

Editorial Comment:

# Accusations Damaging Even if Unsupported

You can always develop little better conception of an individual's attitudes and ideas if you can have a personal conversation with him.

We found this to be true in the case of

## Don't Look Now But We May Win a Big 8 Flag

A couple of weeks ago, we spied an article on the sports page of one of the state's leading dailies bemoaning the fact that for the first time in lots of years, Nebraska was not going to have an athletic team finishing in the first division of any Big Eight title race.

However, the situation has changed a little since then.

Athletic Director Don Faurot of the University of Missouri has literally pushed the Huskers kicking and screaming into the first division of the conference baseball race.

It seems that the honorable Mr. Faurot discovered that undefeated Missouri had used an ineligible player in all its Big Eight games. As a result, Nebraska earned three wins by forfeit.

That gave the Huskers a 6-4 conference record going into a weekend series with—of all people—Oklahoma. The Sooners were not out of the running either and their record looked much better than Nebraska's.

But Husker coach, Tony Sharpe, one of the wildest strategists in the Big Eight (he's never had a losing season), used everybody but the bat boy to pull out three straight one run decisions, 4-3, 2-1, 5-4.

In the meantime, Iowa State was taking two of three from league leading Oklahoma State. The wins left three teams in contention for the title, Nebraska, Iowa State and Oklahoma State.

With each team having just three games left, the Huskers are in an ideal position. They play the conference doormat, Kansas State—a club that hasn't won all year. A Nebraska sweep would leave them with a .750 win percentage.

Oklahoma State now has a 15-3 record. One more win and they finish champs 16-5. But the club they have to play is Missouri—whose ineligible player hasn't been missed in recent games.

And Iowa State must sweep three from Colorado to win. The hitch there is a fellow named Jim Puelo, Colorado's ace twirler who will be almost a sure thing to stop the Cyclones once anyway.

Somebody has left the back door to the Big Eight trophy room open. And Tony Sharpe's determined crew might just shoo horn in for Husker glory.

Everyone keep their fingers crossed.

state Senator Jack Romans. After lunching with him and Senator Burbach Friday, we felt that we could understand Senator Romans' charges about the University Law College a bit better.

Not condone them, but at least understand them.

Senator Romans is a sincere person. He is the type of man that would make anybody a good neighbor. A family man and self-made businessman without a college education, he is, in many ways, the American example of success.

In the trucking business, Senator Romans ran into the same labor problems that small lines all over the nation have had with the Teamsters Union. Though his employees had a right not to belong to a union under Nebraska's right to work law, pressure was brought to bear by members of the Teamsters through secondary boycotts.

Testimony taken by the United States Senate Labor Rackets Committee in Nebraska showed that this pressure ran to violence at times. Trucks often were not allowed to load at docks operated by firms in interstate commerce whose employees were Teamsters members.

This explains Senator Romans' interest in labor and labor problems in Nebraska.

As a member of the Legislature's Labor Committee, Senator Romans came in contact with the liberal attitudes of the faculty at the University College of Law.

At the same time, Senator Romans says he came in contact with a group of Lincoln attorneys who held this attitude suspect. Together, they began to check into the background of members of the faculty in the law school.

The conclusions and accusations that resulted from this investigation are pretty well known to most students by now. And the value of them as concrete evidence is also pretty obvious.

In conclusion, we reiterate that Senator Romans and his backers are sincere. Unfortunately, they are sincerely wrong.

Moreover, their charges are damaging to the reputation of the University. Once an accusation is printed, no matter how prominently and conclusively it is denied, some people will still continue to believe it.

That is the tragedy of Senator Romans' actions. And it is the lesson to be learned from the whole unfortunate affair. There are a dozen quotations which might sum up the situation in the Legislature. We think this one fits best:

"Knowledge without action is futile. Action without knowledge is fatal."

Though the actions of Senator Romans may not be fatal, they are certainly damaging. And they were made without the knowledge that could have prevented their rashness.



### A Considerable Speck:

# Law School Charges Ridiculous

I had hoped that the last few columns that I would write would be of the meaningless, cheerful type that usually fill the space on page two of the "Rag." But after reading the article in the Lincoln Journal of May 13, I realize that this was not the time for silly unimportant words.



Freed

As a student in the College of Law and of both Professor Bernstein and Professor Beutel, I most strongly and violently protest the insinuations and accusations of Senator Jack Romans concerning the loyalty of Merton Bernstein and

Frederick Beutel. The babblings of Romans in the Legislature show a complete lack of taste, tolerance, discretion and decency. They are deceitful, fallacious, fraudulent and misleading.

### Old Hat

The attack on Bernstein because of past membership in the ADA is old hat. The ADA is composed of honorable members, which investigation will show. The ADA members are loyal citizens whose devotion to democracy and individual integrity is unquestionable.

