

EDITORIAL OPINION

From the editor:

A Liberal View

By Herb Probasco

In place of its regular Tuesday issue tomorrow, The Daily Nebraskan is publishing an experimental magazine issue designed to stimulate a little serious thinking on the part of the 8,000 plus Cornhuskers. This may be a real challenge what with final exam cramming, but we are willing to take the chance, and, besides, you can always come back to it if you should find yourself pressed for time.

Included are five articles, three of which are critical essays, one descriptive essay and a profile of a faculty member. The authors are all men, unfortunately, but there is a good variety and at least one of the pieces should interest everyone. All of them interested us and represent a good cross section of talent on the campus.

We had hoped for more participation by the student body, as tomorrow's issue by no means represents the entire expository element of the campus. Perhaps the magazine will serve to prod those who were embarrassed to submit anything for consideration and possible publication. The majority of the contributors are novices with little or nothing in the way of previous published writings. However, this is not to be held against anybody, since we all have to begin somewhere sooner or later, providing we have an idea or a point that we wish to espouse. And most of us do, though most are often too slow to take advantage of an opportunity to take to the soapbox.

If the magazine idea is generally accepted and it looks as though students would not react violently against a one day delay in the social column or some other of the popular features of our sheet, the second semester staff very likely will consider taking the bold step of publishing another issue in the spring.

We do not view this edition as a way out of working for an afternoon. There would be easier ways to do this. We would like to think of it as a service to the campus and the student body. If you read it, then we have accomplished our purpose. If you go a little farther and do something about it, for example, write us a letter or, better yet, submit an article for the next issue. Then we will know that you read it. If you don't read it, you stay yourself in the back; you admit that all the things that are said about apathetic students on this campus are true, that we are the wet powder of what has been termed as the explosive generation, the still silent members of the silent generation. So, we have done our part; you must take it from here.

Acknowledgements for assistance in this issue go to all the contributors, to Prof. Wilbur Gaffney of the English department who solicited contributions through his classes and to other faculty members who aided the Nebraskan in publicizing the plans for the magazine and of course to those students whose material appears in the edition.

It's free; the only obligation is for you to take it upon yourself to read it and pass judgment, pro or con.

Rumors are circulating to the effect that a column by this writer last week advocating abolishment of the House Un-American Activities Committee will be distributed to members of the state legislature tomorrow by an unknown person or persons, more than likely opposed to this writer's position.

It would be folly to think so, and this writer does not claim to, that this view is held by the majority of the voters in this state, nor, for that matter, are many other views which are not those held by the conservative element in Nebraska.

It is not unlikely that a story will break soon, if it has not already, regarding the circulation of the column, along with comments by this writer. Just what in the way of fireworks will develop can't be said at this writing, but a few remarks may be in store from the chambers of the Unicameral.

We might find ourselves involved in more than a little controversy over the column and what it advocates. Maybe the committee will come out and investigate me, which would be a first hand opportunity for all to observe its operations. Anyway, keep your eyes and ears open.

Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. These letters will be published with the person's name or initials. However, letters will be printed under a pen name or initials at the editor's discretion. Letters should not exceed 200 words. When letters exceed the limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

Blast Letterip Writer As Ignorant

To the editor:

We think R.E.L.'s letter in the Nebraskan is one of the most partial, biased and ignorant letters we have ever seen and written by one of the least informed persons on the University campus.

He openly admits that the Missouri game was the first NU basketball game that he witnessed. Yet upon this lone game he is condemning the players, the team and the student body. He was quick to degrade the faculty, students and fans for their boozing and yelling, but where was he when the excitement began? When he goes to a basketball game, does he sit there with his eyes closed and ears plugged? If he was an average Husker fan, he would be on his feet shouting encouragement to the Nebraska players.

We believe that it is up to the fans to decide which team should apologize to the other, but we do feel that the fans and players should not be condemned for their actions due to the circumstances that existed.

It was very evident that the student body and fans were standing behind the team. They had reason to be doing so, when a Missouri team has pulled a trick like this two times.

R. C. and D. P.

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A Few Unsold Thoughts From the Briefcase Lining

By Eric Sevareid

Department stores use the first days of the new year for grabbag sales to move oversizes, odd-lots, misfits and faulty goods, and there is nothing in our contract that says we can't do the same. The lining of our briefcase is filled, not only with left-over coins from a dozen countries but with unsold thoughts, half-thoughts, facts, figures, prejudices and crotches, and we may as well toss part of the litter on the counter for any indiscriminating shoppers still on their feet.

The muscular strength of American kids is far below that of British kids. To the "Quiet American" and the "Ugly American" is now added the "Soft American."

