

EDITORIAL OPINION

Many Convocations Fine; Where are Democrats?

Although the school year is barely a week old, already the wheels of progress are at work bringing outstanding personalities to this campus.

On the social side we have heard George Shearing and politically we will hear Representative Walter H. Judd this Friday and Senator Barry Goldwater next spring.

Others expected to visit the campus include, Colin Jackson, political science department; Prof. E. H. Gombrich of the University of London, art department; Dr. Jarime Benitez, chancellor of the University of Puerto Rico; Dr. Stephen de Borhegyi, anthropology department and Prof. R. F. Espenchied of the University of Illinois, department of education to name the largest share of visitors.

The University convocations committee must receive most of the credit for these visitations with help from the Union talks and topics committee and the Young Republicans.

While we heartily endorse the invitations sent to these people in the varied fields of learning and we urge students to take full advantage of their appearance, we pause to consider the political visitations.

Realizing full well that both Messers Goldwater and Judd are adept speakers and would undoubtedly give us an educational insight to the American political scene, we suggest equal time for the other political party in our Democratic system of government.

According to Dr. A. B. Winter, chairman of the convocation committee, efforts were made last year to bring Richard Nixon and Republican National Committee Chairman Thurston Morton to campus—both leading Republicans. Total this up and you will find the score to be the following: Republicans—4, Democrats—0.

We admit that Judd will not appear as a guest of the convocations committee and that not all four Republicans have or will have spoke to the student body. However, why not follow a good old American tradition of inviting both sides and hear the full story? It would seem intelligent students could soon see that Republicanism is more than a name tacked to Nebraska politics.

If we think for one minute that Goldwater will speak on anything but conservatism or that Judd will bend over backwards to present the Democrat's views, we're crazy.

Here is hoping that the Young Democrats join in with other interested student groups and perhaps even the University convocations committee to bring us the whole story. (N.B.)

What Price for Freedom? Peace Corps is Cheap

What will you give to prevent the growth of Communism in the world, our country, our state and up to the very door of your own home?

A million dollars? You haven't got it. Everything you own? Who wants it? Are you ready to approve a total war and give assent to the use of missiles, rockets and the deadly atomic and hydrogen bombs? Then will you take your chances of surviving for three months in an underground shelter while the radiation and fallout becomes harmless?

How about two years out of your lifetime? Your immediate reaction is probably that you cannot believe two years out of your lifetime can make an appreciable difference. How wrong you may be. These two years may be the ONLY way out. The only way we, as Americans, can preserve our freedom and still be around to enjoy it.

We are speaking of the Peace Corps. It is through this agency which we can positively win the minds of foreign peoples.

It is not enough to sit back and tell ourselves that we are the greatest peace-loving nation ever known on the face of this world. It is not enough to merely recognize the thousands of Hungarian refugees who fled the Russians and their oppressive rule and limped into our country. We must do more than stand by and watch the Communists and their doctrine infect and underdeveloped country and in a few short years take complete charge of their new "satellite." For each time another human being goes for Mr. K's line, we are another day away from peace and another step further from maintaining our way of life.

The Peace Corps is a way of winning these needy countries in a way so as to count them among our friends who will stand by us no matter the situation. And they will be there because they respect this country. As James Gibson, assistant director of Peace Corps public relations said last Friday in Lincoln "the Peace Corps is foreign aid in reverse." It is not pouring billions of dollars into these small countries where their standard of living is lower than their illiteracy rate. It is showing these people how to make the best use of what they have or what they can afford to purchase. It is teaching them how to read and write and how to care for a newly born baby.

The Peace Corpsmen are doers. They work side by side the Nigerian, the Filipino and the Indian. They give advice but more importantly, they show the natives how to do it so they may help themselves.

An American is an American no matter where he or she goes. The countries who will receive Peace Corps projects will soon learn that something else works too—freedom, the Democratic society and the right of the individual to be an individual. Herein lies the greatest asset of the Peace Corps. How about it, is the price too high? (N.B.)

