

Editorial Comment:

# New Romans Charges Have Familiar Proofs

Same song, second verse. That is the only thing that can be deduced from new charges made by state Senator Jack Romans implicating two additional Law College professors in shady deals and organizations.

Earlier Senator Romans scoured Prof. Merton Bernstein for belonging, at one time, to the Americans for Democratic Action. When it became apparent that there was nothing really wrong with this, Senator Romans withdrew a resolution to investigate the hiring practices of the Law College.

Wednesday Senator Romans was back on the floor of the Unicameral at the same old stand—and still selling wormy apples.

He charged that Caleb Foote, a former professor in the law school, had been twice convicted of a felony. He charged that Prof. Frederick Beutel, former dean of the college had been a member of a Communist front organization.

Investigating the charges, the Daily Nebraskan has found the following:

1.) Caleb Foote was indeed twice convicted of a felony. Foote was a conscientious objector during World War II and he served time for violation of the Selective Service Act. In 1947, he was pardoned by President Harry Truman.

Caleb Foote's mother was a Quaker. His father, now retired, was a Unitarian minister. Although he is not officially a member of any church, he was strongly influenced by his mother's teaching. Quakers are pacifists. For them war and

physical violence of any kind are a sin. That precludes even football, boxing and wrestling among the strict members of the sect. Many of them refused to serve in the armed services during the war.

One can hardly condemn a man for following the dictates of his conscience in a religious matter. The constitution, we notice, has a clause covering this.

2.) Frederick Beutel was indeed a member of the Committee for Medical Freedom. This is the organization which Senator Romans claims was a Communist front group. To prove his point he quoted from the American Mercury Magazine of 1953 which stated, "The Committee for Medical Freedom is one of the newest units of the Communist front apparatus."

Now the Committee might have rated high on the American Mercury list of Communist front organizations, but it apparently escaped the attention of the FBI. The Daily Nebraskan has access to the list of subversive organizations used as a check by the Atomic Energy Commission, one of the most security conscious agencies of the Federal Government. The Committee is nowhere listed as either Communist, Fascist or what-have-you by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Furthermore, the author of the Mercury article was dismissed from Senator Joseph McCarthy's staff soon after the article appeared. The same author who wrote this article wrote another indicting 100 churchmen as Communists.

3.) There is nothing wrong with being a liberal. Extensive research of the Constitution of the nation leads the Daily Nebraskan to conclude that there is no prohibition therein as to political sympathies. This is modified by the Smith act to prohibit membership in organizations advocating the forcible overthrow of the Constitution or the government of the nation. The Smith Act says nothing about liberals.

This paper has never been noted for its liberal sentiments on aid to education, federal spending, labor or government in business. In view of these past sentiments, we could be classified as conservatives.

But we still think professors Beutel and Bernstein should be allowed to be liberals if they like. And both of these gentlemen have told us that we can be as conservative as we wish.

Now, if Sen. Romans could adopt the same attitude things might get back to normal.

Since he won't it might be a good idea to let him investigate to his heart's content. When he finds nothing wrong, he will go away and not bother us again.

### Good Book

In case nobody knows about it yet, the Cornhuskers are here.

And our friends in the other office have come up with another good product. Congratulations on a good book, kids.

And by the way, all you lost souls, the Cornhusker office is to the right as you come in the door of Room 20, Student Union. Signs are posted to direct strangers wishing to pick up their books.

So now we won't have to ask all those pesky questions, will we?

## Violence No Way To Influence Legislature

University students nearly made a tragic mistake Thursday morning.

Some of the hotheads, who remained anonymous in their phone calls to us, tried to stir up a mass march on the Legislature.

Their aim was a good one. They wanted to protest the charges made by Senator Jack Romans concerning the University College of Law. They were behind the University all the way.

But their method was faulty. We hope that they won't resort to this method again.

We must realize that most of the members of the Legislature are behind the University. But a protest march by an uncontrolled mob would have alienated the senators before the University's point could be made.