This is true, was discovered several years ago, is due to the car's replacing legs and bicycles, and European kids will go the same way when car-crazy Europe has had the things long enough.

The chief distinction between West Europe and America is that Europe is about 10 years behind us in both the blessings and the curses of modern living.

American children watch far too much television.

They do — in fact, exactly as much as British children. Seventy-five per cent of British homes are equipped with TV, 65 per cent with bathtubs. There are some 50 educational TV stations in America, none in Britain.

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Europeans find American boasting our most insufferable fault. They have a point, but braggadocio is a fault more easily curable than the average Briton's deep seated conviction that God is British, the average Frenchman's indifference to the rest of the world and the leftover germs of the master-race syndrome that sleep in many German breasts.

Americans get too hysterical about the Marxists in their midst. Americans do, considering that there are so few. But I notice that it is the hard core of Marxists who now threaten to split Belgium in two, that it was the hard core of Marxists who drove the British Labor Party down the official policy line of neutralism.

Americans, devoid of a native culture, think they

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Staff Views

BOVINE VIEWS

by Jerry Lamberson

Hopes for a joint library and Student Union to be built on the Ag campus

have faded as University officials have decided against a coordinate structure while making preliminary plans for a library.

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The Union board also felt that the library may at a later date decide that it needs more room and move the Union out. Then if the present College Activities Building was turned completely back to the physical education department, the Ag Union would have nothing in the place of a facility.

Such a squelching of hope for a new Ag Union has happened many times in the past ten years when students would get interested and then the boondoggle was lowered by some other force.

One of the main reasons that has hindered the Ag Union is the lack of funds to build the facility. Some funds have been promised at various times but have fallen through because other funds could not be ob-

Satyr

By Dick Masters

Awaken Tisiphone! The hour is at hand and the creators would have your attentions. The WHOOPING CRANE will soon become a reality.

Through the diligence of one Fred Gaines and his cohort in art, Pat Drake, a new magazine will grace the reading masses of Nebraska (all six of you). Consisting of student poetry and a smattering of prose, the WHOOPING CRANE is being undertaken and financed by a very unorganized group of talented young writers.

Perhaps some of you have already been fortunate enough to possess a copy of the abbreviated CRANE. If you are one of the lucky few, tell your friend and he too will be inspired to purchase the little gem.

The cost will be nominal (which means that it is cheap but we don't know how cheap). For perhaps the price of one package of butts, you can be the first in your cell to have one. If you commit some of the poems to memory, you can impress your friends, frighten your mother and win a free group of conferences with Dr. Brill.

Since this poetic endeavor has not gone to press, you of the literary talent may submit your mad ravings to the SATYR for consideration. Fred Gaines or Pat Drake will also be happy to smear at your attempts. They may be reached through symbolic or metaphorical devices. A telephone call may do the trick in extreme cases.

You may be wondering why a magazine of poetry conceals itself under such a bizarre-misnomer. Though the name was actually revealed to Drake in a dream, it symbolizes a dying race of weird birds, who need the interest and the

Student Group Formed
To Defend HUAC

Chicago, Ill. (UPI) — A national organization of college students defending Congress's investigatory power has been formed at Northwestern University.

The Student's Committee for Congressional Autonomy (SCCA), which will direct its initial efforts at countering what it calls the "Communist-led" drive to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC), will be headed by two brothers, John and James Kolbe, now attending Northwestern University.

The committee uses as its motto a statement made by Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black in 1936, as a United States Senator: "There is no power on earth that can tear away the veil behind which powerful and audacious and unscrupulous groups operate, save the sovereign legislative power armed with the right of subpoena and search."

James Kolbe, 18, a major in political science, said that the committee will seek to organize support for HUAC wherever it holds its hearings. There is a direct counterattack to displays such as the riots which broke out last May when HUAC held hearings in San Francisco.

In a letter to all members of Congress released last week, the brothers ask senators and representatives to "join in this fight to protect the autonomous right of Congress to inform itself and the American public of the persons and practices which would corrupt or destroy our way of life." They point to the long tradition behind the

House council members are accused of "severely distorting certain provisions of the Constitution and totally ignoring the necessity for Congress to 'search out facts' in order to justify their opposition."

The Kolbes assert that Communists and many anti-American individuals and organizations" would gain the most from the weakening of the investigatory power, because Congressional committees have been so successful in uncovering the true nature of their operations."

Alfreda Stute Elected
Terrace Hall President

Alfreda Stute, a junior in Teachers College, has been elected president of Terrace Hall.

Other officers include Lila Bartling, vice president; Peggy Merica, social chairman; Neva Champ, AWS representative; Donna Coates, secretary, and Barbara McCamley, treasurer.

House council members are Louise Best, Madelyn Cerny, Roxanne Norris and Judy Hearmann.

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