

# Daily Nebraskan Letterips

## OR ELSE . . .

by John F. Else



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### Questions Raised

To the Editor: While Miss Simon's Letterip (Nebraskan, April 26) was somewhat illuminating, I think that it raises some questions on a level deeper than her rationalizations.

First of all, in order that the SCC's campaign in the near future might not be hindered by misleading remarks, I would like Miss Simon and her companions in AUF to consider the following:

1. Though I observe that Miss Simon is more interested in seeing that the student body "think," would it not have been well if the members of AUF had thought "What do we want?" or better yet, "What is needed?"

As students, they would

seem to be somewhat representative of students, or at least representative enough to have asked these questions as individuals.

2. This is an emergency! Certainly, we could let the Southern college students spend their summer in jail, but the demonstrations against racial discrimination are being carried on now, and the need for support is now!

3. One of the famous arguments of the advocates for white supremacy is, "Why is not every Negro entirely upset by discrimination? And since they are not, why should we do anything?"

Now, I'm sure Miss Simon should note that the first movements toward independence in this nation were carried on by a very small part of the popula-

tion. But their demonstrations eventually aroused the great mass of people, until they gained the support they needed. Then, too, they didn't have to go through the AUF.

4. What could happen to your money? It would be used to help meet the legal expenses of these students, since the demonstrations are not over. About \$17,000 was spent in court by the NAACP in the first few weeks of the demonstrations, and, since then, they have spread to many other cities throughout the country. All money would go for the purpose for which it was intended!

As to the suggestions which the AUF so charitably offered:

1. Why doesn't the AUF simply make an announcement next fall to the effect

that all students interested in giving to the AUF merely come to the fifth floor of the Student Union and deposit their money with the smiling sitting solicitor. No? Then how could you expect the SCC to make a successful solicitation under the same conditions?

2. Before you have the Freedom Fund investigated, you might recall that this special Freedom Fund is for a limited time only, depending on the duration of the demonstrations. So, your mock attempt at generosity, by offering to put the fund on the poll, is somewhat impractical.

The second primary consideration of the AUF should revolve around its purpose as a University organization. Did you perhaps realize that no solicitation can be made on state property without the prior permission of the immediate administrative personnel? Why should we need "protection" through AUF, when state laws already provide for it? What about off-campus students? How does AUF prevent that "ever-present knock-on-the-door" in this case?

But rather than think that AUF is a protection agency which asks for money (a highly dubious role), I would like to believe that AUF is an organization which can most effectively administer the money which we give to the present needs of the world.

The AUF does have a concern! And I have enough faith in the capabilities of its members, despite past performance, to think it possible for them to intelligently reevaluate this concern in terms of greater validity and meaning, both for themselves and the university community.

Let's hope that the future brings this result!

Jack K. King

gether as they so proudly claim. The offices of esteem on campus seem to fall to their wheelings and dealings rather than on the merit of the individual. In short they benefit only T.N.E.'s.

Their power over the campus stems from the fact that the administration is apparently afraid of T.N.E. Why? Is it possible that the T.N.E.'s have several alumni on the Board of Regents or among the alumni who are quite prominent in Lincoln. Does the administration now definitely condone their action and again believe the T.N.E.'s have a rightful place on this campus no matter what their past record has been?

It will be of definite interest to see the answer. If the administration does not take action the answer will be either the administration no longer disapproves of sub-rosa or that the administration is afraid of punitive action from higher-ups. The latter case has been said to be a factor in a few previous decisions.

I only hope the attitude of the University is understood by its supporters, the taxpayers, in this matter; the taxpayers who contribute more than mere donations for keeping T.N.E. on campus. As long as we are influenced by material factors we aren't living up to the standards that should be found at a State University.

Possibly the only action having any effect is that of the legislature cutting back the budget in order to save a few of the farmer's hard earned dollars by not supporting such juvenile delinquents as the T.N.E.'s.

It would be very interesting to see an investigation by the legislature into this very matter. Then possibly honesty over greenbacks would once again return to enforce the code and laws set forth at the University of Nebraska.

