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THE LEGISLATURE:

Embarrassed

The front page of yesterday's World-Herald greeted us with the prospect that the legislature may reconvene for the second time this biennium.

The reason for the third session is that a mistake was made in passing LB 82.

In passing the measure, the legislature left out the penalty section in the Nebraska Motor Carrier Act when it recodified the State Railroad Commission's laws.

As the paper points out, the railroad commission, under the recodified law, now has little authority for carriers on Nebraska's highways.

This year has been an especially embarrassing one for the legislature.

First, the Supreme Court ruled the 1959 and 1963 time-sales laws unconstitutional. These rulings put fear into Nebraska's legislators, because they invalidated all time-sales contracts written under the now unconstitutional laws. The legislature is presently introducing legislation to correct the mess. According to Robert Skochdopole, an attorney representing the finance industry, the invalidation of contracts under the penalties applied by the Supreme Court would bankrupt every small business and drive every large finance company out of the state.

The legislature was embarrassed again when it found that it had forgotten to appropriate enough money during the last session to pay a New York artist \$10,000 for a new set of statehouse murals.

Then later in the summer, the legislature came under the fire of the press for passing a law prohibiting the press from printing factual accounts of juvenile offenses without the expressed permission of the juvenile court judge.

Luckily, Nebraska has a good solid core of rational judges. Most of them agreed at regional meetings that they would open the record to the press.

As the blunders came to light during the summer people began wondering what kind of system the legislature has for checking bills to see if all the provisions are legally sound, and to check on inadvertent errors.

Hugo Srb has said that the problem of legislative errors is partially due to the fact that the legislature is not composed of enough lawyers so that at least one can sit on each committee. Thus, technical errors are bound to pop up now and then.

Others have blamed Governor Morrison for not reading legislation carefully enough.

Perhaps the Governor should establish a committee under his control to read legislation for illegalities and inadvertent errors.

Gary Lacey

Campus Opinion-

Negro Comments On Article

Dear Editor: I would like to ask you where did you find such evasive persons to staff our paper as columnists, Steve Sydow, and Lynn Corcoran. Not only do they deny the content of their article, "Another Racial Blast," Oct. 18, Daily Nebraskan, in their article "A Report On Racial Issue," Oct. 23; but they also made a futile attempt to undermine a sincere and mild article by Jane Tenhulzen, "Racial Blast" Labeled Elusive," Oct. 21.

It seems that the whole problem was that of understanding and expression. To you, Steve Sydow and Lynn Corcoran, since your thoughts are so complicated that it takes a computer to analyze them, perhaps you should take a course in "How To Express Oneself In The Everyday Language Of The People." Maybe then you would have been able to say that you don't think our paper should use as much space as it did concerning the Greeks of the Northwest and Miss Prath-

ia Hall. However, since you didn't say that (but wanted to), I think someone should enlighten your dull minds.

It appears from what you've said in defense of your article ("Another Racial Blast") that it was all whipcream and no cake, which is very poor journalism for someone who is a reporter for a college paper.

Your article suggested that we isolate ourselves from the problems of other areas. You even sarcastic-

ally referred to President Kennedy's foreign aid bill.

Every individual who is true with himself realizes that the Midwest takes this attitude in general to problems of the world and of our nation. Do you deny this?

Perhaps you are not familiar with the recent attempts to stimulate the Midwest to action in national and international issues. You seem to like it better the ostrich way: see no evil, hear no evil, do no evil, and say no evil.

Unbury your heads from the sand of content, self-glorification and complacency and open your eyes to the light of truth.

Your approach to Prathia Hall was most ridiculous. However, one might find gratitude in your statement, "We are sorry." I'm sure many other people are sorry, too.

Your statement was murderous, slanderous, and a definite defamation of character. Statements like yours have not contributed to the "delinquency of minors," but also developed the delinquency of a nation; and resistance to correct this error has caused the bloodshed and sorrow of many.

I need not go into an analysis of the situation in Alabama prior to the riots in comparison to other sections of the country because Miss Tenhulzen did an ample job. However, I might make one addition. That is, Wallace and others were at least earnest in their appraisal of the situation.

As long as "their Negroes" stayed in their place and didn't do or want the wrong things, they were in harmony with the rest of the people and there were no problems.

For a long time, the Negroes didn't do anything about their wants, nor did they express concern over them. But "the day" did arrive and thoughts turned into actions. Is this type of situation developing at the University of Nebraska?

