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Columnists:

Important Opinion

One of the most important functions of this page of the Daily Nebraskan, in addition to offering the paper's opinion on campus affairs, is to provide students with the opportunity to voice their ideas on campus, state and national affairs.

The Nebraskan is lucky this semester to have collected such an outstanding group of people to write. At this point the Nebraskan has 11 columnists who will comment on everything from Student Council to politics in Washington.

It is the columnist's prerogative to decide whether he should have his name signed to the column he writes, and, consequently, some columns will go unsigned. However, any student who desires to know the identity of any of the authors for any reason at all is free to stop in the Nebraskan office to inquire.

By way of introduction the columnists who will be writing signed articles this year are Dick Weill, who will comment on Student Council affairs; Gary Pokorny, who heads RAM and will give his interpretations of campus events with particular emphasis on independent affairs.

Heading the political fortress of columnists are Bob (Continued on page 3)



FEATHER IN HIS CAP

CAMPUS OPINION

Our Mistake

Dear Editor: To an unobserving eye, Monday's editorial and Wednesday's article on "bygone traditions" were quite appropriate, but actually were somewhat off base, particularly concerning the matter of the pre-game rally march. Wednesday's article fairly and accurately set down why the march was not held and

also gave Student Affairs' views on the matter. However, the headline, the one thing every student read, was completely off base.

It was a lie. The person who wrote the article did a good job, but the headline drafter is a disgrace to good journalism.

If the Daily Nebraskan wants to be censored, this is the right route—irre-

sponsibility, falsehood, and unwarranted controversy.

The statement in Monday's editorial on the same subject was a logical suspicion, but it was without base, showed no effort to find the facts, and was ill-timed, when the motive is considered.

I certainly hope that the Daily Nebraskan staff will tighten up shop and hold itself above these "mistakes" in the future.

William Ahlschwede, President, Corn Cobs

EDITORS NOTE: The editors realize that the headline on the rally story was misleading, and will make every attempt in the future to see that such mistakes do not occur. An earlier headline which was much more accurate was changed by a staff member at the print shop because it didn't fit the column width. I hope that Mr. Ahlschwede will not condemn the Daily Nebraskan to censorship because of one such error. On checking Monday's editorial page, the editor finds that the only editorial written that day was one headed—"Christie's Crew: Organized, But..." It had nothing to do with rallies or college night dances.

—The Editor

About Letters

The Daily Nebraskan invites readers to use it for expression of opinion on current topics regardless of viewpoint. Letters must be signed, contain a verifiable address, and be free of libelous material. Pen names may be included and will be released upon written request.

Brevity and legibility increase the chance of publication. Lengthy letters may be edited or omitted. Checklists will be returned.

The Bad Seed

The lesson for today is how to get a Ph.D from Oxford University, religious salvation, free board and room at Hyannisport, meet the jolly green giant in person, and serve your country's needs.

Copy word-for-word in your Builders. It could be a conversation piece at all the open rush parties that have to be held this semester.

1. Complain to Missouri University about poor treatment and lousy cherry cokes in the Crib, making sure a carbon copy reaches one of the Innocents.

2. Fraught with worry, the Innocents here will start a campaign to insure your stay at NU. Free board and room, no tuition, and your choice of songs for the bells at 9:00, MWF, is offered.

3. Missouri, alert to the publicity, wires a matching offer, minus the bells, but with the added clause of a colored T.V. in your room.

4. Mississippi, hearing the mention of a colored T.V., telephones an offer of free tuition, three body guards, and an interview with the jolly green giant, who is trying to enroll as a student. (Shortly after this went to press, the giant was suspended for carrying a concealed can-opener to class.)

5. Alabama's student body petitions that they don't want you for a classmate, but they'd love to stage a demonstration on your behalf.

6. Nebraska, not one to lose a student, offers all finals in the College of Arts and Sciences, and promises to help you pre-register every semester by decoding the damn schedule book.

7. Immediately wire Harvard. A representative flies out and suggests that they could finagle invitations to Hyannisport functions, if you do not do imitations of any sort at parties.

8. Oxford decides to fly you over to Britain to look over the campus. Three recommendations must be filed on your reputation and profession first. They've decided to start checking these things before embarrassing namby-pamby things are dredged up. They offer the last part of the goal.

9. Deluged with offers, you will now be able to settle back for a few days to make your choice.

10. Meanwhile, since you are not enrolled in school, the draft board sends you their offer, with definite suggestions that you do not decline.

