

CAMPUS OPINION

Picture From Tokyo—

Anti-War Demonstrations Cause Easy Propaganda

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent from Tokyo, Japan, by a University graduate whose husband is presently in the service in Viet Nam.

Students of the University of Nebraska:

Today's issue of The Japan Times glared at me with headlines reading "U.S. Antiwar Demonstrations Erupt from Coast to Coast." Above this on the front page was a picture of the march in New York protesting U.S. policy in Viet Nam.

Let me tell you just what kind of a picture of America this gives to all who read this. First, in the pictures, the Stars and Stripes is flanked by Viet Cong flags. Yes, Viet Cong flags. Secondly, one soon feels that we Americans do not support our government and that we are afraid to stand up and fight for our American principles. Isn't this a pleasant picture to present to the rest of the world? Isn't this made-to-order

propaganda for Communists everywhere?

Okay, let's do something about it! You are college students a part of the groups who have so loudly proclaimed their anti-American feelings. But you are the silent part of the group. There is no excuse for silence; there is no excuse for apathy. You must voice your support of our government's policy in Viet Nam.

This does not mean we are war mongers. Rather, we will fight to preserve our freedoms if and when it's necessary. It's necessary now. If we pulled out of Viet Nam now, it would be catastrophic. We would be giving a green light to the Communists to take over wherever they want to, including our country.

One more thing. My husband, like thousands of other men, is helping to fight the war in Viet Nam. It is not an easy job, nor a pleasant one. Can you imagine how they feel when they read reports such as these? There is no other

thing which lowers morale more among our servicemen than cries of non-support.

You are college students. At this point, you've done little if anything to deserve the freedoms we prize in America. Others before you have done it all. Now you are asked to do your part and many of you refuse. How can you refuse? What right have you to refuse? As American citizens, each and every one of you must support our country's principles of freedom and democracy. Voice your support! Serve our country in every way you are able!

Sincerely yours, Mrs. Roger Schlechte Class of '64

Why A Court?

I am sure at one time or another everyone has seen a detective story where three people each claim to have committed the crime in question. So what do the police do, punish all three? Of course not. They take the time to find the guilty one and he pays the price which is as it should be.

Well two weeks ago I was told by the Student Traffic Appeals Court that since they didn't know who was guilty, we all must pay.

I am referring to getting a parking ticket for taking two stalls. The way I look at it that's pretty hard to do when only one parking space is left in the whole lot. I took it only to find out the guy beside me was not parked between the two red lines, so we both got a ticket.

I decided to appeal the ticket and reasoned that only one of us was guilty and that we would just go ahead and pay his fine without appealing his case. I told this to the court only to get handed back the line they did not know who was right and who was wrong so I would have to pay anyway.

The dollar is not going to make me go broke. My point is this, why even have an appeals court if it does not do us any good? Ask around, see if your friends have ever gotten off by appealing their cases. I'll bet not many have... Jim Tripp

Serviceman's Message

Dear Editor:

Just in case any of our University students had any doubts about, or just might be wondering about the morale situation in Viet Nam, I thought I would like to relate this excerpt from a personal letter from an American serviceman now serving in Viet Nam:

"We live in large tents and work about fifteen hours a day with only two meals and two beers plus a little lunch thrown in to keep us happy. It's very hot and it rains just a little too much for me, like about twelve and thirteen days straight, day and night..."

"Tell me, are there many anti-Viet Nam things going around your school? I think it is very immature of those people. Most of them are probably draft dodgers. What I would like to see is this: bring all of those people over here and let them sleep in a fox hole and get shot at a few times and see what they do, especially when they work

all day and find out there is no water and they stink and want to take a shower.

Of they are just in off a patrol and find out that no food was saved for them. But you will find out that most of the guys are glad they can help out most of these Vietnamese.

Sure, they would like to leave—they would be fools not to want to leave, but they have a job to do and they will do it to the best of their ability. And after they come back in off a patrol and find out there is no hot food and they will have to eat cold "C" rations and there are no showers, they may yell and scream and all but ten minutes later they will be laughing and cutting up like nothing ever happened and forget all about stinking.

Let's see the people back home do that. So all I can say about the guys who protest is that they can go to HELL."

Signed, Marilyn Schmadeke

On International Week

Dear Editor:

As a foreign student I am pleased to read your editorial of Monday, Nov. 1, regarding International Week.

The Nebraska Union observes the "International Week" with emphasis on Germany. There are about 200 foreign students at the University from about forty different countries.

However, it is surprising to know that not a single student is from Germany. As you said, one could call it "Germany Week" but it hardly justifies being called "International Week."

