

## Faraway Hills and Green Fields

Another of the perennially-discussed University institutions is the athletic program. Strangely enough, in this year of athletic prowess and occasional thrill, the critics of quasi-professional athletics have either converted into fans or gone underground. So apparently in athletics "That that is good," as long as winners are produced.

To set the record straight, we hereby state that we are against intercollegiate athletics—primarily football—in the magnitude and power at this University today. We have several points we would like to make with regards to this stand.

Our objections are both specific and general, and we realize that some of them simply don't hold water; we maintain that some of the reasoning behind big-time athletics doesn't hold any more water.

First and foremost, we are tired of hearing the athletic department justify its existence on the basis that it is self-supporting. It can perhaps be justified on the basis of entertainment for the students, and as a means of impressing a group of graduates who couldn't care about teacher and classroom shortages as long as the boys get to the Elastic Bowl next year.

National reputation be hanged! Our degrees will mean a lot more in 100 years when we finally become known as one of the top schools in the world in Pflasterology or Bioparisicide. If a good football team draws alum money, we'll keep it, all the while wondering why the alums don't care about the other 12,950 students here.

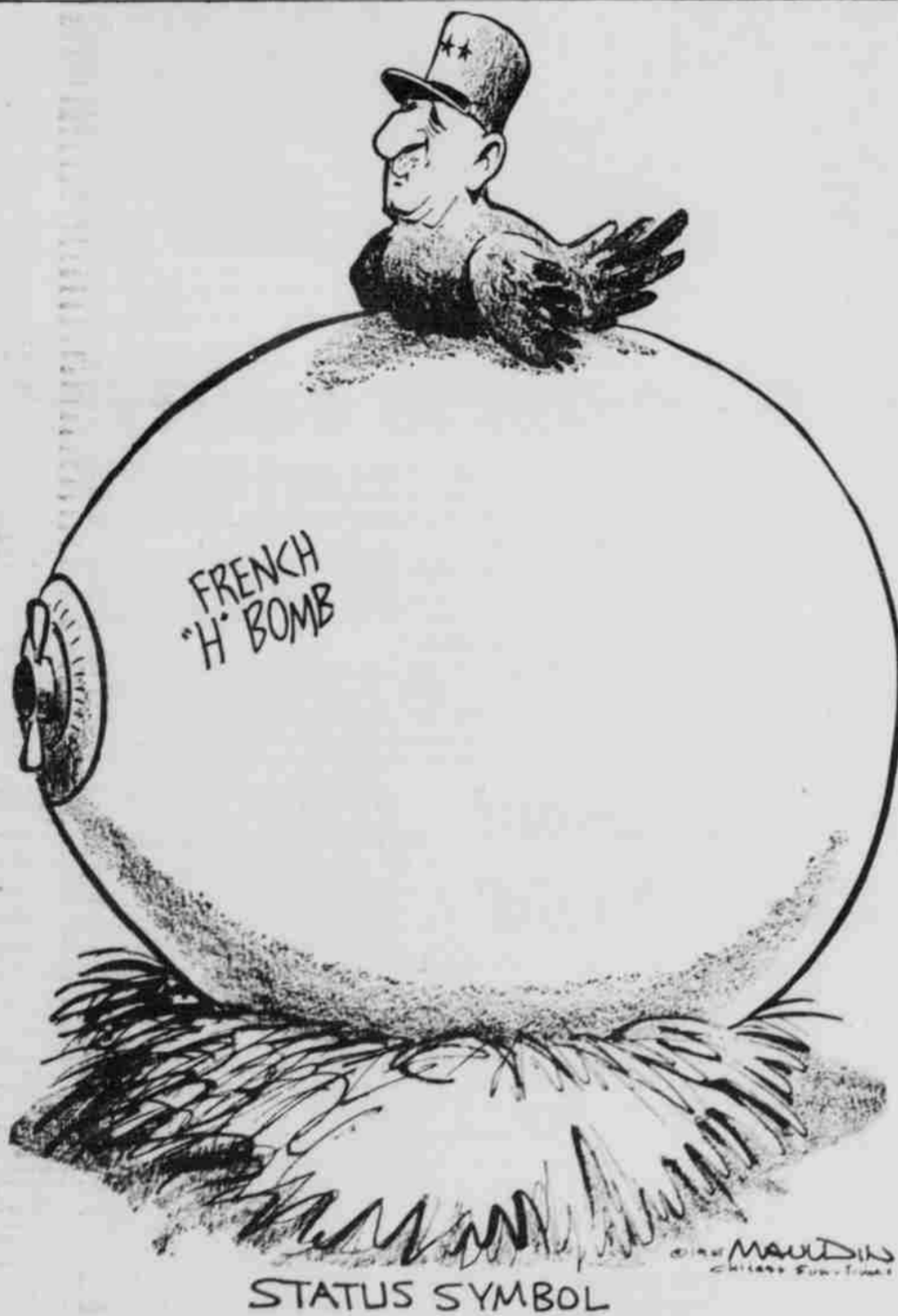
And then we have the scholarship athlete. Now perhaps there is no official policy about diplomatic immunity for this breed, and, if not we are not condoning one, even though it would be nice for purposes of consistency. Our editorial and

