

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

Spiking Permitted

The Interfraternity Council has finally decided it can't handle its spiking problem, so has decided to do away with the difficulty by eliminating it all together. It is now legal to spike, although "a rushee is not bound to any fraternity by accepting a fraternity pledge pin, nor officially recognized as a pledge of any fraternity until he has filed a pledge assumption card with the IFC."

This is nice, of course. No one is officially pledged until he pays his dollar and takes his pin out of a pocket where it very likely might have been nesting for months.

What will result is a rushing program accelerated beyond even the vast reaches now attained by many houses. Instead of a man pledging a house, the house now goes out into the badlands to pledge the man before some-

body else gets there first.

It is easy to say that a man is not bound by accepting the pledge pin, until he is officially signed up. Still, when a man does accept a pin in the summer, a certain bond is established between him and the house offering him the pin. Unless, of course, pledge pins cheapen to the point where rushees collect them like they do rush cards. This is inconceivable, but chilling nonetheless.

Now the fraternities have this new freedom in their rushing program, it can only be hoped this freedom will not be abused. The pledge pin is, or at least should be, a symbol of offering membership in a fraternity on one hand, and a desire to attain this membership on the other hand.

It should not be a matter of catch-as-catch-can.

Counseling Service

University students who have become upset about the rearrangements in the Junior Division and Counseling Service can sit back down and relax. Lee Chatfield, director of the service says that a search is now going on for a highly qualified man to be in charge of the counseling service.

The department hopes to obtain a "diplomat" for the position, according to Gordon Henley, assistant professor of educational psychology and measurements who is assisting in the search.

A "Diplomat" is a person with a Ph.D. in counseling and at least five years of experience beyond this training in the field.

There seems to be a big "IF" in the search, however.

From all indications, diplomats are scarce people. Henley reported that if the University obtained one, we would be the only Big Seven school with such a man.

But the University seems intent on obtaining the services of a good man. Chatfield says that his primary interest is in maintaining as good a counseling service as possible.

The search might go far beyond the June 1 date set by Chatfield for the completion of the search. Some men are being interviewed by the "searchers" at the present time, it has been

reported.

And yet the University's budget fight might have some bearing on the securing of "as good a man as possible." Some people around the University would have us believe that there are other deterring factors in the search.

One source suggested that a diplomat would be reluctant to work under a relatively inexperienced person as Mr. Chatfield.

However, he says that he would remain as director but only in an administrative capacity. Chatfield added he would "probably not handle any of the actual counseling."

So the University can look forward to more than "routine" changes in the Junior Division and Counseling Service, we speculate. If the services of a diplomat cannot be procured we have the promise of obtaining a completely capable person.

We have the assurance that the Junior Division and the Counseling Service will be put into the hands of those who are trained for each job.

We will look for the completion of these promises as acts of good faith on the part of the administration and will work to insure the students that the programs will be as helpful and as sympathetic with their problems as education and experience can make them.

From The Editor's Desk:

A word or two before you go . . .

By FRED DALY
Editor

Bennet Cerf, speaker at the all - University Convocation Thursday, blew across the campus like a soft spring breeze on the wake of the early-morning snowfall.

Not only did he bring an unnaturally large crowd of both students and faculty to the Coliseum for the convocation, but he said some very timely and reflective things, both in his speech and at a special luncheon given in his honor.

Referring to what appears to be a nation-wide trend, Cerf said it is "short-sighted" for people to cut educational facilities and library work when slashes in operating budgets are necessary.

He also spoke of a "drive for conformity" that is becoming popular. "This country was not built by people who said, 'I agree'; it was built by people who say, 'I object.'"

It is awfully easy to conform, Cerf said, and too many people are ready to penalize you if you step out of line.

He then referred to efforts by the Chief of Police in Detroit who has started a cen-

ship drive against a nationally-popular book, *Ten North Frederick*. Two things are apparent from this action, Cerf said: 1) The Chief of Police stepped out of line. 2) The very fact that he said "in my opinion" the book was obscene and ought not to be sold in Detroit caused a tremendous increase in sales.