There are other means than violent ones by which to support an individual point of view before an assembly representing the people. Letters, telegrams, telephone calls and visits to the representatives are the proper channels for expressing public opinion.

And we urge you to use them, no matter what your opinion. They are the means by which our senators are informed of the temper of their constituents. They are the means which influence his vote—violence never does.



## Daily Nebraskan Letterrips

### But He Does!

To the Editor:

I see the Nebraskan is still insisting there is such a person as Melvin Eiklerberry. You may be interested to know there are more people than you think who refuse to swallow this story. If you had really wanted us to believe you, you should have: 1) picked a less improbable name and 2) expressed opinions in this column which were a little less preposterous and a little more consistent.

Del Johnson

### Far Enough

To the Editor:

Sen. Romans' criticism of the Nebraska Law College has gone far enough! This childish vendetta has taxed

the patience of most of us.

First, we find Sen. Romans declaring that Merton Bernstein is unfit to teach at the University, the main reason being, I'm sure, because Mr. Bernstein's ideas are more liberal than are those of Sen. Romans.

Second, a former professor of law, Caleb Foote, is referred to by Sen. Romans as a "convicted felon." Here, reference is apparently made to the fact that Foote was imprisoned during World War II for being a conscientious objector. This does not, I think, constitute Mr. Foote in the same class as a "sneak thief," as Sen. Romans reference to him would have us believe, unless having the courage to

stand by one's religious convictions constitutes a criminal personality.

Thirdly, Sen. Romans has criticized law professor Frederick Beutel as a person "with an affinity for membership in organizations of dubious character."

As a student of Mr. Beutel's for two years, I feel I can vouch for his integrity and academic abilities as being beyond reproach from any demagogic attack. In fact, I feel that this can be said for the entire Law College faculty.

Finally, reference has been made to various political groups as being "subversive," etc. In fact, major criticism has been centered around their membership in these various organizations. In checking the U.S. Attorney General's

List of Subversive Organizations, I do not find the Committee for Medical Freedom listed; I do not find the American Civil Liberties Union listed.

It seems to me that whatever information Sen. Romans has as the subversive activities of any of these groups should be turned over at once to the Department of Justice, since the entire machinery of the United States government hasn't yet been able to turn up any such evidence.

I feel it's time we faced this issue squarely. Knowing that education can survive only in an atmosphere of free thinking, we must declare ourselves opposed to any actions that would infringe upon the principles of academic freedom.

Butler D. Shaffer

## Photoplay

The setting is Chicago, February of 1929. Spats Colombo (George Raft) and his "boys" line up and mow down members of a rival gang in a desolate garage. Unfortunately, two unemployed musicians, Joe and Jerry (Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, respectively) witness the slaughter and decide, because Spats has seen them, to disappear on their own alive before he prompts his own approach to the idea. Penniless, and fearing for their lives, Joe and Jerry dress as women and join an all-girl orchestra headed for Miami Beach. At this point the fun begins in "Some Like It Hot."



West

### Believable

Billy Wilder, a brilliant writer and director, with the rare talent of periodically restoring real comedy to films ("Roman Holiday," "Stalag 17," "Love in the Afternoon"), has taken a silly situation and made it not only hilarious, but even believable. His cast, assisted by such able stand-by as Pat O'Brien, Joe E. Brown and George Stone, contribute greatly to the farce. Marilyn Monroe appears prominently (as one might expect), and warbles a few songs of the day, including such hits as "I Wanna Be Loved By You" and "Running Wild." But perhaps the real trouper of the show are Curtis and Lemmon, who during the film's production, must have learned that it's tough to be a woman—especially if you're a man. "Some Like It Hot" is a Varsity attraction.

