

Editorial Comment:

A Leader's Conscience . . .

The time of the big changeover has begun. It won't be completed until spring, but a significant number of major office-holders in campus organizations have turned the reins over to their successors within the past week.

New blood means new ideas, new enthusiasm, new dreams for improving the campus, for revitalizing the organization concerned and improving the events or services sponsored by the group. This is the value of change. With new leadership almost always comes renewed optimism and enthusiasm.

And, like other organizations, the Daily Nebraskan will assume new management at the end of this week. In preparation for the turn-over, an up-dating of the Nebraskan editorial files turned up a March, 1953 editorial which has applicability in this time when so many campus groups are electing new officers.

From the "Westminster Chimes," a publication of the students at Oregon State College, the 1953 Rag editor, Don Pieper took the following "Beatitudes of a Leader.":

BLESSED is the leader who has not sought the high places, but who has been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

BLESSED is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going and how to get there.

BLESSED is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

BLESSED is the leader who knows how

to lead without being dictatorial, true leaders are humble.

BLESSED is the leader who seeks the best for those he serves.

BLESSED is the leader who leads for the good of the most concerned and not for the personal gratification of his own ideas.

BLESSED is the leader who develops leaders while he is leading.

BLESSED is the leader who marches with the group and interprets correctly the signs on the pathway that leads to success.

BLESSED is the leader who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.

BLESSED is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for service.

A formidable set of goals—and yet these are the things about which anyone holding an office or a position of importance should consider. Not all presidents are leaders. And not all leaders hold office.

To those recently elected to office, the Nebraskan extends best wishes and a sincere hope that you will evaluate your attitudes toward the position in the light of this list of beatitudes—or any other criteria for judgment.

To those seeking office—may the most worthy win, and having won, may they recognize the obligation for service which accompanies the honor.

We Have No Excuse

It is difficult to know whether amazement or horror should come first upon reading about this sprinkling of Nazi-linked anti-Semitism occurring in the United States.

That anti-Jewish feeling has broken out into demonstrations at all is cause enough for concern in a nation predicated upon not just token religious tolerance but upon a positive attitude of respect for the other man's beliefs, be they political or religious. Protestant leaders throughout the country have condemned vigorously the minorities both here and abroad who have been busily smearing swastika's on synagogues.

What is so amazing about the outbreak, aside from its utter unreasonableness is that Americans could sincerely express their dislike for something by using the swastika. Is it that some of us don't remember what the symbol stands for?

Have we forgotten the brutality with which that symbol is forever linked? Are there those who are willing to condone what Hitler and Co. did to millions of Jewish people?

Remember the "Diary of Anne Frank?"

Remember those footsteps and what they represented?

In West Germany, where this outbreak of anti-Semitism started a few weeks back, vigorous steps have been taken by Chancellor Adenauer and his government to stamp out the demonstration by taking steps against right-wing parties. Part of the situation there has been blamed on the influence of teachers in the German school system. Most of them who are over 45, were members of the Nazi party and still nurse some Nazi feelings.

The West German government has threatened to dismiss any instructor who refuses to teach the truth about the Nazis. Maybe the damage has already been done there.

But here, in the United States, where there should be no delusions about the Nazi philosophy, we can't very well make our excuses on the basis of misinformation or misguided nationalism.

Here our only excuse can be that some of us must be either very bigotted, very unsure of our own position, or else just incredibly stupid and malicious.



I DOUBT IT

By Sam Hall

Pity you people who smoke Marlboro cigarettes and drink bourbon whiskey, for you are nothing but "middle-class slob."



Hall

So said a twice-divorced former show girl, now a member of Cleveland's high society set. I picked up this enlightening lesson in Soc. 53 during a social calling I attended there.

Brashly reprimanding running loose on campus? Your artistic practices of slopping paint on various fraternity doors is ugly, secondly, your style is cramped and thirdly, the color of red you use is hideous.

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nik named Bert (somebody) strolled up to our table. He asked if he could recite to us the shortest Christmas poem in history which had been written by a beat friend of his out in headquarters (San Francisco). "It's got the message, man," he said. We consented, so he began: "Christmas joy and cheer, Come but once a year, I get the same effect from beer, I hate snow."

With a casual "Thanks, man," Bert turned and walked out the door. We soon lost sight of him in the heavy snowfall.

Who's this Rembrandt running loose on campus? Your artistic practices of slopping paint on various fraternity doors is ugly, secondly, your style is cramped and thirdly, the color of red you use is hideous.

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Dr. Treves Will Visit Antarctica

Dr. Samuel Treves, University instructor of geology, received permission from the Board of Regents Saturday to take leave of absence from Dec. 15, 1960, to Feb. 1, 1961.

During this period, Dr. Treves will do research work at the Horlick Mountains in the heart of Antarctica. He selected the Nebraska winter months for the trip because that is the period of the austral summer in Antarctica.

His trip will be financed either by the National Science Foundation or the International Geophysical Year Data Reduction Center at Columbus, Ohio, where he has worked the past two summers.

Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's 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.

Library Criticized

What kind of service and operation are the students and Nebraska taxpayers entitled to in Love Library? Being both a student and taxpayer I expected effective and efficient service.

Personally I didn't receive the service that I expected I was entitled. I thought they can't please everyone so I mentioned the library service to other students. The replies were many and the majority was not apt on the back for the library.

