

Editorial Comment:

Merry-Go-Round Keeps Students Uninformed

The smoke—therefore fire syllogism is a sometimes overworked routine, but it seems as if there has been a tremendous amount of smoke covering situations on

Book Burners Need Caution

Last Sunday, March 1, the Omaha World Herald published on their front page a feature story by Edith Kermit Roosevelt on high school history texts. The headline on the story read "Some U.S. Pupils Get Red View of History."

There followed a long list of quotes (out of context), innuendo filled statements and screaming accusations which were all supposed to prove that a list of 11 high school texts were influenced by Communists.

We do not contend that the 11 textbooks in question were not Communist inspired. After all, we haven't read all of them, so we don't know.

What galls us is the manner in which the article attempts to prove its claim. It does it in a style that smacks more than a little of a Pravda press release.

Statement

First, there is this concerning the election of George Washington and John Adams. One of the books under fire says that these two were elected by the "wealthy, aristocratic group in American society and thus controlled the government for 12 years."

This, says the article, is "a baseless charge. Actually it was the male white electorate, consisting of 95 per cent of the adult population that elected Washington and Adams."

It strikes us that there must have been an awful shortage of women and Negroes in those days if 95 per cent of the adult population were white males.

We might also mention that election records of the time show that proper qualifications were such that a good deal less than 95 per cent of the white males were allowed to vote. But then, why bother. Miss Roosevelt has already trapped herself aplenty.

Then there is her concluding statement which runs "or maybe (GIs) turned traitor (in Korea) because they had been taught this new Marxist brand (of American history)."

To begin with only 12 GIs refused repatriation from Korea and we doubt if any of the books concerned could have influenced them much. Ten of the 11 were published after the Korean War began.

campus recently. Rumors and hearsay about raids, raids and yet more raids are coming in thicker and thicker.

It's said that students have been charged with trespassing on farmer's property even when the farmer has given them permission to use the land. We asked the County Attorney if this were true. He said he "didn't want to get involved". Did this mean no comment, we asked? No... just that he wouldn't answer the question.

We've heard that certain places are off-limits to students, and that the list includes many spots that in the past have been popular gathering places. We asked the dean of Student Affairs what is off-limits. His reply was that everything that is not on the on-limits list is off-limits to University students.

So we asked for the on-limits list. There is only one list in existence we were told, and this one is locked up in someone's office, and was therefore unavailable to the dean.

So now we are supposed to believe that the Dean of Student Affairs goes about enforcing discipline among the students without knowing to what areas his authority extends.

So once more we seem to be on the merry-go-round, wondering just what we can do and what we can't. The rumors grow—talk swirls around the dorms and houses of a real crackdown. The County Sheriff said there hasn't been a deliberate crackdown on students, but that his force has been increased by four men and two cars whereas before there was only one car and two men.

Then a local businessman told us that he sees a slackening of social functions on campus and that this is definitely hurting his business. Groups are not having formal and other social functions as often, he said.

So the merry-go-round spins round and round. It seems impossible to pin any one down on what the score is. Is there a crackdown? No, claim the officials. The heck you say, shout the students from their corner. Tsh, tsh, children, again say the officials.

It spins and spins. And the longer it spins, the wilder become the rumors, the more the bitterness spreads, and the more likely it becomes that students will eventually become completely fed up.

Even older than the "where there's smoke there's fire" adage is the one that says people usually act about the way you act as if you expect them to behave.

So how are things in junior high school, kids?

From the Editor

By

George!



Look, children, I'm back and just when you thought you would be spared this obnoxious column this week.

Actually, I wasn't really sick. It was all a big test to see if George Moyer's all girl band could get the Daily Nebraskan out without George Moyer.

I was very disappointed to find out that they could.

Really Lucky

Not only that, but I'm lucky too. The chancellor calls off school, and here I am, stuck in Student Health. By Thursday the myriad of little bugs attacking my alcohol riddled system had withdrawn to regroup and I was feeling well enough to talk.

The nurses now know the athletic history of Madison High School since I graduated and before. They have heard all about my exploits on the baseball diamond, football field and basketball court. (Some of these are really fantastic because of the huge amounts of ineptitude involved.)

They have also heard all the amusing anecdotes (well, I think they are amusing) that I have to tell about the race track and print shop.

Needless to say, they are very glad that I am gone. (Gloria was even tempted to put me under a heavy sedative by Friday night.) But they were all very nice. If most of them hadn't been married, I wouldn't be well enough to leave yet.

Best Around

The new Student Health building, in spite of a paint job that can only be described as gaudy, is the nicest hospital I've ever been in.

They have the very latest in medical equipment over there and there are even different colored lines on the floor to lead you to the right place. This gave one fellow with a hangover a great deal of trouble, but though his illness was accurate, it was transient, so no permanent damage was done.

Dr. Samuel Fuening, director of the University health services, said that the center at the present time is the best staffed and most modern in the city. Moreover, until the new Bryan expansion is completed, it will continue to rank first among the city's hospitals for comfort and facilities.

In short, if you have to be sick, there ain't a better place.

Visitors

There was no getting lonesome over there. No indeed. Two of my columnists were up to gloat. Diana and Sellentin came over to say hello (Sellentin had to remark that he had finally got me vanquished and was selling Gold's the front page for Friday which ruined everything.)

One of the columnists was Kandy Satkunam. He came every night about seven which really saved some long evenings. He makes a point of visiting in Student Health every night and all the nurses and most of the patients know him. He is better than food packages from the Red Cross. (And you really need them too if they put you on that liquid diet they've got. Phew!)

