

EDITORIAL OPINION

Function Definition Needs Time, Thought

Ever since the creation of social activities on this University, the residents have wondered what constitutes the mysterious catch-all classification known as a function.

Last week the Faculty Senate committee on student affairs sent over a seven point outline of what they consider the attributes of a function.

Although it is the most concrete thing Senate has produced in the lines of this problem, it is sorely lacking in the misnomer title "A Definition of a Function".

The generality filled document was brought to an all-time paramount when it said, "If the answer to any of these questions is 'yes,' then it might reasonably be called a group function. Notice that it does not need to be all of them. Also there might conceivably be other criteria that could be applied in a particular situation."

We were happy and somewhat amazed to see the action taken by the Council, when they discussed the Senate-proposed outline. The thorough and investigative discussion which followed the introduction of the proposal reassured us that the Council is attempting to do worthwhile things for this campus.

It is a good feeling to see that all of the administration-backed proposals are not railroaded through the Council.

Perhaps the fault of presenting a generality-filled outline doesn't fall on the shoulders of the Senate committee or on those of the Council. We realize that a definition of something with such a broad base as a function is a hard thing to define.

It may be that with proper handling the two legislative bodies, the Senate and the Council, can get together and someday produce a definition or outline of a function that will be workable not only for the administration, but for the students

The Bite's Worse

By Bark

Several weeks ago, I received an occult-looking envelope engraved methodically in the upper left-hand corner with the stamp of the University Counseling Service. Upon slitting the top of the mysterious receipt, I encountered a short signed letter asking me to be a part of a group of students invited to come to the Counseling Service office in basement Adminny and chat.

The purpose of the chat was vaguely outlined in the letter, and aroused the dusty closets of my curiosity. So, several days ago, I pursued my irresolute desire and presented myself at the door of said Counseling Service. I entered and came not upon a room enclosed in cobwebs and engulfed in bats as I had previously imagined, but upon a normal, workaday, office. I was ushered into a smaller office containing a desk, a chair, a file case, a bookcase, the usual papers, and many other normal, workaday office equipment items, including a very normal-looking, workaday man. I was seated in a very normal, workaday chair. The conversation began.

"According to reports," the normal-looking man said, "from ten to twenty per cent of university students have an emotional problem, ranging from the most minute to the very severe. This means we should be seeing 800 to 1600 students, when we see only about 200. Students think of the Counseling Service merely as an arm of the University Administration, functioning only to administer vocational guidance tests and tell unknowing freshmen which of the arts they should pursue. Actually, we are professional psychologists, just as qualified to deal with emotional problems as one in a city office with a plush couch." The above quote outlines the gist of our conversation.

By this time, I had come to the conclusion that this man was not only normal-looking, but he was really quite normal all over. I began to see what he was seeking by inviting me into

his office. It seems that the Counseling Service is very interested in getting across to the students the idea that this office does not only administer tests and take care of the bad boys which distraught instructors cannot cope with. The service wants students to know that these men are there, and professionally qualified, to deal with any emotional problem, large, small, or intermediate in nature.

I felt that the medium of the Daily Nebraskan, which you all thirst to clutch eagerly in your writhing hands, was a good way to introduce this idea. Surely you have, at one time or another, wanted to seek the advice of a professional psychiatrist or psychologist or psychanalyst to see just why you did what you did or why you thought what you thought or why somebody else did or why you were going to or just plain why. Probably, however, very few of your really deemed these thoughts worth shelling out real live money just to pour out a traumatic experience.

You probably never realized that here, free for the taking, is a service that will hear out your emotional outbursts, for no charge at all (except perhaps a small take from your tuition, which you're stuck with anyway). If you're embarrassed to go—if you feel your roommate will think you're looney-in-bound if you indulge in such things—if you think you'll be branded for life when you set foot in such a door—remember this: The Counseling Service doesn't reach for its firing iron and emblazon BEWARE OF ME on your forehead. If you don't want anyone to know you're going, don't tell them. It's a certainty the Counseling Service won't.

I don't know if this normal man was analyzing me or not. If he was, he no doubt drew some very strange conclusions; but I found the interview most interesting. Try it sometime. You all should. Especially those of you prone to wearing green tennies and smoking ivy-covered pipes...



"WE'D LIKE TO HELP, BUT YOU HAVE A BAD RECORD AS A SOFT TOUCH."