As to Bernstein's chairing the American Veterans Committee at Columbia University, the accusation is a half truth which is typical of Romans' charges. Professor Bernstein did serve as chairman of the organiza-

tion soon after the war. The Communists attempted to take over the group nationally. Bernstein and several others fought the Communists. Although the Communists won control of the organization at first, Bernstein stayed in an attempt to rid it of the Red influence. In a second national convention he and his associates were successful in combating the Communists and having them removed from positions of control. In other words, Bernstein successfully fought a Communist attempt to control a patriotic organization whose slogan, by the way, was "Citizens first and veterans second."

### Americans First

The fact that Bernstein was affiliated with the AVC when Communists belonged is no more to be condemned than condemning those who belonged to the America First Movement before WWII because a lot of neo-Nazis also belonged. Bernstein personally feels that his fight to rid the AVC of Communists was one of the most beneficial parts of his education.

To reiterate what I wrote in my last column, Professor Bernstein is a fine conscientious instructor whose loyalty and devotion to the ideal of this republic cannot be questioned. He has not attempted to influence his classes in any political matter whatsoever.

Apparently it is beyond the comprehension of Senator Romans that a man would take a salary cut to teach in a university. It seems beyond his reach that a man could be dedicated to informing students and would not be seeking monetary gain. Well, Senator, unfortunately it is true. Almost every member of the faculty is underpaid, and yet they teach, and they teach with dedication and

cause of his irrational activities. I doubt very much that an intelligent thinking, rational person would take such writing as valid authority.

Taking Romans' suggestion I have inquired as to the thinking of members of Beutel's Constitutional Law Class of which I am a member, and as of yet there have been no objections to Beutel either as to his teaching or his past. As a past Dean of the Law College and as a nationally known authority, Professor Beutel is a credit to the faculty of Nebraska University.

### Toleration

Senator Romans' attack on Dr. Foote is an indication of his complete lack of toleration and understanding of personal liberty. His attack on a person who on conscientious grounds objected to serving in the army is irrational. To attack a man for this and to question the hiring of such a person is to attack a major religion and deny a person opportunities for employment because of his religious beliefs. Dr. Foote was pardoned by the President of the United States in 1947, and was thereby cleared, except in the eyes of a state senator who evidently isn't satisfied with the President's judgment but seeks to smear and defile Foote's name.

The further implication by Romans that the petitions signed by students of Professor Bernstein was obtained fraudulently and was a whitewash is a direct insult to the student body and the attempt of a frightened man whose accusations have been thrown back in his face. Every signature was obtained legitimately and was printed with the complete permission of every student. The statements of the law students were not attempts to whitewash anyone. They were an honest expression of opinion by students who had been instructed by Bernstein and who firmly believed in what the statements expressed.

I welcome the suggestion of Romans that people should talk to law students about Professor Beutel and Professor Bernstein and the manner in which they teach. Such inquiry would only result in the complete affirmation that both instructors are loyal and devoted. If the state Legislature were to have in its members all of the dedication, intelligence and integrity of Professors Bernstein, Beutel and Foote, such foolish charges as have arisen in the past month would not exist, and I would not feel ashamed for the acts of a supposed leader of the state, a member of the lawmaking body of Nebraska. I hope that everyone realizes the foolishness of Romans' irresponsible charges and reacts in such a manner so that the Legislature and Board of Regents will give these accusations the small amount of consideration that they deserve.

## My Little World

Now that school has reached that point of no return, there are many things which over the semester have been left unsaid for various reasons of tact or cowardice. Probably they are better off left unsaid. For many true-blue friends who have been harping that I have shown no fortitude on neglecting to write about a well-known topic, I can only say that I decline. If you don't know to what I refer—never mind. It isn't worth all the fuss anyway! Ivy Day has come and gone, that's all there is to it. It was a lovely rainy day.



Judy

### Parking Lot

At this time last year, I discussed the progress of the new Union and the dusty parking lot. I think they are cementing the whole thing by hand, but other than that it seems to be going up slowly but steadily. I expect to come back in a few years and find the whole thing finished and all the little students becoming degenerate pool-hall bums.

### Buck

Melvyn Eicklberry has become notorious for his seeming lack of intelligence. According to rumor he writes his column only to enrage somebody enough to write a letter. If everyone could cease and desist, possibly he would be content to live in obscurity.

Bob Ireland has plodded through the year with his usual good form, managing to make a limited number of attacks at sacred institutions and at the same time keeping his head above the general slime.

### Tribunal

Since the days of that boy-crusader, e. e. Hines, the Tribunal has unfortunately been able to make some progress towards pupil-respect. The present editor now appears regularly at meetings as "counsel for the defense." May this be a word to the unwary. G. M. has a heart of gold and will wring it dry for a misguided youth. At least he seems to have a genuine interest.

