

Editorial Comment

The Quality of Mercy

Nearly 34 years ago Nathan Leopold entered prison to begin serving a life sentence for a thrill killing of a 14-year-old boy. Yesterday, he emerged from prison at age 53 with a determination to achieve something for mankind in the remaining years of his life.

The parole of Leopold is perhaps the most controversial one ever granted in the United States. Numerous Illinois officials turned thumbs down on previous parole attempts by Leopold because of pressure from persons who felt that the near genius should die in prison as an example for other would-be-killers. Certainly the crime that Leopold and his friend Richard Loeb committed in 1924 was without mercy. It is a credit to humanity that fellow men have the mercy to forgive a person for even the sort of crime that Leopold committed. Such action mirrors the idea uttered by Portia in the Merchant of Venice, "The quality of mercy is not strained."

A person of Leopold's intelligence could hardly escape remorse for his crimes during the 33 years he served in prison. It is to his credit that he determined early in his confinement to atone for his crime by becoming a model prisoner, working in the prison hospital, establishing a correspondence school for prisoners, reorganizing the prison library and serving as a guinea pig in

Defense Dangers

The residents of a South Carolina city have learned the cost of cold wars. Six persons were injured when an unarmed atomic bomb accidentally fell on the city from an Air Force B-47.

This accident clearly shows that when dangerous weapons are carried to keep the nation ready for possible surprise attack, there is likewise a possible danger that professional military and innocent civilian personnel may sometimes be injured in unavoidable accidents. Whether or not the South Carolina accident was unavoidable is yet to be determined. It is certain, however, that the nation must not allow this one incident to panic us into pressuring the air force not to carry atomic weapons.

Atomic weapons are one of our strongest defensive powers and certainly strong factors in keeping other nations from attacking us. Just as a few military men lose their lives during military exercises so must civilians occasionally feel the cost of security. The military, of course, must exercise even greater care to help prevent further accidents of this nature.

From the Editor

private opinion ... dick shugrue

Staffer Ned Totman went through the "over eight" averages of 104 University students and came up with the following information for statistics-crazy persons and Arts and Sciences people who want ammunition to fire at other colleges:

Thirty-four of the "over-eights" were Arts college students.

Twenty-three were Engineering students.

Twenty were Teachers College students.

Sixteen were Agriculture College students.

Ten were Business Administration students.

One was a Junior Division student.

Now I suppose there will be another directive from the Dean's office stating, "There are too many high grades. Level off, men."

TNE, which, according to a story the Daily Nebraskan ran on Wednesday is strong and happily lodged in a secret nest on the campus, has a very clever printer who has created a fancy calling card sent to the writer of the story, Gary Rodgers, and to myself.

What erks me about the missive is that they spelled my name wrong.

Administrators nod their heads and point their fingers to the Rules of the Board of Regents with regard to the Library rules and the parking fines but they turn their heads when it comes to Section Seven of Chapter Three in the By-Laws and Rules of the Board of Regents.

At least there is evidence that secret organizations exist, prosper (enough to purchase fancy cards), and pay attention to what is happening around here.

malaria experiments. Albert Einstein once said that Leopold could probably make a very beneficial contribution to the world if he were freed.

Leopold now has that freedom and intends to make the kind of contribution of which Einstein spoke. On his release he announced, "Thousands of prisoners, especially long term prisoners, look to me to vindicate the rehabilitation theory of imprisonment. I will do my best not to fail in that trust." So, he will soon fly to Puerto Rico and begin a \$10-a-month job as a laboratory worker in a hospital. For the sake of all persons who attempt to correct their errors in human conduct, even of a highly serious nature, it is hoped that the world will continue to show him mercy and that Leopold will not forget his trust.

Mistreatment

The rebellious author Philip Wylie coined a phrase "momism" in the English language. He defined it as the habit of men and women to defend their parents, especially their mothers, from any and all types of verbal abuse in spite of the fact that their mothers may have been hags of the 10th order.

