

Just A Thought

By Dave Calhoun

It has been announced that the newly formed Nebraska International Association (NIA) will sponsor a cultural-type program next Sunday afternoon.

This is the first time that the NIA has been given the chance or has taken the chance to demonstrate the abilities of some of its members. Many of the foreign students here on campus have outstanding talent. I am glad someone has taken the initiative to organize this talent and actually present it.

About the NIA . . . This, the newest formed activity on campus and the only one as far as foreign students are concerned, has grown to become an important part of campus life for these students.

The life of a foreign student at Nebraska is anything but easy. Most of us have enough trouble mastering the language of the land. Think, if you can, how it would be to take notes in a political science or history course, when the language of the instructor is not the same one you have been using all your life.

The NIA is the third organized attempt in the past decade to aid the foreign student.

The two earlier ventures, the International House and the Cosmopolitan Club fell by the wayside, primarily due to the lack of interest.

Will the NIA follow in the same line? This year the organization is favored in two respects; strong interest and strong leadership. Only time will tell. Next year the organization may fail to carry over some of the interest from this year's group. If so, it isn't hard to predict its outcome.

I hope that this year's organization, through festivals such as the one planned for Sunday night, will be able to give to the foreign student something he has been robbed heretofore . . . social life, extracurricular activities or what ever you want to call it.

Contrary to some reports the Student Council, as a whole, is attempting to help out this organization. Last week NIA was discussed and received a great deal of favorable attention. I hope that this cooperation will continue in the future.

A final word, not about NIA, but a story which appeared in Tuesday's paper that concerned a foreign student.

We reported about the fellow who gave a set of encyclopedias to the Student Union. It seems that this fellow is not from Iraq, as mentioned in our story, but instead from Tehran, Iran. Not trying to start an international incident, we are very sorry about this error. I am sure that Yazdi-Khosro Afshar and the others involved will realize that names and languages are hard to understand.

Brazilian Students And Czechoslovakia

(This is the first of a regular series of reports of the International Student World.)

(UPS) — What started out to be six years of all-expense-paid study in Czechoslovakia for four Brazilian students turned out to be just four months of disenchantment for the students who believe they are the first to walk out on the generous Iron Curtain scholarship program.

The Brazilians — Ronaldo Rodrigues, Luis Da Silva, Sergio Montero and Juan Mattos — arrived in Paris last month after fleeing the satellite nation. Admittedly sympathetically disposed toward Communism when they first arrived in Czechoslovakia last September, they said they were disillusioned by what they saw there and the conditions under which they would have to study.

In an interview for Le Figaro, largest circulation French daily, they told of their "Adventure of Disenchantment."

Their story began when they received the scholarships through the International Union of Students (IUS), Communist-dominated organization of national unions of students

with headquarters in Prague.

Commenting on the scholarship program, the Le Figaro article says "Moscow tries to attract the elite of world university youth through the IUS, concentrating principally on African and Latin American countries. The IUS is particularly well-developed for this sort of work and is a strongly important sector of international Soviet operations."

Running the IUS from the Soviet Union is M. Shelepin, a former IUS President who is now a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the USSR and successor to Beria as head of the Committee of State for the Security of the USSR (security police). "The Choice speaks well for him", comments Le Figaro.

The four students came from modest backgrounds and Brazilian universities did not offer courses in their fields.

Mattos, 22, wanted to study Opera. Although he had not been politically active while in Brazil, the IUS promised him a scholarship for study in Italy, but upon arriving in Italy

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Peace Corps Shouldn't Include Romantics and Eager Beavers

The American social-worker mentality that regards the world as our sick oyster has probably done more good than bad. But I am relieved that President Kennedy is trying to get his ducks in a row before dispatching the proposed "peace"



corpse of eager youngsters to work among the mud huts of Africa and the tin can shantytowns of Latin America.

It is faintly possible that they can accomplish something, although it will have nothing to do with peace.

