

Highlight Of Day

The highlight of Parents' Day Saturday was the performance of the highstepping, smooth playing University Marching Band.

Band members and their director, Jack Snider, deserve the plaudits of the day. The crowd, expecting the marching music typical of a football halftime show, was treated to a symphonic production of "I Left My Heart in New York, New York," and "Chicago."

The Dixie Land Band blew and beat a lot of music for a small group battling a Nebraska wind. We even heard the clarinets! The Daily Nebraskan salutes the University marching band for an outstanding performance.

Other members of the University community added color to the perfect-weather Parents' Day. Pom-pom girls presented another first-rate show of peppy chorus line routines.

The snake-dance rows of Tassels and Corn Cobs added splashes of red and white, and white and red on the Husker gridiron.

Football dads stretched down the Husker sideline and stood obligingly for the crowd's eager applause.

Saturday's game emphasized the point: students, their parents, professors, alums, fans, love to watch the Huskers—and the colorful spectacle that accompanies a football game in Memorial Stadium. There is no place.

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER

On Life ...

Life is like a beautiful and winding lane, on either side bright flowers, beautiful butterflies, and tempting fruits, which we scarcely pause to admire and taste, so eager are we to hasten to an opening which we imagine will

be more beautiful still. But by degrees, as we advance, the trees grow bleak, the flowers and butterflies fall, the fruits disappear, and we find that we have arrived—to reach a desert waste.—Sala

Campus Opinion—

Those With Beards Abused; Not Unbathed

Dear Editor:

Several of the letters to the editor which have appeared in the Daily Nebraskan have illustrated a tendency to illogic not befitting any citizen of a democracy, much less anyone connected with a university. Among the most flagrant abuses of reason have been the propositions that all those with beards are unbathed, demonstrative (about Viet Nam), and communistic, and that all student demonstrators are cowards or are protesting to beat the draft.

While we all wish that those who pose a threat to us might be identified by whether or not they effectively hide their secondary sex characteristics, surely we must realize the tenuousness of such a connection. Furthermore, it is far more necessary for a bearded person to bathe regularly, if for no other reason than to keep his dandruff out of his food.

More important, however, is the lapse of thought required to accuse a student demonstrator of being a coward. The most outspoken critics of the Viet Nam protests often have advocated

a universal draft, hence recognizing the existence of the U-S student deferment.

These students are not liable to the draft, yet they certainly increase the likelihood of having their deferment removed and being forced to serve by their protests. Indeed, it would be the coward's choice to sit back and rely on his classification to keep him out of the army rather than putting that classification in jeopardy. As far as conscientious objection is concerned, it seems to take a great deal more courage to bear the ridicule and possible imprisonment for obeying one's principles than to fly a jet carrying 500 lb. bombs against the rifle-bearing Viet Cong in South Viet Nam. But the ultimate question here is not a ranking according to courage, and my comments must not serve as a stereotype of either those who fly or those who march. I can only urge an end to the name-calling which has resulted from disagreement about policy, name-calling based on hatred and group solidarity.

John Rosenberg

Update Sports Section

Dear Editor:

I would like to question the article that Jim Pearce wrote on Nov. 4, concerning "What is a champion made of?"

I am speaking, I think, not only from my opinion, but the entire student body that reads the sports section. Why on earth do you write an article like this, in which the event has happened five days prior? I am not downgrading the fine efforts of the University of Nebraska football team, but it seems to me that you should have

written an article like this on Monday, when everyone was still buzzing and trying to cure their heart tremor.

Also, since I am on this subject of bringing your sports section up to date, I see that you finally heard about the bird crash that involved several prominent Nebraska sport figures.

Well, you might take this and throw it in your outgoing paper rack, but I think more students will read your section if you bring it up to date.

Carroll Dolson

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"IT FOLLOWED ME HOME. CAN I KEEP IT?"

