

Frank Patsch, editor

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'Tax On VICE'

Our bipartisan governor thinks our nonpartisan legislature should have raised taxes on alcohol and tobacco. And horseracing profits. We have only taken and prejudiced objection to this idea, but we believe that the state is currently caught in the throes of a tax problem requiring a much larger solution than the several hundred thousand or million dollars which these raises would add to the state's tax revenue.

A state sales tax (may it rest, temporarily, in peace) is an unpleasant thought, and a state income tax (may the former rise up and make it unnecessary) is an even more nightmarish possibility—when considered from the point of view of the individual. But Joe Blow, who owns half of Cherry County, doesn't think it too just to spend his life leashed to the property tax—especially since fewer and fewer senators are being elected from Cherry County these days and more and more are coming from Douglas County to vote against a tax which would be paid by their constituents.

We fear the state's mood has become one of domination by the majority, even at the cost of industrial expansion and better roads. A sales tax or an income tax would definitely hit more people than the ranch tax we are charging now, but we must draw the line across our selfishness (we said selfishness, not individuality or political freedom.) The entire state would benefit.

So many Nebraskans who have

A Solution?

bewailed the "encroachments of the federal government" should at least be able to see that someone must kick this state in the seat of the overalls before it withers away completely.

And it will, unless someone—State or Federal—adds some green. Take your choice, Nebraska.

SPRING BROKE OUT this weekend with balmy days and the mellow nights that snap the confines of books and rooms and send students out into the elements. We hope it is not a typical spring here at the University.

Several fights also broke out after Coed Follies, the combatants representing various creeds and ideologies (different living units, we think.) This is poor.

Poor things happen in the winter, summer and fall, too (many girls were attacked to the point of embarrassment by snowballers and snowstuffers) but we see the rash of spring fights as one of the poorest.

The campus has begun to take on a new look; ancient institutions are being defined and redefined and many students are looking beyond their own narrowness toward real learning. But some would rather fight with the guy next door or across the street.

Those of us who are working for a dynamic student body scorn this pettiness and appeal for its abrupt termination.

• FRANK PARTSCH

Passing Through

The volume and intensity of student frustration is now reaching a peak, so much so in fact that it has become the most omnipresent subject of student conversation.

By frustration I mean, of course, the difficulties of coming to grips with art and intellect in the present environment of higher education—difficulties posed by the enormous problems which have beset institutions of higher learning in recent years. These frustrations are felt not only by students, but also by educators themselves.

Universities have attempted, however unsuccessfully, to overcome those barriers to learning which have been thrown up by the great expansion and diversification of educational enterprise in recent years. The schools have many, many more people to deal with, and they have many, many more tasks to perform than before. The result has been lack of attentiveness to the real needs and desires of students. Frustration is the outcome of inattentiveness.

Since frustration is now a universally recognized feeling in the academy, those who want to transcend it are seeking ways out. Very few make any serious attempt to defend the schools as they now stand—they are indubitably in crisis.

What those who think and write about such things are now doing is to propound group action. These solutions fall into two categories.

One category is reform. The other is revolution.

Admiral Rickover and James Bryant Conant are reformers — although of clearly variant persuasions—and they lead well-developed reform enterprises. Few as yet propound revolution in theory, although an increasing number practice it. What is going on at Berkeley is revolution.

Closer to home we note the Gaddy, which is in fact a revolutionary organ — a conscious effort to attract converts to the enterprise of subverting the established order.

Reform and revolution are group social-political activities as such—attempts on the part of organized groups to foist change on those who seek to preserve a deteriorating status quo.

Most students, however, aren't as yet really interested in group enterprises as an escape from frustration. What they now look for is a personal, individual way of coping with an adverse educational environment so that they can survive and prosper both now and in the future. They have neither time nor inclination to organize in their own behalf.

If this be true, then the present task for individuals is not to become leaders or followers in reform or revolution, but to join the search for a *modus operandi*, a procedure, which will get them through the barrier of higher education with a minimum of scar tissue.

It remains to be seen

whether there are feasible personal solutions, given the extreme anomie of higher education today.

I for one have my doubts. I suspect that those who want a better environment will ultimately have to hang together, else they will hang separately. The longer one postpones participation in reform enterprises for change, the more likely it is that revolution will become the only feasible means of effecting change. Reform might become superannated.

Revolution is a most inefficient and dangerous method of changing things. Revolutions customarily subvert the very ends for which they were fought, at least for a long time. Castro's Cuba is a classic example of this truth. My guess is that the following progression could occur as a consequence of frustration.

If personal solutions prove impossible, then reforming activity might become general. If reform fails, which is likely if much longer postponed, revolution might come. This would consign us all to a long and dangerous interlude — the outcome of which would be uncertain at best.

DAVID F. TRASK

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YR Leadership

Dear editor,

During the days of Feb. 17 to 21 six young Republicans from Nebraska participated in the Leadership Training School sponsored by the National Federation of Young Republicans in Washington, D.C.

Although the School's main purpose was to train young Republican leaders in the art and techniques of political campaigning, the meeting was also an excellent opportunity for all to discuss fully the various political, economic, and social ideas that we hold as individuals and as a Party.