Gossip Column

By Leon Gosip

It has come to the attention of this columnist that the Student Council, through its representative, John Hoerner, has told members of the newest campus organization, the Nebraska International Association, that any group which wishes to attain organizational status had better do things the Student Council's way or else. Furthermore, it has denied to this group of international students—the right to be represented on the student council. In effect, that means they are subjected to the tyranny of the council without the protection of representation.

Tea Party, any one? It seems to me that the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations ought to make haste to chastise the council and correct the wrongs it has inflicted on the N.I.A. immediately.

This new organization is the only remnant of internationalism left on the campus. First the International House fell before red-tapism; then the Cosmopolitan Club folded; now every effort short of out right force is being made to disenchant our neighbors from across the seas who come to Nebraska for education and an opportunity to share in the life which we like to think is so red hot.

It seems to me that the action of the student council—and the downright omniscience of middle-man Hoerner—is a serious indictment of Americanism. Let's do something to minimize these self-important bugaboos.

Noticed in the Rag that the Pershing Rifle boys were engaging in a little "fun and hazing" the other day. What makes them so special that they can do it out in the open and other organizations have to do it behind closed chapter-room doors? Why did the administration, knowing of these offenses against good judgment, allow them to go on? While Ingo is charging that someone slipped him a

Mickey, Sen. Estes Kefauver might well be spending his time better looking into the text book trust. Why is it that text books cost a fortune, are repurchased for peanuts and sold for a smaller fortune? What makes these books so special that no competitive pricing is done in the text book field?

The answers to these questions will never be given by bookstore owners. They will never be disclosed by profs, who, some folks suspect, get a rakeoff from sales of books used in their classes.

It is my understanding that some requests either have been mailed or are being mailed by students on this campus to Sen. Kefauver to look into price fixing in the text-book field. Wasn't one of our illustrious Nebraska Senators on that committee? I don't know which one, they all look and act so much alike.

Maybe he'd like to help out in this probe.

Personal to Dave Calhoun: The editorial on a tax rebate for students was an outstanding piece of journalism. It showed common sense, awareness of an acute problem and a workable solution, three commodities hard to come by in this day of pie in the sky.

But along with the sweet comes the bitter, Dave. Why did you let the downtown stores make a shopping guide out of you Wednesday?

It wasn't the ads I objected to, but the stories scattered throughout the paper making whopping allegations of fact about stores in town, just on the say-so of some store officials; e.g.s: "The place to buy records"; "the home of... choice of goods"; "Long recognized as a leading fashion store..." Respectfully, Leon.

Nebraskan Letterip

Letterip Directed To 'The Catacombs'

To the editor:

This letter is directed to the author of the column, "The Catacombs," which appeared in last Wednesday's Rag.

Dear Sir, May I sincerely congratulate you on your very outstanding article.

I feel that the subject matter was of such great importance and value that my personal feeling from reading it was one of grave concern.

I find it extremely admirable that there is at least one person on this campus who has such high morals as you, and who is taking very effective action in elevating the obviously low standards of the students of "that Harvard of the Midwest," NU.

Also, I honestly don't believe that the extremely

valuable space in the Rag which was devoted to your column could have been put to a better use.

In addition, I staunchly feel that the idealistic attitude, which you very effectively expressed, is so stoical, persuasive, piquant, exhalted, courageous, admative, dignified, lordly, cultivated, mature, pragmatic, praiseworthy, presumptive, heroic, anachronistic, chivalrous, discrete, romantic, non-transient... and forensic that you deserve a medal.

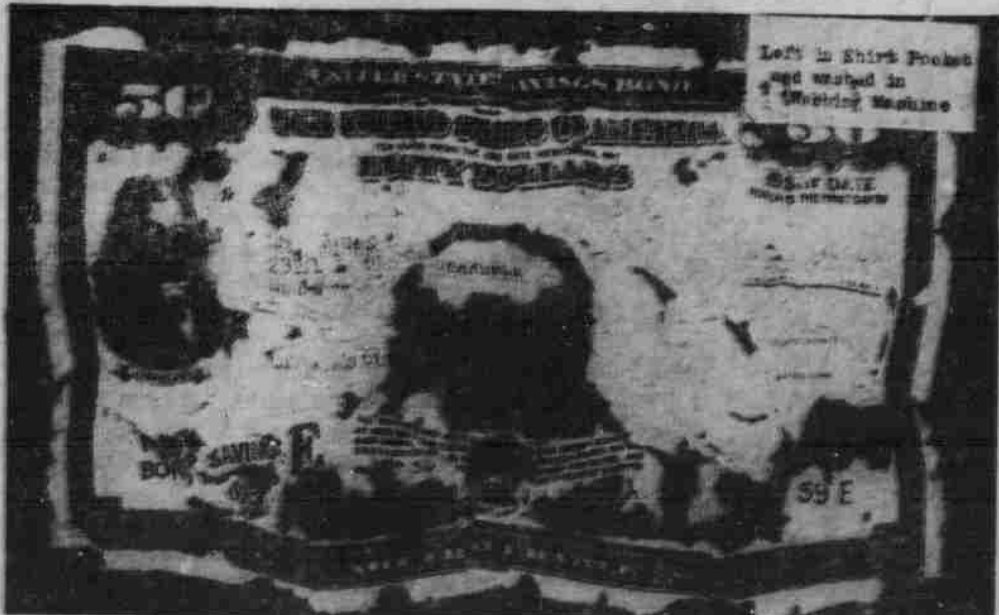
Moreover, I can say that without a doubt, my time could have never been put to a better use than by reading your column.

