

Editorial Comment:

# Cowley Talk Stimulating Comment on Novel

The visit of noted literary critic, Malcolm Cowley, to the campus Thursday should not be overlooked by this newspaper.

Cowley spoke to a good crowd in Love Library Auditorium concerning the nation's young authors. He built his talk around the apparent lack of moral values in today's literature.

Modern novels, according to Cowley, are constructed around two subjects: fast cars and sex. The young authors have abandoned sin. "To these authors, the seven deadly sins aren't deadly or even sins, they are merely forms of behavior," Cowley added.

Political ideas and social protest are also among the missing when it comes to themes, Cowley said.

Cowley then stated that the young au-

thors seem to express a rebellion against apathy.

Paired with his previous statements, the one above appears a little inconsistent. Apathy is defined either as "lack of emotion" or "indifference." Now, if the young authors make sex one of their two most recurring themes, it might be said that they did not suffer from a lack of emotion. But the disregard for sin, politics and social protest can only be interpreted as indifference. Certainly all these three are more than ever good topics for a young author to treat. We might even go so far as to suggest that today's author has a duty to treat them, and Mr. Cowley himself is critical of the apparent abandonment of these three as topics.

So why the conclusion that today's young authors are rebelling against apathy? It appears to us that apathy is their main stock in trade.

Nevertheless, we feel that Mr. Cowley has made a valid criticism of the young authors he mentioned. It is hard to agree, however, that this is true of all of today's young authors and Mr. Cowley never made his criticism a blanket one.

A couple of exceptions that we can think of are Herman Wouk, author of the "Cain Mutiny" and "Marjorie Morningstar" and Robert Ruark, who wrote "Something of Value." Also, Jack Shafer, author of "Shane", has inserted strong moralistic views in his stories of the American west.

No matter what the views on the American novel as the young authors are writing it, the English department and University Research Council deserve a pat on the back for bringing a stimulating person of Cowley's caliber to the campus.

## No Excuse Found For Misconduct

Students who have fallen into difficulties with the local gendarmes, and thereby University officialdom also, can take heart.

They have a lot of distinguished company.

It would be a good idea to point out, however, that the recent convictions of Sgt. Furrow and Regent Swanson are no excuse for misbehavior on the part of University students.

After all, these men took their medicine—and without the veil of anonymity provided for students by the office of student affairs and the Student Tribunal.

Their cases are just another proof that there is no organized crackdown on University students as such. The Lincoln police and the sheriff's office have demonstrated their willingness to put the tap on anybody engaging in conspicuous misconduct no matter who they are.

By the same token, any citizen, student or no, who respects the laws of the state has nothing to fear.

There is something beautiful in the impartial operation of the law. It is the cornerstone on which democracy is built.

From the Editor:

## By George!

The recent week long vacation gave me a chance to catch up on my television viewing.

It is really amazing but some of the shows offered were pretty good. "Green Pastures", the bible story musical with William Warfield and Eddie Anderson, was a well done example though it failed until the final scene to produce the emotional response it should have.

The recent video production of Ernest Hemingway's, "For Whom the Bell Tolls" with Maria Schell and Jason Roberts even outdid the movie for top-notch acting.

The topper of them all, however, was "The Human Comedy" by William Saroyan. Burgess Meredith, who narrated, Jo Van Fleet and Ray McHugh brought warmth and realism to the story of a small town messenger boy during WW II.

The boy's job is delivering telegrams—a lot of them beginning: "From the War Department; We regret to inform you . . ." Finally he has to deliver one to his own home, and the emotional tension, which has been running high till then, reaches the near breaking point.

The show was a TV classic proving that the idiot box can capture real theater art when it tries.

### Job Well Done

Congratulations to the new IFC officers. It looks like the IFC has done a fine job of selecting men who will continue to provide the campus with a strong interfraternity organization.

A note of congratulation also, to the retiring officers who have battled skillfully through a tough year.

The IFC elections last Wednesday night were the first I had ever attended. I went to speak for a candidate the boys at 519 had decided to back. I got so carried away with the excitement of the affair that I wound up doing more talking than Senator Snort.

## Hark!

Today's Letterip column contains a note from a gentleman who approve of Bob Handy's suggestion that \$1.25 be added to tuition costs to defray expenses involved in bringing major talent to the campus.