We all returned to our home states knowing that there are common principles which all of us can readily agree upon and can use to build progressive and more constructive proposals as alternatives to those sponsored by the Democrat Administration.

We also realized that the record number of 700 participants in the School are, and will continue to be, deeply committed to the Republican Party and see in it the best vehicle for the providing of political and

public services and leadership to all Americans."

Thank you for your cooperation.

William C. Joern

Beech

Dear editor,

Recent articles in the Daily Nebraskan, including Miss Dowling's of Feb. 25, have reassured me that "Coed Follies," the annual sorority variety show, is a monstrous, sophisticated DISPLAY of self-centered exhibitionism—a verifiable "girlie show," (what else, with 400 girls in it!!)

When not on stage, those girls will be giggling over their friends' antics, or flirting — as opportunity shall afford.

Miss Dowling, as a high AWS official, does have a problem—that problem which always besets these enterprises launched primarily for the entertainment of the "entertainers," that they are justified as money making projects and consequently must make money!

So, our young players will have to PAY to giggle, etc. out front.

If the AWS really needs money, why don't they give

up this business of creating genial and propitious atmospheres, and levy a tax? They certainly have enough power. Or better yet, let AWS languish without funds, thus forcing them to suspend "judiciary processes."

But the girls won't hear of such a thing. They'd rather put up with AWS and keep the rite of spring, the Coed Follies, that launching of a new season's campaign.

"In the spring a young man's fancy IS MADE TO TURN TO THOUGHTS..."

Mark Beech

And More Beech

Dear editor,

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) resolution "accepting" the new constitution (which isn't even completed yet, nor legally adopted!) is a ridiculous and telling redundancy. The IFC has no business pretending to consider documents, which, if passed in the spring election, shall become the proper will of the majority.

I recognize any group's right to support or oppose, to campaign for and against any proposal; but for a

group to accept or reject on its own the mainstream of advance through government, is spoilsport, reactionary and anarchic.

But this isn't really what IFC wants to do. They are desperately interested in defining their relations with the pending new student government, before the government has a chance to do this for itself — thus the premature resolution with a accompanying statements toward establishing the presumption that "supreme" means ONLY review of constituencies, and does not extend to activities or individual fraternities.

But they have missed the point again. IFC fraternities and IFC activities are all components of the complete University, as a group and SINGLY. The new student government shall derive from all students, and shall exercise jurisdiction over the whole University — performing those functions desired by the majority.

I hope and urge that this IFC action, or any similar, is not allowed to set a restriction or precedence or obligation over our evolving student government.

Mark Beech

The most dangerous thing about Vietnamese revolutions is the traffic



Drawn in Saigon

Bill MAULDIN

The political and military situation in Viet Nam is no more mixed up than the traffic, Bill Mauldin reports in this sketch from Saigon. During the recent struggle for power in the government—dubbed by Mauldin the "convertible coup"—the normal Vietnamese traffic was further congested by tanks in the streets.

"I never saw so many tanks—all American-built, by the way and new," Mauldin reports. As for the traffic, he

describes it as "anarchy at best and truly wild."

From the sketch, it is apparent that the gunners really couldn't decide in which direction to point their guns as their commanders were proclaimed first rebels, then switched their command back to the government without firing a shot.

Mauldin found these tanks "eyeball to eyeball and bumping each other with their gun muzzles—not with intent to kill but because the tanks are big and the streets are small."

Squee's Squabbles

By Susan Smithberger

BWARE MEN! After Friday's performance of Coed Follies every coed on campus knows what she wants out of life, and especially her man, and how to catch him.

This year's Follies ranks among the best ever given. Whether it was Vicki Dowling's fine job of organizing and moving the show, or whether it was each group that turned in an extraordinary performance, A.W.S. must be congratulated.

The Chi Omegas again turned in the most outstanding performance. They had good music, kept the act lively all the way through and had beautiful scenery. Their Egyptian dancers' costumes especially attracted attention. They deserved the victory they received.

The Delta Gamma's placed second, turned in the best performance this writer has ever seen this particular house do. They gave an amusing, though not too original, look at the United States through the

eyes of an outsider. The scenery was colorful, and again the songs were lively.

Third place Kappa Alpha Theta, too, showed good costuming. The pink bears were especially novel. The Thetas omitted the punch ending which seemed to be a part of every other act and what a relief it was!

The Alpha Phi's gave their usual feminine act but this time omitted the femininity in their voices, a factor which may have cost them a place in the winning three.

It's hard for this writer, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, to evaluate that house's performance. I tend to be either too lenient or too harsh, so I will say only that I enjoyed it very much and was very proud of the performance they gave.

The Gamma Phi Beta's gave a lively, cute show,

which was enjoyed by the whole audience.

Having a special feeling about "Oliver" performances, I cannot help but congratulate Mary Ann Griffins on an excellent showing. One had a hard time not visualizing the actual characters on the stage.

It was a pleasure to view a group from the Omaha School of Nursing. They gave a fine performance, one which the school can be proud of.

CORKers

A cosmetics manufacturer asserts that American women use enough lipstick each year to paint 40,000 barns bright red.

It would take 20,000 pounds of pressure to flatten a regulation football to the point where it exploded.

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