

Editorial Comment This Mitchell Case

The Liaison Committee, which was instructed by the University Senate to present recommendations on the case of C. Clyde Mitchell and the abridgement of academic freedom, has prepared a report which will be presented to the Senate next Tuesday.

In part the report says, "The Liaison Committee, in search for a guide for possible action, has examined the documents relating to the powers and responsibilities of the Committee on Academic Privilege as well as those of the Liaison Committee."

The report goes on to list the general powers of the Liaison Committee which includes "to represent the faculties generally upon any matter involving the general interest of the faculties of the University and to convene for consideration of such matters upon call of the chairman or upon request in writing of three members of the committee."

The next paragraph presents, what in our opinion, is the crux of the report. It states:

The Liaison Committee finds that the Senate Committee on Academic Privilege, which alone has had the benefit of hearing the evidence presented by both sides in this controversy, made no recommendation for specific action. We must assume that its failure to do so did not stem from a lack of courage but from a conviction that the publication of its findings would constitute action enough. The Liaison Committee concurs in the decision of the Committee on Academic Privilege to make no recommendations for action against any University official. It feels that to make such recommendations would not be consistent with the functions which the Liaison Committee is designated to perform and that it would seriously impair the committee's ability to perform the liaison function in the future."

There is a minority report, too, which two members of the committee signed.

It states that two recommendations will be made in the Senate, 1, that the Liaison Committee be instructed by the Senate that it has the responsibility and power to make recommendations for action to the Senate in any situation where it deems recommendations advisable. It's other recommendation is that . . . "The Liaison Committee should be instructed by the Senate to prepare a report of the alternatives under discussion. This report shall be formulated in such a way as to permit the Senate to express effectively the sense of the faculty on these questions."

Now when this report is presented in the University Senate, it obviously can be accepted or rejected.

Since the failure to make recommendations by the committee seems to stem from a lack of complete understanding that the committee has the power to recommend censure of an individual, the Senate might clear up this matter and ask that specific recommendations for censure be made.

It seems to this newspaper that the failure to make recommendations does not stem from any fear to do so.

Rather it might be presumed that the committee has turned the whole matter over to

the University Senate—which we believe is the rightful place for such censures to be made—and that body can make the recommendations which it deems advisable.

Here are some considerations, however, which different schools of thought might have on this matter.

1) At the very outset of the committee's meetings, the full power of the committee should have been explained to that body so that no misunderstandings of duties could creep into the picture.

2) At the present time it would do little good for any official of the University to make public apologies to any individuals. This would again bring the Mitchell Case into a limelight which would serve no useful purpose for the University.

The mistakes have been made. We don't—we cannot—condone them. But, on the other hand, the Committee realizes that new steps are being taken by the administration to select deans and departmental chairmen. The rational solution of the Mitchell case—and the results which should be desired by all in the University—is that the situation which had been would no longer be; that the problems of the past, having been brought to light, are being solved. This apparently is what is happening in the University community and it is desirable.

The report of the Committee on Academic Privilege pointed out that Dr. Mitchell's academic freedom had been abridged on three counts.

The report of the Liaison Committee does not "whitewash" the facts as presented by the "Privilege Body. Instead it recognizes that the situation is being corrected.

One question still remains.

What will the University Senate do about the report? Will the members of the Senate get up in arms about the report? Will they believe that there is a whitewash? Will they believe that the machinery of the committee was bogged down by red tape?

We are curious as to whether there will be much dissent in the Faculty Senate meeting next Tuesday.

Those who have barked loudest about the "whitewash" of the Mitchell Case will have an open forum in which to express their opinions. They will be given a chance to make motions recommending further investigations, further study.

We are hoping that those who have dissented will speak up.

Here, after all, is a brilliant opportunity for the University faculty members to demonstrate to the student body whether the apathy they charge the students with is not a product of the faculty's own actions.

But either way, the Mitchell Case has been thrown into the lap of the Senate and each and every member can now voice his views on the Mitchell case.

The Mitchell Case is finally coming home to roost—and rest, we hope. We trust that the faculty members in the Senate will use their good judgment and decide on the Liaison Committee's report in accord with the convictions of their consciences.

Through These Doors george moyer

About two weeks ago, an article appeared on one of the feature pages of that oracle of conservative opinion in Nebraska, the World Herald, in which the virtues of the state were enumerated in a style designed to pluck the heart-strings of the average reader.

The state was presented in panorama from the tall corn area of eastern and southern Huskerland to the vast, cattle dotted Dismal River country and the beautiful Pine Ridge area in the west.

To this point, the article was a very good one. Then it switched to the University and immediately changed character.

It changed character because the writer began to ask Nebraska students what they thought of their state and why here was no pride in it or its institutions. In brief, it asked where the spirit was at the University.

The student reply to the World Herald query was: "We've got it but we just don't show it." Following on the heels of this sterling comment was a column in the Daily Nebraskan by Ernie Hines which poked sarcastic fun at the people at the University who exhibit their spirit in tangible demonstrations. Coming behind this column was a letter by Bill Smith in which he inferred that pep rallies and other such "tangible demonstrations" were "purile" and "high school."

