Editorial Comment:

Vienna Festival Calls For American Caution

Throughout the semester, our office has been bombarded by material concerning the World Youth Festival to be held in Vienna, Austria from July 26 to Aug. 4.

Most of this material is from the communist side and it is no better than most Americans would expect communist propaganda to be. That is, pretty transparent, not very believable and very badly written.

On the other hand, several publications have been received which have objectively reported on the festival and the possible consequences of Americans participating in it.

The festival coming up will be the seventh such gathering since the end of World War II. The last one was held in Moscow in 1957 and quite a few Americans attended. For those who may be contemplating it this time we might review some facts about the big youth carnivals.

They are sponsored by two communist front international youth movements, the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students. Usually, they are held in one of the Communist capitals, but this year, for the first time, a site in the free world has been chosen.

In the past, some American youth groups have fallen to the communist blandishments and openly supported the festivals. This time, however, no American youth group has done so. This throws a mighty big monkey wrench into the communist gears. This means that they can no longer claim that even capitalist countries have young people who reject "sterile western democracy."

Even Austrian youth groups have re-fused to support the festival in spite of its location. So violent has been their opposition to it that the Austrian people, who were at first noncommittal about the project, are so stirred up that plans are being made to transfer the carnival to nearby

Another One?

In case you haven't noticed, a new sub rosa organization has joined the pair that have been ensconcing their names for posterity on the sidewalks of the Univer-

The new organization hasn't written anybody a letter yet, so we're not sure what its name is. But its symbol is a green Z smeared liberally over the signs of its two competitors.

We await with breathless anticipation the first edition of the "Zorro" press.

Prague (in communist Czechoslovakia) if things should get out of hand.

A letter from Senator Hubert Humphrey makes perfectly clear what the American student's attitude should be toward the festival if he plans to attend.

The American should make it understood that he represents no organizations in the United States and is there strictly on his own. Moreover, he should not allow the "state fair" atmosphere to draw him into concessions to the new "soft" communist

In conclusion the letter makes a point which we feel is a pretty good one. Senator Humphrey points out that a group of articulate, well informed American students, participating on their own, can do much to enhance the United States.

If they will make a fight of it with the facts, it will be pretty hard for the Communist delegations to make the festival what they would like it to be-an indoctrination session for those from the world's uncommitted regions.

Faculty Asked To Favor SC Dead Day Plan

Today the Faculty Senate will consider the Student Council's proposal for a "dead day" for reading and review before finals

We won't go over the reasons why the Faculty Senate should adopt this proposal. We stated those clearly in an earlier edi-

We would like to commend the Student Council for its work on this project. Few things the Council has done this year have been as worthy.

When the old two week exam schedule went out, stduents were at a loss for an adequate substitute. The pressure of cramming for most of the three hour finals into the first week created quite a strain on the retentive powers of the reviewing student. And anybody who says students don't have to review much for finals if they have kept up with class, is not being very realistic about the amount of material covered by University level courses.

The solution proposed by the Council may not replace the old two week schedule for exams. But if we can't have that, we have at least got, in the Council suggestion, a practical, workable and very necessary program.









Daily Nebraskan Letterips

Objective

To the Editor:

I have read the replies to the "Beatnik" letter with some amusement. No one has yet attempted to interpret it in an objective way. Neither praise nor ridicule are appropriate for an objective view of the "Beatnik" protest. Certainly it is a trend that points out a number of interesting ideas. It is basically, as far as I can see, a strong literary movement represented by Kerouac, Ginsberg, and others.

The movement points up the malaise that most of us feel but find so hard to admit to ourselves and others. This feeling is one of of spiritual bankruptcy in which "God is dead. Man has killed him" as Nietzsche so aptly pointed out.

