

Editorial Comment

Atomic Poison

The Russians have resumed atomic testing only a few weeks after America ended its series in the Pacific. Their tests, like those of the U.S., have been spoken of as small in size—possible efforts to develop "clean" bomb.

Sometime this foolish poisoning of the earth's atmosphere must be stopped. AEC officials may argue that the tests have not yet created showers of excessive radiation in American cities, but they cannot deny that these same tests are daily presenting a bigger threat of mutation.

Individual Staff Views

By Wynn Smithberger

The recent lambasting of activities makes even more evident the necessity of careful consideration on the part of new students before they select the activities in which they will participate for the next four years.

Hats off, then, to the instigators of "Activities NU." Finally ALL freshmen can get a glimpse of ALL of the campus activities before they reach the confusion of the Activities Mart and put their names down at the booth that is closest, where the line is shortest or the displays most colorful.

The purpose of the new program is to enable freshmen women to hear about and discuss the plans and organization of each group and to discover what will be expected of its members.

After all, never will everyone be interested in the same things, as is indicated sufficiently by the variety of opinions expressed recently. (My grandfather used to say, "If we all liked the same things, all the men would want to marry the same woman. Ouch!")

At any rate, "Activities NU" is not to be underestimated, and both independents and pledges should give it another thought before deciding to stay home to wash their hair or write a letter to Mary Lane that night.

Phillip II of Spain, who sought to combine religion and politics during his reign, would be happy to join either the Young Republicans or Inter-Varsity Club, both of which meet on the same floor of the Union every other Thursday!

And speaking of religion, it's encouraging to note the progress of the student religious houses on campus. For example, plans have been made for both the Methodist Wesley Foundation and Evangelical Chapel to move into new homes in the not too distant future.

The "familiar" feeling, the sermons directed to students and the opportunity for one to get to church without the aid of a taxi add to their importance. Student support, however, needs to be encouraged.

Again returning to Phil No. 2, the political interest shown by many students on campus is to be admired. What better time than now is there to become familiar with the nature of government and political parties? Both Young Republicans and Young Democrats are growing and becoming worthwhile organizations, while on the international level, NUCWA is stepping into the picture.

An added warning to the "21 Club." There are many privileges gained on one's 21st birthday! One is the opportunity to vote. Register for absentee voting NOW.

From the Editor

A Few Words of a Kind

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Damn reality, you can't stay away from it. Find a way to loaf on the job and your boss finds out. Stop studying in class and papers suddenly become due, tests are scheduled, instructors stop their seemingly never ending talk and ask questions.

Since school started I have gone my unconcerned way, thinking that tomorrow will be a good time to study. Then, because of a corrupt school system in which tests must be given before dawn slips go out, I run out of tomorrows in which to stall.

And so I lean back and remember those lines I read some where last year: "Cold I walk and cold I wander wintering the life time out." Then I light the cigar that I bought one night when I should have been studying and think, "This too shall pass away."

Tests. Who ever thought of tests anyway? Did Plato give Socrates tests? The ideal educational system would be one in which you were a young king to be and if the instructor didn't make the subject impressive enough to appeal to you, you chopped his head off. Talk about upgrading the educational system.

Speaking of education, I was sitting in the crib talking in my normal sane fashion. One of my companions says, "That was lousy poetry."

"What poetry was this?" I ask. "Oh, some of this stuff that is supposed to be read to jazz." "You were reading this in some modern poetry course? Who do you have?" "I'm not taking poetry. Some kid had the book in class and we were reading it." "What class?" "Pottery."

There have been, I understand, numerous comments made about my red windowed room at the Beta house. None of them is true.

Chaucer waited nearly 600 years for me to read him. Now my English instructor wants me to hurry through the dear fellow's works in two weeks. Oh, Geoffrey, the injustice you are being done! (Can't the test wait until next week?)

The world is getting carried away with this hurry and grow up, hurry and go to work, hurry and build bigger things attitude. Years of contemplation have repeatedly provided me with the enlightenment that increased technology never accomplishes anything really constructive. You build cars to go to places that you might as well never go to, you build airplanes to bomb cities you've never seen, and you sit in front of a marvelous device that daily shows modern man recreating primitive grunts and gyrations.

When bigger and better books are written, you'll be assigned to read them.

Rain is wonderful. I fell in love with rain before I can recall. The best rain is the kind that falls on a warm day. It bursts forth in a cooling shower. Women hold their skirts a little higher with one hand and cover their hair with another and go dashing across the street into a car, a store or under a canvas awning. Men run to roll up car windows, and you stay away from tall trees because lightning hits tall trees.

When the rain is over the air is fresh again. The world looks different. A minister-to-be counselor I once had at camp said, "Rain is the way God washes the face of the earth." May be that's why I like rain.

