

## The Time Has Come!

There comes a time in every man's life when he must examine ideas that his colleagues in life blindly accept. For crime is often cloaked in technicality, and loopholes permit embarrassing practices to exist. It is in the examination of these areas that the scholar is distinguished from the thinker, the man from the computer.

We are not talking about Viet Nam or New York or Selma, we are talking about Lincoln. It is time for this University and the state which gave it its name to examine a very embarrassing technicality and to sift from the vacant emotion the best answer to the problem. And there is a very definite problem: A fraternity chartered by this University (chartered by this State) has a clause in its charter which bars non-whites from membership: Sigma Nu.

We have been told that fraternities may, as social organizations, claim exemption from the Civil Rights Law. We violently oppose, however, the incorporation of such a claim into our public, government-established tax-supported University. This makes legal discrimination a part of our University, and we are embarrassed.

Student Council in January recommended that the clause be removed. Interfraternity Council last year discouraged white clauses at this University. What do these actions mean? Not much.

Bill Mowbray, Sigma Nu president, said a local chapter may not receive a waiver from its charter clause without an ultimatum from the Administration of the university concerned. Sigma Nu is a strong southern fraternity; nevertheless, Mowbray said, the University chapter is encouraging the removal of the national clause whenever the national fraternity holds its biennial meetings. Therefore Sigma Nu has fulfilled the wishes of IFC and Student Council. They are working for the removal of the clause.

Sigma Nu has not applied for a waiver, however, according to Mowbray, for two

reasons. The first, mentioned above, concerns the circumstances under which they may apply; the second, Mowbray said, is that a clause is the only honest way to practice discrimination. Sigma Nu is proud that it has the courage to write its discrimination down on paper, rather than applying for waivers and removing clauses without changing attitudes.

We will not press this argument for we are not attempting to make a social or a moral point. We question merely the legality of condoned discrimination at a public University.

Excluding this "honest discrimination," which we think is pretty atrocious in itself, let us assign some responsibility for action in this matter.

We can excuse IFC. They have no way to force a fraternity to act on its own charter, and, according to IFC President Buzz Madson, have written to national Sigma Nu officers explaining the Nebraska situation.

We can excuse the local chapter of Sigma Nu. They are members of a growing faction within their national fraternity which is working to repeal the clause. And national fraternities are apparently more crucial than state universities.

We can excuse Sigma Nu's national organization. They, in their aristocratic southern tradition, have no reason in the whole white world to suddenly grant an unrequested waiver to their own charter.

Unrequested, because an Administrative ultimatum must be in hand before the waiver will be granted.

To our Administration we therefore say that this has gone on long enough. We cordially invite an ultimatum which would result in a Sigma Nu waiver before classes reconvene for the 1966-67 school year.

AS MOWBRAY SAID, however, waivers are lies. But certainly the legal situation must be deodorized before the moral situation can be approached.

• FRANK PARTSCH

## CAMPUS OPINION

### Dormitory Eviction Protested

Dear editor,

After five years at this University, I have been informed that I will no longer have the privilege of staying in the dormitory room I have come to call home. Why? Simply because a few students decided that Selleck Quadrangle and the rest of the University housing should be co-educational.

I wonder if it ever occurred to those people that a few of us might be satisfied with the present situation? I am not necessarily defending the status quo or mourning the loss of my room but rather I am complaining that those of us who are affected by this new policy have no voice in determining our future.

We were not allowed to vote or voice our opinion in any way — rather our com-

plaints and comments were simply submerged as a drop of water in the sea of other's wishes. Does not the minority have any protection? Are we expected to either submit to an arbitrary policy or leave without a word of protest?

The great "God" called the University has spoken and we are to surrender to its wishes. Our rights as individuals are being taken away and those remaining are doled out as privileges — our rights as students and as citizens of the collegiate community have become illusory. I, for one, don't like having my freedoms removed, either piecemeal or in one fell swoop!

Co-educational housing has been promoted as a panacea for the multitude of social ills of the U and for the students who do not

have the personality or manners to meet others. The proponents have made co-educationalism a creed and a religion. "Go co-ed and live happily ever after — Amen."

Are these few students promoting co-educational housing for the merits it does have, or is membership in the Co-ed Housing Committee their bid for recognition in this school's petty politics? Perhaps their motives are more than a "self-sacrificing desire to promote the welfare and social adjustment of us all."