We wish to thank the gentleman for the interest he has taken in something we too think is a fine idea.

Let's hear the opinions of some more of you out there.



## George!

There was lots of impassioned oratory, however, and with one exception, the fellows doing the talking were new to me. That is, there were none of the old warhorses left from the days when as a sophomore I used to quaver out the health committee report.

The two exceptions were Tom Gilliland and Ken Freed. They have both been around the IFC so long that the new executive committee will be handing them ten year certificates pretty soon.

Which makes all three of us grubby old seniors—and horror of horrors, graduation is approaching.

### Something Always Happens

The Arizona Wildcat reports on a problem that could happen on anyone's campus.

Seems one of the boys and his date were parked in front of a place called the Flamingo. There were 40 minutes left before the keepers locked the little girlsies up for the night, and our friend couldn't get his car started.

Rushing back inside, he found a fraternity brother having coffee with his girl. In true neighborly fashion, the other guy agreed to give our harried friend a push. But he took a long time coming out to produce the needed assistance.

Finally our friend, in a state of near panic, rushed back in and yelped, "Come on will you. It's getting late."

The caffeine fiend eyed him coolly. "What's all the rush? You've got a half hour before your date has to be in," said he.

"Yeh, but I've got to go mouse first," came the reply.

You just can't please some people.

*Doc Meyer*

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"WELL, WHY DON'T YOU TRY CARRYING YOUR BOOKS IN THE OTHER HAND?"

## Buckshot

Until now, I thought that there were no limits to the stupidity of the United States Senate. Now I know that I was wrong. Not only are there limits to the stupidity of the United States Senate, but those limits were reached, recently, with the passage of the extension of the peacetime draft. If our congressmen had wanted a stronger defensive force, they could have gotten one by reducing the size of the army and providing it with up to date weapons and a well-trained, professional membership. This peacetime draft is also harmful because it disrupts the productive careers of many young men.



"Buck"

If war occurs, the soldiers on both sides can toss away their M-1 toys or whatever they carry, while the radiation gets them; and if the radiation doesn't get them, they'll wish it would because they certainly don't want to die by starvation; communications and supply lines will be so badly disrupted that even if these soldier-victims manage to survive, they'll be totally useless as an organized fighting force. Let us face it: the soldiers on both sides of the iron curtain are victims. If they should be so fortunate as to survive the first few days and live to fight and die, history (kept by angels) would record the irony of the average, peace-loving American soldier trading shots with the average, peace-loving Russian soldier, both of them forced, drafted, into a war that neither wanted.

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### One Vote

I was further shocked to read that only one vote in the Senate was cast against the peacetime draft, and that this one vote did not

belong to either Curtis or Hruska. Would a Democrat have voted differently? Who knows. It is far easier to tell the difference between the liberals and conservatives in each party than between the two parties.

If the Russian politicians are disgusting, so are our own politicians. In matters of such vast scope, beyond our control and yet snatching us off, perhaps to Germany, I think we are entitled to a lot of apathy. The extension of the peacetime draft has already been passed, as well as much other nefarious legislation, and I am not proposing one political party or the other as a remedy; the masses are much too stupid and the politicians are much too clever, and any apathy on this score is justified.

Still, those of us of any real intelligence and spirit can see much room for just

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wrath, even if it isn't connected with any immediate action. Germany once had an opportunity to throw the bums out. Perhaps we too.

Some of the Glories of This World, and some Sigh for the Prophet's Paradise to come; Ah, take the Cash, and let the Credit go. Nor heed the rumble of a distant Drum! —Omar Khayyam

### Hard Day

After a hard day of sitting in classes, the chimes of the "ivory tower, the singing sile" yell that the day has had it. And my profs are pleased because their attendance records reveal that, awake or not, I was there. I'd go to the moon but I don't know if that's on limits, and whatever is not "on limits" is "off limits." You know. So you see, it is really okay to be apathetic.

### Same Song

To the Editor: Well, here we go again . . . same song, second verse. Newsworthy events must be at a premium on campus to require the resurrection of your dogmatic stand against your favorite whipping-boy, the Student Tribunal.