Not all, but most of the library employees just plain waste time on the taxpayers money. The employees take unlimited breaks around campus which is probably wonderful for the coffee retailers of America, but not for the taxpayers.

I also have reason to believe that there are a number of employees lost in the stacks. I recently asked for a book and they sent some intellectually looking person to find the book. After an hour I made up another slip and the library helper didn't come back again but finally the third time was the charm. I was informed their (sic) was no book.

Personally, I have scheduled an appointment with a state senator within the month to see if an investigation is in order. The wage and salary structure, supervision, time on the job, and worker qualifications will be the primary points of our discussion.

Every taxpayer should be on guard against misappropriating state funds and hiring people whose administrative ability is nil. Student Taxpayer

Across the Campuses: Leap Year Warnings Issued at Syracuse

At Syracuse University the Daily Orange didn't let the leap year slide in without preparing the campus for what it meant.

Reports a Daily Orange writer: "Leap Year was the invention of Julius Caesar as a measure to keep calendars accurate. Supposedly, the year 'leaped forward' once every four rounds.

First historical mention of Leap Year as an aid to matrimony is a law passed in Scotland in 1283. This regulation stated that during the time designated as Leap Year a woman could propose marriage.

"Any man who refused was required to pay a certain fee. Proof of previous betrothal was the only means by which a man could be excused. Other countries later adopted similar laws . . .

"Whether the dark o' the moon has an effect on husband-hunting is yet to be discovered. But 1960 will offer two total eclipses of the moon as well as two partial blackouts of the sun . . .

"The Almanac further recommends that courting be done during the last

quarter of the moon, noting that "lunacy is most active—not only among loons."

Grades at USI

Cardinal Guild at the University of Iowa has recommended a new grading system which would give more precision to grades. At Present, Iowa State is on the ABC system. The proposed change would define mathematically what constituted say an A—as opposed to an A+. At present, no mathematical distinction is made.

Oaths And Oatmeal

Among the New Years resolutions made by a co-editor of the Kansas University paper were:

" . . . I intend to have a bunch of loyalty oaths printed up for our personal use. This way we can sign one every morning with our oatmeal to reassure ourselves that we are good citizens. We don't understand just how this works but one of our friends said the other night it was the thing to do.

"We resolve not to join the Christmas Savings Club for 1960 regardless of how many more post cards our bank sends us . . .

"Also we will try to avoid national politics. Although it's an election year, discussion of issues only leads to arguments and we don't want to lose any friends. If Rocky can stay out of it, so can we."

No Early Finals

A move to allow seniors to take final examinations early was turned down by the Administrative Council at Kansas State University recently.

The move had been pushed to provide seniors in married housing ample time to receive grades before having to evacuate their housing. In other words this was to make it easier for those whose graduation might depend upon the semester's grades.

Final Exam Schedule

Table with columns for date, time, and exam details. Includes dates from Saturday, Jan. 30 to Friday, Jan. 29.

Audition Winners Are Announced

Lynn Williams, freshman in Arts and Sciences, was named a winner of the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra audition.

Miss Williams is a pianist and performed Ravel's "Concerto in G Major". A University graduate, Mrs. Diane Knotek Buterus, was the second audition winner. She sang "Une Voce Poco Fa" from Rossini's "Barber of Seville."

Mrs. Buterus is studying voice at the University School of Music. The two winners will appear with the symphony Feb. 16.

From the editor's desk:

On Campuses 'n Things

By Diana Maxwell

Items I'd rather not overhear but do: Pledge 1: We may have an all-night one tomorrow. Our skit isn't in very good shape yet.

Pledge 2: Yeah, Gee, I hope not, I really need to study.

Pledge 1: Gee, I wonder if the slumber party tonight is required. I was up all night last night studying for finals, and if I don't get any sleep tonight . . .

Pledge 2: Me too, but I don't suppose we could get out of it . . .

Pledge 1: I dunno. The skit's not right yet. They said we'd keep rehearsing until it was . . .

Pledge 2: But I'm so tired . . . And et cetera.

Was it last year or the year before when Kosmet Klub drew such a barrage of complaint for scheduling try-outs just before finals? Realizing of course that the calendar is full, full, full, it still seems like inviting trouble to schedule Coed Follies try-outs the Tuesday of the week preceding final exams.

That week is normally one of the fullest academically. Few professors can resist scheduling an hour exam then, and if the course requires a term paper, they are due. Lab books, never quite up-to-date,

are due with all their diagrams diagrammed . . . and so on.

And in the meantime each house is trying to put together a really clever skit or traveller act which will give them a spot in the Follies Feb. 26.

For many of the girls involved, they are heading into their first final exam period. They have never taken the type of exam which lasts for three hours and covers everything from the beginning to the end of the course. They're scared. I am too, and I've gone through the whole mess six times before.

This past week and the one upcoming are probably the worst of all possible times to have scheduled something like the try-outs, which do require a great deal of previous preparation, no matter how "rough" the skit might be at the time. No house hoping to win in competition is going to take an unrehearsed skit which still has many serious flaws before a discerning set of judges. The whole idea is to win, and reason tells us that this means a lot of rehearsal and a lot of time spent writing.

I do not mean to attack the Follies. They are fun, and they provide a good evening's entertainment. Also they go a long, long way to jack up the AWS treasury.

However, when an event causes a serious strain on the time of students just before finals—particularly where freshmen are involved, it seems as if the time to evaluate the net worth of the event has come.



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