11. Now, what you do is write the Navy . . . . . n.s.

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A graduate student who is in his first year of law school at the University of Nebraska casually observed after being on campus only a week that the fraternity houses seem to be separated by "brick walls."

I argued that perhaps he formed such an impression during a peculiar time of the year when each fraternity is necessarily involved in its own affairs, and that perhaps after the school year got underway, his opinion would change. Of course it will change. But reflecting on last year, my first exposure to the Nebraska fraternity system, I wondered whether it could change to an extent which would compliment the interfraternity aspect of Greek life, or whether it would remain more or less a passing statement of fact—that most of the system's strength arises out of the internal unity of the individual houses with little bolstering from a possible interfraternity point of view.

This article is not intended to degrade the effectiveness of the IFC, for in a way the IFC is exemplary of a problem of its own system. It is obvious that its attitudes, functions, enthusiasm and overall high quality create more than sufficient interfraternal feeling among its members; the council, the presidents of their respective councils, and the junior representatives. However, if the brick wall exists and is as visible as it is, the IFC is a good place to illustrate an example of the type of at-

titude which contributes to this impression.

The IFC, burdened with the mechanism, structure, and responsibility of any organization has the additional responsibility of overstepping its internal character, reaching out to each fraternity through its representatives, and recreating in each house the most interfraternal attitude possible.

Somewhere between the inspired IFC associates and the somewhat disinterested average fraternity man is a gap which seems to halt this process. In this way, the IFC exists as perhaps the best fraternity on campus, with just another wall between itself and the other houses.

There is nothing bad with this situation, not the way it is here anyway, but it could be better. The system is merely failing to take advantage of additional ways to strengthen itself. Fraternity men tend to unite in defense of their system when challenged on some point of idealism, but they rarely come together in an outgoing manner which shows awareness and concern for the system as a whole. Interfraternity functions are uncommon, intramurals are mandatory, and a unifying pride in the system's scholarship is almost invalid. Complacency, should it take the place of apathy, takes over where fraternity jewelry ceases to bind fraternity men together. Good fences make good neighbors, but apparently not around here.

by rick spellman

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The New Guard

By Bob Weaver

Previous installments have made no attempt to establish the goals of this corner. At the beginning of a new school year, one should determine his general educational goals and ways and reasons for accomplishing them. So it is with a newspaper column.

The "New Guard" will be a comment on the world by a college student mid-way through his undergraduate career and fresh from a summer in the East.

That world will include everything from pledge education at the University of Nebraska to ratification of the test ban treaty and Vietnam. Anything seen or heard may be the subject of this weekly contribution.

To emphasize a few points: the University; Nebraska, its past, present and future; Washington, D.C.; the nation, and this society of man.

Of particular interest will be education, its place in a University society and those things which are associated with a well rounded individual—art, music, literature, and science. Finally, the column will deal with people who come in contact with and who make or should make the aforementioned items part of their everyday life.

Objectivity is probably next. As a contributor to this page, one is responsi-

ble for what he causes to be printed. These two points ought to answer the second question. One cannot completely divorce himself from his background in order to be an impartial judge. Nor would such procedure necessarily be desirable. However, as the name implies, a fresh new look will be taken when it is necessary.

Nebraska youth, and for that matter, all youth are constantly told their time is coming . . . and soon. This idea and preparation for it will certainly be kept in mind.

A final viewpoint would be that of a more or less confirmed Nebraskan (who would first like to see the world) eyeing other societies and communities for possible solutions to the problems which confront us.

So what's the big deal? Everyone has heard about apathy and the great unconcerned masses. Maybe that picture can be exploded, at least this writer's part in those masses.

The right, and maybe the obligation to be concerned, and in so being, become involved, will be uppermost in consideration. In being so involved, maybe we can get some thinking stimulated, a little work done and some myths destroyed. Finally, man must attempt to de-

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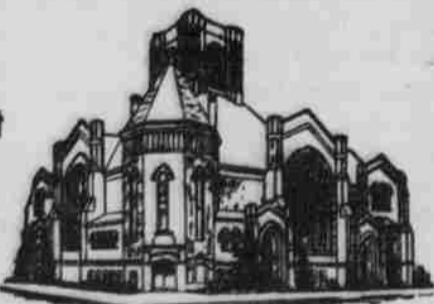
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