

Editorial Comment:

Popular Backing for Bernstein

Sen. Jack Romans of Ord has withdrawn his controversial proposal to investigate the hiring practices of the University law school.

He prejudiced his withdrawal on a reported promise by University officials that they would investigate themselves.

The University at the same time denied that the Regents had committed themselves to an investigation but had only asked Romans for any information he had on employment practices.

Whatever the outcome of this new turn of events, the much discussed resolution is no longer before the legislature.

We might conjecture that it has been withdrawn because reaction in many quarters was opposed to an investigation.

If anyone has ever received a resounding vote of confidence from his associates, it is Prof. Merton Bernstein.

A deluge of letterips and statements have filtered into the Daily Nebraskan office in the past week. Two resolutions supporting the professor and signed by his students have been included in the mass of mail.

An analysis of one resolution reveals a few interesting facts about Prof. Bernstein's supporters.

One of the documents is from freshmen law students currently taking classes under the professor. Most of these men are political conservatives. If it had been up to them to vote on the bill drafted by Prof. Bernstein for Gov. Brooks, they probably would have turned it down.

At the same time, they would have recognized Prof. Bernstein's inalienable right to draft such a bill and appear in

its behalf before a committee of the Legislature.

They would have recognized the professor's right to belong to any organization that did not advocate the violent overthrow of the U.S. government and his right to resign from any organization without stigma.

The other document is from a group of senior students. These men are not currently taking courses from Bernstein but they remain convinced that the professor "imparts to his students a fair and sound presentation" of labor law.

These men, too, would probably class themselves as political conservatives, but when it comes to defending the rights of the individual, they are Jeffersonian liberals.

Not only have students come to Prof. Bernstein's defense, but the Lincoln newspapers have also adopted a "what for" attitude toward Romans' resolution to investigate law school hiring policies.

Moreover, the statements of some of Romans' colleagues haven't gotten a very favorable reaction from the public. Letters to the Omaha World Herald have called a statement by Senator Cooper of Humboldt a "McCarthyism."

Senator Cooper said, "For the benefit of the youth of Nebraska and to preserve their pureness in thinking, we must eliminate these left-wing thinking educators."

The implications of this statement run to such distasteful terms as "Brain Washing" and "Thought Control." It is hard to believe that a state senator could make a statement as ridiculous.

However, such recriminations are now unnecessary in view of yesterday's move. The rights of the individual have so far been successfully protected.

But the whole affair has been a warning to Nebraskans. It is an example of what might happen if public opinion is indifferent.

As for any investigation by the University, it ought to be exiled to limbo with the Mitchell affair and other cases of that ilk.

Insanity

Our apologies to Alpha Gamma Sigma. We know you won Spring Day and so did everyone else who watched the games Friday.

Our night news editor who wrote the headline claiming that Farm House won has pleaded temporary insanity resulting from lack of sleep.

Americans Still Top Science Fiction

Yesterday, the news wires carried a story about a Russian scientist who thinks the moons of Mars are artificial satellites sent up before the Martian race died off for lack of oxygen.

The catch is that Americans are way ahead of the Russians in this field of conjecture. Prof. Walter Scott Houston, a Kansas State English instructor and part time astronomer included just such a hypothesis in the April Fool edition of the "Great Plains Observer."

If the Russians really want to compete with the U.S. in all fields they will have to sharpen up on their science fiction. American comic books have given us about a 30 year lead.

The Spectrum

Still dull.

That was what the Student Council campaign once again was this spring.

The acting members of the Council opened the doors to shrewd campaigners by taking away many restrictions on use of posters, etc., but still a few signs — some original, more not-made the extent of the campaign by most of the candidates.

It seems campaigners would rather remain close to anonymity than to start a take-notice policy for publicity. And others, notably IFC-backed candidates, sat back and relaxed to allow members of the campus fraternities to vote them into office.

Perhaps the feeling was that if a candidate wasn't too loud in his campaign tactics, that he wouldn't be expected to be a take-over guy in the Council, either. That's negative thinking.

High Time

Campus sub rosas had a festive weekend with the rest of the campus, judging from the new signs and yellow papers in view.

But then again there weren't too many papers this year. Perhaps the financial status as well as the grade average of the P1 XI's is going down. The grade average doesn't look like it could be too high. Only 13 persons are picked for that hooded senior men's honorary, not 17.

Perhaps predictions for next year could include a list of all the male members of



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Daily Nebraskan Letterips

Law Students

The undersigned law students, as past members of Professor Merton Bernstein's Labor Law class, wish to make known to the people of the State of Nebraska the facts concerning Professor Bernstein's teaching of the Labor Law course.

1. We consider ourselves fortunate in having a professor with his ability and experience in the legislation and administration of labor law.

2. We consider ourselves fortunate in having a professor with the ability to impart to his students a "fair and sound" and highly competent presentation of the many facets of the law governing labor-management relations.

