

Staff Views

Out Of The Woods

By Jim Forrest

Up until last week the University's (for it looks more and more that it isn't the student's) Student Council was administering their form of student government with a minimum of harassment.

The Council announced that its members favored "changing the location of spring commencement exercises to Pershing Municipal Auditorium." As a junior with an expected date of graduation (give or take a semester) in June, 1963, I wish to add the weight if not the content of this column to the protests, both oral and published, against such a move if made permanent; and urge that the Council reconsider their action and for the Chancellor to watch closely the test of this move at the February graduation, which is scheduled for Pershing.

I would hate to see this tradition broken for the sake of comfort and convenience of alums and parents who would rather sit in the over-stuffed seats of the air-conditioned auditorium rather than the wooden seats of the sometimes stuffy Coliseum.

Such a well-liked and preserved tradition was shattered and forgotten when I graduated from Omaha Central High School . . . to the dislike and disappointment of students. In 1969 the Omaha School Board decided in their wisdom that all five public high schools in Omaha should join "en masse" for their baccalaureate services and that this event should be held in the civic auditorium. Thus it came to pass despite student protests. Changing the baccalaureate from churches to the auditorium not only made students unhappy and caused a marked reduction in the religious meaning of the services conveyed to the students but it also caused confusion and the loss of various parts of the graduation

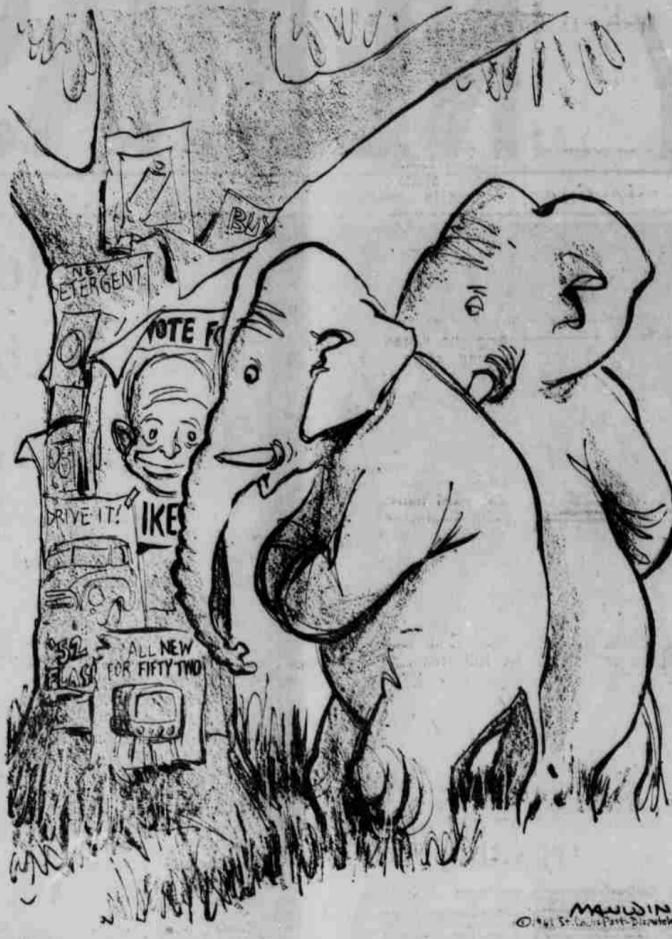
costume and even some students.

This practice is still being done in Omaha and the amount of protest each year is slowly growing smaller. It is like Hitler's training of children so that politics unpopular to their parents and grandparents will be popular and acceptable when the children become adults. Each year students come to accept the change because the original tradition lost is also forgotten.

Graduation is perhaps the biggest and best remembered day of a person's life, if not, it is at least always ranked high. Tradition is not just a word. I say that enough of the old NU's past traditions have been erased too easily. After all, what is going to replace the graduating classes last walk across the campus and past the good old singing silo? . . . A walk along the new traditional path up 15th street, winding through a couple partially vacant used car lots, by the Security Mutual Building, perhaps take time out to play a fast game of bingo at the Laborer's Local 114 "Club," past (?) Bill Murrell's "Corks" and Harold's "Cans," and into Pershing?

Dear Council and Administration: Please place heavy consideration on student opinion before making the move permanent.

It was noticed that a gentleman of the "grey walls" in administration announced in connection with the controversial parking question that "no other parking meters will be installed. . . ." It seems that another member of the "grey wall" family announced last spring, in connection with the proposed surfacing of the north Selleck parking lot, that "present plans do not call for installation of parking meters. . . ." Those aren't candy machines sitting on top of those posts in the north Selleck parking lot. Around, around . . . around we go.



"OUT OF 180 MILLION PEOPLE THERE MUST BE ANOTHER ONE."