I am also inclined to believe that you did a fabulous job of feeding your ego.

I shall remain an admirer of you and your column forever.

Sincerely, Frank Brewster, II

It's Still As "Good As Gold"



This United States Savings Bond has had a pretty rough life—short but hectic. The owner received it at the plant one pay day as a regular purchaser on the Payroll Savings Plan. Running a little behind schedule, he hurriedly stuffed the bond in his shirt pocket—and promptly forgot it until five days later. With great agitation, he called his wife who reported that the laundry was already hanging out on the line. The bond was found, still in the shirt pocket, but a little worse for wear. You are looking at a picture of it now because it is one of about a million Savings Bonds the Treasury has replaced for happy owners who lost theirs through carelessness, theft, or acts of nature.

Staff Views

Barnstorming

By Jim Forrest

The Nebraska Center for Continuing Education will very possibly be the biggest step forward the University has taken in its 92 years of existence.

Its facilities for teaching and accomodating both youth and adult oriented groups, will fill a basic need in the education and continuing development of Nebraskans and midwesterners.

There is one question, however, that has many University officials speculating about the impact of the Nebraska Center on the rest of the campus.

Everyone is quite certain that its presence will be beneficial to the continued education of the masses, but no one is very specific or certain as to its effect on the Student Union business.

The adult conferences and institutes, which have crowded the facilities of the Union in an ever increasing volume until the students are practically limited to the use of the Crib and games area, will drop almost to nothing when the Nebraska Center opens in June.

No longer will the swell of adult conferences, workshops, and meetings be funneled into the Union's facilities on city campus by the University's department of conferences and institutes.

The Student Union will again belong to the students!

This is the problem. No one is quite sure whether student and faculty groups will be able to take up the void caused by the removal of non-University business fast enough to keep the Union from experiencing a prolonged financial set-back.

Nebraska Center officials say that they are not in competition with the Union and that the Nebraska Center will not cause the Union to be put behind the financial eight-ball by taking the conference business away from city campus.

And what does the Union have to say about the loss of a great part of their income? Well, Al Bennett, Union manager, feels that the loss of this business definitely "will hurt" the first year.

"The Union will probably lose \$30,000 next year," he said, "but the Union can afford it. In fact, the staff is glad that the air will be cleared of all the business

that really isn't ours to handle."

To recover from this first year "hurt," the Union feels that they will have to launch upon a new program to inform the campus citizenry that their groups now have access to all Union facilities and conference rooms.

Barnstorming hopes that this transition and re-indotration can be made quickly and with a minimum loss to the Union's life blood—money.

Student educational groups and faculty meetings will be the main people to reach in order to fill the void. Instead of meeting in small class rooms with limited facilities, they are going to have to come to the Union.

Barnstorming agrees with Union and Nebraska Center officials, who are working very closely on this question, that the transference of adult conference business to Ag campus can be made successfully; but it also takes the privilege that everyone else is taking that only time will tell.

It would be a shame that an institution such as the Nebraska Center, which is being built and maintained to fill an important gap, would, by doing so, cause another.

The Union will of course survive the transference, but at a time when it is ready to expand its facilities and programs a drawn out struggle for new sources of income would be disastrous.

Speech Team Ties for Second

Nebraska shared runner-up honors Saturday with Northwestern at the 17th annual Eau Claire State Speech Tournament at Eau Claire, Wis.

Herbie Nore took first place in the after dinner speaking division.

The University speakers placed third in the B debate division. Ripon College won the sweepstakes trophy.

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