

MRA:

A Foot In The Door

The Moral Rearmament (MRA) people are trying to bring a speaker to campus. His name is John Sayre, distinguished athlete, popular speaker and director of athletics for last year's MRA conference in Michigan. He has been accepted and cheered across the country, by some of the most vicious college audiences.

In the past, including this year, MRA hasn't attracted much attention on this campus. We, in our lack of acquaintance with the subject, are not too excited about it ourselves. But we do respect the movement, for we recognize that it is about time that man shaped up, individually and collectively, to meet a few moral and intellectual challenges. Here, at least, are people trying to do this. And for this reason, we believe that we would like to listen to Mr. Sayre's speech.

Like all the MRA workers, however, Sayre donates his time, and must have \$250 to defer living expenses for his wife and family during this donation. The Nebraska Union occasionally co-sponsors spur-of-the-moment speakers with interested departments and organizations, and will cooperate with Sayre if someone is found to co-sponsor him. We would like to see this happen, for, as a MRA representative told us Saturday, "We think he has something to say."

We have come to believe that, even in these All-University Convocation-less days, listening to differences of opinion and stimulating or self-inspired speakers are an important part of everyone's education. The Union has taken significant steps in filling what we think is a vacuum at this University, through their own program, which included such well-received speakers as John Howard Griffin and Dick Gregory. We must realize that their funds are limited.

We think that most students, whether they agree or not with MRA, would be interested in hearing Mr. Sayre, and we urge any interested departments or organizations to contact the Union, the Daily Nebraskan or the MRA people and offer their support to this speaker.

TO THE MEMBERS OF KAPPA SIGMA FRATERNITY: We are not sure if your window display was commendable or condemnable, but we hope it impressed the parents, teachers and high school students who visited the campus over the weekend.

It certainly did not impress us.

FRANK PARTSCH

Mascot, Milkman Meet, Avoid Albino Action

By E.R.

Once there was a great bookless playground, which charged farmer-children money to come and take advantage of its facilities. The children came and were very happy, because they were all poor and their poverty bred friendship (this was before the days of ways against wars against friendship.)

And it came to pass that the children grew up, and they begot others, whom they also sent to enjoy the facilities which their parents had known. Their parents had accumulated many shekels in the meantime. In looking for a way to relieve their parents of their excess shekels, one group of students banded together to form an exclusive organization. And all was well and good.

This was before the days of the ill-fated Duchess and Butch, who delighted the playground with their antics several generations later, but this little group of shekel-relievers decided anyway that they should have a mascot.

They came up with a rather novel idea (it wasn't really novel as far as ideas go, but it was one of the first ideas they had so they called it novel) of sending to Sherpasberg for an abominable snowman.

Finally the days for the snowman to be delivered were accomplished, and, lo and behold, when the stagecoach (conservatism) pulled up and deposited a large crate beside the water hole, they tore open the crate to greet their new mascot.

Surprise strike me to the end of my days. Sherpasberg, caught in the throes of an unprecedented demand for the snowmen (J. Ghetto Getty, father of his son, was one of the prime demanders of this oddity) had nothing left in stock but a vicious albino, with long white claws. Which they named him. Now White Claws had an

incredibly unfriendly personality (he beggated Claws X, the forerunner of our present Herman X) and immediately become known as a hater of all playground mascots which were not albino.

Which, in those high and far-off times, was quite unfortunate, because the only other albino in the region was a milk-man whose only love was integrating everything in sight, like it or not. (He went on to invent hot chocolate, and was sentenced to five years in the State Pen for refusing to move away from the Rosebud Indian Reservation.)

But I digress. White (as he was affectionately known by his enemies) created so much resentment by spitting and thumbing his nose at all the other mascots that the playground warden had him shipped away to the pen to join his friend, the milkman. (For convenience, there were other mascots by this point in the narrative.)

And the last heard of either White or the milkman (you might be interested in knowing that his name was J. Gordon Slobber, who became an authority on artificiality) was that they escaped from the pen and rode away on the stagecoach with its new driver, Ralph Schlitzman.



THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

Work Program Supported

Editor's note: The following article represents an affirmative case in the debate over a

public work program. It is reprinted from the Kansas State Collegian, Feb. 9. We will present the negative argument later in the week.

By Sheryl Etling

The topic being debated by colleges and universities this year is "Resolved: That the Federal Government should establish a National Program of Public Work for the Unemployed." This national topic was selected by the American Forensic Association.

In debating this, or any other topic, an affirmative team has certain duties. The team upholding the question must present some need issues, show why the present system is inherently unable to solve those problems, and then present a plan which will meet the needs presented.

Issues this year have centered in two areas. First, there is a need for public work projects in such areas as urban renewal, conservation, and the erection of public service facilities.

The second need area is unemployment. While general unemployment has been decreasing recently, there are some chronic problem areas such as the long-term unemployed, heads of families, older workers, youths, Negroes, and the unskilled.