Mr. Smith at the same time begged for a reduction of emphasis on football which I think laudable. The import attached to the efforts of eleven men gyrating on a Saturday afternoon has gone completely out of the bounds of common sense. After all, when it can cause the World Herald to fill whole pages with copy purporting to investigate the football situation at the University as if it were a colossal missile scandal, things have gotten a little out of hand.

However, I cannot stomach the silent spirit part of either Mr. Smith's argument or Mr. Hines'. The football team struggling out there every Saturday is the mani-

festation of the pride Nebraskans have in their state. As such it ought to be supported by the students and people of the state.

Perhaps it is "purile" and "high schoolish" to go out to the airport to welcome the team home from a loser. But when 35 men get off an airplane after spending a long afternoon struggling to be an adequate symbol of the pride a people have in their state and are greeted by 20,000 odd square feet of bare concrete, it does not tend to make them feel as though their job was worthwhile at all. It does tend to make them think that the state has no pride in them or in itself, silent or otherwise.

With this parting shot, let peace reign on the editorial page of the Daily Nebraskan. Let Jim Cole sup with Rex Menevy and the latter be unafraid; let Steve Schultz return the NU victory bell from the Cornhusker office or Dick Shugrue's office or the Tri Delt house or wherever it is now or ever has been; let Ernie Hines find relief from ticket sellers as well as his spiritual sore throat; let Dave Rhoades return to his library in peace and let Moyer shut his trap for the grand arrival of the King Homecoming is upon us and unity is desired in the halls of Ivy.

This week we have a number of requests from people who would like free advertising in the Daily Nebraskan. First and foremost is Burt Weichenthal, Cobs publicity chairman for Homecoming, but he is already appearing on the front page. Second is Georgeann Humphrey who pleads, "Buy your Homecoming Dance Tickets please!" (As in "turn off the bubble machine please.") Then there is Biff Keyes who wants to be declared officially "in" on something. Finally there are the Deltis who are looking for more scrap lumber for their homecoming display, and the AOPPI's who would like the Phi Psi's to come back and finish what they started on Tuesday last or get the whole furslugener thing off their lawn.

★ Into The Limelight ★

Dave Rhoades



Monday's fine editorial commenting on the work of the Student Tribunal Committee raised an interesting question in my mind concerning the judicial power of the Tribunal. What power, if any, will this Tribunal have over other campus organizations such as AWS and the IFC? Will the Student Tribunal hear all cases of infractions of the University rules and policies? Will it act as an appeal board when action is not taken in campus organizations?

These questions become important when one reviews the action taken not too long ago against Theta Chi fraternity. Why did the IFC act with such quick and harsh results? Did the IFC desire to punish this house because it violated the IFC's rules concerning "hazing"? It seems to me that this Council took this action because (1.) the incident occurred with a sorority, and (2.) the story was on the front page of the "Star" the morning after it had happened. Had this incident involved a fraternity instead of the Tri-Delt house, nothing would have come of it. The IFC was literally forced into action.

The reason for the conclusion that nothing would have come of this "hazing" incident had it occurred in another circumstance arises out of another "event" which also happened about this same time. This incident, involv-

ing a fraternity, pornographic films, and, of course, beer at the cave, is certainly no secret to the IFC. Yet this incident, far worse morally than the Theta Chi prank, has not and will not see action by the IFC not because it is difficult to prove but because no one wants to ruin himself or his fraternity by making an issue of this. Can we expect the IFC in the future to rule fairly (if at all) concerning such events? I think not, and the above incident proves it.

Therefore, it is hoped that the Student Council Tribunal Committee will take serious note of the suggestion to include judicial power over all campus organizations (realizing, of course, that this Tribunal will have the power to act on more than those cases referred to it by the Division of Student Affairs or the Senate.)

And since I cannot see the IFC giving up their judicial power (and frankly, I think they should settle their own difficulties) perhaps it would be wise to include in the Tribunal Constitution some sort of an appeal power enabling them to have jurisdiction over cases not handled by a particular organization. If, for instance, the IFC failed to take action and thereby be rather discriminating with their judicial power, this group could have jurisdiction. However, I'm sure that if the IFC realized that their failure to act might promote the Tribunal into action, perhaps the IFC would be more willing to take quick but quiet action. With the fear of having some incident exposed to the whole University, the IFC perhaps would resolve many difficulties that now go unattended.



On Campus with Max Strulman

(By the Author of "Rally Round the Flag, Boys!" and "Barefoot Boy with Check.")

SCIENCE MADE SIMPLE: No. 1

Though this column is intended to be a source of innocent merriment for all sexes and not to concern itself with weighty matters, I have asked my sponsors, the makers of Marlboro, whether I might not, from time to time, use this space for a short lesson in science. "Makers," I said to them, "might I not, from time to time, use this space for a short lesson in science?"