Jim Rambo

### Sick of 'Tomfoolry'

Dear editor,

I am sick. Sick of the clever pedantry which results in articles like those of C.L.O.D. and N.U.R.D. C.R.U.D. is even less impressive. This clever clique has run what may have been a sincere gripe to Ad Nauseum

I sincerely suggest that if the Daily Nebraskan can find no other business to occupy its pages, it resign itself to the position of stuffing papers for mailing! At least one professor has evidently realized its value as such material.

A man whose intelligence is obviously above that of yours, dear editor. Until the Daily Nebraskan matures to some stage above high school tomfoolry, I shall endeavor to find as many packages as I can to stuff with Daily Nebraskans.

This is several steps above its current use as a sounding board for clever children and a tape-recording of previously printed articles.

John Snowdon

Editor's note: It is our policy to print all letters to the Campus Opinion columns, provided that they are signed and are free of libelous material. Possibly Mr. Snowdon objects, then, to the quality of contributors, rather than the quality of the paper.

In addition to C.L.O.D., N.U.R.D., C.R.U.D. and Snowdon, we received unsigned letters from W.A.R.P.E.D. & T.W.I.N.K., which we will print if the authors will contact us and sign their letters.

### Transfer Student Speaks

Dear editor,

I wish to comment on Dean Miltzer's proposal to modify the University's grading system. Although not present at the Council session, I feel that as a transfer student from a Nebraska college using the proposed system I have some insight into the problem.

One of the arguments in favor of the change was the large number of schools in the area and conference that use the system. This doesn't seem to be a sound argument when one considers the disadvantages of the system, the temporary confusion the change would produce, and the relative ease with which 9.8, 7 grades can be changed to letter grades and vice versa when transferring. Let us first determine if the change would have any value.

Miltzer said that for the purpose of grade averaging a number would be assigned to the letter grade. Isn't this what we now do? The argument that students are calculating averages to four decimal places with the 9.8, 7 is also pointless. I know from experience that it is just as easy to get four decimal places when averaging in the proposed system which I presume would be the 4.3, 2.1. Here again no difference.

As for the ease of converting grades on trans-

cripts, etc. sent to other schools, I suggest that they be sent with an A in place of 9 or 8 etc.

Therefore the main question is how distinct should a grade be. Grades are judgements no matter what numbers you give them, excluding the pass or fail system which I highly disregard, with limited exceptions. It is one thing to pass and another to do your best. I still hold with the "old theory" that grades are an incentive to study and learn the best. Of course we are here to learn but in the process aren't we out to do our best and, if you please, "set marks in grades like they do for the 220 yard dash."

I am sure that the percent of correct judgement of grades far exceeds that of the incorrect. If it were humanly possible, and it isn't, to assign everyone a rank at the end of the semester wouldn't this be the best system?

Certainly the distinction between nine numbers isn't that difficult and more important, just as easy as the A-B borderline grades to distinguish. As long as Dean Miltzer included many opinions in his discussion, it is my opinion that a nine point system does put pressure on an instructor to break down the grade finer and use careful judgement.

Dan Diekmeyer

## BB SHOT

By Bob Bosking

At ten-thirty last Wednesday my English professor reviewed the various parts of speech, and the declension of pronouns and conjugation of verbs.

He was of the opinion that the language could be simplified a great deal by eliminating case endings, i.e., substituting "I-see-he" for "I-see-him," having simpler tenses and eliminating the perfect tenses.

He felt that men could still communicate with each other, and perhaps even better without the clutter of "useless" paraphernalia like the various tenses. I disagree violently, and I think for good reason.

Man's mind is a very complex instrument. A computer is a very complex instrument. A computer uses a very simple system of communication to relay its many millions of bits of information; it uses the binary alphabet and number system, which with the infinite combinations of two symbols can pass on many varying combinations of facts.

So why can't the English language be reduced to such a simple state, with just a few verb categories, nouns having only one case, and so forth?

Because men and computers have one difference; a computer cannot think, cannot give birth to ideas. Men have the miraculous power of reason, of gathering up bits of information and then assembling them at will into sense, usefulness, beauty.

To simplify the language would remove the necessary coloring, shading and tone for proper presentation of man's ideas. No, the vocabulary alone isn't sufficient to do this. It needs the added complexity of the grammar to put the various words into order.

