



Closet Case

By Frank Partsch

I had two alternatives for this small space left on the page after the campus had expressed its opinion: not renowned for my typing speed and a little more serious than usual, I decided to leave the editorial until Wednesday and concentrate on a Closet Case today.

Closet Cases are the reward I get for writing editorials; it is like allowing yourself a leisurely stroll after driving all day.

But, with no further ado, I will proceed to relay to you my few memories from that great Nebraska institution, Boy's State.

Yes, it was a big deal in those days to spend a whole week in Lincoln. We arrived and checked in on a Saturday afternoon. As I remember it now, the first person I met was a chap known as Jim Sanderson. I looked around my "town," yes, they were all there. Manila Bay was ready for action.

Across from my bunk was Brent Scott, and down the row a ways were Stuart Wiley, Jr., and Mick Sumnick. Old Mick, as I recall, was the house expert at deck tennis, and Stu, I think played on the volleyball team.

And then there was David Knaak, whom we ran for lieutenant governor. The night of the election we agreed to support a tall one from neighboring Bellevue Wood (I think his name was Buzz Madson) for attorney general if they would vote for our boy.

I still remember our chant: "We want Madson, we want Morey, we want Knaak." I don't remember much about Morey.

At the helm of my political party (I don't remember if it was the Nationalist or the Federalist) were Bill Marshall and Jim Beltzer. Our governor was a football player from Nebraska City who later became Ron Poggenmeyer. In the afternoons, we attended discussions on the Nebraska tax base and heard a tall stooped debater named Larry Frolik waving his hands about broadening the base.

During the week we learned to wake up to the sweet strains of "Love is a Many Splendored Thing," by a wrestler from Bellevue named Roger Lott, to the accompaniment of a shower. Bill Wood was running for commissioner of education.

After falling on the old face twice, I managed to get myself elected to the Manila Bay City Council. (That was to put matters in their proper perspective.)

And then we adjourned to go back to our American Legion sponsors and tell them what great guys we met. Yes, we parted, never to meet again.

Aun Calling

"Draws Mark Anthony out of the way." (Elizabeth Taylor.)

"Have immediate freedom of repeal." (the old constitution)

"Good Grief, it's Daddy." (Little Orphan Annie.)

"O piteous spectacle." (a broken pair of glasses.)

CAMPUS OPINION

Not Worth Paper

Dear editor,

Last semester I rarely saw a Nebraskan, and hence was not interested in its contents. But I get the paper more or less regularly this semester, and would like to note that I have yet to see one item worth the paper it was printed on.

Numerous pieces have prompted me to write, but I have stubbornly resisted. These articles included such gems as Militzer's folly, the Students Not Concerned With College, and the drivel by Trask and Beech, the difference between whom is that Trask knows exactly what he is doing.

No, I could resist without writing about those. But the recent column by Blacksheep (whose non-de-plume is admirably well chosen) has finally pushed me to write you missive.

Since we must have a democratic University in order to avoid all suspicion of discrimination; and since student elections are currently the rage; and since women's hours are causing, if nothing else, the waste of valuable Nebraskan column space, why not have a free, equal, and democratic election on whether to extend women's hours?

Why not? You know darn well why not. Student elections are only allowed when the outcome doesn't really matter anyway. And the outcome of this election would be entirely predictable.

In a closely related vein,

whatever happened to the drinking problem last year? There was a big stink about it until the students unanimously (I'm sure it must have been unanimously) voted to recommend a resolution to the legislature that minimum legal drinking age be reduced to 18.

Then the matter was suddenly dropped. I don't recall any such resolution ever being presented to the legislature; and nary a mention of booze was made until Spring Day.

As can be seen, Those That Be learn from experience: never ask for public opinion if the results may be uncomfortable or embarrassing. Witness the new Constitution. Those who wrote it, and those who are bribed, will vote for it. No one cares enough to vote against it. And approximately 90 per cent of the student body, bless their apathetic little hearts, will not bother to vote at all.

Of course, the editor will quote statistics to prove me wrong, and if very far off, I will have to crawl back into my anonymous hole dragging my words behind me. However I suspect I speak with a certain degree of validity.

Student apathy is bad? Not at all. It tends to indicate that other students, in fact, a goodly number of them, may, surprisingly enough, actually be here for the purpose of getting an education.

D. F. Hood

'Never Happen To Me'

Dear editor,

The common statement expressed by many university co-eds, "It will never happen to me," is more dangerous than anyone could possibly realize until "it" actually does happen.

The "it" I am referring to is RAPE, and it almost happened to me.