They agreed with many a kindly smile, the makers of Marlboro, for they are the most agreeable of men. Their benevolence is due in no small measure to the cigarettes they smoke, for Marlboro is a cigarette to soothe the most savage of breasts. I refer not only to the flavor which, as everyone knows, is a delight to the palate, but also to the Marlboro container. Here is no fendishly contrived device to fray the fingernails and rasp the nerves; here, instead, is a flip-top box that opens like a charm, and inside you find a handy red tape to lift out the cigarettes with ease and dispatch. Add to all this the best filter ever made, and you can see that you get a lot to like.

Let us begin our series of science lessons with chemistry. It is fitting that chemistry should be the first, for it is the oldest of sciences, having been discovered by Benjamin Franklin in 468 B.C. when an apple fell on his head while he was shooting the breeze with Pythagoras one day outside the Acropolis. (The reason they were outside the Acropolis and not inside was that Pythagoras had been thrown out for drawing right triangles all over the walls.)



They had several meetings outside the Acropolis, but finally Franklin said, "Look, Pythagoras, this is nothing against you, see, but I'm no youngster anymore and if I keep laying around in this wet grass with you, I'm liable to get the backbone fever. I'm going inside." Pythagoras, friendless now, moped around Athens for awhile, then drifted off to Monaco where he married a girl named Harriet Sigafos and went into the chuck-a-luck business. (He would certainly be forgotten today had not Shakespeare written "You Know Me, Al.")

But I digress. We were beginning a discussion of chemistry, and the best way to begin is with fundamentals. Chemicals are divided into elements. There are four: air, earth, fire, and water. Any number of delightful combinations can be made from these elements, such as firewater, daeron, and chef's salad.

Chemicals can be further divided into the classes of explosive and non-explosive. A wise chemist always touches a match to his chemicals before he begins an experiment.

A variety of vessels of different sizes and shapes are used in a chemistry lab. There are tubes, vials, beakers, flasks, pipettes, and retorts. A retort is also a snappy comeback, such as "Oh, yeah?" and "So's your Uncle Oscar."

I have now told you the most important aspects of chemistry, but there are many more—far too many to cover in the space remaining here. However, I am sure there is a fine chemistry lab on your very own campus. Why don't you go up some afternoon and poke around? Make a fun day out of it. Bring ukeleles. Wear humorous hats. Toast frankfurters on the Bunsen burners. Be gay. Be merry. Be loose. For chemistry is your friend!

The makers of Marlboro, who bring you this column regularly, are tobaccoists, not scientists. But here's an equation we do know: Marlboro plus you equals pleasure.

from the editor—

First Things First...

by Jack Pollock

Heres' that word spirit again . . .

In addition to panicking the Mizou Tigers on field, Husker supporters outshone efforts—in more ways than one—of their conference hosts at Columbia last weekend.

Although only a handful of Husker rooters showed up for a pre-game rally, Cornhusker spirit exuded all over the Stadium.

Mizou's mammoth letter "N" at the north end of the stadium received some face lifting Friday evening from ambitious Cornhuskers, who transformed the large chunks of white rocks to an "N", forcing a special work detail by MU students to change the monogram to its original form.

At the game, Mizou's cheers were sparked by a slightly questionable character who received little support from his audience. Despite lack of numbers, the 600 Nebraska boosters out-vocalized their Missouri rivals.

Missouri showed two spurts of support for the efforts of their squadmembers. Once when Mizou was marching down the field for their winning goal—in the waning minutes. The other was when four Nebraska students paraded around the field carrying a sign, "Run Down the Tigers." The first time their efforts went unheeded except for cheers from the Nebraska section. The second time around, after the Huskers were ahead, the Mizou students pelted the sign bearers with apple cores.

Said one Missouri student of the Mizou student body, "Best spirit I've seen here in four years."

On this point University of Nebraska students can pat themselves on the back. Even when Nebraska was at low ebb, student spirit

was above that shown by Missouri students Saturday—both in enthusiasm and good taste.

The Pros and cons of sitting before that mystery of bottled light casting figures upon a screen have been hotly debated. In addition to the (grade) students' delight (i.e., the "Hawk" and "Cheyenne"), TV has proved itself in at least one field—education.

The University TV station in Temple building, KUON-TV, with a vast array of professional equipment boasts of one of the top-notch and one of the best-equipped stations in the Midwest. Next week the station broadens its educational scope to include evening programs.

Some 700 students in 22 Nebraska high schools are receiving part of their instruction this year through the University station. Last year's offering of one algebra course has been expanded to seven courses this fall, including three in mathematics, one in senior English, one in beginning high school Spanish, one in art and one in physics.

The potential of this TV education is in its swaddling clothes but the attire is being swiftly updated and outmoded, thanks to many University sponsored stations such—such as KUON-TV.

Iowa State students last week spread word their campus humor magazine (The Green Gander) was on the stands with the poetic cry, "The Goose is Loose."

Campus politics take note: Talk of a third party in Washington does not concern Mike Todd.

BLOUSSON



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Charlene Anthony, Alpha Chi Omega on our College Board, gives her black and white stripe jersey a quickie check up before her halloween date appears. Note the fashion news: blousson overblouse.

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