Mr. William Barrett has pointed out this bankruptcy in a very fine book "Irrational Man," a study in existential philosophy. He shows that modern art and literature are products of a bankrupt culture. I realize this is a debatable point but it is something we can't ignore. Faulkner shows us this is so called bankruptcy in "The Sound and the Fury," where Quentin Compson tears the hands from his wrist watch symbolizing the continuous movement of time while we have no idea of its meaning, thus causing it to be an empty sound to men or, to borrow from H. G. Wells',

Over the last two weeks

I have been called an athe-

ist, a "say-anything" girl,

a "say-nothing" girl, and

other names too numerous

beer, ignoring studying in

the hope that it will go

away, and in my own per-verted way, just as religi-

ous, as the next person. So,

I am about to launch into a

long, boring dissertation in

defense of the Little Peo-

ple, the Conventional Ones,

the dull group, of which I am a part, which forms the

Backbone of Our Universi-

I will not beatnique

around the bush. (Lousy

pun.) The beatniques, ob-

viously subversives, are

trying to undermine our

political, moral, and ment-

al health. How can we stand

by, in our khaki's and ivy-

leagues and striped blazers,

and allow the campus to

characters in t-shirts and

toreador pants, with six

inches of anatomy (between

the ankle and the cuff, of

course) in plain sight? Dis-

graceful. We owe it to the

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"The Country of the Blind." The "Beatnik" then is a symbol of this emptiness. Existentialism also is a reaction against this degra-dation of man, and the movement deserves consideration as offering some in-

sight into this problem. Oswald Spengler, Arnold Toynbee and Petrim Sorokin have also attempted to portray this feeling of dec-adence that many feel is part of Western culture. Whether this is true or not remains to be seen; cerreached a pseudo es-istence. What is important here is that we begin to think and not accept values blindly. William White in "The Organization Man" has shown that just because the majority determines truth, they may be in error. I am certain the majority thought Hitler was right. The Existentialist, the "Beatnik," and the "prophets of doorn" all deserve an objective hearing from-what shall I call our generation? -maybe the "Apathetic eGneration," for the name fits us better than any other

coined so far. I would be the first to admit that the "Beatnik" movement is very imma-ture and childish, but it perhaps can help by pointing out the need for a reevaluation of our values and maybe . . . with luck, it may make one or two people begin to think about

the scope of colleges down to Teachers College and En-

gineering. Only average

work should be encouraged.

Those who do above aver-

age work should be pun-

ished by permanent suspen-

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below average can-always

be put to work as janitors,

along with the teachers

from the disbanded depart-

As long as the best is

none too good, we're okay.

Eventually, we may be able

to brainwash everybody in-

to thinking that there is

actually nothing better than

average. Everyone, in this Little People's paradise,

will look alike, think alike,

talk alike, and be alike.

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where we are headed in a world that is, if not chaotic, certainly disorganized.

Harry Easton

Ears

To the Editor:

Although some may feel that the adult education program at this University is already sufficiently extensive, I believe it should have one more course, dealing specifically with "How to Talk Softly on the Telephone." Registration for this course should be compulsory for all librarians now employed on the cam-

I would like to add for the benefit of those to whom this seems overly harsh criticism that I have the law behind me concerning the concealed megaphones which I suspect are now being used.

Ralph Waldo Ears

come obsessed with materialism and religion has A Few Words Of A Kind

Living in a University community helps to remind one that youth is eternal. Why each spring there emerges horde after horde of diligent

young fellows w h o special i ze in such scholarly activiti e s as cap popping and dripbeer ping. Tradi-

tionally the TNEs and PiXis have been dominant figures in these feats of bravo and dash and dilettanteism. For years these boys of brew have

been accused of everything except the hiring of chancellors and the imposition of sometimes partial judgments by AWS on miswayfaring coeds. Year after year smug columnists would defy these demons of the dark and drop a nasty word here and there about "those no good sub rosa" groups, hoping to be beaten severely or have their cars moted to the rank of Martyr for the Great Cause of Above-Boardism. But, alas,

too few of them were mar-

tyred and they had to re-

turn to hacknyed topics like

fraternity morals and the

exorbitant charge of coffee

in the Crib.

Bless or Curse The TNEs and the PiXis. bless or curse their secret little hides, have by no means disappeared from the scene this year. Their work, however, has seemed to suffer. Where they were once steady enough-at least the PiXis, who apparently created the art-to paint their symbols for posterity with bold free hands, they have now apparently

reverted to uninspired use of the stencil. This, of course, can be expected. Every great school of art sooner or later begins to slip into bad habits.