American Reservists Don't Gripe Unless Their Morale Is Good

In the war-time play about the London blitz called "The Wooky," a Thames river tugboat operator, weary after a night under the bombs, shouted at his despairing wife, "Morale is a dirty French word and I'll not be havin' it in the house!"



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Groups of American reservists, called up by President Kennedy, are singing public manifestos attesting to the low state of morale they discover in their individual and cause of bad housing, bad equipment, misuse of their time and general disorganization. Their miseries are many, must be put right, and they are correct on all items of their bill of complaints save the central item: their "morale." I would state as a rule of thumb that when generals assure visiting reporters that the morale of their men is good, then it is bad; and when the men themselves audibly complain of their own morale, then it is good.

This sounds like doublethink, but I assert it on the basis of war and pre-war experience of living with several national armies. In the French command posts along the miserable, rain sodden Rhine front in the 1939-40 "phony war" period, the generals would usually end the three-hour "popote"

by waving a cigar and saying, "Remember, above all, the morale is fine!" The men lay on their bunks in manure-smelling Alsatian barns, brooding and hostile. It is when soldiers fall silent that one must beware of their spirit; when they fess and especially when they feel they have to publicly analyze themselves — they are all right. They are dependable.

Newspaper reporters, out for an "expose" story, are not alone in their misconceptions of "morale." Ambassadors, reporting to their governments, make the same mistake. I recall returning to Paris from one of those disheartening Maginot Line trips to hear Ambassador Bullitt assure his new conference that French morale was splendid. He had been so informed by his butler, who was home on leave.

I have often wondered if there was a connection between this and another remark by another American ambassador. In the fall of 1940, after the sickening French army debacle, I was flying home with the retiring Ambassador to Britain, Joseph Kennedy. He was recalling the spring's events with disgust and said, "Roosevelt kept telling me that if only the British would fight the way the French were going to fight, we'd be all right — hell!"

The "sensational" stories about low American army morale we are reading today are precise duplicates of the stories published in the fall of 1941. Congress had voted to re-

tain the draft, three months before Pearl Harbor (the House of Representatives by one vote — god help us) and newspapers reporting of dangerously low morale in the training camps was as naive and misconceived as it is today.

This is a new generation and maybe lessons learned twenty years ago don't apply. Short of proof to the contrary, I will persist in thinking they do; and I will claim that what can truly harm the spirit of self-conscious character, the American soldier, are two things: first, the feeling that he's not being put to meaningful day-to-day use, and second, the empty waste of talents is truly appalling, will have to solve the first. The President has tried to help with the second, with his remark that merely by being called up the men are helping to preserve the peace and America's position.

He could have gone further and specified, for surely there can be little doubt that the prime cause of Khrushchev's easing of the pressure in Berlin lies in the strong American reaction, including the defiance of our troops inside that city, the reinforcements flown from this country and the call-up of the ready reserve at home. The chances of a reasonable negotiation over Berlin are greater than they were, by the simple fact of these men arriving at the camps, bad as the camp preparation for their arrival undoubtedly is.

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Commencement Chan Brings Comment

Dear Norm, The never ending stand taken by campus organizations to preserve traditions of dubious value is now culminated by the Rag staff's appeal to Chancellor Hardin to allow commencement exercises to remain in the Coliseum. What makes your appeal seem ridiculous is how poorly informed you are on this matter. In your editorial Tuesday you stated that "All undergraduates . . . may count on walking up the steps to the Pershing Auditorium stage to receive their diplomas". It is obvious you have never attended a graduation ceremony; no one in recent years has marched anywhere during the ceremony to receive his diploma. In your letter

to Chancellor Hardin you state your opinions that "the graduation exercise should remain in the Coliseum for the June, the check of the figures would show that the size of June graduating classes is very close to the size of classes graduating in February and August. Further you state that "parents, candidates and visitors are not put to any extreme discomfort for this short period of time". If one of you had taken the opportunity to attend commencement last June, you would realize that "parents, candidates and spectators" are put to extreme discomfort. I hope that in the future when you oppose progressive issues, you base your argument on facts and not on an appeal to emotions. I also hope

Chancellor Hardin approves the move to Pershing—the sensible place to hold commencement exercises. Bo Hickman, Graduating senior Ed. Note: "All undergraduates . . . may count on walking up the steps to the Pershing Auditorium stage to receive their diplomas," was used merely as a tool to make a point: undergraduates may experience graduation exercises in Pershing Auditorium if the proposal for the change is not defeated. Secondly, we quote "As you know, the February graduation is much larger than the summer school graduation and the mid-year graduation (February again) is about half the size of the June graduation." These are the words of Dr. David Olive, faculty commencement committee.



Today, Eloise would like to pick out for the plight of the over-activity polluted world, and cheer for one of the latest university activity revolutions which will alter the life of every active-Alice from now until the time comes when no one cares how many points Alice has even. (Yes Alice, there is a point court).