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Phi Mu Alpha Thanks Union

Being concerned with the interest in the area of American Music known as jazz, Phi Mu Alpha (professional music fraternity) was heartened to see the large crowds in attendance at the George Shearing concerts last Wednesday evening.

We wish to congratulate the Nebraska Union for sponsoring this group and we hope that this is an example of the fine programs to be sponsored in the future. Larry Hoepfinger, President Phi Mu Alpha

Panhellenic Blasted

To Panhellenic:

Our courts of law subscribe to the belief that the accused is innocent until proven guilty. But you ladies of Panhell apparently subscribe to the opposite view.

Morality is a fine and worthy thing to support, but to legislate through the rules you select and promulgate? Why not leave this to the courts of law. Or is it that you deem its sanctions and punishments less effective than yours? If you do, then you question the effectiveness of centuries of intellectual leadership in moral jurisprudence. Or is it just that you feel there are a few more rules of morality you would like to see enforced? They

shouldn't, by chance, be those of the Victorian vintage, should they ladies? You should really notify the History department of your source. I'm sure they'll be surprised to hear the books are still existent. You might even win a prize!

We, at the University of Nebraska still labor under the lethargic stigma of your Spanish Inquisitorial Board. You are the modern day counterparts of Don Quixote riding a top the buckle of a Victorian Bible Belt, lancing your crude weapons at the windmills of moral progress.

While, "in the room . . . (when you) women come and go talking of Michelangelo," does it ever occur to you that old "Mike" is dead? Time goes on girls and the world has made some moral progress since then. Did you know that? Didn't think so.

By your outmoded codes of extreme vigilance you insult our intelligence. How is it you presume yourselves less susceptible to falling prey to the pitfalls of life than we are? You do insult us and apparently must consider us less capable than yourselves in making moral choices; otherwise, wouldn't you form a body of your living mothers to protect you with similar restrictions? This of course gives you the benefit of the doubt — that you are logical. Perhaps I presume too much.

Maybe you don't think we have yet reached the age of reason. Some of

us are 21 and older — think we have reached any competent level of maturity yet? If not, then please explain why the girls we were graduated with from high school, who were not allowed to go to college, haven't the additions to society's restrictions that you have placed on us. Do you consider us less discerning than they are?

Take the men for example. There are no restrictions on them for hours. Then look at us. My, my it seems hard to believe that during high school we were considered to be 2 years ahead of them in maturity. And by the by that is mental. Have we really regressed to a level 4 years behind them? Apparently so for we are denied the right the boys make all 4 of their college years. We've really slipped that much huh? Get Serious!

If an animal is wild, merely keeping it behind bars doesn't make it less the animal it is. If an animal is wild by nature, bars won't domesticate it. Your maze of restraints won't instill morality in us either. If we have it, which we do, such archaic rules are worthless — which they are. We know the rules about letting us play the game. I've got a proposition: you girls watch your own morality and we'll watch ours. Lift the bars, girls, and then execute a "to the rear — Hartch," and pull a Miniver Cheevy.

Most reluctantly your captive, Moreen Morality

'West Berliners Are Jumpy, Shouty After 9 Months of Tension'—Koehl

The impression one gets while living with the West Berliners for almost nine months is "the tenseness of the people."

Dr. Robert Koehl, associate professor of history, describes the West Berliners as "jumpy and hard to get along with. They are argumentative and 'shouty'."

Spending the last school year in West Berlin obtaining material for a work on the evolution of the Nazi SS Officers Corps in Germany, Dr. and Mrs. Koehl and their two children left Berlin before the barricade was erected between East and West Berlin.

He said that the tenseness that appears in the people is because of the Russian threat.

Berliners Uncertain

"The West Berliners are honestly uncertain on what to do as individuals. Some are leaving the city to move to West Germany, but others are remaining because they are better off economically than they have ever been. There is no unemployment in West Berlin."

There is, he said, an intense hatred for the Russians and an extreme loyalty to the United States. "They feel their fate rests in the hands of the U.S. For that reason they

are willing to accept many unwelcomed decisions merely because they feel that it is the policy wanted by the U.S. he said.