The Friday morning paper treated the incident lightly: as a common, everyday happening. It is my wish to give this incident a more significant meaning in an effort to prevent another girl from having the same horrifying experience.

I was grabbed from behind by a young male as I was returning from town alone by way of 17th street. He shoved a knife next to my throat, dragged me be-

hind a deserted house nearby, and attempted to rape me. I won't elaborate on the horrible details. He didn't succeed. The fact is, he could have succeeded. He could have killed me or maimed me for life.

It could have happened to you. It still could. This didn't happen in the slum areas of New York. It happened here at your university. Girls, please don't take the chance. Never walk anywhere alone at night. Even two girls aren't really safe. Go in a group if possible. Better yet, have your boy friend or any male walk with you. If you have to go alone, take a taxi.

Fifty or sixty cents seems a meager price to pay in comparison to your own life or sanity. T.L.J.

Smearing Innuendo

Dear Editor:

The refusal of the author of the letter in Friday's Daily Nebraskan captioned "Selma Leave" to sign his name to his wretched production, or the refusal of the editor to print it if it was signed, seems to me more a defense of the smearing innuendo than legitimate protection of the author.

Is he afraid of persecution? The right of citizens to engage in political and social activities while holding jobs is fundamental to a healthy society, and a reasonable amount of released time for such activities is also commonly accepted.

After all, the faculty is supposed to excuse members of the baseball team from classes merely to play

games. I would also remind Mr. Anonymous that college professors are not paid by the hour or by the class, but by the academic year; they are not paid for one or two activities, but for many.

What is missed at one time is made up for, often many times over, at another. It is also obvious that the University lends no official or unofficial support to such activities merely by paying the salary of Messers Luke and Trask for the two days that they were gone.

Frederick M. Link
Editors note: The names of all anonymous contributors to the Campus Opinion columns are on file in the Daily Nebraskan office and are released upon written request.

End Viet Nam War

Dear editor,

The following notice is to inform you of action being planned by the University of Michigan faculty members in an effort to achieve an end to the war in Viet Nam, including an immediate cease-fire and an unyielding effort to reach a negotiated settlement.

Participating faculty members will suspend classes and other activities on Wednesday and will, instead, conduct a day-long school to discuss the moral and logical necessity of the policy adopted.

Civic and religious organizations are being requested to hold one hour sessions of prayer and discussions for which a faculty member will be made available as a resource person.

A large advertisement analogous to one presented by the faculty of Michigan State University will be

Standing Joke

Dear editor,

It is getting to be a standing joke around this campus to ask your friends "What are you doing here? You have a moral obligation to be in Selma."

Risking the reprimandary glare of all the friends of SNCC and their brothers in spirit, I would like to raise a wee small voice for those of us who feel no moral obligation to go to Selma, or, for that matter, anywhere.

But if I am wrong, and I do indeed have the universal obligation to sally forth on this holy crusade, then let us get all the Americans who share this calling with me, and organize a real trip to that Sodom of the South wherein all racial principles of our times are concentrated.

Of course, there will be

placed, prior to this date, in appropriate newspapers.

A steering committee will prepare an agenda of activities are being made to action adequate to the protest of a policy which kills needlessly, threatens escalation into World War, and violates international law.

Requests for similar activities are being made to colleagues at other Universities, colleges and professional organizations.

The group will send a faculty delegation to Washington on April 8 and 9 to join delegates from other universities in a direct appeal to executive and congressional leaders. We also pledge full support for the student march to Washington April 17.

We request your participation and support. Contact: Prof. William Gamson, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

the small problem of feeding and housing 195 million people; but it is the moral principle we are concerned with, and "we shall overcome."

And when we are through with our Quixotic mission there, we can pick up and carry the whole thing over to Viet Nam, where innocent men are being "beaten for no reason" every day. And then we can go repay our moral debt to the poor Hungarians, who called in vain for our help when they were fighting for "equal rights."

Naturally, while everyone is out overcoming, a few unfortunate souls will have to stay here behind to take care of things and miss out on all the fine deeds.

Anyone care to stay with me?

George Kaufman

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Dick Goeller

Ag Men Fraternity?

Dear editor,

In a recent meeting, a member of Ag Men's Co-op referred to one of his fellow house members as a fraternity brother. We would like to correct him on his statement.

All social fraternities on this campus are members of the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and participate in its activities. This includes having a representative member at the meetings, sharing the financial responsibility, and following the rules set up by IFC such as organized rush week.