Anyone who argues against this necessity of complex vocabularies and grammar surely doesn't realize the complexities of man's ideas. To remove the tools of coloring, shading and tone would reduce man's utterances to no more than bits from an electronic brain.

## AWS President Urges All Coeds To 'Catchup'

The hot dog and the right to vote are two great American traditions and in that order. Yes friends, the hot dog has become a well established favorite of the populace and it looks as though it will continue to be the more popular of the two.

Last week May Queen elections were held and only 380 of the 2000 junior and senior female population of this campus made it to the polls. What is the reason? Are the polls too far away from the students? No, the elections are held in the Union and anybody who cannot find the Union doesn't go to school here and could not vote in the first place.

We all know it is not apathy that accounts for the shortage of woman-power at the polls. Very few people know what the word means so how can you be apathetic if you don't know what it is.

As fate has it, the misguided always have a chance for redemption. This Wednesday the All Women's Elections will be conducted at the Nebraska Union from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. (also on East Campus same time, same place). This includes elections for AWS, WAA and May Queen finals. Will the local hot dog fans show up? Come on fans, "move buns" and VOTE!

Janece Benda (11d)  
Chr. All Women's Elections  
Mortar Board

## CORKers

On the NU campus, there are only two types of parking available: illegal and no.

★ ★ ★  
If you're going to Singapore, you may import 50 cigarettes duty-free.

★ ★ ★  
Gray squirrels gnaw through about half a million dollars worth of telephone cable per year, Bell-Telephone Laboratories say.

★ ★ ★  
You can now buy a leather-covered toilet seat, decorated with your own coat of arms, for about \$48.

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Pershing Auditorium

Tickets: \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.25

Ticket Sales Start

March 10 at Union

## Fox's Facts

By Gale Pokorny

The weather that has besieged our campus this winter and particularly within the last month's time has brought to our attention a group of hard working individuals not unlike the proverbial Santa Claus elves.

Bundled up and protected from the cold, they labor relentlessly through the night for the sole benefit of those boys and girls sleeping in their campus rooms while visions of sugar plums etc. etc.

They are Nebraska elves and they remove the snow from the campus sidewalks and streets so some idiot daydreaming about sugar plums doesn't slip and break his neck on the way to public health class.

Unlike the jolly man's little helpers who run around in fur trimmed coats, pointed hats and shoes, and red leotards, these fellows choose their attire from a range of about fifty different outfits and they can usually be spotted wearing all fifty at once.

The little men of the North Pole are known for their fun-loving and mischievous nature and the local bunch is no exception to the rule. It does my heart good to see them laughing and singing as they drag race their little Ford tractors through the

### Student Council Wants Contact

The Student Council does not wish to convey the image of a group of haughty political moguls. Rather, we are attempting to aid the student body through the means available to us.

In addition to your letters and comments, I would be very appreciative if you would talk with me or any Student Council member concerning your criticisms or comments of Student Council.

John Lydick  
President, Student Council

courtyards of the Selleck dorms.

Sometimes they charge down the sidewalks gathering snow in front of the blades of their machines and then dump it all in the nearest doorway. If they happen to be cleaning a street they all get together and bury the nearest Volkswagen.

One of their specialties is the ability to skim over sidewalks leaving about half an inch of remaining snow which they then proceed to pack into a sheet of ice. Not only do they like to have fun but they want everyone to have fun and what is more enjoyable than sliding along a sidewalk flat on your back?

These bundled up little men are just like you and me in that they hold the same love of parking meters that we all do. Only these men on tractors do something about it. Just the other night I saw two of these yellow four wheel-drive jobs attacking a meter in the parking lot east of the Union. First one would back into it and then the other would take his turn. If they fail to knock it over, they take the easy way out and bury them along with the Volkswagens.

Unlike the Christmas elves who accomplish their work quietly and then slip away disturbing no one these guys tend to drop subtle hints of their presence by making faint noises. This usually amounts to slamming their shovels against the sidewalk at three in the morning or seeing who can make his tractor backfire the loudest.

They're educational too. On several occasions I've heard a couple of these elves exchanging somewhat adult jokes outside my window.

But patience friends, Spring is on its merry way and the snow elves will soon vanish for another year. However I trust you are aware that we are sometimes troubled with grass cutting elves . . .

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