

Editorial Comment

Coffee Diplomacy

A recent visitor to the University remarked that when tours were being planned for Russian students last year, offers poured in from colleges and universities to host these students. And yet, she continued, at many of these same schools, dozens of international students were already in attendance but were lost in the shuffle of anonymity on campus.

Frequently this is the story at Nebraska, but occasionally a bright spot appears in the picture. One of the brightest is an event known as the annual International Friendship Dinner, held last Friday in the Union ballroom. Of the 300 persons who attended, about half were international students, in whose honor the dinner was held.

Events like this and the annual Mortar Board tour in the spring when international students are shown around the state can go a long way toward bettering the relations between the foreign student and the native-born one. However, planned programs, large organized efforts and specialized events for the foreign students fall far short of really integrating them into campus life.

The foreign student on the Nebraska campus is not an isolated individual, forced to cling to a group composed only of students from other countries. Far

from it. However, neither is he a fully accepted member of the campus community. The fault here lies mainly with the community, which in general tends to segregate the international student, to lump him with all the students from other countries, rather than assessing each on his own merits. Generally he is taken simply as a "foreign student."

With ferment swirling in the Middle East, India and Asia, most of us still wend our carefree way around the campus, blissfully ignorant of what is really happening in these vital parts of the world. Foreign students all over the nation have complained that they find it difficult to discuss international affairs with the American student. Why? Because the average student here is so startlingly ignorant of anything that is happening not only beyond the boundaries of his own country, but even beyond the city limits of his own town.

And yet, much can be learned painlessly—over the coffee cup. We're not doing the international student a favor when we sit down and try to learn something from him about his homeland. Coffee cup diplomacy could do a great deal to erase both some of our ignorance and some of the foreign student's feeling of strangeness here.

Effigies Everywhere

Many Nebraskans a few days ago were very excited about a half-hearted hanging in effigy of football coach Bill Jennings after the Huskers' loss to Missouri. No one got terribly excited, which was appropriate in the light of the almost universal belief that Jennings is doing the best he can with his thin ranked squad.

A glance through other college papers indicates that coaches effigies haven't been confined to the Lincoln campus this season. A letter to the editor writer at Iowa State stated:

"The past few weeks of this football season contained some of the most exciting athletic contests in the history of the game, especially in the Big 10 Conference. They also contained some of the most deplorable student actions!

"A few weeks ago, a fine hard fighting Michigan team suffered a surprising loss to another Big 10 powerhouse. Michigan coach Bennie Oosterbaan was then hanged in effigy!

"This past week-end, Northwestern humbled mighty Ohio State with a convincing 21-0 defeat. Ohio State coach Woody Hayes was then hanged in effigy!

"Such insults are regarded, presumably, as a means of informing a coach that his team's fans are not satisfied with his work. Both of the previously mentioned coaches have fine records. Oosterbaan was 'Coach of the Year' in 1948. His team won Rose Bowl games in 1948 and 1951 and have had impressive records in recent years. Hayes was last year's 'Coach of the Year.' His teams won Rose

Bowl games in 1950, 1955 and 1958. Are we to believe that a coach must have the conference championship each year in order to keep his self-respect?

"In this writer's opinion, the actions of the few students participating in the hangings show immature disrespect and the ultimate in poor sportsmanship. The actions were certainly uncalled for and we hope they do not reflect the feelings of the rest of the student bodies at the two schools."

Kansas State's college paper, meanwhile, reported that five effigies appeared on the campus during a five day period. One of the last two hanged represented the alumni for their lack of support of the football team. The other represented football coach Bus Mertes, presumably because of his team's poor won-lost record. The Kansas State Collegian said this represented the fourth time this year that Mertes had been hanged in effigy and was the sixth effigy episode there this year. Athletic director Bebe Lee was reportedly hanged last month. In addition, Mertes also was hanged once last fall.

A front page head on a short report of the latest effigy hangings there said very simply, "Ho Hum—Another Effigy." And that is about the most appropriate response one can make to students who feel inspired to dangle a crude effigy from a tree. One wonders how many more trees would have to be planted on campus if every student who made a poor scholastic showing were hanged from a tree by his professors.