Psychologists, meanwhile have continued to pile up reams of evidence showing where poor parental care almost invariably leads to delinquent children or maladjusted adults. They, along with sociologists, have pointed warning fingers at slums and poor family conditions to emphasize that a better society must begin with the elimination of these factors.

Recently in Lincoln a father was fined for negligent care of one of his children. The case did not receive over play from the papers but it did serve as a reminder that such incidents are happening. The times when they are detected are, of course, far fewer than those in which they are not.

The causes of the Lincoln incident might have been many. It is possible for any person who is jobless to lose patience when caring for a developing child. Many examples of poor discipline result in situations such as this. But as large a number also result from poorly instructed persons who do not understand how or at what rate a child normally develops, or that each child has a different rate of development. As future parents it is almost an obligation for each of us to personally understand this and to make certain that we do not unknowingly perpetuate bad child care habits and the consequent adult maladjustments.

At any rate, we're happy to see they're reading the paper.

Speaking of libraries (mentioned just in passing above) Director Frank Lundy must have collaborated with Pulitzer Prize Winner Shapiro to come up with the new notice to be sent to delinquent book-lovers.

The chief librarian, taking a moment from his poetic creation, has come up with an idea which could change the course of University instruction.

Under separate cover another note (which, incidentally, was not accompanied by a Danforth Dare to publish it) suggested that an all-university course of instruction in the use of libraries be inaugurated around here.

Since some of the top educators have suggested that education is really knowing where to find information rather than having scattered bits of data on hand for quiz shows, Lundy's ideas are important.

They grow in importance as we progress to a more complex scientific way of life, a way of life literally packed with knowledge, a way of life demanding new methods for old tricks. The University should regard very seriously, I imagine, the suggestions of Mr. Lundy and examine closely the possibilities of inaugurating a "use of the Library" course for every person interested in thorough education.

To satisfy yourself of this need, roam through the library building watching the confused student bungle through the Readers Guide or the card files. Then make up your own mind.



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Hurry! We Can Talk About Where We're Going After We Get There



A Few Words Of A Kind by e. e.

"You'd argue with the devil," my acquaintances say. And they are probably right. I think I would.

My real cause for playing cross-examiner with almost everyone and everything around me is my early distrust in what people say and what they really believe and practice. I remember, for example, my grade school teacher who would preach each morning on the evils of school children stealing an extra graham cracker to eat during their milk lunch break, and who would then grab off about a half dozen for herself.

Practices like this, at least to me, did not seem on the up and up. Much later, after a semester of formal logic I learned that the word "inconsistent" could be applied to the actions of my early crusader, the grade school teacher.

Now, I trot about the campus and through the crib somewhat puzzled as to what this life is all about and exactly how inconsistent people are making it. Somewhere along the line I even got the belief that college was a place to reason rather than to soak up teacher's pet theories in order to say aye or nay at the proper time on a test or during a question-answer period.

This has caused me a great number of troubles. Teachers often look at me with dismay every time I raise my hand, and folks who sit around me start mumbling, "There he goes again." Then after class is over these same folks tell me I'm crazy to argue with the teacher. "He's learned something one way and that's all he knows and all he'll ever accept. It doesn't do any good to argue with him," they say.



But having been so long conditioned to this stir up dust practice, I, like Pavlov's dogs, find it hard to keep from getting excited when someone near rings what sounds like

Nebraskan Letterip

Unify For What?

To the Editor: I am one independent who does not want to be unified. What are we supposed to unify for? To fight the fraternities? I'm quite happy not fighting the Greeks and picking my own friends, both independents and Greeks alike.

I consider an independent one not affiliated with any of the campus social fraternities. That is all. I do not consider myself one of a large group called The Independents.

Therefore, I don't feel a great sense of guilt because some independents might have thrown some firecrackers or turned cars around on 16th street during the Kansas State victory celebration. Nor do I feel compelled to stand behind the words of independent Melvyn "Buck" Eikleberry. I wouldn't want that bow-tie peering over my shoulder into my paper either and I "Buck" would probably stop reading what he has been filling Daily Nebraskan space with, did it not provide more laughs than Peanuts.

