



Photo by John Dzerk
KARL SHAPIRO . . . "A poet in our time is a semibarbarian in a civilized society."

Nonconformist Shapiro Opposes Culture Bill

Karl Shapiro, University professor of English, poet, author, Pulitzer Prize winner, admits he is a nonconformist. Instead of the traditional ponderous desk in his office, he has an old, worn easy chair and two low tables with books and papers. Last week Shapiro attended the presidential signing of the Arts and Humanities Bill in Washington. He returned and told his modern poetry class that someone had cleaned up the city and all the buildings were "pink and white." He characterized President Johnson's remarks about the bill as "some rather good plitudes."

Trip 'A Surprise'
The poet had some comments to make about the bill and about his trip. "I was surprised that they invited me," he said. For a long time I've been opposed to government control of the arts."

Shapiro explained that the idea of the bill is to stimulate creativity but stated that, through clumsy administration the government could do just the opposite.

"The danger in the plan is that if the government is going to give grants to writers, poets and artists, they will give those fellowships to 'safe' people. You would hardly find them giving a fellowship to a 'beat' writer, so a standard is being set up," Shapiro declared.

One of the provisions of the Arts and Humanities Bill is the establishment of a repertory theater group that would originate in Washington and tour the country. Shapiro finalized this plan, saying it looked as though

culture was being brought out to "the sticks."

He suggested that a better plan would be for the government to establish theaters and galleries throughout the country, particularly in the Midwest and South. The people themselves would participate in the activities.

"That's where the real stuff comes from (the people), not from New York or Washington," he said.

'Principally A Writer'
Shapiro, who has been on the University faculty since 1956, asserted, "I'm principally a writer, not a professor."

He is a prolific poet and has had many volumes of poetry published. In addition, Shapiro has written several books, including "In Defense of Ignorance," and "Beyond Criticism."

He edited two literary magazines and is a veteran of World War II. Shapiro won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1945.

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"I don't believe in being censored," Shapiro said, but noted, "If you have an organization like a university, whether they want to or not they are going to assert critical authority over the arts."

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Member Of Parliament To Speak Wednesday

A member of the British House of Commons will speak at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, in the Nebraska Union.

Colin Jackson will address a public convocation on "The Crisis in the Far East — A House of Commons View."

Jackson has previously lectured at Oxford and Cambridge in England as well as universities in the Far East and the United States.

Jackson, who specializes in international politics, was a visiting professor at the University in 1963 and again in 1965.

In addition to his political activities, Jackson is a news commentator for the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC).

Tassels Positions Full; Drop Fall Interviews

Linda Muff, president of Tassels, announced Sunday that Tassels would not hold interviews this fall.

She explained that there was not a sufficient loss of members over the summer to require filling of positions. Interested girls, she said, should wait until spring when interviews will again be held.

Quiz Bowl To Resume October 14

By BRUCE GILES
Junior Staff Writer

Quiz Bowl will begin its third year Oct. 14 with a match between Mortar Board and Innocents.

Applications for teams are due by Oct. 19. Applications have been sent to houses and living units, but may also be picked up outside 345 Nebraska Union, according to Barb Simmons, publicity chairman for the Quiz Bowl Committee.

The entry fee for teams this year is \$4, which covers expenses and will send a team to represent Nebraska in the Big Eight Conference competition at Colorado.

Teams will consist of four regular members and four alternates, who may be used in any combination. Teams will compete Thursday nights in the small auditorium of the Union.

Miss Simmons said the matches consist of two eight minute halves. Each half begins with a toss-up, and the team that answers the question first gets a bonus question.

Questions are in the fields of history, literature, physical and natural sciences, fine arts and current events.

The questions, Miss Simmons said, are gathered in several ways.

Each individual on the Quiz Bowl Questions Committee writes questions each week. From these the best are selected.

The committee also receives questions from other Big Eight Conference schools and from the television Quiz Bowl.

Determining which team first signalled to answer the question is done electrically, eliminating incorrect judgments, Miss Simmons said.