Individual Staff Views

By George Meyer

If the campus beautification committee really wants some good ideas, they ought to take a hint from a really experienced campus beautifier.

It's pretty hard to improve on mother nature and her riot of fall colors. A walk north, along 12th St. toward the pillars should be enough to send Larry Novicki and company scurrying back the their planning boards bubbling over with inspiration.

And speaking of ideas for the committee, why not eliminate the two faculty parking areas behind the library and convert the whole stretch into a mall? There is one mall in front the Coliseum now and another behind the library would make everything symmetrical or something.

Another high school group has just left the campus. This time our weekend visitors were prep journalists from all over the state.

During their convection here, I was obliged to help judge some of the contests. Some of the kids knew pretty much what they were doing but most of them had little or no idea of even the bare rudiments of journalism which I have been able to pick up.

Just to set the record straight, I have had only one very elementary course in journalism and my professional experience outside of the Daily Nebraskan is

limited to one summer on a weekly and some scattered articles for the Norfolk Daily News.

This obviously doesn't make me much of an expert on journalism. Nevertheless, it doesn't take much experience to see that most of Nebraska's high school journalists try hard but miss the boat by a country mile.

The reason? Well, their teachers are often English majors who have had very little experience in journalism and all too little in English.

Moreover, the kids have a full schedule of classes and activities to keep them busy without their high school newspaper which consequently gets shorted when it comes to their time and effort.

And why shouldn't it? After all, journalism is a technical profession that more and more is requiring its members to have several years of training before they find professional employment.

So why spend all that time in high school on journalism? Why not spend it preparing would be journalists for their college training in their chosen profession?

Why not give them the fundamentals of their trade: the ability to spell, the ability to write complete sentences, the ability to command their language and the two most valuable assets of a good journalist, intellectual curiosity and basic integrity?

Of course, these are why's nearly every school board in the state has been asking its superintendent of schools for the last ten years.

They have yet to get a logical answer.

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Shakespeare Lives On At University Theatre

At University Theatre the play's the thing.

And, in spite of the fact that we're living in an age of forward looking cars and mass communications, the magic name doesn't belong to an up to the minute Beat Generationist or playwright in the "Cat on the Hot Tin Roof" tradition.

Here in Lincoln, nearly 350 years after his death, Shakespeare's name is the one most likely to assure a filled theatre. This isn't scholarly conjecture, either. The attendance records prove it.

"Merchant of Venice", the University Theatre's opening production this year, broke all attendance records as a total of 1,444 crowded the theatre during the play's four-night stand. This new record was set in spite of numerous conflicting activities that week, including an ever popular migration to Boulder, Colo.

Dr. Dallas Williams, theatre director, said this figure well exceeded the 1,301 who took in "Teahouse of the August Moon" last year. And what did "Teahouse", the former record holder outdraw to place number one? "Nothing other than another of Mr. Shakespeare's works, "King Lear."

That gives the 16th-17th century playwright two out of the three top attractions at University Theatre since it was enlarged and remodeled in 1954. What's even more impressive, according to Dr. Williams, is that in the period before the expansion Shakespeare was top drawer too.

Dr. Williams, connected with the campus theatre since 1944, said "Macbeth" was the pre-1954 leader. Greatly impressed with the interest in Shakespeare's plays, he says he believes it's because there is "something in his plays for everyone."

There's the dueling, fighting, murdering, loving, madness in Shakespeare's plays that mark and make many of today's most popular plays, plus "they stimulate thinking." The director said, "Actors never seem to tire of playing in Shakespeare because the more they study their parts the more they find. His plays aren't like many which you can block out and characterize in four or five days and then forget about. You're always finding something new in Shakespeare."

When one of W. S.'s plays reach the casting stage, Williams says that he finds a

bigger than normal number of persons try out for roles. And he says that acting in one of these is probably the best training a young actor can have.

But back to the popularity of Shakespeare. His drawing power attracted students not only from this University and other schools in Lincoln, but 25 other Nebraska high schools and a group from Tarkio, Mo.

