

Editorial Comment:

Profession Betrayed

Charles Van Doren's admission of accepting "help" in winning at television's quiz shows struck harder at college students than any other aspect of the exposures made by the investigating committee. Perhaps it was because Van Doren, by virtue of his name, stood as a symbol of scholarly knowledge and integrity.

Whatever the reason for the powerful effect of his disclosures on nearly every college in the country, almost no college newspaper has skipped editorializing on the ramifications of Van Doren's confession.

The University Hatchet of George Washington University in Washington, D.C. offered one of the most penetrating commentaries:

"The case of Charles Van Doren, a fictional Dr. Faustus made real, is a sad one indeed, and the American people's easy granting of forgiveness is a good sign. But their absolution for both his misdeeds—one moral, the other legal, is indicative of a menace which stalks our land today.

"It is hard for us to judge Mr. Van Doren's reasoning for what he did, but we should be able to judge the ominous consequences of a full-scale acceptance of blatant deceit, trickery, and perjury. America is a country founded upon equal justice under law. Justice does not mean that a man should be persecuted, but it does mean that punishment should be administered with mercy to a person guilty of a crime.

"Mr. Van Doren has apparently suffered sufficiently for his immorality on the quiz show "21." There is no law to form a basis upon which he can be tried for that outrage. Society as a whole will have to judge him for that. And society can many times be a stronger punishment than jail.

"What is more serious than Mr. Van Doren's cheating itself is the often repeated statement these days that the American people wanted to be fooled; they just wanted to be entertained. This is not a good sign if it is true. And if it is true, the American people should stand up in judgment of their own sense of moral right and wrong. If people allow themselves to fall prey to an intellectual hypocrite who preys on their emotions, what is there to keep them from following this reasoning even further and falling victim

to the pretense and trickery of a dictatorial demagogue.

"The question of law in Mr. Van Doren's case is that he perjured himself before the New York State Grand Jury. This is the blatant legal crime he committed. It was not a hasty act, for Mr. Van Doren had a long time to think about what he did since his appearance on the show three years ago . . .

"We do not commend this trend toward scapegoatism now. But Mr. Van Doren, an intelligent individual, is a man who has had an education and supposedly knows what laws are for. Yet he lied to protect himself. The effect of his lying, however, served not only to cover up his own misconduct. For a time, it covered up the crime of the show producers as well . . .

"The question of Mr. Van Doren's conduct reaches even further than breaking a law or serving to illustrate the lack in Americans' judgment. Much more is involved and it is perhaps more serious than all the rest. That is that Mr. Van Doren endowed himself with a trust and he failed in carrying out that trust. He was a teacher. He expounded the great merits of education including the foremost quality which education tries to instill—a seeking for truth.

"This we do not feel Mr. Van Doren did, and he now admits it himself. Not only did he betray a trust to his family, he cheated. That in itself was bad enough, but not only did he cheat for money, he cheated against his profession.

Sub Rosans Help

Sub rosa groups at the University of Kansas peered above the ground long enough to toss some funds toward the Campus Chest recently.

The Daily Kansan reports that two banned groups contributed \$25 each to KU's counterpart of AUF. The first contribution came from Pa-chacamac, a campus political party which dissolved officially in 1954. Not to be outdone, several days later a \$25 donation came from what the Kansan called Tau Nu Epsilon, national drinking fraternity.

We're not sure if there are two TNE's with different first names or if somebody just goofed. It has been noted, however, that NU's busy secret organizations have not added to the AUF pot.