To the restless and large hearted young, of course, distant misery is always more attractive than misery close to home. I have just met the lovely daughter of a British statesman who is setting sail to do social work in the West Indies. Ten blocks from her London home, thousands of West Indians live in the sordid tenements of North Kensington. I know true believers in Washington, D.C., who travel ten thousand miles to be moved by the sufferings of the black men Dr. Schweitzer is trying to help, but who never set foot in the Negro ghettos of southeast Washington.

On their way to black Africa the young American corpsmen and corpgirls will pass hundreds of African boys and girls heading for Europe and America for study and work. Many of them will be equally selfless, but many others of them intend never to return if they can help it, or to return equipped to make as much money as fast as they can. African society, I would guess, is the most profoundly materialistic on earth.

The young American idealists are going to be shocked to find a high percentage of their black counterparts in African colleges totally inured and indifferent to the sufferings of their own countrymen and interested in freedom, not as individual freedom, but as the political reshuffle that will give them the jobs, big houses, cars and servants, their true goals in life.

The "peace corps" recruiters must rule out two types at the start—the ro-

mantics and the eager beavers. Both will simply get their hearts broken and return as cynics, a posture the young carry off but awkwardly.

I suggest the administrators seek counsel, as far as Africa is concerned, from Ernest Montgomery. Ernest is a red-headed, easygoing boy from Connecticut, still in his twenties. On the grassroots, backwoods level he was the most effective representative of America I've run across in years.

Until the government lost him—alas—to the Rockefeller outfit in Ghana, he was, as information officer, the only official American among the millions of Ibo in eastern Nigeria. There he was America, all by himself.

He never preached, he never tried overtly to improve the people. He never expected gratitude or even results. So he often got both. I lived a week in his comfortable bachelor house in Enugu, and every night it was the gathering place for Ibo politicians, journalists, doctors or just friends who wanted to play his records and shuffle around in the "benue" or "high life" dance steps. He was the type who could drift around the countryside in a station wagon equipped

with sleeping bag and digest the native food. On one trip this lanky youngster took to demonstrating the hoola hoop in village squares, and created adoring pandemonium everywhere he went. He knew more about what was really happening in that big section of Nigeria than any foreigner there. In another African district there was another young American, a highly trained sociologist and social worker. He was full of drive and idealism. On housing problems, for example, he harried the local authorities, demanded action daily, cried aloud at the built-in corruption, sloth and inefficiency, and ended up disliked and isolated and useless. He was an eager beaver. He also happened to be Negro, himself.

The "peace corps" administrators must realize that it takes a very special kind of foreign youth even to become accepted in any backward, ingrown, semi-primitive society. They must also realize that it takes years for any individual to accomplish anything worth accomplishing. A system built on brief tenure and rotation will, I freely predict, become an expensive joke, a sequel to "The Ugly American."

Around Our Campus

This is the second of a series of articles presented by Black Masque Chapter of Mortar Board dealing with some of the outstanding features of our university. Today's article is on the College of Dentistry.

"By 1975 there will be a deficit of more than 300 dentists in Nebraska," according to Dr. Walter J. Pelton of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington. In his letter to Dr. Ralph Ireland, Dean of the College of Dentistry, Dr. Pelton further states, "To forestall this deficit and maintain the ratio of dentists to the population that currently exists, a minimum class size of 64, beginning now, would be necessary. From this point of view and our knowledge of your plight, the potential of your present physical facility seems to be quite inadequate."

This information was given by Dean Ireland when asked about the possibilities for expansion of the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry.

For students who have never witnessed the operations of Nebraska's College of Dentistry or are unfamiliar with its set-up, some information might be helpful. NU's College of Dentistry is one of 47 dental colleges in the United States. It is not only the only dental college in the Big Eight but is also the first dental college east of California.

Each of the four classes in the college is composed of 34 students thus ranking Nebraska's Dental College second only to Harvard in having the smallest class size. Each class of 34 is drawn from approximately 375 initial requests for admission. The students are selected on the basis of their scholastic average for all pre-dental work, their score on the dental aptitude test given by the American Dental Association, and their personal qualities, such as attitude, appearance, and professional interest. Although Nebraska residents have pri-

ority for admission, the students represent such a variety of states as Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Arizona, and South Dakota.

