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## **Abel Hall Fire**

THE LAST in a series of fires at Abel Hall Sunday night ignited a roaring blaze of controversy and sharp remarks.

There is nothing humorous about the situation.

No one would like to see the newest residence hall on campus in smoking shambles - not the Lincoln fire department, University officials, tax paying citizens or even the residents of Abel Hall.

TO INSINUATE that all 1056 residents of Abel enjoy running outside at 11 p.m. to cheer firemen fighting a blaze in their university home is riduculous. The majority are just as disturbed - probably more so - than the firemen who answered the call.

Yet, we hear reports of students booing the firemen who were doing their job, we get letters from students who concoct a satire on the Abel Hall fire escapades. We wonder if these students realize the impression they create.

THE SMARTIES who think they are being cute are ruining their chance to be accepted as intelligent adults.

The attitude of the students toward the firemen could influence their respect for all Abel residents.

The possibility that the fire was started intentionally by an Abel resident should not be overlooked. Who would know better than the Abel residents if there is reason to believe this possibility

STUDENTS SHOULD not be alraid to provide any clues which would help officials solve the mystery fire problem. Students should show their eagerness to help solve the problem - rather than hindering a liason between them and fire and University officials.

There is also the possibility that an "outsider" set the loaded trash chute on fire. Trying to regulate the coming and going of visitors in Abel Hall is like trying to regulate the citizens of many of Nebraska's small towns. This fact is often overlooked.

There is also the possibility that the fire was accidental.

THE INVESTIGATION by Abel Hall residence directors, the Campus Police, the Lincoln Fire Department and the State Fire Marshall should reveal exactly what did cause the Sunday night fire

Residents of Abel Hall should help in the investigation and the "clowns" should conduct themselves in a manner more befitting University of Nebraska students.

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER

#### **An Intellectual Nature**

Today we present a discussion of an intellectual nature. The topic: history and science, their inter-relation and their differences. A similar essay will appear weekly in the Daily Nebraskan.

The purpose is to provide a vehicle for academic thought on this campus.

This week's contributor is Lloyd Lee. a graduate student in chemical engineering from the Republic of China.

Future articles will deal with political, historical, cultural, scientific and social questions - though they may not be answered. Rather the emphasis will be on the exploration of thoughts and ideas

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER



#### **Communism Restores Chinese Minorities**

Dear Editor

Regarding Lloyd L. Lee's attempted refutation of Drs. Trask and Sakai on Chinese history, it would seem that Lee himself has furnished faulty reasoning and information

Most likely, in the context of political discussion and debate. Trask and Sakai Chinese Communist regime. but were only concerned with the imperialistic comparison. As Lee says, the Mongol and Manchurian invaders of China were foreigners; but they came to stay, and their history merged with Chinese history. Those invaders made a great contribution to the growth of China as a

Sen and Chiang Kai-Shek. but the Communists have well nigh completed the process.

In writing of the overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia, Lee is apparently unaware that many millions of these large racial minorities are proud of the rebirth of China's power and influence in the world. Observers in Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand., etc. have found this new pride only partly offset by doubts about Communist ideology and tactics. The Chinese minorities, largely excluded from political power by the native governments of Southeast Asia (except Singapore) and seeing that these anti-Chinese governments are generously aided by the U.S.A., are forced to look to Communist

#### 13th Of Never---Ad Parade' At Halftime

I've just thought up an excellent parttime profession for someone lurking about the campus with an ingenious mind and little cash. It's organizing the halftime advertising at football games. Anyway, I suppose advertising is the most descriptive term for those banners and assorted demonstrations that clutter the track at each game

For instance, the Fijis have on occasion paraded around in appropriate Fijian semi-attire - usually in November, for some obscure reason. At the last game, there was the ATO's Sir Lancelot (Sir Galahad? I always get them confused, but there's one whose heart was pure) on horseback, which woke everyone up, although I've forgotten the point of the whole foray. Last year, even the Milford Trade School had a banner: just think. some ambitious young man might even organize some national advertisers just like the detergent people on TV.

Look at all the golden opportunities for our organizer. For Abel, he can eventually have a demonstration of firebugs for their alums and visiting arsonists. The Phi Psis could feature Duchess, although the poor dog couldn't carry enough kegs to even slightly dent the thirst of a crowd like the one we get at games. Our man could really outdo himself and get an elephant for the YR's some election year.