That was for "Merchant of Venice," which toured to McCook to set an attendance record in the school's large new auditorium. In addition, it played at Lincoln Air Force Base and ended up with a nearly filled audience despite lack of advance publicity there. Airmen would wander in the auditorium to see what was going on and then end up staying to the final curtain.

The list of Shakespeare plays that have been presented during Williams' reign at University Theatre include: "The Tempest," "Othello," "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Twelfth Night," "The Taming of the Shrew," "King Lear," "Macbeth," and "Merchant of Venice."

Other of his plays that Williams is considering producing are the first part of "Henry IV" in which Falstaff appears, and "Much A-Do About Nothing." One trouble is that it's hard to find someone who can play Falstaff. The same difficulty has prevented him from presenting "Hamlet."

Letterip

Grateful Greeks

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all the other sororities and fraternities on campus for their help and offers to help to rebuild our Homecoming display last week.

We are particularly grateful to the Sig Alphas for their having tried to extinguish our fire.

This cooperation is certainly an example of the wonderful feeling and unity of the Greeks on the University of Nebraska campus. Since Homecoming is such a competitive activity, we feel that the cooperation shown between the Greeks is something of which the University should be especially proud. THE SIGMA KAPPAS

Campus Grins—Skeleton in Wrong Closet Recalls 1874 KU Prank

The Daily Kansan reports a skeleton that seems to be in the wrong closet.

And it isn't the first time a skeleton has disappeared from the Kansas University scene. Back in 1874 another skeleton was lowered through the uncompleted roof of a building into a group of faculty and students attending chapel exercises.

The 1958 version of the missing skeleton is a \$150 specimen smuggled from the anatomy laboratory.

Freshmen don't get away with a thing at Wake Forest College, according to a recent report in the Old Gold and Black.

The other day a freshman coed was apologizing for a comment which had irritated an upperclassman.

"After all," she said, "I'm only a green freshman."

This did not stem the tide of wrath.

"Freshman is quite enough. You needn't say 'green.' There's no need to be redundant."

A symbolic logic class at the University of Texas was listening to the prof give specific instances to prove his points.

"For example, we know that if we see Greek letters somewhere we know that men have been there."

"If Robinson Crusoe had seen Greek letters in the sand on the island he was isolated on and had taken this course, he would have been excited: he would have known there were men on the island," the professor said.

A class member had an additional observation: "I'll bet he'd have been even more excited if the Greek letters were Kappa Kappa Gamma."

The Minnesota Daily reports that 16 Gopher football players were not penalized for too much time in the huddle last week, although it took them 30 minutes to call a play that would free them from a Student Union elevator stranded between first and second floors.

The players had boarded the elevator after eating at their training table on the third floor.

"Overloading" caused the incident, the janitor said. Un-

ion elevators are designed to hold about 1,700 pounds. The 16 gridders totalled 3,161 pounds.

Gal Footballers 'Break Up' Game

Girls seems to be in danger of losing their lofty position in the world of football—at Iowa State, that is.

A front page article in the Friday Iowa State Daily headlines: "Dr. Forker Protests Powder Bowl: 'Girls Not Constructed for Football.'" Dr. Barbara Forker is head of the women's physical education department.

The article said "an objection to the Phi Delta Theta's Powder Bowl was submitted in the form of a letter yesterday to Millard Kratochivl, director of student affairs.

"She based her objections on the injuries which occurred at the game Sunday . . . Dr. Forker complained about the Powder Bowl last year and earlier this year. She added that she refused to allow the games to be played on the women's intramural field because of injuries sustained in the games.

"A housemother, several of whose charges were injured, discussed the 'whole situation' with Dr. Forker Tuesday. Mrs. Mary Hayenga, Kappa Kappa Gamma housemother, complained that the game was too rough. Among the injuries mentioned were a broken nose, two black eyes and two cracked ribs."

Dr. John Grant, director of the college hospital, "termed the Powder Bowl 'one of the things that can be done without' and said it isn't worth the chance of a serious injury. He said that one woman is still troubled by a knee injury from last year's game. She had to have an operation," the Iowa State Daily quoted Grant as saying.

"Chairman of the Powder Bowl Eldon Greiman said that the Phi Deltas realize that some changes must be made in the rules so the game won't be so conducive to injuries."

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