

EDITORIAL OPINION

# UN Trips Need Student Backing

Last week the Daily Nebraskan stated that it was going beyond its editorial policy in dealing strictly with on-campus matters. It was our feeling at the time, and still is that as members of a campus community we cannot afford to ignore the world around us. It is significant to us that the Student Council indicated its intention to move off the campus also within the near future.

Specifically we are speaking of the Collegiate Council for the United Nations slated for November. The Collegiate Council is to include students from colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Indian Prime Minister Jawahrlal Nehru has given his approval to speak to the visiting American students. Topics for the conference are "1961: UN Year of Crisis," "The Role of the Non-Aligned Nations in International Politics," "African Development and the United Nations" and "The Problems of Chinese Representation." Needless to say the docket is quite varied and should be of interest to the visitors.

This New York meeting is not the only outside interest the Council brought out to the public. The University has also been invited to send six to eight delegates to the Midwest Model United Nations which will be held in St. Louis March 29-31 next year. "The Model United Nations is designed to stimulate interest in the international realm of affairs and help students and others to understand more realistically the work of the United Nations," the invitation read.

We feel the students on this campus should take serious note of these two off-campus learning situations. We can think of no better way for any student to become better acquainted with the problems faced today by the United States, the United Nations and the world itself.

The first step is complete. The Council has taken the initiative to make the student body aware of these conferences. The remainder is up to us the students. The second step is interest. We sincerely believe any student on this campus would stand to benefit himself and the student body by making one of these trips. It will take serious-minded representatives who will be willing and able to learn and report back to the Council and fellow students. It should be the Student Council's job to take all applications and select our best representatives.

Now we get down to the basics. In order to send up to 11 student representatives to these two meetings the Council will need money. We feel the Council is unable to afford the costs involved and there are few students who can muster the funds themselves. We heartily suggest that student and/or faculty groups realize the potential of these trips and make contributions if they can in any way afford it. Any organization with abundant funds on tap could certainly do lesser things with their dollars.

It would be folly to suppose that we live in an isolated world. This type of thinking left with the sinking of the Lusitania. The problems we face as citizens of this country and members of the United Nations conceivably will not be solved by the time most of us are graduated. Classroom study is unquestionably important in any good education. However, we are now faced with a golden opportunity to supplement classroom experiences with realistic observation and participation.

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# Students Have Chance To Express Opinions

We heartily take note of the recent establishment of the five-man advisory committee to Chancellor Clifford Hardin for the selection of a new dean of student affairs.

It is our contention that this action is a positive step in selecting the successor to Dean J. P. Colbert who will retire at the end of the school year. The importance of the selection dictates an extensive study which can only come about when a capable study group is set up.

Equally as important as the five-man advisory committee is the provision made by Dean A. C. Breckenridge, chairman of the committee, to allow student participation. We feel student views in the selection of a new dean of student affairs basic to any selection made.

We feel no other individual within the Administration has so close a contact with students as the dean of student affairs. Therefore, we encourage students to answer the challenge and take part in making this decision.

No organization, especially one the size of this University, can long move progressively ahead without a basis of mutual understanding and expression. The University administrators have gone half way. The last half is up to us.



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## Nebraskan Letterip

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### Siegel Letter Evaluated

Thank heaven for Mr. Siegel, whoever or whatever he is. The editorial criticisms in the Daily Nebraskan have probably reached an acme of quantity and quality. Believe it or not this political leftist has done a service for the student body. He had the audacity to publicly cite his political philosophy, even affixing his name (if it is his name). Of course I completely disagree with Mr. Siegel's political prognostications. I would even say that Mr. Siegel's apparent verbal stomping for communism is no more than a puny tap. Indeed, it places him far outside a qualified class of verbal stompers and an exclusive class of just plain "shoe stompers". However, the political airings that Mr. Siegel has provoked from the student body have given "freedom of expression" to a resuscitation that has been long overdue from this campus. I was beginning to think that the only opinions held on this campus were those concerning the gay empty-headedness of Greek societies and the equally vacuous sport world. Maybe Mr. Siegel has started something new on this campus: a profound difference of opinion. College students should never be afraid to express their beliefs, opinions and any other kind of concept. Besides, if there is anything that a college education can give us, it's the ability to refine and sophisticate our prejudices. And we all have prejudices. As for Mr. Siegel, I am sure we can tolerate one leftist on the campus. Joseph Whittaker

### Letter Draws More Comment

The curious letter in the Daily Nebraskan of October 25 which appeared over the signature of R. L. Siegel requires some comment. No one but the author of that letter can speak with any great assurance about its purpose. It may, of course, be merely a contrivance to precipitate controversy and lively discussion. If this be the case, I hope we shall be spared a season of debate by tantrum. Possibly the letter was calculated to provide a means of measuring how thoroughly the editorial page is read. Or was the author giving vent to his spleen because he had suddenly become aware that American democracy sometimes falls short of its promise and that American foreign policy is not always above reproach? Surely this is not such a startling discovery

that it makes lucid and orderly thinking impossible. In fact it should goad us on to greater effort of mind and strength of purpose, not sterile negation.

