

Forsake Narrowness

As far as we are concerned, spring sprang officially yesterday. Shirtsleeve weather finally arrived, convertibles suddenly appeared out of nowhere and the last of the snow melted, revealing countless thousands of cigaret (and cigar) butts.

Spring, in the past, has sprouted an occasional blade of grass, motley robins and a few less whimsical wonders.

One of them being the yearly battle to amend the Student Council constitution. This year has been a bit different, with two entire semesters devoted to just that and, in our more sentimental moments, we find ourselves missing the last-minute intrigue, lunch line petitions and that inevitable technicality on which the changes were overruled. Yes, times are changing.

Or take the annual Greek Week resentment. Two years ago it was the stylish thing to do, sneak over to the Union at 4 a.m. and extinguish the eternal torch. Boo and hiss the pre-game practices. We don't see much of that anymore and this part we don't miss. The fact that the torch is no longer displayed in front of the Union has some bearing on this; the fact that the man-in-the-classroom is finally showing a little tolerance and maturity has much more bearing on this. This year, as far as we know, Greek Week was quite successful, both in terms of itself and in terms of its integration into the rest of the campus. Yes, times are really changing.

And then comes the election. Yes, we are modernizing here, too. First the new constitution and second the tentative decision to do away with organizational slates have combined to lessen the effects of the Split in pre-campaign jockeying. Efforts on several fronts to organize coalition parties are drawing support, and we see this as a furthering of a healthy trend on this campus: a trend towards maturity, tolerance and intellectual and social liberalism.

This year has been marked by several unusual events (unusual, at least, to our context as students). The discount crisis, the civil rights agitation and currently the tuition rage have served to create thought where once none flourished, discussion where none penetrated.

We have talked before of a renaissance. There is little doubt in our minds that our campus world is undergoing a very definite and (we think) positive

change. We predict that, in the next few years, our University's financial dilemma will be solved, that student government will make still further changes towards modernization, that the Greek system will retain its internal benefits without so much of the above mentioned resentment, that the Innocents and Mortar Boards will gradually lose their campus political connotations and become honorary, just as they were intended to be.

Again we urge all students onward towards new mental exploration, experiences and discussions. Many fear that the world is passing Nebraska by. If so, it is only because its people—especially its students—are too lazy to visualize our renaissance.

CREDIT HOURS FOR MEMBERS of the student body government was suggested yesterday by a spokesman for the council associates. While we (as a former member of the program) know there is much good in the associates program, we think that someone should explain to these people the utter ridiculousness of the program before they waste too much time on it.

Credit hours should not be handed out indiscriminately without faculty supervision, because this would give everyone the same recognition for merely holding a seat on the student Senate. This would obscure the real purpose, which, like it or not, is service to the student body.

If some differentiation is to be made according to services rendered, a faculty member must evaluate the work of each senator, which would eventually make the Senate a model laboratory in parliamentary procedure—nothing more.

TWO MEMBERS of the faculty and administration have recently asked for permission to make "off the record" statements at Student Council meetings. Fortunately, both of these statements turned out to be out of context with the discussion in question, and hence were not printed.

There are exceptions to every rule, but few to this one. When something is said to the Student Council, it is said to all the students. We request that anyone wishing to discuss this policy contact us.

WRITE TO YOUR senators, your parents and the governor. We assume that the prevailing attitude is "let George do it." Well, friend, we have a clue for you—"George" is saying the same thing. This means you.

• FRANK PARTSCH

Dear editor:

A prophet on the NU campus? Saying that mankind has the potential to change the course of history by taking responsibility for his own acts? This was Joseph Mathews of Chicago, roaring out the heady doctrine that man can grasp history and bend it in the direction he desires. Man, he said, can change the drama that is mankind.

Six hundred students, faculty members, clergymen and citizens may have heard this sometime-swearer Methodist, in his angry way, stepping hard on the traditional Christian toes of his audience.

DID he speak with wisdom, or with truth, as we attempt to know it? If the basic questions he aroused continue to be analyzed by the minds of 600 people, will "truth" evolve?

To this listener, Mathews said: (1) The concept of God is not dead, but the framework in which humans traditionally view him is; (2) Every human "has arrived in history" at the moment of birth and thereby becomes responsible for his acts as a human; (3) The "victim image" inherited from Victorian times, of helpless man ruled by a morally neutral environment and fate was outmoded by a revolution which is 300 years old; (4) The meaning of life in the 20th Century is that hu-

mans have been, and are being, thrust into history, without any choice, and that humans must decide what they are going to do about this. This is like a choice between killing a tiger or being eaten by it.

Mathews said we have a choice when we arrive at the crucial moment of our lives. We can choose to accept all of life as good, knowing that we are completely approved by God, or we can accept all of life as bad, and thus build a shield of illusions to blind us to the fact we have not accepted the human responsibility of the 20th Century.

Mathews charged that the "present-day slob" who can't manage their own lives are willing and happy to louse up the lives of everyone else and pull others down to a common level of slobbism. Mathews bellowed that not making a decision about Selma was in fact making a decision about Selma, and that those who seek to ooze through life, seeking about all else acceptance, security and happiness, are natural-born slob.

Has or will anything change? Has Mathews, thrusting himself upon the history of NU for three days, changed history and proved his own point? Will his ideas continue to be discussed? Tune in tomorrow.

