

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

Hope For The Future

The Interfraternity Council, in electing its new officers Thursday night, radiated a feeling of co-operation that has been missing since the resignation of the officers in January.

There also seems to be general satisfaction about the new executive council. The president is one of the men who voted against the January action.

In discussion of the candidates for the officers, representatives of both those who were for the resignation and those who were against it last month supported candidates from the "other side."

Even the Interfraternity Board of Control, who at first came out violently against the calling for resignation back in January, seemed at peace with the IFC, and is certainly more interested in the ultimate welfare of the fraternity system than in carrying on a wrangle on the issue itself.

In discussion of the candidates, one fraternity president said that the responsibility for what has been happening in the IFC lies with the whole body, and not just with those who supported the action.

Whether this is done through changing the constitution or not is only a matter of future speculation. What the body in particular and the whole system in general must do is to concentrate on the building up of the system as a whole where it can serve the interests of the University to good ends.

This cannot easily come about with further and continued reference to one "side" or another in an issue now dead and better off buried. There should not now be any factions for or against what has already been done.

Instead of the death of the IFC and the fraternity system perhaps now we will see the re-birth of the Phoenix, which rises out of its own ashes.

That Old Problem

Montana's state university system is planning to request appropriations of more than \$26 million from the legislature for the coming biennium. The move is being made to key Montana's state higher educational institutions to the level of like schools of learning in the United States.

However, the \$26 million for the biennium will be apportioned to the five higher educational institutions of the state which include the State University. That school is requesting \$7.9 million for the two years.

Dr. R. R. Renne, president of Montana State College, said that the state has the lowest tax burden (percentage which all taxes take of net income) of any western state.

And he maintains that the needs of education, both for the foundation school program and the university system can be met without increasing Montana's total tax burden to the point where it would be as high as the average of the eleven other western states.

Nebraska legislators are attempting to give the University a budget which will allow for expansion of salaries for instructors and some of the physical building programs at this school. What we can learn from the Montana schools is that they, too, have definite needs.

That does not mean that taxes will not be increased, but rather that they will be increased to a point where they are on a level with sister states.

Nebraska must recognize the need for additional tax funds for its colleges.

We reported late in the fall that such states as Kansas which has two state Universities have cut budgets but not before tax support has reached a point where about 15 million dollars is spent each year on the two colleges.

If Nebraska were to act similar to Kansas we would have quite a few more tax dollars coming prior to a cut. But we cannot expect the answers to this state's problems to be the same

as Kansas' since our tax structure and theirs and our university system and theirs differ. It is almost encouraging to note that we are not alone in the struggle to fit our University with adequate facilities and staffs.

It is a terrifying thought that state supported higher education is in such a perilous position in our country.

We will continue to call upon the citizens of our state to get behind us in the support of the University and the state teachers colleges. After all, the success of the future if it is really dependent on the youth of today demands that we strive hard and constantly to meet the growth of the state and the University with a quick and generous response.

NU Birthday

Eighty-eight years ago today the charter establishing the University of Nebraska was signed. It has come a long way since then.

The University first convened for classes in the fall of 1871. The first building was University Hall, a pretentious brick structure built from imported (from a neighboring state) brick, and erected on the salt flats on the north side of downtown Lincoln.

University Hall has since been razed to make way for Ferguson Hall. In its later years it was deprived of its cupola, since the building had started to disintegrate.

This disappearance of the original building is somewhat symbolic of the scope of the University's whole building program, as new buildings are springing up all over, pushing older structures aside. Sometime in the future the University will have a physical plant to rival any in the Midwest.

The University can look back on more than eight decades of service to the state and to the people.

It is up to the rest of us to keep it that way.

The Eternal Dimension

As Religious Emphasis Week at the University closes, it is hard to avoid the inevitable "evaluation" session which with great facility plagues an otherwise pleasant and profitable experience. Skirting this dread meeting, I prefer to think in terms of the parable, the style of the master's. Hence the story, "The Lord Helpeth Man And Beast," taken from the Agada.

The Agada is an interpretative branch of Jewish rabbinic literature with its origin in the middle ages. Sometimes it is labeled as "the additions to the Bible." More accurately, it is an interpretation and elaboration of Biblical texts with the moral purpose of giving point to a homily and inspiration to the more noble fancies of man's imagination. In contemporary terms it could be called a "short-short story."