## Tribunal Interviews Disappointing

It was disappointing to observe the interviews for the four senior positions on Student Tribunal Wednesday. Five seniors appeared before the Student Council, the product of earlier Council nominating committee interviews. The quality of the majority of candidates was not up to the desired level for positions of this stature.

The Council cannot be blamed for this lack of competent applicants, but the student body can. It was the students who wanted the Tribunal, and it was students who devoted long hours of hard work to successfully establish it as an effective hearing body of the students' own peers. Yet, only two years after its introduction, the Tribunal lacks enough competent judges.

Is it because there is not enough recognition to being a judge? Possibly. More than likely, however, it's just old Mr. Apathy cropping up again as his old familiar self.

It was obvious that the majority of the Council was not satisfied with enough of the five applicants to want four of them sitting on the Tribunal. However, to reopen the filing would take too much time, according to the chairman of the nominating committee. This is not a valid excuse. If it is for the benefit of the Tribunal, the Council should devote the rest of its meeting dates this year, even turning the job over to the new Council and, if necessary, even holding a special meeting until they have qualified persons as judges. Admittedly, students have plenty of time to file earlier, and the Daily Ne-

braskan does not condone the lack of interest shown by the student body. However, it would seem that it would at least have been worth a try to reopen filings for the rest of this week.

As far as how the interviews were conducted, the majority of the questions asked were sensible and well thought out. However, the Daily Nebraskan heartily disapproves of the question asked of four of the five applicants: "What are your views toward social drinking?" Such a question is out of order, improper and shows a lack of common sense on the part of the Council members who asked it.

Regardless of what the individual's views are on this subject, as a Tribunal judge he would be expected to uphold the law. In the first place, there is no such thing as social drinking on the part of any individual under the legal age limit. All drinking, moderate or heavy, is illegal in this case. If a person is over 21 and limits himself to social drinking, then there should be no need to worry about being caught, providing he hasn't purchased any liquor for a minor companion.

The candidates who answered the questions honestly and candidly are to be congratulated.

Needless to say, things are not all going smooth yet for the Tribunal. The Daily Nebraskan can only request that more students take an active interest in this important phase of self-government and cautions the Student Council not to lose sight of the attitude of maturity it must maintain toward the Tribunal.

### Staff Comment:

## A Leftist's View

By Sandi Laaker

Early this month a professor at the University of Illinois was suspended temporarily for a letter he wrote which was published in the student newspaper advocating "pre-marital sexual experience among those sufficiently mature to engage in it without social consequences and without violating their own codes of morality or ethics."

The professor went on to explain that "such experience would eliminate frustration and lead to much happier and longer lasting marriages among our younger men and women."



Sandi

The incident has attracted national publicity and heated debate in academic circles.

The question the trustees of that university must decide when they meet this week is whether a professor's publicized views on sexual freedom are protected by academic freedom.

The president of the university has said that the professor violated "commonly accepted standards of morality." Other professors at the same school fear that this statement has opened the door to dismissal for any unpopular view.

The incident has stirred violent campus controversy. The Illinois U. Student Senate gave the professor a vote of confidence but the Dad's Association, a group of fathers of university students, backed the president and criticized the student paper for printing the letter.

If the decision of the trustees should be to suspend the professor permanently it will be a great injustice. That the professor wrote a letter discussing his views on sex is no different than if he had written a letter discussing his views on a campus parking problem.

The dad's organization displays its stupidity by backing the president of the university. If parents are so afraid their little sons and daughters are going to be exposed to naughty things at college they should have kept their kiddies locked up in closets at home where their intellectual curiosity could rot.

A random poll was taken of students at the University of Illinois this week to determine what the students think about the situation. Results showed that approximately three-fourths of those polled believed that the professor's view was wrong but that he should not be suspended for expressing that view.

These students have shown that just because a person advocates a certain thing does not mean that everyone must follow his advice. The choice is that of the student to make.

By the time a person is in college he should have the ability to hear or read with an intelligent attitude and then challenge that which he hears or reads before making any decisions.

American colleges and universities are facing a retardation of responsibility.

A British educator made this charge after studying higher education methods in the United States for three months.

He noted that students at most American colleges are still dependent on lectures, examinations and grades to an extent inconceivable from the British point of view.

He explained that by the time a student in Britain has reached his junior year in college he may spend as much as a third of his time working on his own.

