorials:

To Accept Christmas

Christmas is family dinners and egg nog. Christmas is an exchange of presents and an increased prosperity for Lincoln merchants. And for some it is mistletoe and Santa Claus.

But most of all, Christmas is a time when we forget about the tanks of Hungary and the inhumanities of man and concentrate for a short while on the Gift which was given many years ago in Bethlehem.

If Christ were to be born today, He would find that instead of one sphere of influence dominating the known world, there would be two competing powers—one nation representing democracy and Christianity following a sometimes rock-strewn pathway, the other country representing totalitarianism and Godlessness trodding unmercifully over a road made of thwarted dignity and crushed ambition.

But in all things, Christ would find that men are much the same as they were when He walked through Galilee.

If Christ walked among us, would we do him honor or would we be inconvenienced and embarrassed by His presence? Would we be willing to lay down our textbooks, abandon our parents, leave our friends and follow him? Or would we be like the rich man who left Christ "sorrowing" for he could not forsake his wealth.

Perhaps we would treat the Saviour as did the Grand Inquisitor of legend who condemned Him for his radical ideas. Perhaps we would welcome Him as did the people of Jerusalem on that day when palms were strewn in his path. But then the people of Jerusalem waved palms on Sunday and stayed behind closed doors on Friday.

We might do these things, but then again, we might worship Christ as did the shepherds and we might bring Him gifts as did the Magi. We might respect Him as did Joseph and we might love the Baby as did Mary.

The spirit of Christmas extends to all peoples, all that we need do is accept it.

Reversal Or Revolt

If Wednesday night's Interfraternity Council vice-presidential election was indicative of anything it was the replacement of the tripartite power with a somewhat larger faction. This becomes evident because although the three candidates were equally qualified, the final decision turned out to be a landslide.

The dominance of the three fraternities, who have succeeded in passing the major offices of the IFC among themselves for the last few years, was definitely broken even though they did not have a candidate. However, a former minority group which suddenly became a majority group arose with enough votes to take over the election.

The emergence of this new group is not surprising considering the frequent rumbles at the meetings this semester. Since the fall of the "faction" a few years ago the IFC has responsibly taken over the former's function and Wednesday night's developments will undoubtedly have a bearing on the future potentiality of the group.

We, however, must question whether the election results indicate merely revolt against the

"tripartities" to gain a more democratic administration within the IFC. If this is not the case we might look forward to a split in the group, a decrease of power and even a reversion to another underground group.

It has now been shown that an increased amount of interest has been stirred up in some of the houses that previously had been passive or independent in the activities of the IFC. With this increased interest no one group of two or three fraternities should be able to dominate, making it much easier for the IFC as a stronger unit to handle its problems.

The Nebraskan would like to see a powerful IFC working as a unit to make the fraternity system at the University something each individual fraternity member could respect. We would like to see an IFC powerful enough to carry on its negotiations in harmony and on an equal plane with the administration. And, we would like to see the 1800 fraternity men in the University unite to choose and support a leader, a governing body which could guide the system to a dependable and strong future.

Pool Pondered

The proposed Book Pool discussed at Wednesday's Student Council meeting is supposed to cut out the middle man and avoid excess profit.

As Council members see it, a book exchange would give profit which would otherwise have gone to book retailers back to the student by reduced prices and bigger savings.

By renting office space and utilizing volunteer workers, the book exchange would operate at a maximum efficiency, according to Council members. In addition, the plan, patterned after that which handled 1200 books at Missouri last year, would give prospective buyers an opportunity to set the price which they feel is fair for used books.

At the University, we estimate at least 40,000 books are handled by retail outlets each semester. These figures were arrived at by calculating an approximate five-book turnover per student.

That students could well afford to pocket the savings brought from a self-operated book exchange is quite significant for those who pay an average of \$30 per semester for books. But some aspects of pipe dreaming remain in the proposed set up.

We presume that a 40,000 book turnover would take more space than the council could find in the Union. Perhaps the business angles involved in an exchange would be too much a burden for students, if we admit that handling big transactions is a big time business.

We might also take into consideration the fact that reduced prices on new books depend to a great extent on the influx of used books to the retailers. Thus, if retail prices of books are to be relatively low, the contingency of adding a sufficient supply of used books to the retailers must be considered.

Looking at the plan, however, in light of the savings in time and money for students, we feel that its merits are many.

The Nebraskan trusts in the ability of the Council to handle the proposal efficiently and present a workable plan. It must be remembered that such colleges as Missouri were able to handle merely 1200 books last year, meaning of course, that a supply of books for as many as will be seeking them will be limited.

In all probability, the Council will ultimately make some arrangements for resale with the local retailers. Including those people who have supplied the University with materials in the past is only fair. But if it is known that students are able and willing to help themselves, better arrangements might be arrived at by those who rely on the students for a living.

The Council wants to get into the used book business for next semester. Past experience shows that jumping into mammoth ventures isn't the best *modus operandi*. Over the holidays a special committee will investigate all aspects of the proposal. We hope an equitable answer will be eased out by the New Year.