### Six Oscars

The last of this year's Union Movie offerings is the six time Academy Award winner, "The Bad and the Beautiful." Directed by "Gigi's" Vincente Minnelli, the picture presents the sordid account of a Hollywood producer (Kirk Douglas) who sets out to win everything he ever wanted—at any cost. Complications, including assorted studio characters in the form of Lana Turner, Walter Pidgeon, Dick Powell, Barry Sullivan, Gloria Grahame, Gilbert Roland and Leo G. Carroll, make life difficult for a while—and these conflicts make the picture interesting. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

*John C. West*

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## Casual Observer

With just one small change—like being born somewhere else, all these senior-type individuals ambling around campus bothering busy people, might be heading for a graduation ceremony of a slightly different sort. Like instead of moving a tassel across a mortar board to having a bone inserted through their noses.



Diana

At least that's the latest word on graduation around the world. A Researcher for Underwood Corporation came up with the following facts about the big days:

Eskimos get their "diplomas" by padding from some lost place back home in a kayak. Bantu tribesmen paint their faces with blobs of home-made paint to designate his chosen profession—warrior, hunter, craftsman or priest.

Melanesian boys who succeed in living in the wilderness for a week with no equipment but the clothes on their back and a knife, really have it made when they get back to the village.

The clan throws the biggest party of its existence. The hero can do no wrong for the following week. He may kiss any girl he wishes, drop in for supper anywhere, drink himself senseless—anything he wants.

### Normally Sane

Somehow, I can't help but see a parallel here. Something gets into normally sane individuals about the time they hit the midway point in the last, final, and fin-

ishing semester, and suddenly they become different persons.

Former activity jocks start haunting their former hangouts, bugging the youngsters who have taken over their desks. This harassment takes the form of leaning back in their chairs, puffing a cigarette and discussing casually the wonders of being out of it. They sit around and complain about all the spare time they suddenly have, but at the same time, mention pointedly having taken off six afternoons in the past week to hit Casey's.

### Jobs

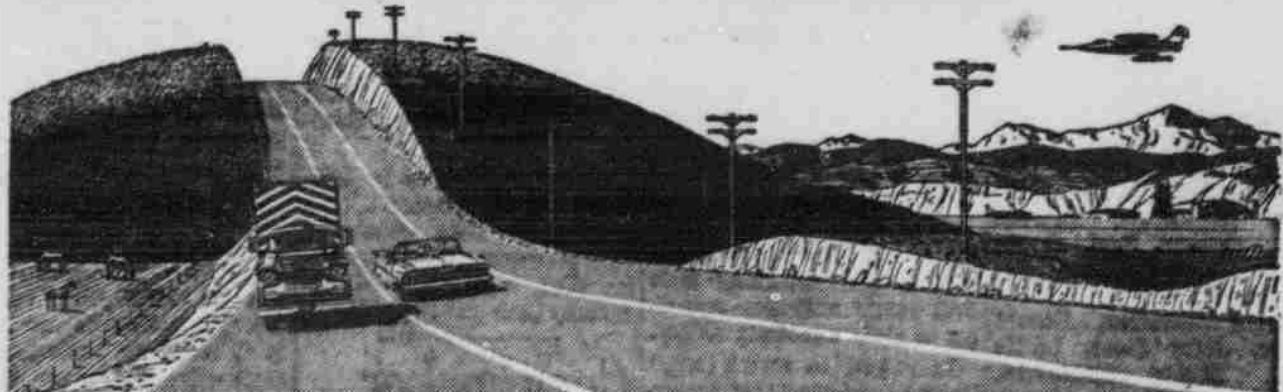
And if my roommate is any indication of what hits most seniors, it's a wonder any graduates ever accept jobs. Never have I seen any one individual less interested in doing anything after graduation. Work seems out of the question, also school. From what I gather, the next several months will be spent by her either sitting in a chair staring into space, or else draped across a plot of sand on a beach somewhere.

It's really rough being an underclassman at this time of the year, because the complete unconcern with things academic on the part of these senior-type people is one of the most contagious maladies ever yet discovered.

### Thanks

Incidentally, many thanks to Bob Martel, who did a very nice job of filling in for me. Also, thanks for the pack of Marlboro's which is the only sign in my now-famous drawer that Bob occupied the m.e.'s chair for a couple of days.

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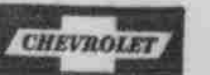
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