Eccentric

But what makes this spring especially exciting is that some wild, eccentric youths have joined the United Youth Movement of Walk Splatterers. About a half-dozen crude Zorro "Zs" were slapped on the pavements of fraternity and sorority walks this last week raising speculation that perhaps the poor independents have arisen at last to add more color to the night.

My sources are totally unreliable, but if rumors are true and the independents are beginning to paint their way to the top it is obvious that we Greeks need protection. Is the administration going to stand around and watch carefully stenciled TNE and PiXi signs maliciously defaced? Heaven forbid! Call up the campus cops!

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Conservative Estimate

I am considerably less bitter about the accomplishments of this year's Student Council than certain other Nebraskan columnists.

It was through their efforts alone that student seniority was preserved in the registration system we have now. Today another of the Council's projects,

the extra day study before final exams comes before the Faculty Senate. The Council has worked hard on this and the least we can do is show our support. Chuck Huston, chairman of the Council final exam committee has spent

sons for this change. Bob Blair, Council calendar committee, and many others have combined to take this thing as far as it has gone.

many hours on research and more on pre-

paring a report giving the necessary rea-

The faculty committee on final exams has agreed to support the measure. There is only one step left: that is the Faculty Senate which meets at 4 p.m. today. The Council has presented many argu-

ments in favor of the change and has received very few offering good reasons why it shouldn't be instituted. The biggest argument received by the

Council when the proposal was in its initial stages is the old statement "most of the students wouldn't use it anyway." Here Council president Dwaine Rogge

took what I thought was an admirable stand. He told the Council, "So what, the purpose of this University is to educate ns. If an extra day of study time before finals makes reveiwing more effective and wil lenable us to learn more and raise our grades, the mere fact that a few students will use the time to poor advantage should not be considered."

Rogge explained that in his opinion if only 25% of the students used the time to good advantage it would be worth it.

This percentage seemed a conservative

estimate in view of the many letters the Council has received in favor of the proposal. Usually the students who bothered to write were ones who had really been hurt with several important finals all bunched at the beginning of the week.

First Tuesday

(I have a close friend who has four finals this semester. Three of them are on the first Tuesday.)

The Student Council deserves special commendation for undertaking this endeavor for one reason not immediately apparent. None of them will benefit from it. Every member of the Council that did all the work advancing this improvement as far as it has gone will have graduated by the time it goes into effect, in 1960-61.

A group which will undertake a project to benefit future students certainly is worthy of our support.

So here's what I'd like you all to do. Run up to your nearest instructor. Collar him carefully and proceed to explain the benefits of the Council's extra day of study. Ideas should not be hard to find with finals looming closer and closer.

Explain to them that we don't want the time for cramming but only for an adequate job of review. It is a known fact that many instructors give hour exams on the last day of classes. A student's time consequently is occupied for the most part until classes are over.

If he is hit with a double whammy right off the bat there is only time for a frantic cramming session. The extra day would eliminate this situation in most cases.

A full 24 hour study period can make a big difference in a final grade when some finals count as much as 1/2 the course. Note to the faculty: Get out to that sen-

ate meeting and VOTE. John Hoerner

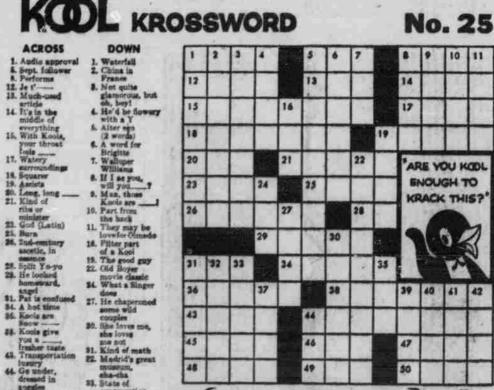
Barbara Wilson

datory on this campus. Perhaps some sort of a uniform could be issued to each student upon registration.

Nonconformity

Nonconformity must be wiped out at any cost. As far as religion is concerned. the answer is simple. Tear down Andrews and Morrill Halls and construct a big church with a steeple and stained glass windows. Require everybody to attend the eleven o'clock service. During the week, the church basement could be used for square dances and ping pong tournaments.

Getting rid of Andrews and Morrill would also help rid the campus of two departments, too subversive, to mention, which have been highly suspected of encouraging free, individual thinking and expression. Gradually, we could narrow



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