Errant Thoughts

by caesar

dear di it has come to my attention that i was maliciously maligned in a recent rag by one e period e period capital h ines this uncalled for attack has wounded me deeply and left a scar that all the teachers college methods and ed psych courses in the world will probably be unable to cure i would have the gentleman of former red sweater fame know that the archie of whom he speaks and i are the best of friends it was i in fact who taught my cockroach pal how to type although i must admit he has always had a certain flare for writing i am confident that archie will be as offended as i when he receives the copy of the paper that i sent him encouraging the squashing of bugs indeed it will be enough to make archies blood run cold and confirms my opinion that e period e period is the type to yield to the killer instinct at the slightest provocation i wonder at the columnist who seeks to vent his inner turmoil and tensions on poor defenseless bugs please excuse that term archie i know how you dislike it but on to more important things

junior initials say kid did you notice last week that the political folderall of the senior ifc has been a b s o r b e d and taken over by its baby the junior of the same initials i speak of course of the recent jr ifc election as i get the story when ideas for the jr ifc ball were being discussed the proposal for a queen of pledge classes was talked over but never approved by that body at the last minute through some nefarious dealings members of the cheesebox comma hanger and queen crowner fraternities started calling other houses saying that they had selected candidates and if the other houses wanted to be in the running they ought to pick a candidate too small wonder that the queen happened to represent one of the three houses doing all the calling well di i am now pushing my soap box into an appropriate position from which to spout forth great pearls of wisdom which all should pay the greatest heed to you see kid i wonder just how fair such political wheeling and dealing is to anybody concerned even the ultimate winner herself there is no doubt in my mind that the girls involved in such affairs are usually completely unaware of the goings on thus the scheming is not fair to those being discriminated against and it is not really fair to the queen because it robs her of any real honor that the position may have held on merits now i am not saying that campaigning should be taboo on the contrary i think it is a very good thing but i think it should be done on a persons merits and not on a basis of exchanging votes for this for votes for that or for house glory as has been all too true in the sordid past if a person favors another person for anything i think it is that persons duty to campaign for the s e c o n d party but i think the reasons for favoring ought to be based on what the specifications for the title or office are all of which is so idealistic that everybody is probably saying get rid of that broken typewriter that capital h ines didnt see and get this bum out of here and maybe theyre right its too bad but maybe we shouldnt sweat the small stuff like moral principles pushing my soap box back into its customary corner i remain yours in ethical values caesar

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 200 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

Tradition? To the Editor: I was annoyed when I read in the Daily Nebraskan "... New Tradition will start, Too." They were referring to a tree lighting ceremony that will be started this year as soon as they get a tree to light. I have always believed that tradition was years in the making, not something that could be slapped together, when convenient. If the Union Activities Committee wants to light a tree let them and maybe in seven to ten years they will be expected to, and thus it will be traditional that they do. What I can't see is anyone referring to anything as a tradition or as traditional even before it has been done once. In the same news item it says that "... students will gather around the tree for the special lighting ceremony and singing of carols." The whole thing sounds like something out of "1984" by Orwell. The 100 year-old tradition will start tonight and there will be a spontaneous rally at 7:35 p.m. Would you like to know why there is no true school spirit? It is because everything is regimented and forced. One unorganized football rally would show there was more school spirit around than any ten planned rallies like we have now. Rodger H. Skidmore

From the editor's desk:

On Campuses 'n Things

By Diana Maxwell

A rather casual announcement in Saturday's morning paper said atomic chiefs of the United States and the USSR may begin a joint atoms-for-peace project next year. The comment came after a tour through the United States by Prof. Vasily S. Yemelyanov, director of peacetime nuclear development in the Soviet Union.



Diana

Yemelyanov and nine other Soviet scientists who made the 15-day tour, said they were "tremendously" impressed by our atomic power and research establishments.

Somehow I find it difficult to be casual when someone talks about atomic power, peaceful or otherwise. The words nuclear and atomic pack such powerful meanings that it's difficult to sit back and say, "that's nice," at a comment that the U.S. and the USSR just might be able to work together to channel that power into peacetime uses.

In New York last week, I and a good portion of the 1100 college delegates at a press convention heard one of the most moving speeches we will probably ever be privileged to hear. Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review, spoke of the Soviet Union, but more specifically of the atom and the cold war.

