

CAMPUS OPINION

Fox's Facts

By Gale Pokorny

As the grass turns green and the sun gets warmer another great Cornhusker hunting season draws to a close. The mighty hunter sighs and sadly looks forward to a long summer that will deny him the thrill of the hunt, the exhilaration of the chase and the lift in spirits that accompanies the sighting of the quarry.

But there's still more. Nothing in this world parallels the moment when the hunter ends the hunt. Visions of the mighty conquerors flood his brain and he pictures himself sword in hand, looking over his vast domain, he has just got himself a genuine Nebraska University City Campus Parking place.

Several hunters have been known to drag this rare species down to the local taxidermist to have it immortalized as the proud prize it is. To the N.U. safari hunter, this trophy deserves the best spot in his den, and why not, it was the hardest to come by. It took more than twice the time and energy to nail this type of Parking Place than it did for the N.U. hunter to bag the next most cherished trophy in his collection, a perfectly preserved Greek caught wearing white socks and no Madras shirt.

(The proud owner of this little treasure has just continued a nation wide sweep of all the carnivals and come up with a tidy profit. A letter to Ripley however, went unanswered.)

It took more than three times the energy and effort put forth when he acquired his third most valuable object, the dairy of the girl for whom the fourth column was built by the stadium. (I don't know what's so great about the book; frankly it's a drag.)

Parking Place safarics can be expensive or inexpensive depending on how determined you are to get a trophy. The hunting license is relatively cheap as it only costs five dollars. Unlike other licenses that you put in your billfold or staple to your hat, this license must be conspicuously displayed on your auto. This is another unusual feature, because again unlike other types of hunting which prohibit road hunting, this type not only condones it, it demands it.

The most expensive part of the safari is the auto. If you want a trophy, you've just got to have a fast little mover or some other hunter will beat you to the kill. For the beginner, I would recommend a Mustang with re-enforced steel beam bumpers to discourage your aggressive fellow hunters. For the more serious collector, I suggest an Austin Healy 3000 with James Bond wheels. (Machine guns optional). It's a winner.

Of course if you're the lazy type and you lack the ambition to venture into the jungle, you may acquire your trophy the easy way. For a small fee, the local wardens will allow you to hunt in the official game preserve located across the street south of Bancroft Hall.

If you are one of the IN crowd among the campus Aristocracy, you really have it made. You don't have to pay game preserve fees and your preserve is ultra-private with a guaranteed bag of at least one. You don't have to fight for a trophy with the rest of the commoners. Mothers tell their little sons to study hard at school so they might some day be one of the SELECT. Actually the whole thing is an incentive to American education.

But Cornhuskers arise. Overhunting has set in. The terrible fact is there are just too many hunters for the number of the Parking Place species running around. The next time you see one of the gray uniformed game wardens, walk up to him and explain this theory of overhunting. (A handy diagram might help.) If this doesn't work, get together and circulate a petition and present it to Game Commissioner Hardin.

Demonstration Against War

Dear editor,
The Student Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy objects to the war in Viet Nam for these reasons:

The war is fundamentally a civil war, waged by South Vietnamese against their government. It is not a war of aggression.

It is a losing war. Well over half of the area of South Viet Nam is already governed by the National Liberation Front — the political arm of the Viet Cong. In the guerrillas the peasants get relief from dictatorial government agents; from the United States they get napalm, the jellied gasoline that burns into their flesh.

The highly touted "counter-insurgency" the U.S. is

applying in its "pilot project war" is only new weaponry, which cannot substitute for popular government.

It is a self-defeating war. If the U.S. objective is to guarantee self-determination in South Viet Nam, that objective is far better served by allowing the South Vietnamese to choose their own government — something provided for by the 1954 Geneva Agreement but sabotaged in 1956 by the American supported dictator Ngo Dinh Diem and never allowed since.

It is a dangerous war. Every passing week of hostilities increases the risk of America escalating and widening the war.

It is a costly war. Al-

though it is a war never declared by Congress, it costs almost \$2 million a day and has cost billions of dollars since the U.S. began its involvement. What would Viet Nam be like today if that money had been spent for development instead of destruction?

In protest of U.S. policy in Viet Nam, a student demonstration will be held today at 11 a.m. in front of the Military and Naval Science Building.

We urge the participation of all students who agree that the war in Viet Nam injures both Vietnamese and Americans, and should be stopped.