As for you Roger Borland, I also differ with your few nasty words attacking Mr. Eikleberry's nasty words. There are all kinds of oddballs who call themselves independents and just as many living in fraternity houses. I don't want to claim any of these individuals as one of my group, so I will stay an un-unified independent.

Naturally we all share the guilt a little when one of our fellow Nebraska students does anything which casts a reflection on our university. But any actions on the part of independents following the Kansas State game certainly didn't bring as much bad publicity to the university as a laundry bag engineered by a few fraternity men last semester. And certainly a few high schools' firecrackers are not nearly as dangerous as one bomb placed in a fraternity house window.

Why don't you boys drop that mud and go inside and wash your hands? ERIC A. PREWITT

Roses Are Red

To the Editor: We have given some thought to your comments that our library notices for overdue books are too curt and tend to stimulate resentment on the part of a few students who receive them. The notice we have been using was designed to make the maximum use of one little postcard, thereby saving money in our office supply budget, but at the same time making sure that all essential facts are presented.

However, we are persuaded by your comments that we should improve this means of stimulating pleasant relationships with our clientele. We have had a look at some of the business forms currently in use by the downtown stores, but have decided (and we think you would agree with us) that they are too heavily influenced by certain chambers of commerce in Florida and California.

Like yourself, we like the Lincoln City Library's approach: "people are waiting... etc." but we are dismayed to learn that City Librarian Dalrymple has protected his own interest by copyrighting this excellent public relations instrument and we are reluctant to pay royalties to him.

Finally, after much further discussion and research, we have come up with the following and we hope that you will like it: Roses are red, Violets are blue, The book that you borrowed is now overdue, Frank A. Lundy, Director of University Libraries

D. E. M. Refutes

The unfortunate implication of Mr. Schultz's recent article "Objections Sustained" is that I, D. E. M., rallied my scattered wits to support Shugrue's Ondine review. That is NOT true. The only reason I speak up is that I support freedom of the press. As I said before, "Absence of criticism is the danger."

I am sorry if there was misunderstanding. I wish people—Mr. Schultz especially—would stop scanning and read with greater care those articles they quote.

On the other hand, I enjoyed (not supported) Schultz's article as much as I enjoyed Shugrue's review. Schultz is rather rabid and histrionic in his literary efforts making him 10 times funnier, I suppose; Shugrue may rally his wits a bit too much, and then my fat mouth has to misfire now and then, but let me get to the point:

In all fairness to the actors and actresses, and to clarify and summarize my specific thoughts toward the play, it should be said immediately that the full house witnessing Ondine Saturday night (in spite of Shugrue's review), myself included, was satisfied with the play to the tune of 3 curtain calls!

So to all the actors and actresses in Ondine, to the directors and technicians and crews, thanks for an enjoyable Saturday evening. Thanks again to you too, Schultz.

D. E. M.

Fashion As I See It



by Wendy Makepeace

Nautical news in the Chemise! The checked sailor collar of this chemise has matching tie and cuffs, in aqua, beige, melon and navy. The slightly fitted lines add flattery to any figure. If you don't want to wear it as a chemise add the matching checked belt to achieve the blouson look, also very popular for Spring '58!

Sizes are 7-15 for only \$9.95. Go navy this Spring, visit Gold's second floor Campus Shop.



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Science

Science, an immature giant, Thrusting its head toward the stars. It stands with the strength of steel, With tissues of molded concrete, Muscles of the atom. Nerves of copper and plastic, Brains of electronic computers, Soul of knowledge and theories. Man serves Science, bows before it; Industry is its slave. Yet Science is young, growing; Growing with its creator, man. When man conquers the universe, Saying, "The universe is mine." Science answers, "No, the universe is mine!" "Man, without me, you are nothing." W. OWEN ELMER