In his conquest of the world, Alexander the Great came to a small and remote village in deepest Africa. Alexander was amazed when, after his visit with the village chieftan, he discovered that every utensil of the village was made of precious stone and metal. The very dinner table had not a speck of anything less than gold or silver.

Now the village chieftan also served as the village justice. In the presence of Alexander, two men entered the chamber of the chieftan-turned-justice with a dispute. One man had conveyed to the other a strip of land to be used for a deep drain. While excavating for this drain the purchaser found a treasure chest. The problem: whose treasure chest was it? The seller said he sold the land and all that went with it, including the heretofore unknown treasure chest, while the purchaser said he bought the land to build the drain, and nothing else. Neither man desired possession of the treasure chest.

The village chieftan thought for a moment and

then pronounced his verdict. One litigant had a son, and the other a daughter. Both were of marriageable age. They would be married, and the treasure chest would become their dowry, the chieftan said.

Alexander was amazed and perplexed. Wouldn't you have pronounced the same verdict, the chieftan asked. Alexander thought, and then said no. In fact, he said, in his country the state would have seized the treasure chest for the king's use.

Then followed this dialogue. "For the King's use! Does the sun shine there?"

"Oh, yes!" "Does it rain there?" "Assuredly."

"Wonderful! But are there tame animals in the country, that live on the grass and green herbs?"

"Very many, and of many kinds." "Ay, that must, then, be the cause," said the chief, "for the sake of those innocent animals the All-gracious Being continues to let the sun shine, and the rain drop down on your country, since its inhabitants are unworthy of such blessings."

Today this sun is still shining, and it is good. It shines in the common Judeo-Christian heritage of the western world and in the parallels found in the ethical religions of the eastern world. It shines without questioning our own worthiness. It remains for us, through the inwards of our souls and the externals of our society, to take this unique form of solar power, capsule it, energize it and inject it into the jet stream of our daily living, and thus add a fourth dimension to our existence, the Eternal Dimension.

Richard Fellman B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation



the outside world ...

—gary rodgers

"The United States regards as vital to the national interest and world peace the preservation of the independence and integrity of the nations in the Middle East.

"To this end, if the President determines the necessity thereof, the United States is prepared to use armed forces to assist any nation or group of nations requesting assistance against armed aggression from any country controlled by international communism: provided that such employment shall be consonant with the treaty obligations of the United States and within the Charter of the United Nations."

So reads the resolution approved Wednesday by two powerful Senate committees. The resolution to proclaim the United States' hands-

off policy in the Mid-East was approved in the joint session of the Foreign Relations and Armed Services Committee.

The resolution had undergone a complete re-writing before it was approved. It was a strict party measure that banded the Democratic members of the committee, together to vote in a revision to the military section of the resolution. The vote was 13-13, with no members of the committee crossing the fence to vote with the other side.

The resolution will be put to a vote in the Senate now, where this resolution, which will greatly affect crucial and ever-increasing problems in the Middle East, may face a great deal of democratic opposition.

pandoria

—dick shugrue

My pet peeve (which has been growing daily since last November) is the failure of the present Republican administration to allow newsmen to do their job.

I'm not necessarily referring to the fact that the Tired Old Man didn't have a news conference from November 14 until the last week in January.

What grips me (and apparently many others who rely on official sources or first hand looks for the truth) is the fact that three American newsmen were censured by the State Department for going into Red China and attempting to see for themselves what was being done.

These men, according to State Department authorities, were being brought home because they violated the Trading With Enemy Nations act.

I can faintly recall Ed Murrow asking Chou En Lai whether he would permit American newsmen to go into his country and get a glimpse of trans-bamboo life. Chou mumbled a "yes" and Murrow didn't press the matter any further (he only had an hour and a half).

The three newsmen who went to China (two representing a major television network and another a picture magazine) were told that their passports could be revoked for such action.

It might be interjected that a foreign correspondent without a passport is like a bus driver with eight flat tires—HE'S STUCK.