Allen Gerlach,
Chairman, Student Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy

Another March

A letter in the Campus Opinion today announces a demonstration at 11 a.m. to protest this country's action in the War of Viet Nam. Now the Daily Nebraskan, which last week discouraged a march on the Statehouse to protest a tuition increase must give reserved approval and encouragement to another march.

Our approval is reserved only because we are not sure that the war—indeed it is a war—can be abruptly terminated without the igniting of an even more tense situation in the whole of Southeast Asia. The times have forced us into the war and the times have kept us there.

But our support to the march is given because we believe that the times which have forced us into this atrocity are not necessarily acting in the best interests of the human race. When we read that all men are created equal and are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, we don't sometimes think of the little scrawny yellow men as being part of "all men." They are.

And modern warfare is tragic, ugly, sinful. In the same line of thought, however, we find it a bit difficult to believe that a guaranteed future of communism will bring Vietnamese posterity "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." We say this not on the emotional condemnation of the word "communism," but on the visible failing of the communist economic credo. This is why our support is reserved.

On one hand we are thinking of a country, wanting it to grow and prosper under the democracy we have used. On the other, we think of the Vietnamese men and women and children of today. Don't they have the right to carry on normal lives without being fried? We frankly don't know whether the present must be sacrificed for the future or not. This is why our support is reserved.

But, for those among our readers whose support is not reserved, we urge hearty and enthusiastic participation in today's demonstration.

Another Good Show

We do not pretend to be any kind of a drama critic, but we do wish to congratulate Kosmet Klub and Lou Hall for another fine spring show. The Friday performance was shaky in places, the Saturday show was excellent, we understand.

We particularly enjoyed Mrs. Hall's choreography, Pat Patterson's version of Molly Brown and Larry Vrba's Monsignor Ryan. The music, too, was enjoyable, although some of the soloists seemed to have difficulty in coping with the range of octaves in their respective solos.

Miss Patterson exquisitely carried Molly from her humble beginning as an ambitious tomboy in Missouri through her transition into a somewhat unoriented social climber in Denver and gently back into the favor of the audience by returning again to her brass bed in Leadville. Her performance was good; it made the show a success.

• FRANK PARTSCH

The New Guard

By Bob Weaver

Previously we have suggested that the university is undergoing vast changes. Much of this change is now reaching society as a whole. In fact it can be said that the college community is the crucible of society, where new trends in thought and behavior are born and tested.

Students are looking at themselves, their community and nation in an increased attitude of concern for its problems and shortcomings. Traditional campus activities are undergoing tests of relevancy none the least of which is the fraternity system.

Often the critics of Greek living units pose the question of the relevancy of the fraternity system to the university and its goals of education, scholarship and learning. This question has been made more vital by the increased importance of a college degree, the moral considerations involved in the civil rights and other social movements, the increase in knowledge and the students concern for these factors.

Needless to say, many of these charges attributed to the undergraduate greek letter society cannot be denied. In these days of social and educational change it is of necessity that the fraternity system across the nation and at the University of Nebraska constantly re-evaluate itself in the light of these changes.

Besides certain housing and feeding functions, the central need of a fraternity still remains: it is a place where an individual may identify with a group and establish and maintain a circle of friends while an undergraduate within a context of commonly held values of integrity. This need becomes more evident when one considers the vastness of today's modern multi-versity and its increasing impersonal institutionalism.

Immediately the question of undo and forced conformity arises. Conformity in ideas other than the need for integrity is unwarranted and cannot be justified by the values of the fraternity. Fraternalists must stand ready to delete any attempt to censor behavior beyond this point. It is unfortunate that the National Panhellenic Council continues to stifle the participation of un-

dergraduate sorority members in discussions involving questions of civil rights. It is equally unfortunate that pledge training among fraternities and sororities, consciously or not, seeks to continue an insensitiveness to equal opportunity in fraternity membership regardless of color.

Fraternity pledge training remains by and large sophomoric. Archaic and indecent practices are still carried on in the spirit of fun and unity (an illusive term at best.) It is to be seriously questioned whether the degree of unity which is sought is ever or should ever be achieved. There are far better ways of achieving this end through actual practice.

To incoming freshmen, fraternity pledge scholarship programs have been dismal failures. For at least the past four years, 50 per cent of all pledges have failed to attain a 5.000 for their first semester in residence as a fraternity member. This is an appalling record in light of the fact that for the past two years, fraternity pledges have been required to be in the top half of their high school graduating class. We may conclude that for at least half of all pledges, fraternity life and its time consuming requirements, is a barrier to a successful initial scholastic performance. The removal of this barrier is long overdue. The central objective of any pledge program is scholastic adjustment to the university and an emphasis on the desire to learn. The least a fraternity can do is not to hinder this objective.