Geo. Moyer

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



HEY SPONSOR—I HEAR YA FINALLY GAVE UP TRYING TO KEEP THE LIGHTS TURNED ON AT TH' FRESHMAN DANCE LAST NITE.

—Lenten Notes—

Cross Symbolizes God In History of World

By Alvin Petersen
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The cross is the symbol of God's intervention in history. Its very shape suggests the traumatic event, when God vertically intercepted the horizontal brokenness of the world. Indeed, history notes this event by reckoning time as A.D. or B.C.

When Gov viewed the plight of humanity, He concluded that no half means would do. It was necessary for him to take on human form, to enter into the very experience of human beings, that He might find a way out.

Thus Christ, God incarnate, with deliberate and

measured steps "set His face" to go to the cross, to suffer and die and arise, that men and women of all time might have eternal life. God, in Christ, reconciled the world to Himself.

The brokenness and rebellion of humanity, of you and me, still exists, because sin is innate. There is no easy remedy to sin, selfishness, and perverseness. It still takes a "cross experience," that is God's grace must intercept our wilfulness, and cleanse and purify us.

In fact, a new life has to arise in each person. No half measure will do! The secret is in the cruciform—God is in Christ reconciling!

And one intent of this intervention is that God might establish a community of redeemed—the church. And in truth, the church does exist as a positive demonstration of the ongoing redemptive activity of God. Its fragmentation is its shame, and due not to weakness in the content of the gospel, but to the weaknesses of the "saints" who are still sinners.

During Lent Christians everywhere take cognizance of God's deed in history, redemption, and through the church, which is God's manifest agency, extend an invitation to men and women everywhere to "make their peace with God," by accepting His grade and to wear the cross as symbol, but more than a symbol, as an experience of restoration. "If anyone is it Christ he has become a new person altogether, the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. All this is God's doing, for He has reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ." (II Cor. 5:17-19)



Petersen

Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish Letters attacking individuals must only those letters which are signed, carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 300 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

Religious Unrest?

I have just finished reading the editorial in the Daily Nebraskan which posed the question as to why Religious Emphasis Week functions were not more widely attended. Since you stated that you are open to suggestions, I feel free to voice my opinions on the subject.

Has anyone stopped to consider the possibility that the reason less people attend this sort of function is because less students on the campus are satisfied by the social and supernatural aspect of religion than were students of previous generations.

Could it be that religion on campus is not the fad that it once was and that when the students, caught in the contradiction between natural sciences and believing in a spiritual god, have chosen agnosticism as far as a God is concerned?

The students are realizing the possibility that modern religions may not be the ultimate truth and are therefore delving into natural sciences and humanities in a search for values and a reason for existing.

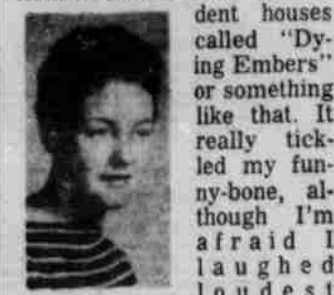
I do not believe that advertising and commercializing the "Religious Emphasis Week" is going to arouse more interest. The religion for the future must be one which admits the validity of the scientific method and at the same time fulfills the religious need which science admits man needs.

This is a big request but this is what I think the "apathetic" student of this generation is searching and working for.

Joe Tetro

Outside Our Skins

Always on the lookout for a few laughs, I hit the jackpot the other day when I ran across a little campus publication from one of the student houses called "Dying Embers" or something like that. It really tickled my funny-bone, although I'm afraid I laughed loudest



Barbara where no humor was intended. On the back I found something of close kin to a gossip column called "Mousing In the Church" by Tom Catt, or something along that line. Anyway, I was delighted to find that Wanda Furd and Henry Furginshlugginer are now going steady.

She's wearing his perfect Sunday-School attendance medal. Somebody else is (brace yourself) growing a beard! Can you imagine?

Breakfast Blast

Then they cagily hint that they had some sort of a blast over there in which some breakfast food got heaved on the living room wall. The column went on to report a few more of the earth-shaking events that are going on unnoticed under our very noses at the University of Nebraska.

On the inside was an earnest confessional written by some character called the House Hermit. Here the au-

thor, probably shedding oceans of guilty tears, blurts out the shocking fact that he's a chicken about admitting that he's a Christian. He lays bare his soul, exposes all his vices, and keeps only one secret... his name. He follows his initial statements with several vague generalizations about what "should and must be the center of (his) life" and lets us in on the message that God has it in for cowards.

Hates Cowards

Yup, He hates cowards like everything. I must have been brought up in a very backward fashion, I guess. My folks were provincial enough to believe and teach me that God's main feature is love, which they said encompassed us all, cowards included. I'm certainly glad I got the message, straight from the hermit's mouth, about what the deal really is and whom He loves and doesn't love.

After I had read this little gem from cover to cover, avidly, learning about as much as I get from Mad magazine, I got to thinking very deeply "Hmmm, I wonder," I thought. What I was thinking about was, "What in the name of Alfred E. Neumann am I going to write about in my column this week?"

Barbara Wilson

Outside World

It will be lovely weather for slush today. The weather man has predicted partly cloudy skies and no important changes in temperature. Highs of 42 to 52 are forecast.

Bouncing Ballots

The counted and recounted ballots for governor will be returned to the counties.

A notice from the recount committee said that the expense of returning the ballots would be considered part of the expense of the recount.

Senator Sees Plans

Senator Roman Hruska reviewed the present status and future plans for the nation's longrange missiles program during a weekend visit to the Air Force Ballistic Missiles Division in Inglewood, Calif.

The senator was briefed by project officers on progress of the Atlas program, which he said is several months ahead of schedule.



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