Moreover it is a sad fact that in this so called International Week there is virtually no room for participation of any other country except Germany. Does it mean that the Nebraska Union has not found anything interesting enough about the countries represented by their students on this campus? A Foreign Student

Delusions Of Grandeur

Dear Editor:

In previous years, there was well founded concern about pedestrian safety at the corner of 14th and S Streets. Now a new, but similar, danger is present.

The students living in Abel Hall must have delusions of grandeur as they cross 17th Street one-half block north of Vine Street. They obviously feel that while they are jaywalking, a car coming down 17th Street at 35 miles per hour will not accidentally hit them. So far they have been

lucky, but how long will this luck hold out?

There are several possible solutions to this problem. First, put in a well marked cross-walk in front of Abel Hall; or second, install a pedestrian overpass. However, the most obvious solution would be to teach the Abel Hall kiddies to walk up to the corner and cross with the green light. This extra half-block walk could prevent a tragic accident. A Concerned Driver

At NU Too

For every football player and for every campus tycoon, there are dozens of "little guys" dedicated to learning, to working, and to becoming usefully happy citizens. Some of these are lonely and obscure, but they have the grace and courage to fulfill their destinies without applause. They are the cement and tap-roots of the campus and they will become the salt of the land.

Raleigh News and Observer

'Eighteen State' Is Drinking Solution

Dear Editor: After reading the article concerning the IFC and fraternity drinking, I definitely felt the subject deserved a further comment.

First of all, our society today is such that drinking is a socially acceptable standard. Due to the example of the parents, children most generally grow up in a surrounding of alcoholic beverages which have been forbidden to them. Sometimes between the ages of fifteen and seventeen the normal American teenager takes his "first drink."

With this background how can he stop when he enters college? Evidently not! He has already set his norm and drinking is part of the curriculum of his social activities.

I think we are all broad-minded enough to see this.

Therefore, the problem lies in the outmoded law of Nebraska being a twenty-one state. There is no sense in trying to have the fraternities forget their woosies with the several cases or couple kegs but instead of putting up a two-faced opinion of the situation face it with the open minds of young adults.

As we are approaching the age to vote, which is a rather subject of wide discussion, we should know something about our political system and how to bring a new bill in front of the senate. Therefore our responsibility is to get the state to recognize the situation as it is and help us find the solution to our problem.

Nebraska needs to be an eighteen state.

A Concerned Student

How To Print An 'N'

Dear Editor:

Ordinarily a relatively normal student (translation: a student possessed of generous amounts of apathy), I have never before taken pen in hand and scribbled off a note to an editor. However, I have come across a particularly provoking indication of my improper preparation for college. Therefore, I now find it necessary to admit this fault to my fellow students.

For several weeks now, I have been confused about the proper manner in which

to print an "N". I have a feeling that I am not the only one who is confused, for I often see it printed in the manner which I had formerly been accustomed to using.

From the time when I was a mere youngster, I was taught that an "N" was printed by drawing two parallel lines vertical to the bottom of the page and connecting them with a line from the top of the line on the left to the bottom of the line on the right.

From the balloons now being sold by the Tassels, I have discovered this grievous mistake and I am presently engaged in a program to bring this problem to the attention of all the students at the University.

Respectfully, Harlan Rubottom

Story Mocks

Good Man

Dear Editor:

You have finally managed to talk Pub Board out of four extra pages per week, for which I congratulate you. Perhaps now news and features can now be expanded to the inches they deserve.

Instead of such articles as the feature Monday on the Rev. Mr. Miller, which was an example of how poor writing can transform a sparkling, delightful subject into the mockery of a good man. He is a person, you know.

The student body has a right to be very disappointed in those responsible for writing, approving and "editing" that story.

Frank Partsch

On Your Way

Dear Editor:

I would like to pat the Daily Nebraskan staff on the back for their hearty effort. Yes, they are breaking the bonds, taking the courage to convert the Nebraskan. Before long we will be able to call this thing a newspaper.

But I'll bet there is stiff resentment from those conforming no-minds that have somehow stunted the growth of the newspaper thus far. They say we once had an All-American paper? But you're on your way now. —I'm No Slouch—

On Senate Session

Wednesday's Senate meeting was refreshing. Something was accomplished.

FOUR RESOLUTIONS were adopted by the Senators. All are of a significant nature.

The committee formed to study the broad scope of "social" problems encountered by University students can be very effective. The original resolution, restricting Senate study to the drinking problem, was defeated.