If you would allow me to quote you, your answer is no, because "discrimination here at the University is but a word we encounter in the newspaper."

Why did you think there was a possibility of Miss Hall's starting a racial riot here if there is no discrimination. Can hate come from love?

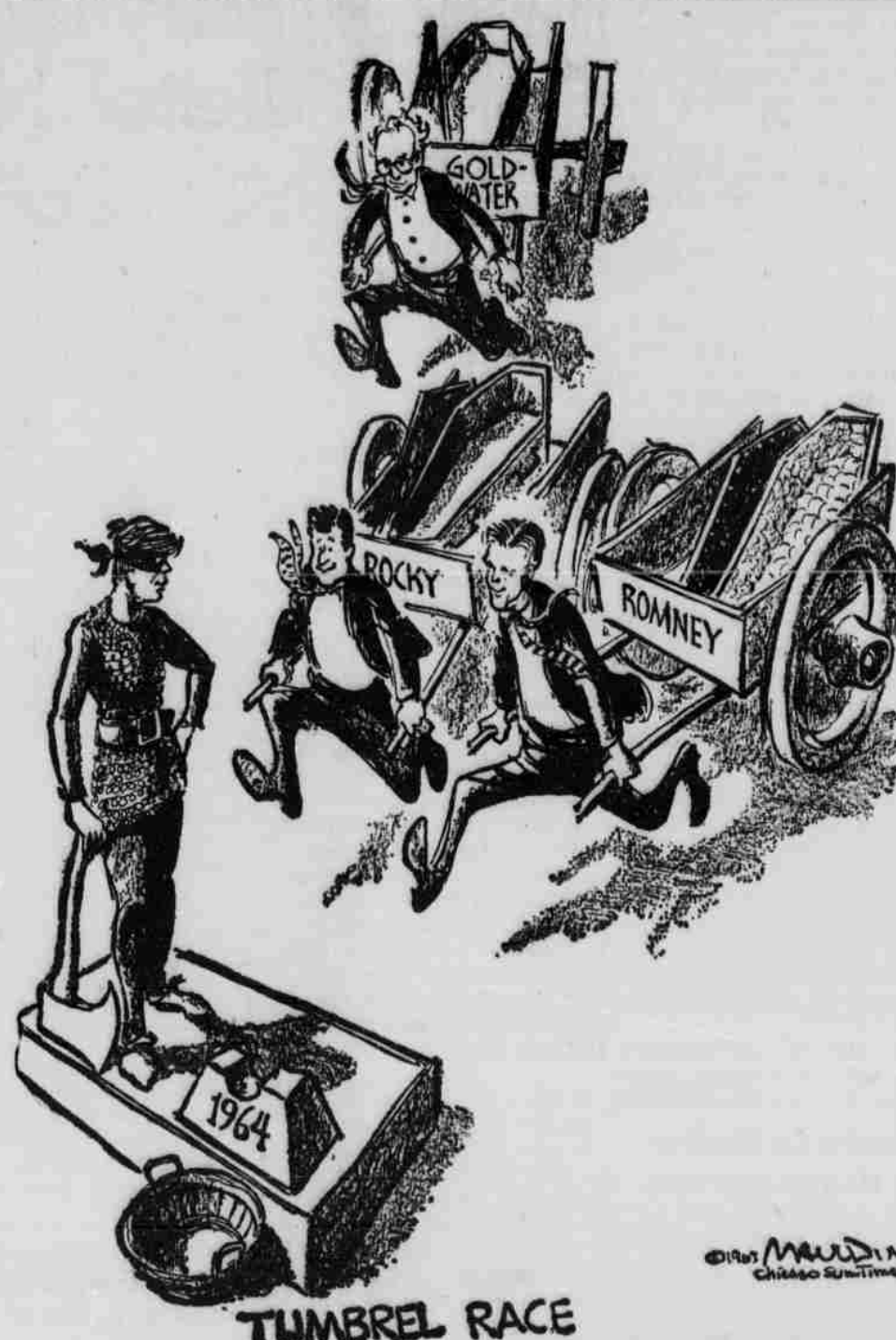
I purposely refrained from discussing the Greek situation because the problem is too complex for this discourse. On the other hand, I question your qual-

ifications to even consider debating the competency of any college president. It might be more beneficial for you to discuss your qualifications and ability to write.

I commend you in your final analysis that "we do have problems here in Nebraska, but they are . . . not the same type of problems confronting other areas." After all, who would say that Birmingham and Oxford have the same type of problems.