Point Missed In Fire Satire

Dear Editor:

You seem to have missed entirely the point of George Kaufman's satire on the Abel Hall fires. Your editorial equating Mr. Kaufman's satirizing with the booing of firemen by Abel Hall residents painfully reveals your complete lack of understanding of the satire.

Knowing Mr. Kaufman as I do, and understanding the nature and purpose of satire, I believe that he was simply using the satirical form to ridicule a ludicrous and dangerous situation, and quite effectively, too.

It seems that the editor of any newspaper should have a better understanding of literary forms.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Costello

Editor's Note: Mr. Kaufman's satire did ridicule the situation quite effectively as you noted. Our point was and is that ridiculing the situation, the men of Abel Hall is no help at all. Nor is standing on the street booing the firemen.

A Campus Letter From Saigon

Students in Saigon, South Vietnam, made a reply on October 19 to the student demonstrations in America which demanded that the U.S. get out of Viet Nam. Following are excerpts from an English translation of an open letter from the General Association of Saigon Students to all U.S. students. It appeared in the Nov. 8 issue of the U.S. News and World Report.

—The Editor

As representatives of Vietnamese students, we would like to present some aspects of the problem and contribute some ideas to your discussions in the U.S. Vietnamese students ask the honor of participating.

WE WOULD like to present two aspects of the problems involved:

The true nature of the war in Vietnam.

The fate of American and Vietnamese youth. The Vietnamese people have fought for over 1,000 years to shake off the yoke of Chinese domination imposed from the North. The Vietnamese people waged a resistance war of over 80 years against French colonialism, and realized independence.

OUR WAR of resistance to gain independence was taken advantage of by the Communist Party of Vietnam under Ho Chi Minh. He took credit for it. On the other hand, nationalists fought only for the purpose of driving off the French. Patriotism and nationalism forced Vietnamese of all convictions to rally as one. It was the only way to efficiently fight aggression from the outside.

THOSE NATIONALISTS had to fight both the French and Communists. As a result, they became weak or were shattered. Fine nationalist leaders were either liquidated by the Communists or killed or imprisoned by the French.

THE DANGEROUS THING about the Communists is that they always try to hide their true face. And the lead-

Campus Opinion— AWS Week Features Womanhood Theme

Dear Editor:

AWS Board, the program area in particular, has planned an outstanding Standards Week program. The theme of this year's program is "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall" and has been designed to emphasize all aspects of womanhood.

Take note of the display, "Reflections," on Tuesday and of "The Challenge of Creativity" on Thursday. These are new programs and prove to be especially rewarding.

In addition to these all-campus events, housemothers, presidents, residence directors, AWS representatives and workers have been contacted and have planned additional programs suited to their individual living units.

These excellent programs are before you. It is up to YOU, to all university women, to take advantage of the opportunities offered—to make the week a personal as well as a campus success. Associated Women Students Jan Whitney, President

Scrip Follows Barbaric Line

Dear Editor:

The other day I eagerly purchased one of the SCRIP Magazines, expecting to read some fine examples of high grade college literature. After finishing SCRIP I was amazed. Never in my life have I read such a collection of morbidity. These selections didn't follow the "eerie theme of October" but instead followed the barbaric lines of the English witch hunts.

If this is the type of literature of the future, I hope to God that I can raise my children to see it for what it is: rot! To paraphrase Janet Hodges on page four of SCRIP:

Today The happiest Words of all Are Wordless.

Respectfully, Jean Reynolds

BASE-r

Our own private public opinion poll reports that many of the male students at the University are against the AWS Standards Week, claiming that it "sets back the program a couple of months."

According to Vice Chancellor Ross, trash chutes at Abel Hall are now going to be locked, and while the fire problem is now probably solved, we still fear for student's lives, now from ... asphyxiation.

ers of the "liberation front" even deny that they have close relations with the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

Vietnam is a battlefield. It is a place of conflict between two blocs. The burden of the fight weighs heavily on the shoulders of Vietnamese youth.