In contrast, the Ag Men's Co-op is not a member of the IFC and does not follow the rules set up by IFC. An example of this is the procedure they follow in obtain-

ing members. They can obtain members any time of the year by a contract with a student which is binding upon the student's signature.

We would like to inform the students on this campus that, although members of Ag Men's Co-op would like to misrepresent themselves as members of a fraternity, THEY ARE NOT.

We feel that Ag Men's Co-op should either join IFC and accept the responsibility or quit misrepresenting themselves to the students and the public as a fraternity.

Terry Franel
Doyle Kauk
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Letter From Germany

Dear editor,

After hearing Louis Lomax speak, I went home and found a letter from a friend in Berlin, Germany. I think parts of this letter from a university student in Europe would interest students here at Nebraska.

We have just renewed our correspondence after a considerable lapse. Thus, Peter Anhalt speaks of the assassination of Kennedy as well as the events of the past week:

"The murder of Kennedy shocked me so deeply that I could not work for three days. He symbolized so much for us Germans and especially for us inhabitants of Berlin. You have probably seen the gay faces welcoming him during the visit in Berlin and everywhere. I saw him several times from a very short distance using my bicycle shortening his way. And you have probably seen the crying faces of the people gathering on the place in front of the Scheineberger Rathaus or

the silent demonstrations of the students during the night. Kennedy was one of the great personalities of history whose real importance is to be seen after their death...

"I had the feeling that Kennedy could not work well enough with your Congress. I saw this with special regard to the civil rights laws, a problem that is much better dissolved or better going to be dissolved by President Johnson as far as we may draw conclusions from his last speech to the Congress which I heard this morning.

"And it is high time that the land which has been the idol for all our European democracies abolishes the problem of inequality of people of one land and one section.

"How shall we otherwise convince Communists of democracy as a better form of living together?"

Indeed, fellow Americans, how shall we?

JoEllen Williams

Do You Recall?

Dear editor,

Remember the big hassle during the constitutional convention where some of the delegates changed the wording of the constitution so that a student need only be "in good standing" in order to hold office? Then others mounted a counterattack and changed the wording back to "meet all university requirements for extra-curricular activities?"

I do— I also note that next year we will use letter grades instead of numbers.

Those that wanted to lower the grade point average required for participation in student government have now had their final laugh. I expect the university will require a "C" average for participation in extra-curricular activities, and on the old scale it would be the same as allowing down to a 4.0. As I look back, the difference between a 4 and a 5, that was argued for by Terry Schaaf and company so eloquently seems a bit ridiculous. It's all the same now.

Because the adoption of an ABC system of grading next year will reduce the categories one can place students into, grade-wise, from nine to five, why not start now getting used to this reduction in categories?

In other words why not only give a 9, 7, 5, 3, or 1 this year? Don't give a 9, 8's, 6's, 4's or 2's this semester.

RBM

You've probably heard the "Liberal" professors expound on the alleged evils of the John Birch Society, but if you're interested in finding out why it's feared by the Communists more than practically any other organization,

write:

John Birch Society
P.O. Box 1541
Lincoln, Nebr.

Do Not Understand

Dear editor,

In reference to "Are You Kidding" in Friday's Campus Opinion: The author admitted something that is almost unbelievably true of AT LEAST nine tenths of the students on this complacent conformist campus.

They "do not understand the problems Selma represents."

Furthermore, I seriously doubt that three fourths care. Like Mr. Wiley, they go on with clear consciences thinking "Sure, no one should be prejudiced. I'm not. This campus isn't. Maybe the South has a problem, but that's no reason for me to ruffle my feathers. Big deal. Why go to Selma?"

I hope Mr. Wiley heard Dr. Lomax Friday afternoon and evening. Or was he one of the many who went about their trivial "social" formalities, meetings, pledge initiations, and other activities which saved them from being shocked out of their conformist complacency?

They would have been shocked to learn at last that AMERICA, that THEY, not just the South, have a very BIG problem. That shock would have come from learning what "the problems Selma represents" are, and that they are problems created no less by the complacent northern white than by prejudiced southern white.

They would have realized that they, as Dr. Lomax said, "have been white too long... too long to know what it's like to suffer..."

Most of all, they would have learned WHY a handful of people from this campus went to Selma, and would have wondered where THEY were when their brothers were being clubbed for asking to actually HAVE a right which was "given" them in 1776.

Next Thursday will give this campus a chance to decide "where they are." How many will join the ranks of those marching to the Capitol to show THEY CARE how the Senators vote on the Human Rights Bill which comes out of committee then?

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