For those with martyr complexes, he can arrange for pairs to carry 10-foot paper banners in 38-mile-an-hour breezes. For those dying to picket, he can have demonstrations on anything - from the

war in Viet Nam to the Union Ski Tripwhich will satisfy their picketing urge without getting anybody mad for the simple reason that five minutes later no one will be able to say whether the pickets were for or against.

If our young professional really does his work well; if he makes detailed studies on the effects of banners on the voting habits of people who are trying to get the attention of the candied apple seller anyway; if he proves that signs are an invaluable asset to those running for various exalted campus positions, he can expand his operation. Rather than limiting it to the intermission, when it is sensibly not allowed to interrupt the viewing of the show, the signs can go around all during the second half, when this apparently is allowed to interrupt the viewing of the game

Instead of seeing a Duda to White pass, we will be delightfully entertained with a poster saving, "Vote Smerks Mc-Gillicuddy for Campus Hero." Right in front of us, during a Wachholtz field goal try, will be a cleverly done banner, complete with chorus line, extolling the charms of Hermione Van Schmacklebower, candidate for Harvest Honey.

If our budding entrepreneur worked it right, he could do all the signs and get a discount on materials. The business would get so big, he'd have to hire assistants, thus strengthening the local economy. How could anyone be against such a plan? m.m.

### **Campus Opinion**-**Honorary Causes Abel Fire**

Dear Editor

We feel that the Nebraskan has not been giving proper coverage to one of the top social events on campus. the weekly Abel Hall fires. We realize that, being outsiders, your reporters cannot get the whole story, and we have taken it upon ourselves to see that they get the full amount of publicity due them.

Sunday night's fire was sponsored by Pi Rho pledges, freshman arson honorary, Abel chapter. The alarm was turned in by the Abel IV publicity chairman. This week's guest firemen were from Engine Company No. 13. Abel II poured and a record attendance was reported, topping last Friday's event by 500 participants.

A pre-fire rally was held prior to Sunday's event with the State Fire Marshall leading cheers of "Glow Big Red" and "On To The Cinder Bowl!"

Tickets for next week's exchange fire with Pound Hall are on sale now outside the Abel IV trash chute. It will be a date affair, with Nero and the Fiddlers playing in the west parking lot. Heavy attendance is predicted. despite rumors of

student assistant brutality. There have also been rumors that the Innocents will revoke sponsorship of the fires, claiming that students spend too much time in participation and preparation of the events, de-emphasizing scholastic achievement.

Fire Queen candidates for the coming week will be interviewed in the North lounge Wednesday afternoon. A contest sponsored by Pi Rho actives will award a date with Abel Residence Director Mr. Richard Fowler to the person most closely predicting the time of the alarm.

Abel Hall is currently ranked number one hot spot on campus, by both the AP and UP1, hotly pursued by the Pillars.

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were not implying a continuity of culture and religion from olden times into the

### History, Science Differ In Method

FEW PEOPLE understand the theory of homeostasis. Oswald Spengler when he says that while science deals with the become, das Gewordne, history deals with the becoming, das Werden.

History is in no sense a collection of facts pending scientific treatment. History is localized in space and time, stamped with a certain place and a particular period.

But science, as R. G. Collingwood puts it," lives in a world of abstract universals. which are in one sense everywhere and in another nowhere in one sense at all times and in another at no time.

THE NARRATION "We watched sunset that evening," is in this sense historical; but when we assert that "The sun rises in the east." the statement is true. irrespective of whether it was yesterday, today, or tomorrow, and thus it bears a scientific sense. It is by the particularity that we recognize history, and by universality, science.

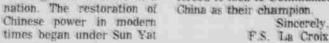
Facts observed in the "becoming world" can be utilized as raw materials in constructing theories in science. This has actually been practiced in all scientific studies. But when events are under this perspective, their meaning in the living history has already been deprived

NAPOLEON ATE abad pear on the eve of the Waterloo campaign, thus he lost the war the next day. We call this form of statement historical. But when we purport to extract the formulation, "If X has a rotten pear such that it upsets him, then he will lose the war the following day," we do not call this form of statement historical, we can call it, at most, sociological, and sociology is a form of science. It is Napoleon himself who bears the import in history; not X, a thing nonexistential

THE ARGUMENT is true that science can assist the "study" of history; but we should be aware that science is not the substitute for history. The theory of homeostasis may shed light on the understanding of the tides of history, but the existence of history is not to glorify

History immanently demands a methodology of its own, the Physiognomic, not the Systematic. It is from the domain of becoming that history springs. And it is one who can differentiate Life from Nature really who appreciates the demarcation of history from science

Lloyd Lee Notes from: Oswald Spengler: Der Untergang des Abendlandes, and R. G. Collingwood: The Idea of History.