Whatever the purpose of this jeremiad, flippancy or calculating, it cannot be taken seriously as an intellectually honest evaluation of the present course of American history. The substitution of taunts for facts and shrill emotionalism for logic is singularly inappropriate to the gravity of our situation.

Mark Twain is said to have remarked that it is not so much ignorance that makes trouble in this world; it is rather people knowing so many things that are not so. The firmness of the author's grip on reality may be inferred from his interesting description of North American capitalists as "lecherous." Are North American capitalists really more erotic than other people? What vistas of research are opened up by this statement! Sincerely yours, Carl J. Schneider

### Spotlight On Ak-Sar-Ben

Letterip: We have our own FFV in Nebraska. It's wonderful. We all love it. You know what is - it's Ak-Sar-Ben, perhaps the most serious spelling error in history.

Undoubtedly you were just as impressed as I was at seeing all of those lovely, \$1,500 gowns flowing so majestically down the center of the cattle judging area, hardly noticing the smell (after all, they were on television!).

It was a big push for the center ring - the chance so many had been waiting and paying for. The social elite sat around, smiling. "We are neat, aren't we?" The women talked about their old, old sorority days. The men talked business, one foreclosing after another. But everybody found it in their hearts to give the crowd, and the T.V. audience, a thrill by waving. I-loved it, didn't you?

Perhaps the most important person there was the T.V. commentator who described the beautiful people - "Tonight, Annie is wearing..." or "In her left navel Annie has..."

Next in importance, although he doesn't show up until the thing is about over, is the Czar, or King. He is usually from Omaha, which we all love. And, he generally owns his own home, and a few other peoples' homes, and has children - you

know, all kinds of American things.

He probably belongs to the American Legion or NHRRF. And his wife is in all the right groups, especially the anti-Mexican, anti-immigrant, pro-Independence Hall-without-Marian-Anderson-or-Mahalia-Jackson D A R. This is the right side. The left side is out of the question. JWW

Today we are dealing with quality and quantity in the market of workers. This is not, however, a problem for the labor unions. It is a problem trying the leadership on this campus AND the 13 sorority activity chairmen.

In an open letter which appeared in yesterday's Daily Nebraskan, the quantity aspect of the worker problem was pointed out very clearly. "The worker will lose his identity in the mass - he will be just a worker with no chance to use his own creative power," the letter said.

Why do we have these masses? Because these same 13 activity chairmen are "pushing" their kiddies into campus activities. (Before you all raise eyebrows at this nasty connotation, note the following clarification:) There is a valuable purpose in your push - to broaden the individual freshman (who is usually the one who enters activities as a worker).

From an individual standpoint, activities are an excellent opportunity to meet and work with all kinds of members of the campus community. It helps a freshman mature by learning leadership and responsibility at the same time he is serving his campus, his University, or his community.

But, it is the purpose of the activity system at the University designed solely to develop the individual? This is where the quality factor enters in. Does Builders exist merely to develop each of its 206 workers into "thinking" young people, or is its main objective to further the University to the best of its ability? The organizations must first decide what their

## Flowerpot

By Gretchen Shellberg



main goal is, and then base their program on that objective. If, for instance, Builders wishes to produce its five publications or conduct its high school visitations at the most efficient level possible, then Builders would best benefit from working with a smaller quantity of able members. But if its purpose is to give 200 freshmen an experience in responsibility and leadership, Builders must sacrifice some quality performance and provide quantity activity.

It has been pointed out that if efficiency were the only factor involved here, a small staff could be hired to do a professional job of running the Student Union in place of students volunteering their services. Likewise, a few paid PR people could be hired to replace Builders in conducting tours and printing a Student Directory, Calendar, Handbook, etc., or two or three individuals could conduct a charity drive which takes AUF members all year to organize and execute.

The argument for efficiency can be answered by those who advocate the cause of the individual worker. Each worker should be given a chance to show his worth, to develop his talents. Fine. The object of our present activity system; the object of our "push" programs conducted by the 13 activities chairmen. BUT, how far can Susie "grow" when she is competing among 400 Union workers?

It all boils down to the fact that there is just not enough opportunity; there are just not enough jobs for the workers to be passed around so that each one will be judged for further positions on the basis of his past work. And no work, no responsibility or leadership resulting from work.

The fault lies in our traditions. The activity system is one that has developed over a long period. Continued to p. 4

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1 Has the Berlin crisis increased the likelihood of military service for you?



YES  NO

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