Cerf's comments on both budget-cutting and a "drive to conformity" have special significance to University students.

The first, of course, is obvious, as the University budget has been a subject of debate and intense worry on behalf of the Administration. People in the University have been deploring the cuts for months.

The second comment, on conformity, is quite a bit more nebulous and perhaps not unnoticed. Cerf was not, of course, speaking of people who are non-conformists merely for the notoriety gained by not conforming to generally accepted social rules.

He was speaking of a trend in society to rap the knuckles of anyone who speaks up against the status quo be-

cause he believes this status quo to be faulty or lacking.

Perhaps for this reason, or for other reasons, college students across the country have assumed a "don't give a damn" attitude that spreads like a weed throughout their campuses.

Those who do speak up are branded as "radicals" who go barking around for the simple purpose of hearing themselves and to make a rumpus.

There are people like this on any campus, just as there are in the general run of society. But there are also those who are generally interested in concerned about how things are going, and that perhaps something should be done.

Sometimes you just don't know what to do.

The Bible recounts a great Deluge, when it rained for forty days and forty nights. Well, maybe when the sub-soil gets good and sopped it will stop here (we hope).

Congratulations to the newly-named Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi! It's people like you that brings the class average up, boy!

Nebraskan Letterips

To the Editor:

Hats off to Kay Skinner for her letter in Wednesday's Daily Nebraskan. May her ideas be nourished in the minds of the people of Nebraska the next two years to allow the corrections to be made at that time.

Bob Krohn

To the Editor:

As a senior in the College of Agriculture I am gravely concerned over the prospects of losing any more of our University professors. Although I will be graduating this June, I always will have a vital interest in our University and her future development.

It is for this reason I feel called to relate to you a news item from the April 4, 1957, Lincoln Star. The item concerns an interview with State Senator Hans Jensen relating to the vital University of Nebraska budget.

The story read: "The trouble is not all financial." He (Sen. Jensen) mentioned the case of Dr. Clyde Mitchell, former Agricultural College professor, who, the Senator said, "was forced out" of the institution.

It would seem that this should be enough to make the University Faculty Investigating Committee realize that they should reach a decision on the Mitchell case in the very near future so as not to endanger the University budget any more than it already is.

We as students are beginning to wonder when you will settle the Mitchell situation as you as committeemen were selected to do.

An Ag Ec Major

To the Editor:

Re. the Shapiro conflict: it seems to me rather ridiculous that we should be indulging in such witchburning as "Simmie," your Teachers College laureate of last Friday and the heroes who placed the poster in Andrews Hall advocate. There is no such thing as a witch.

In the first place, Mr. Shapiro is no stranger to the Midwest; Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Iowa can hardly be called the east coast. In the second place, he was quoted out of context (see the Nation, c. Mar. 9). In the third place, he uttered a sentiment, basically quite valid, in metaphorical language which has been misunderstood by the local literal-bugs.

It is quite obvious that Mr. Shapiro does not want us all to roar off to Hungary, waving flags and blowing bugles. He is objecting to the fact that we delight in absolute moral, social, political, and intellectual isolation; that we see, as your future teacher puts it, no need to be concerned with things that do not concern us.

"Culture" is not something that one takes up in his spare time. The pursuit of education is the pursuit of culture; a pursuit of those things which, throughout the ages, men have considered beautiful and good. The primary purpose of education is the formation of a better human being, not a better engineer, scientist, teacher, or scholar. Thus culture is something which deply concerns us all: culture is human existence.

We cannot be better people if we strive to obtain only what we reach, only what makes us materially secure. We cannot be proud of isolation, of whatever variety. The Hungarian situation, like the Suez, the Spanish, the German, is our situation. "No man is an island, entire of itself; . . . any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls: it tolls for thee." Mr. Shapiro is echoing Donne, not Heingway.

