

Editorial Comment

Fire Muddle

What next? The University administrative machinery, usually efficient and cooperative, has apparently lapsed into utter confusion.

Thursday night, five persons committed an act of wanton vandalism, burning or attempting to burn several Homecoming displays which were then just beginning to take shape on sorority, dormitory and fraternity yards.

The individuals were apprehended by University students and later arrested by city police. They spent the night in jail at the city police station and then were released to University officials.

Right here the trail starts to get muddled.

The Daily Nebraskan made an attempt to find out the names of the people involved. It was reported that at least two of the people involved were University students, giving the student newspaper a legitimate interest in the matter.

The names were withheld "pending further arrests."

On the basis of a verbal promise by campus police that a written report of the matter would be released to the Daily Nebraskan Monday, the Nebraskan made no further attempt to find out the names of the two persons arrested.

Sunday, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Frank Hallgren, said he was not at liberty to release any information about the affair. This was to be expected, in view of the written report promise.

But Hallgren could release information to the Lincoln papers which quoted him as saying that the cases of the two boys under arrest would be referred to the Student Tribunal.

Monday came with no written report available. Nor any kind of report for that matter. Monday, Hallgren said he was still not at liberty to release anything to anybody. Any news, according to him, must come from Dean of Student Affairs J. Phillip Colbert.

The campus police had nothing further to say Monday either. They, too, referred Nebraskan reporters to Dean Colbert.

And Dean Colbert? He said he didn't know enough about it because he wasn't in touch with the campus police all weekend.

Colbert did say, however, that he "understood that the others involved were not students."

This leaves a few questions still to be answered.

First, how many students really were involved?

Second, will charges be filed, as Sergeant John Furrow of the campus police originally indicated?

Third: What will be done about those persons involved who were not students? Is the University preparing charges for them or are they free to "go their way and sin no more?"

Fourth: Who were the students?

Rumor is a nasty, vicious thing. A good rumor well planted in an uninformed and youthfully credible community can ruin the person involved in the rumor for life.

Several eye witnesses to the Friday burnings can swear to the identity of the persons involved. But it was dark, the

light cast by street lights and fires was unsure, and eyes were heavy with sleep. Such conditions are fertile ground for the growth and spread of rumors.

The Daily Nebraskan is not prying when they ask for the whole story behind the burnings. Our wish to know comes from a sincere desire to protect innocent people.

In the past, the University administration has taken every precaution to administer just and honest discipline to offending students. Their one fault has been a dangerous propensity toward secrecy.

The Daily Nebraskan is not out to smear anyone or irresponsibly publish things in bad taste. If this is our aim, and it is clearly understood, there is one more question to ask the University.

Fifth: Why no cooperation?

Good Work

Congratulations to the Corncobs on a really fine Homecoming Dance.

The Tommy Dorsey orchestra was not what might be called a "great" band. Its leader, though prominent enough in music circles, was not billed as one of the immortals of American music.

After listening to and dancing to the Dorsey music for an hour or so, it was easy to understand why the band did not have the national reputation that some of our past Homecoming musicians have enjoyed.

They played dance music. They acted like they were at Pershing Municipal Auditorium to provide entertainment in which all could take an active part. For once, the Homecoming dance looked more like a dance and less like the concert that it has been in the past.

And the crowd liked it. They liked it so much, in fact, that the magic closing hour of midnight was somehow overshot by a good half hour.

No one minded a bit.

Dust Storm

Pretty soon we're all going to form a circle on the mall, get the witch doctor all rigged up, and do an old fashioned rain dance. It seems that rain — just enough, but not too much, is the only solution to the perpetual dust storm that is swirling around the Selleck parking lots every day.

Yes, the lots were in bad shape. They were full of chuck holes, and every time a few drops of rain came down they became mud bogs. Something did need to be done. But laying down a sheet of dust . . .

We understand that many improvements that are neglected on the lots are due to one thing—lack of money. Okay. But when an "improvement" is made, it should be something that betters the campus, and laying down a cover of powder on two of the largest lots on campus can hardly be termed improving the campus.

Coeds walk by brushing grey-white powder out of their eyes and off their shoes. Cars are becoming blanketed with the dust, and trying to park in a dust storm does nothing to improve the campus safety record.

Individual Staff Views

By Diana Maxwell

Mounted on the Daily Nebraskan bulletin board (which incidentally is one of the most interesting catch-alls on campus) is an official looking document that was presented to us in scroll form, emblem and all. And if the blotches don't receive, it arrived sealed in brown wax.

Subject of this document is a controversial character named Mum, an individual who wanders around a distorted comic world of his own, usually escorted by a nondescript dog of unidentified breed.

The signers of the scroll had this message: "Dear Daily Staff, We don't want to sound cranky, but . . . GET RID OF MUM!" With much embellishment, and the use of numerous languages, symbols and signs, this idea was presented in a way designed to tickle the fancy of staffers one and all—even those who get large chuckles out of the Mum man.

It was hard not to be amused, though, that one day's omission of Peanuts in favor of Mum could arouse such activity on the part of several students. This scroll

was the product of active imaginations combined with a bit of talent and some humor. It would really be nice if people could put that much energy into expressing themselves on some of the more significant aspects of campus life.

Offerings lately for the Letterip column have been particularly sparse. It is just getting to seem that the only opinions anyone has are anti this or anti that, or worse yet, zero opinions. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, staff members cross the campus knowing that before reaching their destinations they will be accosted by at least one friend who has a fiery opinion to express about something on campus.

My, we tell ourselves, the University is teeming with individuals just dying for the chance to express their views. We're loaded with issues! Controversies abound, and all our friends are potential humorists. So . . . we check the mailbox to see what sterling ideas have been submitted to the Letterip today. None. Or if there is something, 9 times out of 10 it is a personal diatribe launched against whoever wrote a column or staff view two days ago. So we shrug and insert another Mr. Mum.