Regardless of personal feelings about the absolute necessity of arming and arming well at this moment, Cousins convinced a good portion of his listeners that the time was now to wake up to the facts of atomic life. Three nations now have testable nuclear weapons. England, the U.S. and the Soviet Union have been testing.

Approximately 12 other nations are in various stages of developing nuclear weapons. Hence, if present trends continue, 12 other nations will want to find out if their ultra-expensive weapons of total destruction really work. Result: 12 other nations making tests, 12 other nations helping the three of us to contaminate the air.

Cousins turned a cute phrase. He called it "contamination without representation," in pointing out that no nation can limit the fallout of its nuclear tests to its own borders. Thus any country setting off nuclear blasts is spreading radiation over the entire face of the earth. He questioned whether any nation has a right to pollute the air for the rest of the world.

His point can be underscored by a second point—that one individual making one rash move or interpreting a radar's blip erroneously, could launch a war. Example: (again from Cousins)—SAC planes operate under the safe program whereby when radar shows unidentified objects coming from the direction of the USSR, our bombers go up. They do not go ahead and deliver the payload, however, unless they receive a confirmation from SAC headquarters before crossing the 200 mile limit. Okay.

Now, suppose like last year a flock of geese or something like makes blips on the screens. Our planes scramble. In no time they are hurtling toward Russia. Russia has radar screens too. These screens now have ominous blips on them.

So . . . now the Soviets have a threat facing them, so their bombers take to the air. Now that there are USSR bombers in the air, our suspicions are confirmed and we now have two sets of planes roaring toward each other's country. End of example.

I DOUBT IT

By Sam Hall

For a moment here I'm going to diverge from my normal course of direction and speak of Greek and Roman mythology. Of course, I'm going to do so in my usual sort of manner.



There has arisen on our campus a group who call themselves the SATYR, men of lustful nature; lecherous men. Seems they intend to write "thought provoking" material that will appear in this paper and serve as a counter-balance to the usual, more trivial columns. Their purpose, I am told, is to tie in Greek and Roman tradition with present day campus life. Sounds like an intriguing experiment. but after reading your column of last Friday, lecherous men, (by-lined Dick Masters) I must venture to say that readership will be low, and this you cannot deny is of utmost importance. Equipped with dictionary and a vague recollection of mythology, I attempted to piece the mess together. My interpretation was one of an intellectual discussion of a sex orgy, but later I am told, this is false thinking. I'm snowed. Just what in the hell was it about? Perhaps I'll take another look. We mustn't fear that we will be overcome with the philosophy of this pseudo-intellectual group for they are only four or five in number. But then again, we

can't discount the fact that one sits on the board. I'm looking forward to interpreting their next bit scribbling. However, if it is too trying for my mind, I can always resort to a lower level of thought provocation — the crossword puzzle. I can see no difference between the two anyway.

Like, Dartmouth, here we come! The AWS, constantly bothered with problem of girls hours, should look into the policy of this progressive education center, where people aren't clock-watchers and hours are apparently a thing of the past. I realize that Dartmouth is an all-male institution, but girls do spend weekends in Hanover. Received a letter recently from a girl who attends Vassar. She related her recent visit to Dartmouth. The booze, the hi-fi, and the fireplace were out of this world, she said, but her entire evening was ruined when she had to leave . . . at 7 a.m.

Unions Reveal Holiday Hours

City and Ag Unions have posted holiday closing and reopening hours. City Union will close at 7 p.m. Tuesday and the Crib will be shut down at 3 p.m. The cafeteria will close at 1 p.m. Ag Union also will close at 7 p.m. tomorrow and the Dell will shut down at 5 p.m. Both Unions, the Crib and the Dell will open at 7 a.m. next Monday while the cafeteria in the City Union will begin business again at 11 a.m. Monday.

Marterie



Ralph Marterie, maestro of the band that's No. 1 with college students and No. 1 with hit records, will be hitting college campuses again this fall as Marlboro's musical ambassador of good will. Don't miss Ralph and his Marlboro Men when they visit your campus.



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