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COUNCIL WISE:

About Alabama Edict

A sincere vote of confidence is due Tom Kort, chairman of the public issues committee of Student Council, who by his actions yesterday gave this newspaper hope that the Council will act on national affairs which directly affect students, whether at the University of Nebraska or any similar institution in the United States.

In an unexpected move Kort asked the Council to pass a resolution protesting a University of Alabama edict which forbids its students to make comments to outside newspapers on any racial situation on the university campus or on any Negro who is attempting to register at the University of Alabama.

As was pointed out in an earlier editorial, this Alabama U edict is in direct violation of the United States Constitution, and if justice is to be carried out, a test case should be initiated in the courts of the state.

Student support is required if the injustice is to be corrected. There are two possible methods of action. If enough funds can be raised, a suit can be initiated. Secondly, and this way would be much easier, would be to file a complaint with U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy. Both methods require planning and most important of all, student interest.

We realize that Student Council should not act on any situation without proper consideration and intelligence. The Council, therefore, tabled the motion because they didn't know the Alabama administration's reasoning for blurring out such a restriction.

The Daily Nebraskan provided University students with the information it received through the Collegiate Press Service. The information was not slanted. It gave the student views on the matter, and it did not give administrative comment because the Alabama administration refused to make a statement about it except to say that they thought that professional journalists should handle racial matters, and not students, because their comments were silly. The University spokesmen also said that the edict would probably be in effect for years.

The Daily Nebraskan has called the Collegiate Press Service and the National Student Association in Philadelphia for further information on the Alabama situation. We will try to have as much information as we can muster in the hands of the public issues committee before the motion next comes up on the floor of Council.

The Alabama issue is important, and now that the resolution has been brought up, the Council should follow through with it with as few hinderances as possible.

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by wendy rogers

Careful, Council, that "table" may not hold up if too many resolutions are "indefinitely" piled upon it.

The tabling of Wednesday's motion to express disapproval of suppression of freedom of the press at the University of Alabama is not, I hope, a sample of what is to come.

True, Council members, as elected representatives of the student body, should be well-informed before they vote. But what will constitute "sufficient" background information? From what sources will the Public Issues committee seek its information?

When will Council act? In any case, it's good to see our student leaders serving up meat instead of strained baby food to nourish their constituents. Let's hope they continue.

One question, though. Why was no mention made in Council of the altered scheduling of next semester's classes on city campus? In a Tuesday meeting of the Faculty Senate, a matter involving every University student was resolved with ne'er a student comment.

City campus classes next semester will start on the half-hour. Ag campus classes will begin on the hour.

Reasons cited for the time switch included:
 —allowing use of the noon hour for class scheduling;
 —alleviating crowded conditions in public eating accommodations around the city campus;
 —improving traffic congestion during the morning when 8 a.m. class-goers add to the general city traffic rush;
 —continued effectiveness of between-campus bus transportation.

Approval of the change came, said a city newspaper account, "despite a heavy minority vote."

Why, at least, weren't the students informed of the situation? Where is that student-faculty liaison function we all hear about at Council election time?

Speaking of campus leaders, martyrdom is ever worthy of note. The Innocents Society, says a Nebraskan story, will abandon its stadium seats this Saturday for the bleachers.

That's admirable. Good for the public image. Should really impress the myriad of high school students participating in Band Day.

But, ummm, did each individual decide for himself to surrender his ticket?

Vagabond

By Rick Spellman
 All cities of any size have atmospheres of their own. Lincoln included. Paris has girls, New York has the Empire State Building, Lincoln has... the state capital? the University? churches? Golds? the state penitentiary? What do tourists spending a few hours in Lincoln remember, driving through Omaha?

The only thing that involves a majority of Lincolmites (and tourists) a majority of the time is something called the parking ticket.

Everybody gets tagged occasionally for illegal parking, no matter where they live, but in Lincoln, parking on the streets is simply lethal. Park your car and try and spend a leisurely afternoon shopping downtown. You are tinged with a sense of fear that somewhere out on the streets is one of the six Cadets, four Meter Maids, or regular patrolmen hovering very close to your car, anxiously waiting for the little red flag to turn him (or her) on, like plugging in an IBM machine. Fear and panic. Gets pretty thick if you exaggerate the point, like a fog coming in over church steeples, neon signs, penitentiaries, etc.

Parking lots? OK, refuse your obligation to the school children of Lincoln. The money collected from parking violations end up in the

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CAMPUS OPINION

The Damnable State Of Students

Recently a sports columnist of a local paper remarked that Bob Devaney and his team have finally broken down the perennial problem of student apathy at Nebraska. Devaney's highly successful team created a demand for stadium tickets that the administration could not satisfy. The student body reaction has been anything but apathetic.

So, the students at NU are capable of some response. The question that then follows is this, can NU recognize and react to some of the other problems existent on our campus?

Will the student body recognize that each individual has a responsibility to himself, as well as to his community, to recognize the problems existent in our society, to take a stand towards these problems, and to act for their solution. Most people would say the important step is in acting for a solution. However, it seems that the most important step at NU is in recognizing that these problems even exist.

Most certainly some of you are asking what problems I am vaguely raving about. Well, why not try these for a start. 1.) Discrimination, not only of white against black, but also of American against foreign student, and of independent against greek. 2.) Classroom cheating, anything for that

damned grade. 3.) Drinking, and I do not mean that mud in the crib. 4.) Premarital sex, I would hate to shock Pan-Hell, AWS, and Dean Snyder, but this problem does exist in spite of all of your Victorian and Puritanical regulations. 5.) Personal amusement at the expense of another's pride and human dignity.

These are some of the problems that are hidden in the dark corners of the campus. I, an ignorant and apathetic student, opened my eyes and saw these all around me.

If we as the educated, future leaders of our society fail to recognize our own

social problems and allow them to exist without being challenged, then surely our society will degenerate into a state of self-centered damnation, with each individual existing in his own private little Hell. If the educated do not question and seek answers then who will? The dead leaders of the past? The babes in arms? Or perhaps the members of Local No. 5430697 of the Federated Excavators of America.

No, we are responsible for the state of our society. Each must ask his own questions and seek his own

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