However, if an answer is questioned as to correctness, it is up to the moderator to decide.

Shagrue Terms Broadened Tax State Necessity

By Wayne Kreuscher
Senior Staff Writer

Does Nebraska really need a broadened tax base?

And if it does why do some people want to vote against the new income tax in a general election?

Are these people against a broadened tax or just against this particular one (LB797)?

Dick Shagrue, a graduate assistant in the department of political science and a lawyer, discussed these questions and the objections a large number of people have to the new income tax.

Increasing Demands

"There is no question about it," Shagrue said. "The increasing demands of government at all levels require more tax money. People have to stop thinking about paying fewer taxes and pay the services for better government. They have to accept the responsibility for a greater University and other state institutions."

He said there was a dilemma between one large segment of property owners who have long been required to carry an over-burdensome tax amount and another segment who say an additional tax will just increase the tax amount all the way around.

The public, he explained, has to be educated to the fact that services cost more and that there are more demands.

Shagrue said that people object to the present income tax, passed in the Unicameral's last session by a small margin, for several reasons.

For one thing, he said, many people object because unlike most income taxes LB797 is not a progressive tax. Under LB797 all tax payers pay a set income tax rate and the tax does not go up in proportion to a man's income.

He said that his non-progressive feature of the tax is one of the main objections the AFL-CIO and other labor groups have against the tax. Another thing disliked about the new tax, especially by businessmen, is the fact that this set rate is flexible and can be changed each year by the State Board of Equalization.

On the other hand, he said, many people are in favor of this non-progressive and flexible set tax rate because each man will know how much his neighbor is paying and everyone will be paying the same amount.

Property Tax

He pointed out that with the new income tax, Nebraskans would also be paying a property tax, but he stressed the property owner would not have as much of a burden as he now carries along, and that increased costs call for money from both.

Shagrue pointed out that with some 84,000 signatures on the petitions calling for a referendum of the new income tax, it was apparent that many people are dissatisfied with the bill. This 84,000 estimate is almost four times the amount of signatures needed to call a referendum.

"It's pretty clear," he said,

"that the income tax will be defeated if it comes up for general election."

He said that many people will never vote for a tax, no matter how badly one is needed, and that many other people realized a broadened tax base was needed, but were just opposed to this particular one.

Alternative Bills

Alternatives for the Unicameral to follow if the new income tax is defeated include a sales tax, a sales-income tax combination or more excise taxes.

Shagrue said that labor usually objects to a sales tax because it is regressive and hurts the man with a small salary proportionally more than it does the high salary man.

He stressed that labor seems to be against all taxes that are non-progressive, or that don't tax a man in proportion to his income.

"If Nebraska's new income tax were a progressive tax," he said, "I think the AFL-CIO's position would be different and they would favor the tax."

Burdensome Excise Taxes

He said that excise taxes were already "extremely burdensome" and that it would never work to raise them higher when Nebraska already has the second highest gasoline tax in the nation.

He suggested that the Unicameral should re-examine the tax studies and reports and consider a combination sales-income tax which might or might not include a property tax.

Most states, Shagrue said, have some type of sales-income tax combination which fairly distributes the tax burden.

"In my personal judgment," he said, "the present income tax is not the ideal form. However, Sen. Bauer's bill is a major breakthrough because the Legislature initiated a broadened tax base."

Common Sense Proposal

He pointed out that a great deal of people who signed the petitions and who will vote against the income tax are only opposed to this particular tax (LB797).

"Nebraskans have enough common good horse sense," he stressed, "to realize that a tax problem does exist and that the only solution is to broaden the property tax. It will, however, take a lot of educating the public."

He explained that one must realize that government changes take place by steps and don't always achieve ideals at the outset.

He said that a great deal of money had been spent on studies of the tax problem and that the conclusions have always shown a broadened tax base was a necessity of better life.

Finalists Chosen For BMOC, Queen

Seven coeds have been selected as finalists for AUF Activities Queen and ten men have been picked as Big Man On Campus (BMOC) finalists.