The good old American Constitution guarantees the freedom of the press; the freedom to publish the truth from where it can be gleaned. Just the other day an official government report stated that an entire army of fifth columnists with as many workers as an entire division was at work in the U.S. piling Communist propaganda on the people. We object because we feel the Combies are seeking to control thought, to say what can be read or said and this is against the freedoms we have fought so hard for.

That's the very reason I object to the State Department's censure of (and I say this with reserve) my three colleagues.

I don't remember Ernie Pyle but I know the legend associated with that fearless newsmen who followed the shooting war to the know what was going on.

In this speaking war against the Reds I consider the three newsmen to be Ernie Pyles for they

fear to tread nowhere even in the face of the fact that the Chinese might have taken them captive. I'm ashamed that they were censured. But I am encouraged to note that a member of the Senate has demanded a hearing to discover whether the action was taken with haste and in bad taste. I think we can count on the Congress to decree that freedom must be allowed in the news gathering circles. And for the sake of the U.S.' position in the free world I hope that the snooping cameras and noses of any newsmen be permitted to travel the globe.

'College Try' Scores Again On Terms

ACP—From the Bethany College "Messenger," the Oklahoma Daily and the Syracuse "Daily Orange" comes this new collection of college definitions:

COED COLLEGE: Where the girls go in for facts and the boys go in for figures.

COLLEGE: A mental institution. DIPLOMA: A sheepskin that a graduate uses to pull the wool over some employer's eyes.

GOSSIP: Letting the chat out of the bag.

HOLLYWOOD WIFE: A girl who's been married six times and never had an anniversary.

HYPOCRITE: Undertaker trying to look sad at a thousand dollar funeral.

OLD FLAME: What a girl uses to burn up her new boy friend.

PINK ELEPHANT: Beast of bourbon.

SORORITY: A male student's idea of heaven.

UPPERCLASSMEN: Students who are a shining example for freshmen . . . shining because they are either bright, lit up or polishing the apple.

Also in the list was this example of college progression in answering a professor's question:

FRESHMAN: I don't know.

SOPHOMORE: I am not prepared.

JUNIOR: I do not remember.

SENIOR: I don't believe I can add anything to what has already been said.

Nebraskan Letterips

To the Editor:

It is not made clear in the story in Tuesday's Nebraskan whether the "Seventy-five selected professors from the various colleges of the University" knew the use their answers were to be put when they were asked the question, "What books have influenced you a good deal?" Somehow "influenced" has become transmuted into "recommendation" and the University Library is giving out lists headed "Your Professors Recommend. . ."

The students on the Dean's Advisory Committee of the Teachers College may be excused for their ignorance in perpetrating this asininity, but we can hardly excuse the older and presumably wiser heads who assisted in compiling and causing to be published the strange melange of literature and tripe called "good" books.

Seventy-five different opinions add up to nothing whatsoever, and it should have been obvious to the Advisory Committee, and its advisers that nose-counting is not evaluation. One informed opinion is worth seventy ignorant ones and seventy times zero is still zero. The list is self-evidently ridiculous. For example, the list headed "Influential Books" includes a text on anatomy? Why include it in a list intended for general distribution? If some of the books are seriously recommended for university students, we can only conclude that the faculty's estimation of the intellectual capabilities of the student body is very low indeed (I will not dwell upon the alternative explanation). Why was a children's encyclopedia, The Book of Knowledge, listed instead of the Britannica or the Americana?

Perhaps the most embarrassing aspect of this silly project is the lack of literary taste or knowledge displayed by the professors who submitted recommendations for

such third-rate stuff as Desiree and A Lantern In Her Hand and sloop like The Prophet. We may pity the Professor of Meat Braising who thinks that The Robe is a great book, but let us make it clear that such an evaluation is not the work of anyone who knows anything about literature. If the Advisory Committee had known what it was about it would not have paid any attention to the person who, out of the great gallery of English and American poets, chose Whittier to rank alongside Keats. Let the Dean's Advisory Committee go to the English Department or to the Humanities Librarians if it wants a list of good fiction, and let it not water down that list with third-rate slush garnered from incompetent sources.

Daniel Bernd Graduate student, English Department

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the staff of the Daily Nebraskan and you personally for the cooperation given the various committees during Religious Emphasis Week. It was most encouraging.

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