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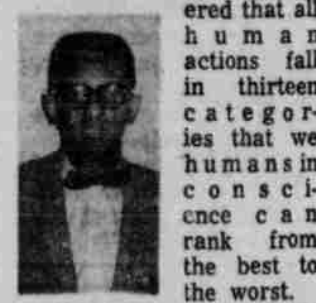
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## Excavations

A thinker in 1880 named James Montineau, British moral philosopher, who wrote in 1886 a book "Types of Ethical Theory" discovered that all human actions fall in thirteen categories that we humans in conscience can rank from the best to the worst.



So, Prof. Rob't. Dewey of the philosophy department of the University of Nebraska got himself interested and began to make a survey with his students last year when he was in Dartmouth College and continued the same this semester with his students in this University.

Prof. Dewey prepared a list of the thirteen types of actions and asked his students to rank them from the best to the worst thus: number one to mark the best action, number two to mark the second-best action etc. Number 13 will thus stand for the worst of these actions.

The thirteen types of actions are as follows: the letter E in parenthesis stand for Montineau's European students. D for Dartmouth's students. N for Nebraska students. The numbers beside these letters indicate the ranking by these respective students: ie, American students ranked power as Number 12, while European students ranked the same as number 6.

### Actions done:

From the appetite for food and sex E:11; D:6; N:8

From the simple desire to use up energy as in play E:10; D:5; N:5

From the feeling of aversion to something, because it has hurt us, or threatens to hurt us (that is, from motives of antipathy, or fear, or resentment) E:7; D:10; N:10

From the feeling of gratitude toward our parents or generosity toward our neighbors. E:3; D:1; N:1

From the feeling of compassion toward the suffering of others. E:2; D:2; N:2

From natural curiosity or the natural sense of beauty E:4; D:3; N:4

From reverence E:1; D:4; N:3

In order to achieve ease and sensual pleasure E:12; D:8; N:6

In order to achieve power E:6; D:12; N:12

In order to obtain money E:9; D:11; N:9

In order to express hatred of another, or distrust of another or revenge one's self on another E:13; D:13; N:13

In order to indulge one's sympathetic feelings in a sentimental fashion E:8; D:9; N:7

In order to achieve some secondary satisfaction from scientific, artistic, or religious activity, rather than in order to discover truth, create beauty, or worship God E:5; D:7; N:11

From the above one would observe the great shift of values, from 19th century to 20th century, European students to American students.

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Reverence gives way to ethics in religion. The desire for power is ranked low by the American students.

Another very significant shift of values that can be observed is that the American students ranked higher than the European students in their actions done from the appetite for food and sex. The same is also observed with their actions done "in order to achieve ease and sensual pleasure. Another factor that the American students ranked high is their actions done "from the simple desire to use up energy as in play."

Prof. Dewey hopes to have completed his survey with five hundred students in Dartmouth and in Nebraska by the end of summer. However I thought it might be interesting to observe his preliminary results.

Why not make this a hobby? Try the above thirteen categories with your friends and see how they rank them. Probably the results might give you a clue to understanding them better. I tried with my fiance and she ranked "in order to obtain money" as number 1. Isn't that miserable?!!



## Daily Nebraskan Letterip

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by the Tribunal, it appears the proper judge of that is the student against whom the charge has been filed.

If the student himself doesn't want her and her glaring white lights at the hearing, there is no equitable reason for her to be there. If the event that a student feels the accomplishment of justice requires the presence of Miss Maxwell, he may, by following proper procedure, request an open hearing.

In conclusion, it appears that Miss Maxwell has lost sight of something higher than scandal news in attempting to supplement the decisions of the Tribunal with her glaring white light. The accomplishment of justice does not require the assistance of Miss Maxwell. It would not be an overstatement to say that neither does it require the assistance of the Daily Nebraskan.

Larry Frazier

### Hoping

To the Editor: As a student who feels that too few big attractions make the University and as one who greatly enjoyed the Kingston Trio, I greet Bob Handy's suggestion that a \$1.25 be added to the tu-

tion to cover the cost of big ame entertainment with gle.

I would gladly fork over a buck and 25 centavos for that kind of amusement any day — let alone a whole school year full of it!

Here's hoping that the Rag, the Union, the Greeks, the GDI's and all manner of other people get behind this idea and make it go.

Forward looking

Get WILDROOT CREAM-OIL Charlie!



J. GUTENBERG, bookmaker, says: "If you want hair that's neat, not greasy, you're just the type for Wildroot!"



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