personal sympathy goes to the scholarship athlete—with a few exceptions, who have managed to free themselves from the stereotype—for the personal beatings they take each day during the practice sessions. Far more sympathy is due to the stereotype, forced upon them by giving them one half per year to mutilate, forcing an unbelievable and unlikely provincialism by preventing their living with a cross section of people, preventing them from "biting the hand that feeds them" if they feel they must speak for the rights of their race. Full room and board, nay, even free books are not compensation for this type of personal degradation. We protest not out of a sense of personal jealousy, but from a sense that our fellow students are deprived the right of really being students.

For there is no injustice committed upon the average student by the awarding of athletic scholarships. And possibly there is no injustice committed upon the University by entering it into the realm of "quasi"-professional athletics. We only wish that the University could draw such enthusiasm when election year rolls around, that it could draw such acclaim when the Law School or the English department comes into the conversation.

We do not advocate the destruction of big-time athletics at this University, for the times are not right. We will be at all the games next year, occasionally cheering and most of the time listening to the asinine comments of the stereotyped football fan. And hoping that someday the times will be right—right so that needy and deserving athletes can receive an education—not a moulding—and at the same time bring recognition to their school as an institution in which all things are placed in their proper perspective: alum feelings, money, self-respect.

FRANK PARTSCH



# Campus Opinion

## Troubles

Dear editor,

Hark! Those football passers and frisbee-throwers, otherwise affectionately known as Phi Psi's, are in dire need. In an attempt to get them away from the streets, off the sidewalks and out of the way, we propose a fund raising drive: if every University student would give but one pop bottle and four bubble gum wrappers, sufficient funds could be had to build them a supervised playground, complete with a swing set, merry-go-round, and monkey bars. Do not shirk your responsibility — give generously.

Dean Hyde  
Terry Girardot

## Thanks, Union

Dear editor,

I wish to express our most sincere thanks to those who presented the Union for the use of married students Sunday.

I especially want to thank the girls who cared for our children while we played (free!) in the Union. They had as much fun as we did. Things like this indicate the University's interest in the family life of its students; an interest that is welcome and appreciated. Again, thank you.

Mrs. J. T. Wilson

## Please Stand Up

Dear editor:

Will the real Nebraska please stand up?

No wonder Colorado wiped us 250 to 105 in the first round with the bums we had to help Jim McGinnis. I'm sure no one thinks Spencer Davis (who got one or two answers) and Kelley Baker (who never buzzed) made the team because they are fraternity brothers of two of the three people who picked the team (Lary Johnson of the Betas and the judge named Mark from Theta Xi respectively), and I'm sure no one wonders why we had four fraternity boys when the champion and runnerup teams as well as a third of the four semifinalists were independents, but why couldn't we have had Dave Kittams of the Eclectics (or McGinnis of the Olds or Greg Kropp of Avery House) for sci-

ence, Perry Moore of Phi Gamma Delta for English, and Larry Anderson of Avery (or Gary Katze of the Eclectics) for history along with Gene Gougers? All have a superb general knowledge as well.