3. We consider ourselves fortunate in being able to associate with a professor who takes an active interest in his students, in the University by which he is employed, and in the state wherein he resides.

4. From our association we are convinced that Professor Bernstein's loyalty as an American and integrity as a person are above question.

5. We feel that the people of the state and the students of the University cannot afford to lose a man of Professor Bernstein's caliber.

- Joe P. Baldwin, Ted Kessner, Philip Sorenson, Mary Green, Robert D. Hill, Dave Keene, Peter M. Andersen, Kenneth P. Weiner, Robert Coy, James Hancock

mind of those poor misguided individuals such as Schweitzer, Goethe, Jesus Christ, Mohammed, etc., who have disillusioned the rest of us with the hope that perhaps man might be capable of creating a purpose for himself just as he has attempted to make use of the physical resource at his disposal.

However, do not feel that you have lost all purpose in life. You serve the rest of humanity as excellent specimens demonstrating the worth of a defeated "nothing." You are indeed living proof that evolution certainly hasn't produced a perfect product by any means.

Non-Greek Karl Flaming

Not Perfect

To the Editor: Beatniks:

Needless to say I was impressed by your realistic concept of man. Your clear perception of reality lends no doubt to my poor inadequate "Bourgeois-tinted perspective" that there are at least some who have finally grasped the ultimate truth. It serves as a re-

Just to prove that I can do it, I'm writing this column without the supreme intention of being nasty. In fact, I'll even try to be nice

— if only by my standards. Of course I can't please everyone, and being a profound thinker, I will probably please no one. The only reason I'm trying this absurd stunt of "being nice" is that it is a challenge.

In the first place, I would like to praise my French instructor because he tries real hard. My gosh how he tries! I try hard too. And I'd like to praise the French people for their tremendous achievement in learning to speak French.

Another educational achievement was scored by Mr. Gage in a course labeled "Educational Psychology." He told the funniest stories. Dig me, dad, that was a real course!

Dr. Bruce Waters deserves special tribute for demonstrating the "power of negative thinking." As a top notch philosopher, Dr. Waters has developed that art to devastating proportions. He could take a dry subject like Logic and make it even drier, or again, he could make it come to life and win the humor award. I've often wanted to ask him, "Does p imply q?"

I want to praise the sun for shining, and it's a good thing I don't write this column in July.

I want to praise the Student Tribunal for leaving me alone and let's just keep it that way.

I want to praise the editor of this paper for saving



"Buck"

lots of trouble by censoring this column, and not too rigorously. My column in favor of legalized prostitution was really too rational for mere undergraduates to read anyway.

Plaudits to Barbara Wilson, the "say anything" girl, for restoring new freedom to an illiberal era.

Congratulations to scores of others, including millions I don't personally know, for not doing anything in particular. The less we do, the closer we come to perfection which is non-existence. Non-existence has no weight, and an imbalance is created by the weight of existence.

Special thanks to Fillistine Eliot, a Chi Omigosh, for reading this column, also to William Hunter and Paul Baldface, members of the Play-dumb Society, for the same reason.

Oh hang this trash! Praise makes dull reading (except for those who are praised). I am reminded of the mealtime prayer that my sister used to render: "We thank you, Lord For the birds we eat . . ." Or where my brother would say, "I'm going to say grace. Grace!"

Melvin Ekkeberry

Considerable Speck

Of all the dangers, both internal and external, that can threaten the existence of a democratic society, the most frightening is the lack of a far sighted and tolerant citizenry. This lack becomes all the more alarming when evidenced in the law-makers of that society, the legislature.



Freed

The recent attack on the Law College and in particular Prof. Merton Bernstein by Sen. Romans and four other state senators is evidence that ignorance and shortsightedness is predominant in the minds of at least five of the members of the state legislature.

One of the most valuable contributions that a university can make to its student body is to provide a faculty of well-trained personnel capable of original thinking regardless of their political background or past associations. In other words, it is the duty of any good university to provide an atmosphere of academic freedom in which the students have the opportunity to learn from a faculty that can operate free from pressure as to its beliefs and associations.

Prof. Bernstein is being attacked for belonging to the Americans for Democratic Action, a liberal organization subscribed to by such distinguished people as Eleanor Roosevelt, Governor Stevenson and Hubert Humphrey who served as Secretary of the Treasury under President Eisenhower. The ADA is as loyal an organization as the self-proclaimed patriots of the American Legion. The ADA has never been on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations, neither has it been listed as being a front for communism.

Prof. Bernstein has broken no law by his association with the ADA. He is being subjected to a most vile attack merely because of his private political views. Such an attack is as stupid and nonsensical as seeking the dismissal of a professor because he belongs to the Democratic Party or the American Legion.

The action sought for in this resolution is no more defensible than the prevention of the teaching of German in schools that took place during World War I.

As a student of Prof. Bernstein's I can attest that he has never attempted to influence his students in any manner as to his political views or associations. He has always presented the material to be discussed conscientiously and in a most sincere and objective

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