Be more coherent in your next article and perhaps you won't have to degrade college presidents, patriotic leaders, and "sincere" journalists, and tell the editor of the paper how to lay out his copy.

Huey Rowe-Anderson



Our Sacred Cows

By Jim Moore

The National Student Association calls it loco parentis, the University administrators call it "their responsibility," I think it's just plain meddling.

Anyone who's been a student at the University for more than two months has already bumped his head against the ugly monster that University Student Affairs Deans use continually as their excuse to control the student body—"their responsibility."

Their responsibility to do what? to whom?

The edicts that have recently come down from on high lead me to believe they feel they have a responsibility to protect us from ourselves. We students are such a naughty bunch.

Take, for instance, Derby Day. The rape and plunder and immodesty connected with painting a co-ed's derriere! How awful! Obviously, the University has a responsibility to protect us from ourselves. Thus came the call, "Derby Day for the Sigma Chis . . . only."

And what about College Nights, sign carrying at Pep Rallies, migration, etc. All the edicts published against these horrendous practices have obviously been directed at freeing the students from their own wild, stupid, and immoral pastimes.

Personally, I don't really care about being saved from myself.

But perhaps the administration feels it has a responsibility to its students' parents. Yes, indeed, this must be the reason behind the administration's atti-

tude. And it sounds good on paper. But I have a little story to tell.

Last year about this time, the staff of the Daily Nebraskan was invited to participate in the Big Eight Editor's Conference held in Columbia, Missouri. Wendy Rogers, Sue Hovik and I decided to attend.

To save money and to avoid missing too many classes, we planned to leave the campus about one o'clock at night on the day the conference was to begin—thus arriving in Columbia about nine in the morning.

The Pi Phi and Chi O housemothers had asked Sue and Wendy to get an OK from their parents. Both called home, and both received permission.

But we had reckoned without Dean Snyder and "University responsibility."

Four hours before we were to leave, Helen called the girls—officially forbidding them to leave until six in the morning. Wendy and Sue pointed out the fact that their parents had given them permission.

But we still didn't leave until six.

So I doubt the University thinks it has much of a responsibility to the parents.

But all of this points out an obvious fact—the University is convinced it has a responsibility . . . to itself.

This responsibility is not directed toward the students, or toward the students' parents. Rather this responsibility is a method of keeping everyone in line. The administration never wants us to forget that it is the seat of power, that

only it has the authority to direct our lives.

But just as the peasant finally realized his importance in the feudal system and rose up to fight for his dignity, so the students will someday rise up when they realize that they, not some dean in a paneled office, are the seat of power. And that they have the right to exercise this power.

In the meantime, the University continues in its role of "responsibility." The deans will continue in their quest for more and more power over the student body.

Someday, they'll push too hard.

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CAMPUS OPINION

NU Beauty

Dear Editor, On the 18th and 19th of this month I attended a conference on the Far East at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education. While in Lincoln I took advantage of the opportunity of visiting the main campus of your university.

From the first I was impressed by the beauty of the campus. However, this in itself is insignificant because many universities have lovely campuses. What really overwhelmed me was the behavior of your student body. They are warm, friendly, and seem never to be too hurried to stop to give aid to someone who appears in need of it.

While in the library, I was completely charmed to have a young lady come over and ask if I were in need of help or information about the workings of that institution. She was not an employee and acted solely

through charitable motives. As long as Nebraska University maintains this warmth and charm, it will remain an enchanted and enchanting place in the hearts and minds of those of us who are fortunate enough to visit there.

David R. Winkles University of Oklahoma

HOW TO SUCCEED IN PRO BALL!

Jerry Lucas, one of the all-time great college basketball stars, is now a pro. In the December issue of SPORT magazine, you'll find out what Lucas (and every college star) has to learn to "succeed" as a pro, as his former roommate John Havlicek gives him inside pointers on the NBA and its stars. Plus the SPORT spotlight is on college football, with exciting photo reports on George Mira, the nation's No. 1 college quarterback. Coach John McKay of USC and Mel Renfro of Oregon. SPORT covers college sports in depth, and you get behind-the-scenes coverage on all pro sports. In December SPORT you'll also want to read "I Say Listen is Good For Boxing," an exclusive article by Rocky Marciano. SPORT magazine keeps you abreast of all events on the sports scene, with authoritative coverage, sharp analysis, informative profiles and action-packed photos. . . . Get

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