It is the intellectual, not the physical, apathy, to which we object. A student like "Simmie" has no heroes; moral, ethical, political, literary. He believes in nothing, not even in himself. Ideals, even misdirected ones, are better than fence-straddling, materialistic platitudes. One who never tilts at windmills never falls into the mud, to be sure; but he never rises up among the stars, either.

(By the way, that was the Lincoln Brigade, not the Lincoln Company, "Simmie.")

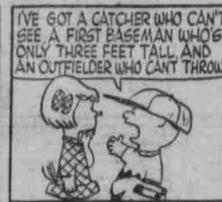
Margaret E. Ashida

To the Editor:

I am really surprised that Mr. Shapiro's remarks about the apathy of students has caused even a mild storm of tighteous indignation. It seems to me to show that the spark of constructive thought is present but hard to keep going.

I think Steve Schultz came close to the reason why. He considers it a sort of an ego defense. I am not sure that I agree entirely with this but it is close because it points up that there are dynamic factors involved.

That makes the word apathy incorrect in this case. Apathy means absence of feeling or emotion; insensibility to what ordinarily



To the Editor:

The discouraging tone admitted by the author of the recent Letterip discussing the Clyde Mitchell case merits more than passing attention.

Recognizing, as most everyone does, that there is a great deal of truth in the charges placed before the University Committee on Privilege and Tenure by Dr. Mitchell (witness the evidence compiled by last spring's Nebraskan, the conflicting statements of the administration, and the public statement of Dr. Mitchell himself), I think, nonetheless, that those critical of the committee's obvious inertia and probably cowardice must take into consideration the following two points:

1. Not only would anything the committee might announce now adversely influence the Legislature in its consideration of the budget, but it might also mean that the usefulness of some administrative personnel has ended, and the heads would start rolling.

2. Several of the committee members have publicly compromised themselves on the Mitchell issue. Most notable example, of course, is our flamboyant Ger-

man Professor, Dr. Pfeiler, who you will recall last spring viciously hung Bruce Brugmann (then editor of the Nebraskan) on the ropes for supporting Dr. Mitchell—even to the point of questioning the motives of the young editor in the paper's campaign.

These two difficulties, coupled with the crippling indifference of the instructional rank and file, have undoubtedly seriously hampered the operation of this investigating committee.

Let us trust, however, that the committee will overcome these difficulties and submit a fair, speedy report of the Mitchell case.

Graduate Student

FASHION . . . As I See It



by Judy Ramey

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler



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Doc's Diagnosis

By GARY RODGERS

Observing the local scene, an amusing situation popped up in the capital. Monday morning the Unicameral was as mixed up and confused as I have ever seen them. They were acting on a bill introduced by Senator Terry Carpenter, and confusion galore started when they put the measure to a vote. Senator August Wagner could not make up his mind which way to vote. He voted three times two different ways leaving the morning session in a muddle. It seems George Mayer is not the only one slightly confused these days.

Skipping on to the national

scene, Dulles has recently asked for the establishment of a pool to be set up by the U.S. for needy countries. His plan would call for loans to run to 750 million yearly in the future. These funds would go mostly to friendly countries for armaments.

He pointed out the fact that much of the State Department's budget is being used for military aid to these countries, and it looks bad on the Department's budget; if the fund is not to be set up for this aid, this item should be put into the Defense Department's budget as it's all for military purposes.

One factor in favor of the plan, is that the State Depart-

ment can do what it wants with the remaining sum in its budget. It now is short funds. Dulles wants 228 million for his department and told Congress that the nation's improved position in the world, gives reason enough for the appropriation. Claiming that America's position is now at an all time high, he wants a full budget to raise it even higher. A very good point, John.

Another thing we can look for is supporting the NATO much more, and this takes money. The NATO is in a critical position and needs financial backing to keep it in top working order.

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