### Casey's

Casey's has become a thing of the past and the Grill looms up with the prospects of a bright future. Ah the risks of competitive enterprise wherein the whims of the mob may break a thriving little establishment.

Steve Schultz appeared positively beguiling in the Cornhusker. The people who can twirl a hula hoop and maintain a looking-down-at-you-peasants-in-the-mortal-world look are few and far between.

### Seniors

And now, god luck seniors, in your timorous venturings into a vast and hostile world. From what I hear, the ventures are not too ambitious for many. The "hungry i" in San Francisco for the summer seems to about encompass them. Well, even this is commendable. The prospects of another school year are most unpleasing.

*Judy Smell*

## Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must 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.

### No Revolt

To the Editor:

The great revolt will never take place. The independent will never cast off the chains of Greek domination. Why? Because there are independents and there are independents. That's why.

The independent is the slob you usually read about. He just doesn't care. All the while the Greeks are out broadening their personalities and acquiring social skills to better face the post-college world, the independent sits in the dorm playing cards and looking in the windows of sororities with binoculars. He never holds responsible positions like president of the Alpha Council; he never learns how to act at big social functions like pinnings and off-campus parties. Apathy is the word used to describe the independent; the Greek need not fear revolt from him.

The Independents are the ones to watch. The Independent is really an unaffiliated Greek; either he didn't make his average or else he just never got around to pledging. But he is intensely envious of the activities of his fraternity and sorority contemporaries, and he too would like to be in on the fun and games. So the Independent bands together with other Independents, in order that he may have his fair share of activities, i.e., the important things in life. Because they are organized, the Independents might be successful in wresting some influence away from the Greeks; but because they are so highly organized they can no longer be considered Independents; in fact, they themselves become a species of Greek.

That's why the Greeks will always dominate the campus.

DENNIS BONGE

*Ken Freed*

devotion when they could be working in much more lucrative positions.

The fact that a man felt so strongly about teaching for \$9,000 instead of continuing in private affairs should not be condemned more than a physicist or an engineer or a Pulitzer Prize winner who all could be making more money in private affairs. These men obviously feel that they are of more service to themselves and to the public as college professors than in other professions.

### Beutel

The article quoted by Romans attacking Beutel is by no means to be taken as the truth. The author of the article is J. B. Matthews, a man who later also wrote an attack on the Protestant Church, for its subversive members. Matthews was hired by Joe McCarthy to investigate Communism for the U.S. Senate. He was subsequently removed be-

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



"I figger, at least, I shoulda had a 'C-minus' outta this course. I had PERFECT ATTENDANCE!"

### From the Editors

## By

# George!



So much to say and so little time to say it in.

This is the last time this column will appear on the editorial page of the Daily Nebraskan. When Friday comes, old man Moyer will pick up his chips and depart from the scene of combat.

Thus will end a four year association that can be counted as the most rewarding extracurricular gambit of my college career.

It has been fun, hard work and heartache since as a freshman, Wes Pittack seized my sweaty palm and dragged me unwillingly before that god at the news desk, Judy Bost.

Back in those days, Dick Fellman was the editor and the door to Rm. 20A, his office, was forever closed to the likes of me. There was a feeling of awe among all the frosh reporters (a check of the 1955 masthead reveals there were 37 of us, more than at any time since) whenever Fellman approached.

We regarded the editor as a sort of all-wise epitome of the self-confident but never overbearing senior. In a sense he was, as all the men have been who have since sat behind this desk.

Yet, in another sense, we freshmen were wrong? Of that original 37, I am the only one lucky enough to know first hand how wrong we all were.

For the editor of any newspaper is a man alone and apart. He can request advice from his advisors on the Board of Publications; he can solicit opinions from the rest of his staff. But in the end, what goes into the paper—every word of it—is his responsibility.

There are times when he is not sure that what he says or causes to be said is the correct perspective. There are times when he doubts the wisdom of the stands he takes. And there are those awful times when the world stands still—the times that he finds he has been mistaken.

Through all of these moments of doubt, however, the editor must retain his poise and outward show of confidence and competence for while he occupies the desk in Rm. 20A, he is not an individual but the voice—the representative—of the University student community.

An ex-editor, now returned to the campus for a job and some graduate work, summed up the whole thing very well the other day. She said to me, "Unless you are a very exceptional person, it will be 20 years before you are again in the position of responsibility—where you have a load like this."

She was right for most editors of a daily newspaper serve an apprenticeship of at least 20 years before they are offered their jobs. At the University, time is short and the maximum amount you have to get ready is three and a half years.

Nevertheless, once you have become editor, you wouldn't trade the job for the premier position in any other organization on campus. You wouldn't because it is the most powerful and advantageous and challenging position in the student hierarchy.

*Dev. Moyer*

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