Dear editor,

So now the real truth is known. Not the budget committee, but our own beloved Board of Regents suggested the tuition hike. And, once again, they succeeded in hoodwinking our student leaders.

While we were busily presenting petitions and writing letters to the legislature, the Board would "re-

Hoodwinked By Board

gretfully" go ahead and raise the tuition. With a little skillful maneuvering they probably figured to have us continue to blame the legislature for what was their own idea.

And it might have worked had not a few senators decided the pressure was becoming too great for them to take the blame. I hope a few others besides myself feel a bit sick not only

at the thought that our own Board of Regents and administration are trying to price us out of an education, but also at their shoddy attempts to hide the truth until the deed was done.

Dean Minick
Editor's note: Mr. Minick's letter was received late last week, before the explanation by the Regents.

Borrowing Unpleasant Situation

Dear editor:

Two recent letters appearing in the Daily Nebraskan illuminate a very unpleasant situation. I refer to comments made by Mr. Zuehlsdorf (March 29) and Miss Vitamvax (April 8) regarding book "borrowing."

Back when Don L. contained the commuter's lunch room, students continuously left books, pencils and briefcases setting there while they went to their classes. Very seldom were these bothered.

There has been a remarkable change however. I wish to emphasize this fact! Mr. Zuehlsdorf reported one incident; Miss Vitamvax re-

ported three. I receive, on the average, four reports per week of lost or "borrowed" books. Miss Vitamvax reported her loss and the book was located. Not all incidents have such a happy ending.

A year ago fewer reports were received. Last semester the pace quickened. Obviously, this sort of thing is on the increase. Are more people involved now than in the past? Are students more careless than in the past? I do not know. Nor do I know how many losses go unreported. But there are more students now and there will be close to 15,000 by next Fall.

So may I encourage each and every student and teacher to keep track of your books, briefcases, and slide rules. Keep your books with you! Do not leave them unguarded — especially in the library, crib, and lunch lines. Put your name in them (once you are sure you have the correct texts.) Know your markings: be able to identify your books. And finally, although detection is not guaranteed, report all suspected thefts to all Bookstores. I, for one, would like to know how many there really are.

Robert A. Weber
Assistant Manager
University Bookstore

No Tuition Raise

Dear editor:

With regard to the letter by E. Jackson in your issue of April 8, may I say that I have nothing but admiration for Mr. Jackson's willingness, even eagerness, to lay out more and more of his good long green toward the ultimate end of getting a "quality education." And his "mature and responsible" attitude — well, I'm positively green (with envy, I think).

But . . . Mr. Jackson makes (and makes) the point that it is in truth the poor beleaguered taxpayer who must, finally, absorb the costs of education. Now just what the hell is wrong with that? I don't know about Mr. Jackson, but I pay taxes and I have been paying them for eight years

(even before I was a student at the University). It is indeed a gratifying notion to think that my tax dollars are going toward my education (as opposed to helping finance a senator's junket or perhaps hanging a new piece of pop art in the state capital). Greedy? Perhaps. Concerned? Certainly.

As for my "obligation to my own education," I can only say that as obligations go, this one is well ministered to for my part. Every dollar laid across the numerous counters around the campus in payment for my education has come from my own pocket and was placed in that pocket by none other than yours truly through an assortment of part and full time jobs.

In brief summary of what THIS student wants — I

want no tuition increase! I accept of necessity the one hundred and thirty two dollar fee per semester, as I accept paying state taxes, but the prospect of being forced to pay more for something I am already paying for both directly and indirectly leaves me something less than gleeful.

No, Mr. Jackson, I don't mind paying for my education, but must I pay three times?

Paul Stevens

CORKers

By Lynn Corcoran

The House Un-American Activities committee will investigate the Ku Klux Klan. Just to be fair, when it's over the Klan will investigate the committee.

One question still remains about the Civil Rights Bill to let Negroes vote in the South: Who's going to do the counting?

You can say one thing for the Alabama system, though. By the time a Negro is registered, there's no doubt about his being old enough to vote.

The tuition increase here really isn't so bad. We may lose some out-of-state students, but so what! Nebraska is self-sufficient; who cares what the rest of the world is doing anyway.

The president's salary is \$100,000 and so is his tax. It's just lucky that in another few years he'll be eligible for medicare.

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