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# Elsewhere' Is Viet Plea

Editor's Note: the following document presents the feelings of the people of South Viet Nam about the war the United States is waging there.

THEIR POSITION contradicts what the Johnson Administration has been saying-that the Vietnamese people desire U.S. participation in the war

This message was written by an official of the United States economic aid program, Richard S. Browne who lived for six years in Indo-China-in Cambodia from 1955 to 1958, then in South Viet Nam from 1958 to 1961.

BROWNE VISITED South Vict Nam again this summer and returned with this plea from the people. It should be read by every student interested and concerned with the realities of our foreign policy.

The article is reprinted from the November issue of Ramparts which is published monthly by Ramparts Magazine Inc.

SHORTLY BEFORE I left Viet Nam in 1961 to return to the United States I solemply promised a group of my Vietnamese friends that I would devote great effort to informing the American people of the widely and passionately held desire of the Vietnamese people to be free of the oppressive Diem government which the United States was imposing upon them in the name of freedom and democracy. Like many foreigners, the Wietnamese people felt certain that once the American people understood what Diem and his government were really like. America would withdraw her support and the Vietnamese people would be free to form a government of their own choice.

EVENTS PROVED otherwise, however, and Washington was able to perpetuate the myth of Diem as a popular leader and of South Viet Nam as a great democracy until a few Buddhist monks, whose devotion to liberty and to their religion was sufficient to overcome the human instinct for self-preservation, chose to cremate themselves in the streets of Saigon. With the horrified attention of the world then focused on South Viet Nam. Washington was obliged to withdraw its support from Diem, and the wish of the Vietnamese people for this removal was immediately demonstrated.

I HAVE RECENTLY returned from making a brief revisit to South Viet Nam. Once again I find myself commissioned to bring a message back to the American people from the people of Vietnam - and once again it is a message which directly contradicts the official view - Viet Nam which Washington propagates. This time I found the popular spokesmen for virtually all elements of the population (except for the refugees and the military oficer class )not only reflecting vigorous opposition to American policy in Viet Nam but also voicing a great deal more skepticism concerning the ability of the American public either to gain access to truth or to exert influence over their (United States) government

THE 1965 MESSAGE which the people

of Viet Nam (religious and intellectual spokesmen-except for Northern Catholic refugees now resident in the Southworking class people, students and, from secondary sources, peasants) wish me to transmit to the American people is a plea that the United States immediately cease the wanton destruction of their country and people and permit the Vietnamese people to work out their own internal disputes free from the unsettling effects of foreign interference.

POINTING TO the modern aircraft, heavy weaponry, bombs, napalm, etc., which the United States has introduced into the Vietnamese dispute and which have transformed it from a mild, all-Vietnamese ground action with rifles and grenades into a full scale international war, they ask "To what avail all this destruction" It has served only to make the other side stronger

DESPITE THE FACT that the wast majority of South Vietnamese do not seem to be particularly enamored of the Communist ideology, there is great indication that the affront to Vietnamese independence and national pride which the American takeover has occasioned has pushed many non-Communist Vietnamese into the ranks of the National Liberation Front (NLF), concerning whose fierce national pride there is no question. The spectacle of tall wealthy, white Americans ordering the Vietnamese around, either overfly or through United States approved stooges, is too much of a throwback to the hated colonial period to be stomached by many Vietnamese, and those who don't openly join the rebels are likely to be at least as helpful to them as they are to the government. In the Vietnamese army this attitude is increasingly displayed by a rising rate of defections or by what the American troops call "cowardice." lack of incentive, or poor morale

DEMORALIZATION IS, of course, widespread in all echelons of the Viet Nam populace, for although it is generally accepted by the South Vietnamese that the NLF will ultimately be the victorswhether on the battlefield or at the conference table-the people find themselves unable to prevent their country from being destroyed in a futile military confrontation which insists on being acted out to its final, predetermined conclusion.

NOT EAGER to see his country communized, the average Vetnamese would nevertheless greatly prefer this faite to a continuance of the unimaginable destruction which Viet Nath is suffering. It is the United States which feels that stopping communism or China is an objective which justifies unlimited sacrifice. Most Vietnamese do not share this view. Essentially, they wish we would go and fight our quarrels elsewhere.

WHAT IS EVEN more alarming to them than seeing us push their country toward communism, is seeing us push it further into the clutches of hig neighbor China