But today Alice, Eloise clarifies the whole pointed set-up. Follow this guide and you'll most likely be a Mortar Board, which is why you're here, isn't it?

Eligibility: Any girl is eligible to earn points, and with the permission of your dean, you don't even need to be a girl.

Point Limit: Any eligible person may earn from 1 to 5,732,000 points. Any person who earns over 500 points may be exempt from classes and must live in Student Health.

Point Allotment:

1. Officers: Presidencies of registered activities — 10 points, (of unregistered activities — 90 points). Vice presidents, etc., — 7 points, plus two if person was in ACE during 1960-61, and subtract two if person did not have free time from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and whose name was turning yellow to adapt to the crab sea's environment.

Anyone who wasn't on a Builders committee as a freshman must subtract another point, but may add 3 if they had mono or frequent colds after Thanksgiving vacation in 1960.

2. Board members of any activity which has over 750 workers get 25 points, of any activity which has between 3 and 5 workers get 25 points. Any Ag Builders board member may add 2 points if they have attended all Rodeo Club meetings (in the horsebarn, add one) during the past year, but to qualify, they must have worn levis to 37 per cent of these meetings.

Any city campus builders board members may add one point if they had three meetings after 7 p.m., were in Teen-Age project, and had lived in a worker camp from June till August after their freshman year, but must subtract 7 points if they ever objected to any Student Council ideas when they were sophomores.

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Advertisement for the movie 'I Bombed Pearl Harbor' featuring Toshiro Mifune. The ad includes the text 'WITH A CAST OF THOUSANDS!' and 'starring TOSHIRO MIFUNE Admiral Yamachi'.

Advertisement for 'Student Union Tour of Europe'. It lists membership limited to undergraduates and recent graduates of Nebraska-Iowa State-Missouri-Kansas State. It offers 62 days all inclusive travel from Montreal June 22 to Montreal Aug. 22, sailing on the Canadian Pacific's Empress of England, with Mary Jane Mulvaney as chaperone. Contact information for Bill McKinnon at Gateway Shopping Center is provided.



Suddenly, the problem of your future security seems to shrink...

Advertisement for the Lutheran Brotherhood Provider Plan. It describes the plan as a way to secure future financial stability. Key features include: \$10,000 of permanent, dividend-paying life insurance; a return of \$1.83 for each dollar invested; and a death benefit of \$16,760. The ad includes contact information for the Lutheran Brotherhood and a form to request more information.

Advertisement for William Thompson Agency. It lists two agents: Ole M. Nore at 3727 'N' Street, Lincoln 10, Nebraska, and Lee J. Mahloch at 1715 E. Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The agency is located at 209 N. Sixth Street, Beatrice, Nebraska, and can be reached at phone CAnal 3-4119.

Staff Views

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By Cloyd Clark

The duck blinds are shut down and the big black labs are tied in the kennels and Mel Steen is probably figuring how many ducks out of the thousands on McConaha, Johnson, Harlen and the other lakes



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state were killed by Nebraska hunters. One of the methods often used in this evaluation of hunter success is the "hunter questionnaire." At the Wildlife Conference held at the Nebraska Center last week for the professional conservation and wildlife men of twelve midwestern states, it was pointed out that not just fishermen, but also hunters are liars.

This conclusion was presented by Jeanette Ernst, the only woman at the conference, as she read the paper of Karl Bednarik, researcher for the Ohio division of Wildlife on hunter bias.

In Ohio a state owned marsh adjacent to Lake Erie was opened to controlled public waterfowling in 1951. Bednarik used Magee Marsh for his experimental laboratory to confirm that there is bias in hunter reporting. In addition the author of the paper brings forth some recommendations which would improve the quality of the hunt and at the same time reduce overall waterfowl mortality. One of the observations

of the report was that in comparison with the 14 waterfowl reportedly killed on the water by the hunters, 31 (58 per cent of all the birds killed on days of observation) were observed to have been killed on the water.

An incident during the first year of operation of the Marsh required the Ohio authorities to limit the hunter on the Marsh to two boxes of shells a day. Game wardens reported that hunters were caught trying to smuggle shells in lunchboxes and such after this limitation was put into effect. This restriction was put into effect when two hunters admitted that they had expanded seven boxes of shotgun shells to bag one duck.

Some interesting figures in regard to shell consumption on the Marsh are: In 1960, 1,604 waterfowl were bagged in the 28 blinds on the marsh. Using the average number of shots recorded from the observation blind, it was calculated that 25,391 shots were fired to kill the 1,604 waterfowl brought into the checking station. Using the rate of crippling loss observed from the observation blind, it was calculated that 2,021 crippled birds were left in the marsh. This was 126 per cent of the number of birds taken home by the hunters.

The 25,391 shots represented 1,016 boxes of shotgun shells. The total cost of shells fired at the Magee Marsh in 1960 (calculated)

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