He wondered what the ultimate effect would be on the student in America who does not have the opportunity to work on his own during his most impressionable years.

### Reorganization

To the Editor: Only 10 years ago, T.N.E.'s were afraid to show their faces in public because the administration had issued an ultimatum to the T.N.E. alumni never to organize this fraternity again on campus and if any member of the University of Nebraska did belong to this organization, this individual would be automatically dismissed from school.

Yet a T.N.E. newspaper has boldly been passed around campus this week and T.N.E. alumni are having a dance on Friday night perhaps to look for more prospective members.

It seems the present college fraternity boys look upon the name T.N.E. with reverence and awe. The fact is that the T.N.E. standards have always been known to be morally and reverently wrong; the type which give the University a bad name statewide. Their juvenile pranks are definitely not what a school with high scholastic standards should advertise.

Supporting their own members and politically taking over every organization possible, they do not function to unite Greeks to-

## Conservative Estimate

By John Hoerner

At this Ivy Day time of year more than ever before the air is filled with shouts of "foul," "unfair," "nepotism," "necromancy," and "t h o m e d a m o n e T.N.E.'s."



Hoerner

As you guess, the subject is the selection of new individuals to fill posts or positions vacated at this time of year. It covers everything from a Builders assistant to the Mortar Board president.

Certainly there is nothing more despicable than students involved in a plot to put a person in office — not because of his qualifications but because of his friends (or lack of enemies.)

Before those on the outside (that is those who didn't sit in on the election or selecting board) start their hue and cry however, they should find out the facts.

After all, we owe a certain amount of confidence in the judgment of our interviewing and selection boards and societies and to believe that they are rigged without proof is a pretty rash assumption.

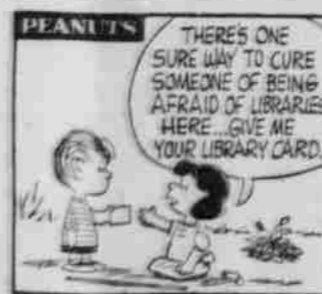
It is pertinent to point out that one of the poorest sources for these facts is the individual who wasn't selected. Try asking a few members of the interviewing board or others who would know both sides.)

Often there are reasons used by a perfectly sincere group in making selections which are not or cannot be known to the general student body.

In this case the time for caution and the time for grabbing is when the interviewing boards and committee members themselves are selected.

If you have reason to believe there's a rotten apple in the barrel in any one case it's your duty to get the facts and scream and shout — if you have proof!

In these rare cases where underhanded selection methods do prevail, nothing short of total exposure and censure of the individuals involved would be adequate, but let's not slap on the "corrupt" charge indiscriminately without getting the facts first.



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Seldom is there any amount of recognition given to constructive activities on this campus. One of these events is currently taking place, but its significance will probably be disregarded because of the more important Spring Day and Ivy Day activities.

A word of praise is definitely due the professional student societies of the College of Engineering and Architecture for one of the most significant contributions to public relations throughout the state and for the opportunity they provide for keeping up with the newest developments in the field of science.

It is commendable that college students can voluntarily put forth the extra effort which makes it possible for other students and persons outside the University to become familiar with some of the feats which can be done by engineering. Of course competition is involved, but at least it is encouraging to know that competition can be channeled into constructive efforts.

The cooperation between the societies or individuals and the faculty is even a further reason for praise. It is inspiring to know that it is possible for student and instructor to work closely toward a particular goal, that student and faculty can be brought closer together by such work.

Not desiring to leave a question unanswered, yes, Miss Simon, I think the purpose of AUF is extremely trivial if it is only to protect the students against the ever-present "Knock-on-the-door." The administration policy does this; no one can solicit for anything on this campus without administrative permission, so why have an organization which spends innumerable hours each year doing that which the administration would do anyway?

Of course this would give no opportunity for students to give to charity, but it could always be arranged for the Community Chest, which solicits the faculty anyway, to solicit the students also.

A good question has been raised: "What is the purpose of AUF?" I hope that it is not simply to take a little burden off the shoulders of the administration nor to provide one more activity for the campus. Perhaps it would be well if the AUF asked itself this question.

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