Marv McNeff

Borrowing Trouble

Dear editor:

Mr. Zuelsdorf (Mar. 29th) isn't the only one who has had trouble with "borrowing". I have come to the conclusion that the Union south corridor is the headquarters for a gang of thieves. On two consecutive Thursday noons (Mar. 18 & 25) I had books taken from the rack above the coat hooks.

The first time, I notified all the bookstores immediately and located my book in one of them. It had been sold the same afternoon. The clerks were all very helpful and I wish to thank them. Some of their comments included "It's been a bad year for that"; "Don't leave your books anywhere"; and "You should have your books well marked."

However, if it has been such a bad year, why hasn't something been done about it? I did have my books well marked and for a week I kept them with me constantly. Have you ever tried to balance ten pounds of books vs. one pound, or less, of food through the lunch line? Then Thursday I slipped and lost another one. This time it hasn't

shown up in the bookstores.

Like Mr. Zuelsdorf's book it contained valuable (to me) notes and corrections penciled in. As a consequence, I would like to have it back: it was **Physical Chemistry** by Moore. I'll even trade for it. I was forced to buy another due to assignments but this just isn't the same and I would like to have the original back.

You'll say I should have known better after the first time. That's true, but that wasn't the way I was raised and I have always trusted people. Well, I know better now!

I hope to warn others so they might avoid the same experience, if they care. **Keep your books with you.** Don't let the south hall thief profit at your expense.

Judy Vitamvax

About Letters

The DAILY NEBRASKAN invites readers to use it for expression of opinion on current topics covered in viewpoint letters. Letters must be signed, contain a verifiable address, and be free of libelous material. Pen names may be included but lower the chance of publication. Lengthy letters may be edited or omitted.

The Last Time

Dear editor:

The current trend of the so called intellectuals and educators on our nation's campuses advocating withdrawal from Viet Nam greatly distresses me.

They seem to forget all too easily what happened the last time we were so free to hand a defenseless people to a greedy tyrant. The noble affair was called the Munich Agreement and it climaxed in a world war.

Can they ignore the time proven truth that communism has never been satisfied? Upon our withdrawal

it would only be a matter of time before all of Southeast Asia fell to their greed.

They are so free with their help to the Negro to win for him his God-given rights and freedoms. Doesn't the Vietnamese have the right to similar freedoms?

Prime Minister Chamberlain told the British people "Peace in Our Time" upon his return from Munich. I am more concerned with peace in our children's time.

John P. Butler

Finally Learned

Dear Editor:

Finally I have learned something, and I must share it with the rest of the University. It seems that as a freshman, I discovered one single disgusting fact about the University, those damn wiggly drinking fountains in Love Library.

I didn't mind being wet behind the ears, but it was infuriating to have a wet nose and face every time I got thirsty. Finally as a senior, I have learned enough about the hydraulics of that fountain to maximize drinking efficiency.

Almost four years of practice has enabled me to limit the face washing to only a few drops on the nose and chin. It's a simple matter of holding one's mouth open wide enough and close enough to the fountain. By this method the splash in undesirable areas

can be minimized.

Although this progresses, I think you can see the solution is still somewhat unsatisfactory. Consequently, I have decided what I am going to do upon graduation. Being an engineering student, I think I will get my masters here at Nebraska. My small contribution to the improvement of this campus will be doing my thesis on the hydraulics of that fountain.

I just know that with a little bit of good engineering data and analysis the problem of Love's drinking fountain can be solved. This little problem solved, the University will be the perfect University, as described by Rev. Joseph Mathews.

Just think what a great role the engineering discipline plays in a University realizing its true identity.

Larry Coleman

This Student Wants

Dear Editor:

In the Monday Daily Nebraskan you said in your editorial regarding student action in opposition of the proposed tuition hike that everyone KNOWS what the students want.

I also hear disturbing reports of a petition with 10,000 signatures and a mass march to the capitol to protest the raise in the tuition. I am of the opinion that not everyone KNOWS what the students want, and I would like to make sure that everyone knows what THIS student wants.

Most of the students realize that, at this institution, a quality education is theirs for the asking. Most students realize the \$102 per semester doesn't begin to cover the cost of that good education.

Most of the students realize that the greatest share of the bill is handled by the taxpayers of this state. Most of the students realize that the facilities of this institution of higher learning are

worth more than the \$102 that we are paying.

Well, the gift horse has finally balked. But, before we shoot it right out from under us, perhaps we ought to consider our own obligations to our own educations.

One look around the campus, at the number of cars, at the Hondas, at the students who can find three bills for the Mancini concert (such as it was) at the students who brave rain and cold weather to participate in the Greek games, would convince me that the students of this University are in position to assume a little more responsibility for their own educations.

That \$102 doesn't account for much of the total cost, and this state and the taxpayers therein don't owe us an education. It's high time that the mature and responsible young adults, who happen also to be students at the University, start accepting a little larger portion of their educational costs.

Edward Jackson

CORKers

President Johnson has said that this country leads the world in science and technology. It's true, too. An American inventor has finally perfected an electric sheriff prod.

Anthropologist Hortense Powdermaker of Queens College reports that three-fourths of North Rhodesian native boys and half of the girls, when asked what they would prefer to be if they could have non-human life, replied that they'd like to be birds.

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