THE BROADER BASED committee will allow a more comprehensive study of all the problems and implications. But the importance of the drinking problem should not be overlooked. It should take first priority in the committee's studies. We hope more than a report outlining the drinking problem results.

THE RESOLUTION to begin night and weekend inter-campus bus service should be popular with those students who must attend night and Saturday morning classes on one or the other campuses. Even if the added service would not pay for itself we urge Administrative officials in Student Affairs to acknowledge the need and provide the bus service.

SENATOR GARY LARSEN presented an impressive Cultural Affairs Committee resolution proposing an FM radio station at the University of Nebraska—to be run and controlled by students.

Attendance at the Dale Schoor speech in the Union ballroom Wednesday would indicate that Larsen's assumption, that conflicts prevent many students from attending speeches and lectures of interest, is correct. The proposed FM station would allow such broadcasts of general university interest to be made.

All Husky Voices

There is something peculiar about the yearly criticism of the unreasonable hours restricting University women.

A RESOUNDING CRY is heard every year, but amazingly enough the voices are quite often husky and deep—definitely not soprano—or alto either. Simply, the men on this campus complain more about having to get their girl to the door by 9:00 p.m., or 1:00 p.m. on weekends than the girls do.

OUR SITUATION is not reflected in most colleges and universities across the nation. A great number of schools allow their senior women "key-privileges" with no hour restriction.

Some have granted this privilege to junior women who have obtained their parents' permission.

THE EXTENDED PRIVILEGES have caused few problems. Indiana University gave "no hour" privileges to their senior women in September. They have had no problems—no one has abused the privilege according to the president, Elvis J. Starr.

Why University of Nebraska women have not petitioned or protested for a liberalization of hours is known but to them. Perhaps they don't have the guts, the ambition, or determination.

WHATEVER THE REASON, it is obvious that there will not be a liberalization in AWS rules until the girls stand up and shout for it—or even whisper.

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER



Fox's Facts—

Sleep A Common Curse

By Gale Pokorny

A common curse for the majority of the college students wandering around is sleep. One can get either too much of it or not enough. It is the latter condition that I find more irritating some days.

I have nothing against sleep. Some people that I almost admire get a great deal of it and I must confess that on rare occasions, even I sleep.

But it has its place. I came to this conclusion last week when by pure chance I happened to drop into my local bank and check my account. I found that the bank was checking into me, (funniest thing) they wanted to know such things as my address, how I was going to get the money I didn't have, how many gold teeth I have etc. Panic-stricken, I ran to call home for cash, (a sort of private Dial-Finance) and found that all the phone booths were occupied by Sleeping Beauties or Rip Van Winkles. All my pounding could not awaken them.

Since I only had ten minutes before the bank foreclosed on my Madras wardrobe, I was forced to deal with the local loan shark. Temporarily my head was above water and I could devote my interests to other things, namely the hour exam that I had the next morning.

I needed peace and quiet, so I packed my thermos of coffee, transistor radio, window fan, latest issue of Playboy and oh yes, my books and headed for a library carrel.

Unfortunately I had a great deal of trouble finding an empty carrel. They were full of people blissfully piling up the Z's. Students, grad-students, and instructors alike all were reclining in the chairs or leaning forward on the desks and sleeping. It was so peaceful and calm. It was really touching. I wished I'd had a cherry bomb.

Finally on the top floor of the stacks, in one of those crumby lit carrels with the goose neck lamps, I found an empty desk. It was empty because the guy sleeping there had fallen off his chair and rolled out without waking up. I carefully stepped over his body and sat down in the carrel. (ah, sweet victory at last). I had just barely finished pouring myself a cup of coffee, adjusted my portable sun lamp, and tuned on my transistor (with ear plug) when my math professor walking in his sleep bumped into the shelf of books outside my carrel door and promptly sat down and began to snore like it was going out of style. I threw up my hands in despair, it was no use. I could not study with such distraction and infernal racket. So I packed up the essential study aids that I had brought along into my wheelbarrow and left.

Back at my room, I found my roommate likewise imitating a chainsaw at his desk. I considered hitting him with my slide rule but decided against it as I might have broken my slide rule. I finally left and with some difficulty did manage to find a place to study. It took me quite a bit longer than usual to study because the atmosphere around a street lamp on O Street isn't really too conducive to intellectual pursuits.

Next morning, as my brain brimmed with carefully arranged tidbits of knowledge, I walked into the classroom confident and ready. The instructor handed out the exams. I quickly scanned it and SMILED. I knew everything this math test called for. I merely yawned while my fellow classmates panicked. As the other people began writing idiotic things in illegible scrawl and murmured faint prayers, I slowly fell asleep...



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