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Bungling

By Dick Shugrue

The third of the basic issues for the year has started to materialize.

Every year, three or four "big ones" pop up their noses on the campus scene and hold the reigns for a year.

We have seen the arrival of the parking issue, the ROTC issue and now comes the inevitable struggle between the Greeks and the Independents.

Anonymous letters flow in to the columnists of the Daily Nebraskan blasting their statements pro or con the "organized dorm" deal.

Some say the dorm should be powerful; some say it should remain independent (from all outside influence of activities); some say it should be an equalizing force.

Others indicate they would like to see the Greeks take over and wipe the dormies off the campus. Just watch. The next issue will be the school spirit one, which will be tossed at us by the alums and the downtown boys.

For a moment, I'd like to disturb you with reports received regarding an insurance policy sold to students.

Some students have claimed they are not getting what they were told their dollars paid for: i.e., full protection on their lives twelve months of the year.

I for one am against peddling any sort of insurance policies on the campus.

If one company can come here and sell its wares, then

all companies should have an equal opportunity to do so. And this means all companies, regardless of whether they sell insurance, dry goods or corn pickers.

I don't believe the University of Nebraska should be turned into a "quick sell" retail outfit.

And many persons seem to agree that the University made a mistake in judgment in allowing the insurance company in question to step onto the campus for the mass sale.

If it would do any good (and you know as well as I do that it won't) someone should suggest that the Student Council make a suggestion regarding this abuse of state property and get some action.

Saw a judge of the student tribunal the other day in a class room where there were a number of people obvious (but not to the teacher) to me were cheating and said to her, "Well, your honor, what are you gonna do about this cheating?"

"Nothing," she said, "unless the prof (and she named him) makes a complaint." Is she fulfilling her duties as a tribune? Or is she aiding and abetting injustice? It would be a very poor pun to say, "Judge for yourself."

But an even more important question looms, "what is the disposition of the initial case (or cases) tried by the tribunal?" Who knows? What protection have we that arbitrary decisions aren't coming from the judges? Frankly, we have none and we shouldn't stand still for it.

Let's gripe to someone! Let's not remain contented for one moment!

At least that's one view of the situation. Any others will be accepted with glee.

Nebraskan Letterip

Beautiful Faces

How salutary and satisfying it was to pick up the Sept. 30 issue of the Daily Nebraskan and find gracing its editorial page the beautiful faces with winsome smiles of two members of the female sex!

Last semester Judy wrote some heart warming and appealing articles. I hope she continues. Frankly I prefer the personal comments to the raucous and trivial ones. Emmie's style is also praiseworthy.

Let's have some more of the girls whose sentient faces and comments brighten and enliven the dark corner of the paper.

Now don't be offended boys. I'm just happy to see the pleasant change. JOSE DIAZ

Finally to one phase, I was impressed as I viewed the organization and control of schools, that is the local unit or in the layman's parlance, the people who have ultimate voice in the matter of education.

The local district forms the nucleus of authority. In other words, there is a tendency toward decentralization because neither the Federal government nor the state government needlessly interferes with academic institutions. Technical facilities to meet the demands of various studies are easily available. Again there seems to be a zest on the part of to-be-teachers to voice their opinion in matters of academic interest.

As a visitor I am anxious to realize the far reaching influences of such an educational system exerted beyond the Atlantic on one hand, and the Pacific on the other. The initiative on the part of Nebraska University in the establishment of a university in Turkey is worthy of commendation. Could similar steps be taken on the secondary school level in many parts of the world? J. N. SISODIA Poona, India

Secondary Schools

As a non-U.S. student in Nebraska, it is my privilege to understand and appreciate American culture. Although my scope of study has not reached an extensive scale, I am beginning to realize that the U.S. secondary schools truly reflect the democratic way of life so typical of America.

Perhaps I should make bold to say that no other single factor impresses so vividly as does this educational system, particularly at the secondary level. A student going to one such school is first assured of the best that his or her group life could expect, namely a pattern on which to erect a career. This career is full of satisfying experiences which in turn the student will bestow on others as a legacy if he or she inspires to a teacher's career. Every safeguard has been placed for maximum efficiency on the part of both the teacher who imparts knowledge and the pupil who receives it. However, to confine speci-

Rub-a-Dub-Dub, Here's Crumbs In the Bathtub!

CHICAGO (UPI) — More goes into a bathtub nowadays than a bather and a cake of soap.

The Baking Soda Institute said a survey showed popcorn, peanuts and candy contribute to the happiness of Americans while they're soaking in the suds.

The report said 12 percent of the nation's smokers enjoy a cigarette in the tub. Two out of five persons listen to music, ranging from operatic arias to rock 'n roll, while they bathe.



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