It also might be of interest that of all the dental schools across the nation, our College of Dentistry is the only one without its own building.

And in the future? Dean Ireland comments the following: "During the past 25 years there has been a tremendous change in dental education and practice. The University of Nebraska College of Dentistry has attempted to keep pace with these changing concepts in dental education. However, a lack of space and faculty have prevented us from initiating some of the programs which we should be carrying out, and today the College of Dentistry finds itself in a position where improvements are needed in order for the program to attain a quality level consistent with the college's potential, as contrasting with meeting mere standards."

He adds further, "Due to its location and excellent past record, the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry is in a position to assume a place of leadership in dental education. It is my sincere hope that ways and means may be found for the College of Dentistry to continue its record and realize its potentials so that the people of Nebraska may continue to have the best of dental care."

One of the ways in which the College of Dentistry is serving the people of Nebraska is through its cleft palate clinic. In the clinic, which has been a part of the Nebraska Crippled Childrens Service for the past five years, a team approach is used to help children throughout the state.

The training of specialists is another outstanding feature of Nebraska's Dental College. At the present time two graduate courses, one in orthodontics and one in pedodontics are offered. Next year a third graduate course in periodontics will be added to the offerings of the graduate school.

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Student Enjoys Coed Auction Rates

To the Editor:

Congratulations to all who have promoted in any way the coming coed auction on February 24. All humanity knows how the male of the species has been plagued and exploited in centuries past, and how he has constantly been the victim of morale-wreaking situations which run the gamut from being refused a date to no good-night kiss. I cannot help but feel that by promoting "vending-machine romance" men everywhere will be delivered from their unpleasant lot. Here at last is an effective weapon against Momism and Matriachry!

I must confess, however, that I could not help but wonder about the very nominal fee — 60 cents per hour. I have always thought that when love is put on a commercial basis the prices usually coincide with the demand. I would certainly

suggest a remedy here; if the profits are not sufficient, then this infant enterprise will not perpetuate itself. May I propose a more realistic method of collecting the rent? (Or was it a fine?) I would suggest an initial .05 cent fee (a sure stimulation to business) plus an activity fee recorded by a lipometer which would measure the length, frequency, and effectiveness of contact(s). Perhaps our physics and sociology departments could be persuaded to lend a hand in designing a suitable device.

If I would accomplish nothing else I at least wish to strongly urge the immediate and widespread acceptance and the frequent use of this idea. The "r" in romance has long suffered to stand for revenue, and now that the opportunity is here the importance cannot be overstressed. Lets put men back on the map.

David Hendrickson.

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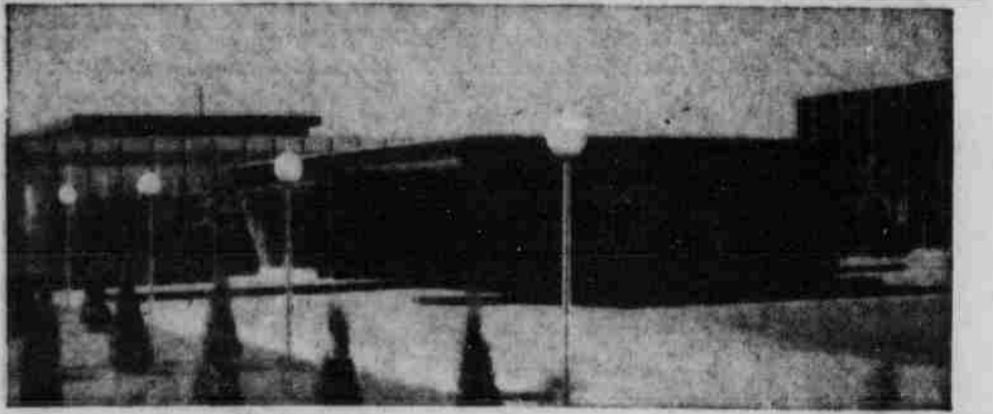
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Faculty Drive Set For March 13-17

The All University Fund (AUF) faculty drive will get under way March 13 and run until March 17.

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