Your Gift—Your Love

The surest way that God could approach you without causing you to tremble was a Babe. Littleness and weakness and helplessness were supreme in the cave at Bethlehem in order that you—with your little virtue, with your weak will, with your absolute insufficiency—might feel comfortable, at home, in His presence.

The little Infant Jesus, a tiny bundle of humanity hiding Divinity snugged in Mary's arms, wanted to steal His way into your heart. The Baby Savior, concealing His weakness would captivate your will. God's and Mary's Son planned to ravish your soul with His helplessness.

You are the one He came to love and to save. (Say this slowly to yourself: "If I were the only person in the world, Jesus loved me enough to come from heaven to save me." Isn't that truly inspiring?) You are the one on whom His infant eyes rest. You are the one whose heart He wishes to take possession of.

And you? Are you scurrying and bustling about, preparing for Christmas? Are you thinking about family and relatives and acquaintances and self—hoping to forget no one? Are you wrapping and tying gifts and parcels?

Do you pause in this frantic commotion and think about Whose birthday this is? Why fear? Who could possibly fear a little, weak and helpless Babe?

You have the gift He wants—your love. No one else can give Him that gift. Wrap it up with your weak will; seal it with your helplessness. It's a tiny gift—your love—but given generously it will please a tiny Infant Savior more than anything else you can possibly do.

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SANTA'S HELPER... Miss Judith Dunkley was recently chosen Miss Santa of 1956 at the University of Kansas and will aid old St. Nick in all his activities in Kansas. The Nebraskan staff persuaded her to also lend a helping hand in Cornhuskerland and she will personally fill the stockings of all good little boys who hang out their stockings Christmas eve. Those people who have a desire to cut out Miss Dunkley and place her on top of their Playboy pin-ups may do so with the good wishes of The Nebraskan. It's our Christmas gift to you. Merry Christmas and come back in one piece next year.

Bountiful Yuletide

By Ralph
Christmas time (at last) is here,
With happy laughter, lots of cheer.
Students bellow with elation,
At their forthcoming long vacation.
The wind may blow, and the snow may fall,
But at last we're getting away from it all.
But now as time is swiftly fleeting,
The Rag would wish you a yuletide greeting,
To Chancellor Cliff, and Admy Hall,
Merry Christmas, to you all;
To Colbert, Dean, and Hallgren, Frank;
And ROTC officers, low in rank;
To Linda Buthman, and Bedwell, Bill;
And thin Gene Spence and a No-Dos Pill;
To Kiley Sprague, and Judy Bost,
Who, I'll admit, is quite the most;
To Jerry Bush, and Jensen, Sam;
And the much-belabored Dirty Old Man.
To Elliott, Pete, and the football team;
And the legions of cheerleaders who let off steam;
To the DB & G, and the Hob Nob, too;
And Dirty Bob's with its Wild West crew;
To Judith Dunkley, Miss Santa Claus;
And Allen, Connie, and a breathless pause;
To Belmont, Ben, and Melville Cook;
And Rex Ekwall, who won't get shook;
To AUF, and the IFC;
And Ec 11, and the Chancellor's Tea;
To the Innocents and the Mortar Boards,
And eager juniors, by the hordes;
To the Women's Dorm, and Selleck Quad;
And Kitzelman, Max, and the grappling squad;
To Marshall Nelson, and Sammy Small;
And a million people in Burnett Hall;
A wreath of holly to Elliott, Doc;
And Walter Blore; and Holly Hawke;
To Haessler, John, (a PBK);
And Marvin Breslow, and Martha Raye;
To the Pi Xi snake, a slippery fellow,
And his Christmas card all splashed in yellow,
To Mac, the Union's engineer,
A merry greeting with good cheer;
To one Lake, Duane, and Handy, Bob;
And the Kosmet Klub for a real fine job;
To anyone we did forget,
On the Rose Bowl Game, a two-buck bet;
Thus ends our Christmas wish to you,
And an overpowering New Year, too.

Nebraskan Letterips

Dear Editor:
When you presented the views of Dewey Nemetz in Friday's Nebraskan, you made a very grievous error. By stating that his radical ideas needed no comment, you assumed apparently that all readers of the Nebraskan have the same intellectual attitude which you have yourself. Unfortunately this is not true. There are too many among us who would tend to agree, rather than argue with Mr. Nemetz. You should strive always to present the true picture of things as you, not some letter-writer, sees them. Otherwise why be an editor?
Roger Berger

Stickers!

Advertisement for 'Stickers!' featuring various cartoon riddles and a Lucky's Cigarettes pack. Riddles include: 'WHAT IS A ROBOT'S SMILE?', 'WHAT IS WATER OVER THE DAM?', 'WHAT IS A GUY WHO GIVES LOADS OF LUCKIES FOR CHRISTMAS?', 'WHAT IS A PERU/PAKI CIRCUS ACT?', 'A PLEASANT PRESENT like cartons of Luckies can make a dolly jolly or a pappy happy...', 'WHAT IS A LOUD-MOUTHED BASEBALL FAN?', 'WHAT IS A HUNTER'S DUCK DECAY?', 'WHAT CAUSES SEASICKNESS?', 'WHAT ARE A GOLFER'S CHILDREN?'. The ad also includes a coupon for \$25 and a Lucky's Cigarettes pack image.

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