But you young men live in a prosperous country. You have a guaranteed, promising future. Then why do you have to cross a vast ocean and risk your lives in Vietnam?

WHEN PEOPLE ENJOY a bountiful life, they naturally abhor and fear war. But we think that the peace and freedom which you enjoy will not last if you do not fight positively to preserve them.

If you do not fight in Vietnam, you will become more terribly concerned about the expansion of Communism in other places like Greece, India, Burma, Thailand, Laos, Africa, Latin America and Cuba ...

VAST AMERICA in which you live, and little Vietnam in which we still struggle to win the right to live free, are already soaked with the blood of our ancestors. It seems, however, that those who live in happiness now and enjoy unbounded freedom do not realize what it takes to maintain freedom. Freedom can be obtained only through hard fighting.

ONLY THOSE who are threatened with loss of freedom and those who live a prison life realize the precious value of freedom.

The students of Vietnam know the value of freedom. They can still say what they like, denounce those they do not like, and even that minority which thirsts for personal gain and power can disturb the minimum level of order necessary for a nation at war ...

BECAUSE WE ARE FREE, we can meet and discuss carefully facts and evidence which leads to truth and supports human justice. And we are determined to fight to safeguard the road to truth and justice.

We and perhaps yourselves rarely hear of similar activities, similar struggles, of people under Communist, autocratic or militarist regimes. Yet, do you really believe that Communist and autocratic leaders do not make mistakes? Or is it clear to you that there is no protest because, under such regimes, citizens do not have the right or the opportunity to question their leaders' actions?

ONLY PATIENT and gallant struggle will heighten the ideal of freedom. When you endure terrorism, then false-ness becomes limited and the belief in freedom becomes indestructible.

Sincerely yours, General Association of Saigon Students

Men In Viet Nam— Do They Concern You?

Editor's Note: The following poem was given to the Nebraskan by a student who received it in a letter from a friend now serving in Viet Nam.

At the bottom of the poem this message was written in a hurried scrawl: "Maybe you would like to show this around to your friends or the school newspaper."

You sit at home and watch TV, You're sipping a refreshing cold ice tea.

The news comes on and then you hear, The All-Star game is drawing near. Then you see a far off land, Where men are dying in the sand. A frown appears across your face, You're tired of hearing about that place.

"Who cares about Viet Nam across the sea? It's far away and doesn't concern me."

You'd rather hear the Beatles play, Than learn about the world today. But stop and think for a moment or two.

And ask yourself "Does this concern you?"

It's great to be alive and free, But what about the guy across the sea?

He's far away fighting a war, Instead of fighting at my front door. He's giving up his life for me, So that I can live under liberty.

He's about my age so why should he care, About a war someone else should share?

This guy who lives in filth and slime, How can he do it all the time?

You call him vile names and make fun of his cause, Yet he is always first to win your war. You lucky guy, you laugh and sneer, Because you've never really known fear.

This young man faces death each day,

But that's what makes him hard and to say.

No mail again, a thing of sorrow, Oh what the Hell there's always tomorrow.

The morale is low, the tension is high, Some men even break down and cry. He works all day and stands guard all night.

He's tired and sick but he continues to fight.

The college crowd thinks he's a fool, But that's what makes him hard and cruel.

You don't appreciate what he will do, Like giving up his life for you. He sacrifices much, yet he asks nothing in return.

Just so that you can stay in school and learn.

He wants to go home and see loved ones or wife.

But he believes in freedom and the American life.

No parties and dances for this young man.

Until he comes home again.

The days are hot and the nights are too.

What wonders a cold can of beer can do.

He dreams of cold beer and a thick juicy steak.

When someone shouts "We've got a hill to take".

Some will be heroes because they are brave,

And some will get a wreath upon their grave.

You'll recognize him as he walks by, There's a saddened look in his eye. He walks so proud, yet looks so mean.

He's called the world's greatest fighting machine.

No wonder he's proud, He's a United States Marine.

Written by a Marine. In Viet Nam

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