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My Little World

This past week has been one of those that you look back on and wonder how you ever managed to live through — or at least live through it and retain all your faculties. The homecoming display was a thing that loomed huge and completely uncomprehensible in the mind. I knew that I was working hours stuffing crepe paper but minute examinations of



Judy

Letterip

Library Dear Sir: One of these days some bright young official will explain to me why the library is not open Sunday nights.

In spite of the apparently prevailing social sentiment, some of us do utilize Sunday as a study night. Study to me, an upperclassman burdened with outside reading and term papers, means library time.

Also, I am in poor shape financially and must work in the afternoons. Thus, the library is only open to me at night and then only four nights a week.

I am certain there must be someone else on this campus who will back me and my contention that the library should be put to the use for which it was built on Sunday nights. Orville Clout

Great Opportunity

University student convocations are notorious for their poor attendance. Next Monday morning the inhabitants of this institution of higher learning have a chance to hear one of the outstanding politicians of our time, Senator Paul Douglas, be quizzed by three newsmen.

This past week the students of a Freshman English class were asked what Quemo meant to them. A decided majority did not know what it was, and what most of them had no desire to know. Finally, one student in class volunteered that Quemo was a small island in the Pacific that the Chinese Communists and the Americans were fighting over. We Americans are living in a time of world politics. Just because we are university students does not alleviate our responsibility to know what is happening.

It is the duty of each and every university student, as potential leaders of the American community, to be well informed in the field of world affairs, and there is no better way to start than to attend the University Convocation to hear the views of Senator Paul Douglas. Sincerely Yours Dick Tempero

Final Dance Instruction Set Tonight

The last in the series of free dance lessons sponsored by the Union will be held tonight at 6:45 in the Union Ballroom.

Supervised by the Arthur Murray Studio, the lessons include instructions in the cha cha, jitterbug, foxtrot and swing.

Tonight's lesson will feature the cha cha and the jitterbug. Kay Hirschbach, chairman of the Union dance committee, said that "the students have made considerable progress and improvement in the basic fundamentals of dancing during the past four weeks."

KOOL ANSWER



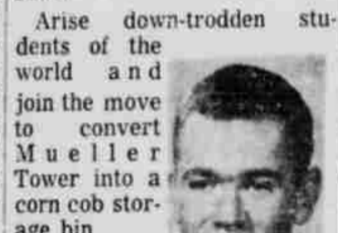
Switch from Hots to Snow Fresh KOOL



The Briar Patch

By R. M. Ireland

Since it's election day I've decided to mount my infamous soap box and begin a crusade.



Ireland

Arise down-trodden students of the world and join the move to convert Mueller Tower into a corn cob storage bin.

Not only the stuff they grow out in the lousy fields of our beloved state but also the geek who runs around the track during football games should be placed in our tower of power.

And all of his red-coated friends too. And all of their white-sweated associates. In fact the entire card section.

This conglomeration of cobs and people would not only deaden the horrible sound which adds to my Monday morning shell shock but would also solve the lack-of-door-space-accommodations-for-the-millions-of-students-who-enter-Burnett Hall problem.

There seems to be a general reaction developing against the activity system. For instance the AUF auction has been boycotted by an overzealous Panhellenic Council in a move which showed no forethought or consideration for honorable charity. Granted the girls had a

good case but they should have expressed it long ago.

Also the notorious Penny Carnival has bitten the dust.

And now Kosmet Klub finds itself with a bare minimum of skits for the Fall Revue.

It's a shame that KK appears to be dwindling for this organization is one of the few worthwhile ones on campus.

In fact even the minutes of the Tuesday night meetings are examples of literary genius. I may print some choice selections if I can evade the slimy hand of the censor.

Apparently students either have less time to devote to extra-curricular pastimes or they just don't give a darn.

Some people assert that college is getting tougher. Or maybe the woods are farther away which necessitates more time for driving.

I predict that in 10 years the 3rd floor of the Student Union will consist of a bunch of empty rooms which once housed a vast conglomeration of committee nests.

Ballet Opens Concert Series

The Roberto Iglesias Spanish Ballet will be the first presentation of the Lincoln Community Concert series.

The ballet will be seen tonight at 8:15 p.m. in Pershing Auditorium. Admission is by membership only.

KOOL CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS 1. Sum 6. Get into the— 10. Harden 11. Evergreen 12. Name of second largest state 13. Palo — (2 words) 14. Help 15. Cabbage dish 16. Nest (Fr.) 17. The Free 18. Impulsive 22. Said "yes" 23. There's a filter on the — of King-Size KOOL 26. Period of time 27. Squabble 30. Just takes one bad one 34. Cultural subject (2 words) 38. Type of light 39. Kind of wave 40. Caesar's language (abbr.) 41. From — to post 42. American, National or Women Voters' 44. Seaweed 45. Give out 46. Potential fish 47. Comme il — 48. Units of resistance 49. Single letter 50. Ash, for instance
- DOWN 1. Big men from ancient state 2. Half of a quarter (5 words) 3. Penguin's costume 4. I smell — (2 words) 5. They make speeches of them 6. In Germany, they're bad 7. KOOL's penguin 8. Volume absorbed 9. Talked cat 19. Girl's name 20. Opposite of output 21. Clerical degree 22. Post Hoosian man 23. King Arthur's men sought it 24. Absorbed 27. Tritter 28. Car "jewelry" 29. Draw back language (abbr.) 31. From — to post 32. American, National or Women Voters' 33. The Press is the Fourth angle 35. Box for cutting 36. Good-by to amigos 37. Parts of neck 42. Knights (abbr.) 44. Back there