Dr. Koehl, who speaks fluent German, said many of the people are resigned because they feel it is the wish of the U.S. people.

In West Germany, the Germans are more apathetic and have a quizzical attitude toward the Berlin situation. "West Germans feel the West Berliners are spoiled and West Berliners feel West Germany does not appreciate them."

1,200 SS Records

During his research at the Berlin Document Center—a part of the State Department—Dr. Koehl abstracted 1,200 case records of SS Officers and collected 100,000 microfilm frames of organizational material on the SS.

He said his purpose in studying these Nazi SS leadership "is to understand how National Socialism could gain so much influence in Germany and to make this understanding available to the rest of modern western society in the hope of preventing its recurrence, either in Germany or elsewhere."

His year's leave was financed by a Woods Faculty grant and a Rockefeller Foundation grant.

Staff Views

Outside Inlooking

By Ann Moyer

At the risk of facing a mutiny staged by certain of my staff writers, I will venture to say that the news of Senator Barry Goldwater's visit to our campus pleased me extremely.

I became particularly interested in Mr. Goldwater when introduced to



Miss Moyer

Goldwaterism at the University of Wisconsin this summer. Wisconsin U. has a reputation for being a broadly versatile community as far as political thinking is concerned. In fact, I met very few persons from that part of the country who did not belong to a definite political group be it the Kennedys or, on the other end of the scale, the Goldwater Republican school.

Now the general application of the term conservative in Nebraska does not arouse much curiosity and is most often thought of in monetary terms, i.e., how much we spend. However, even the dictionary (Webster's New Collegiate) defines the term as: pertaining to or characteristic of a political party which favors the conservation of existing forms of government.

This definition and the political beliefs of a true conservative Republican are not actually economically founded at all. A real conservative is concerned with maintaining the foundation upon which the freedom of our nation was founded, the Constitution. Along these same lines he recognizes the doctrines of human behavior which have been acknowledged by psychologists and economists for years. The Conservative believes in a competitive society in which each person should be allowed to develop his own talents and advance according to his own capabilities. That is why Republican statesmen often do not favor government programs such as Social Security benefit increases because they feel people should be free to spend their earnings as they please.

The Constitution, as Goldwater sees it, is the heart of the Conservative philosophy. Goldwater fans feel that the founding fathers had a real reason for establishing our government as they did. They feel that the Constitution limits the scope of government power because

the authors of the document had analyzed past history quite closely and had weighed all factors equally. We all are familiar with the doctrine that history repeats itself and the framers of the Constitution were too. They realized that through-out history government had been (and still is) the chief instrument for hampering the freedom of the people living under it. It had been proven time and time again that although legitimate functions of government were conducive to freedom that an unrestricted government could also restrict freedom. Therefore, in the Constitution they set down the limitations which they felt would preserve our individual freedom forever. These restrictions included the limitations of the federal government's right to certain delegated powers; the reservation of certain rights to the States; the division of power among the three separate federal branches so as to establish a system of checks and balances; and a difficult amendment procedure to prevent easily changing the system.

It is said that at the close of the Constitutional Convention a woman asked Benjamin Franklin, "What have you given us?" and his reply was, "A Republic, if you can keep it."

As far as I can see, we have not done much of a job of preserving the excellent foundation which they built for us. The Federal government seems to be moving constantly ahead into any field in which it believes its services are needed. This includes the field of States' Rights, such as education, agriculture and labor. What is to become of our nation, this once shining example of democracy, if government continues to lend a helping hand wherever they feel like it? I think it's time that many of the members of America's political parties sat down and really decided what they stood for and were able to support their stand with more reason than, "My family has always voted Republican so naturally I will too."

And I think it's time that the midwest Republicans who call themselves Conservatives realize that a true Conservative still believes in a man's right to think and act and speak for himself politically as his conscience dictates.

In short, it is time some of the midwest's Conservatives took another look at themselves and decided whether they are politically Conservative or just tight with a buck.

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