Duplication of knowledge among four smart people is not so great with everything there is to be known, and the person who scored 400 of his 800 points on history (or whatever) should make the Big Eight team over the person who scored 405 on history and only 20 points in other fields.

Please let's not make teams stake everything on a ten-minute quarterfinal match next year because somebody can't write a few more questions, and especially let's not suddenly make the semifinals single elimination. The Eclectics crushed seven straight opponents and then lost one to end it.

Larry Asman

## About Letters

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# Go Back To The Days Of Teddy Roosevelt

## The MINNESOTA DAILY

It is relatively easy for a nation to grow into the assumption that other nations should view it the way it views itself; and it is only a small step from there to the assumption that everyone should view other nations the way it does. Under the Presidency of Theodore Roosevelt the United States adopted the view that it could jolly well do as it pleased in dealing with other nations in the Hemisphere. Our intentions for them may be good, and our interference often helpful; but the decision on such matters would most assuredly be our own, subject to no other nation's demerit or reservation.

If the bombing of North Vietnam was not convincing proof of our reversion to that policy, last week's bumptious intrusion in the Dominican Republic should have been...

There's one big difference between TR's actions and LBJ's. These days we have international organizations and agreements forbidding things like that. They are based on a premise of respect for the sovereignty of other nations, born of a dislike for previous invasions of our own sovereignty. One of these agreements (the Organization of American States (OAS) Treaty, Article 17), states categorically that the territory of a state "may not be the object, even temporarily, of military occupation... by another State, directly or indirectly, under any grounds whatsoever."

When the President sends the Marines into an independent Latin American Nation in violation of a commitment such as this, can we brush off Soviet and other criticisms as propaganda? Granting their own penchant for exaggeration, it is not impossible that these nations have a perspective on the situation that we may have lost.

The President could have ascertained that Juan Bosch was not a Communist or a "Castroite" merely by asking Hubert Humphrey, who has known Bosch for years. It appears from recent dispatches that Communist elements were never in control or anywhere near it. "Are we now to assume," the Manchester Guardian asks, "that whenever a Latin American country chooses to revolt against an oppressive government, the United States will be there with Marines, on the grounds that there are some Communists among the revolutionaries?"

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy (D., N.Y.) noted over the weekend that President Johnson not only violated OAS policy, but neglected even to consult them before doing so. Before President Kennedy blockaded Cuba he had full OAS support; the Dominican affair could certainly have been no greater emergency. We now find out it was no emergency at all.

The partiality of the American wire services was never more blatant than in this episode. Loyal repeating State Department allegations and apparently doing no independent research that ever came to light, they performed a singular disservice to their readers. The New York Times Service alone presented other views, including a very revealing interview with Bosch himself on Sunday.

The State Department itself, of course, is ultimately to blame. Pap-feeding the public on inanities and outright misstatements may assuage public criticism, but it makes the U.S. look silly everywhere on earth. An example of the sanctimonious nonsense we get is Ambassador-at-Large Harriman's remark (May 3) that "the United States takes no part in the political decision of the Dominican people in the selection of

their leadership."

In addition to the selective withholding and distorting of information, there seems to be confusion about what constitutes a declaration of war and when one is necessary. Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Or.) brought up the issue at the time Congress adopted a blank-check declaration of support for Johnson's Vietnam policies, calling that resolution "a war." Are we not at war with the military regime governing the Dominican Republic? By what authorization?

It seems that the one weak link in the chain of command the Constitution forges is the popular lack of control of the executive, especially since the executive may or may not choose to present the public with enough information.

If American foreign policy is in the process of degenerating into the old philosophy based on a world full of contending power blocs and ignoring international organizations and alliances, we should at least abandon the hypocrisy of claiming adherence to these commitments. We should all so, by the way, prepare for war on any of several fronts.



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