Interviews for Activities Queen finalists will be held Thursday night. The BMOC will be elected at the AUF-a-Go-Go dance Saturday night.

The activities Queen finalists are Jan Binger, Kris Bitner, Jo Christensen, Jennifer Marshall, Stephanie Tina, Ann Windle and Pam Wood.

The BMOC candidates are Roger Brodd, Buzz Brashear, Curt Bromm, Jim Buntz, Steve Curry, Steve Davis, John Dzerk, Larry Foster, Klaus Hartman, and Bill Johnson.

Miss Binger, a member of Chi Omega, has a 7.7 average. She is a member of ASUN, a Cornhusker section editor and an AUF assistant chairman. She holds an upperclass Regents scholarship, is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and a Nebraska career scholar.

Miss Bitner, a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, has a 8.4 average. She is a member of ASUN, is UNSEA secretary and Alpha Lambda Delta secretary. She holds an upperclass Regents scholarship and is a Nebraska career scholar.

Miss Christensen, a member of Gamma Phi Beta, has a 7.0 average. She is a Union chairman, AUF assistant and a member of Angel Flight. She was outstanding Gamma Phi Beta pledge in activities.

Miss Marshall, a member of Gamma Phi Beta, has a 7.6 average. She is a Union chairman, an AUF assistant, and was president of the Gamma Phi Beta pledge class. She holds an upperclass Regents scholarship, is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, and was an Ivy Day page.

Miss Tina, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, has a 6.6 average. She is a member of Tassels, AWS sophomore board, and a Union assistant.

She is also a Little Sister of Minerva.

Miss Windle, a member of Alpha Chi Omega, has a 7.8 average. She is a member of Tassel AWS sophomore board, and Pannhellenic. She holds an upperclass Regents scholarship, is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, and was president of the Alpha Chi Omega pledge class.

Miss Wood, a member of Delta Gamma, has a 7.9 average. She is a Builders and Union assistant, and a member of ASUN. She holds an upperclass Regents scholarship, is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, and was an Ivy Day Page. She was named outstanding Delta Gamma pledge.

The BMOC candidates represent the following living units: Brodd, Delta Upsilon; Brashear, Kappa Sigma; Bromm, Farmhouse; Buntz, Phi Kappa Psi, Curry, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Davis, Sigma Chi; Dzerk, Beta Theta Pi; Foster, Alpha Tau Omega and Johnson, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Court Team Will Compete

Three University seniors in the College of Law have been chosen members of the 1965-66 moot court team.

They are Vernon Duncan, Stephen Joynt, and Donald Burt.

The students, selected for their excellence in oral argument and written briefs, will represent the University in the first regional competition in Lexington, Ky. in early November. If successful, the team will compete in New York City for the national moot court title.

Duncan, president of his freshman class, was recognized for scholarship at the 1965 honors convocation, is an executive board member of the Allen Moot Court Council

and is presently helping draft and codify Nebraska motor vehicle statutes.

Joynt, is a member of Innocents Society, served on the board of the Nebraska Law Review, and is the author of a scholarly article, "Nebraska's Anti-shoplifting Statute."

Burt, is an editor of the Nebraska Law Review, author of a scholarly article, "Inflammatory Publicity in State Criminal Cases," was a winner of the Nebraska Law Review Best Article Award, and is a holder of the Miller Memorial Scholarship.

The team is coached this year by John Gradwohl, professor of law.



BMOC CANDIDATES . . . are (top row, left), Buzz Brashear, Jim Buntz, Steve Davis, and John Dzerk. In the bottom row, Curt Bromm, Larry Foster, Roger Brodd, Klaus Hartmann, Bill Johnson and Steve Curry.



AUF ACTIVITIES QUEEN FINALISTS . . . pictured (top row, left), Steph Tina, Pam Wood, Kris Bitner. In the bottom row, Ann Windle, Jan Binger, Jennifer Marshall, JoAnn Christensen.