When viewing the present system in relation to the need issues presented, affirmative teams find that all three major areas of action are failing to meet the problems of unemployment.

The competitive business sector of the economy, even with the aid of tax cuts, will not be able to expand rapidly enough in 1965 to keep up with the increase in the labor force.

The problem is one of creating enough jobs to provide employment for new workers and for those who are currently unemployed.

State and local governments do not have the resources to carry the burden

alone, and Federal Government programs, mainly retraining efforts, have serious shortcomings.

Some unemployed are not retraineable, while still others find themselves unable to find jobs once they have acquired a skill.

Most affirmative teams recognize, however, that retraining should be made available to those who can be benefited by it. Therefore, affirmative plans provide for the continuance of these programs.

They go one step further, however, for they call for public work to be made available for trainees in a work-study program, for non-restrainables, and for those who have skills but still cannot find work.

Thus the affirmative maintains that since both unemployment and the need for public works remain as significant national problems, the obvious solution is one of a national program of public work for the unemployed.

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CAMPUS OPINION

Convinced By Shepard

Dear editor, All right, Mr. Shepard, you've convinced me (you and the man who shot Medgar Evers, the swell guys who bomb churches and club unarmed people over the head) I'll join Friends of SNCC. I've already given my money to the cause and now I'll give my precious time.

I'll walk with you in your fruitless marches in front of the blind eyes of the U.S. Post Office in Lincoln (of all places), Nebraska. And what will that get me? Well, a lot of nice things—things I'd like to have. For instance, it will deliver me from being called apathetic and bigoted by justly bitter columnists; it will inform the right people that I am a good guy.

Because, you know, (and you do know, don't you Mr. Shepard) that where you and I should both be is in Selma Alabama. But we are not there—perhaps because we are cowards, perhaps because we are committed to families and friends in Lincoln; probably because our commitment makes us afraid, makes us narrow our concern to one group of people rather than to all people.

You see, I do realize what my commitment should be, so I will lull the guilty, rasping voice within me into a self-satisfied purr—"I'm a good guy—a friend of SNCC." When I march, whom do I impress? Nobody but those who are already for the cause—those who already know why I'm marching.

And what am I getting the people of Selma, Ala? Nothing, nothing at all. Attention? They can get their own attention—I've never been clubbed on the head for my beliefs. But as I've said, I'll join you, although you had better not let me in unless you are able to tell me why, if things are so bad here as implied, we aren't demonstrating for the people of Lincoln.

Why aren't we picketing the segregated barbershops, beer joints, hotels, cafes—or more importantly—why aren't we picketing the realtors, that brave band of protectors of the Lincoln status quo? Has the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce been made painfully aware of our problem?

I hope you have some answers to these questions, because by your next meeting you are going to have a member who wants to know.

Patsy Campbell

Call To Arms

Dear Editor: The article "Phase IV," by Blacksheep, is one of the most masterly written calls to action ever published. It has given students of this University determination to take action to correct the gross injustices that have disturbed them for so long.

By direct action now and with the knowledge of our position and responsibility in America, this nation,

Whitesheep

Rest In Peace

Dear editor, An incident that happened this past week makes me sick. The incident that I mean is the moving of the body of a one-month-old Negro baby from an all-white section of Wyuka Cemetery to an all-Negro section. How stupid and trivial can we get?

We claim that the people in Nebraska are not overly race-conscious and yet something like this turns up.

The excuse that was used for moving the body was that the cemetery officials thought that the family would be happier with the grave in a section where there is a heavier concentration of Negro graves.

This fact was brought out in the Lincoln Star of 13 March and I quote:

"(Wyuka Cemetery Board Chairman William) Grossman pointed out that the cemetery does not restrict burial areas as to race, but noted that the Negroes usually buy plots where their friends and relatives are buried, which has resulted in a negro-concentrated area."

Is it that the Negroes want to buy their plots in this "Negro" section or that they're allowed to buy them

this hemisphere, and indeed the world can be ours!

With the gallant blacksheep to lead us into battle against the foes of justice, equality and the rights of man, we can suppress the ever-growing evils of ludicrous regulations and restrictive female residence hours.

We must take action! Blacksheep's word is our command! But what would he have us do?

Whitesheep

ONLY in this section? And finally, to add insult to injury, the parents were not even informed of this change. The cemetery officials excused themselves by blaming the officials of the mortuary, while the morticians blamed those at the cemetery.

Who was right? I say that both were wrong. We were all created equally in the eyes of God, so since many of us claim to be Christians, why can't we let the dead rest in peace?

Norman Adler

CORKers

According to diet experts, one bowl of bird's nest soup contains 75 calories.

If you put a morning glory in the closet, it will open the following morning as if it were in the sun, but the second morning it will not open, because it can't be fooled again. How about that, flower lovers!

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