

Men Of Work

Again this semester the Daily Nebraskan staff found it difficult to choose from the many nominations the student and professor who best exemplifies the Outstanding Nebraskan.

The decision was made. Perhaps the virtues of the two men chosen can best be explained by a quotation written by a 17th Century English journalist, Sir Roger L'Estrange: "Men are to be judged . . . by the character of their lives and conversations, and by their works. 'Tis better that a man's own works than that another man's words should praise him."

—L'Estrange.

BOTH MEN chosen are men who by their lives, conversations and by their works have proven themselves truly outstanding.

And, ironically, neither man has often received campus acclaim for his efforts—other than the respect and sincere admiration of those who know them best.

As Jim DeMars admitted, the Outstanding Nebraskan award is the first time he has received a first place award, not that he hasn't deserved it before. He has dabbled in nearly every activity at the University and has made contributions in each.

DEMARS LISTS self confidence, standing up for one's beliefs and a never-say-die attitude as attributes most important to him. It is his attitude which makes DeMars an Outstanding Nebraskan.

Dr. G. R. Swihart, professor of civil engineering, and a personal friend to his students is to be commended for his 17 year service to the University and thus to the state.

A NATIVE NEBRASKAN, Swihart, exemplifies the type of man who believes in his work, his profession and his students. It is Swihart's willingness to be a "friend" as well as an instructor which has endeared him to his students. And it is the extensive work he has done in his field which has earned praise for Swihart, as a respected civil engineer.

Both Outstanding Nebraskans display the characteristics which will not end with graduation or resignation from the University. They have given of their time, and talent not for praise but because they feel an obligation, a responsibility to themselves and to the University. They are truly Outstanding Nebraskans.

Minute Passed

A semester is but a minute of time. Reflection reveals that fact. Students who only recently stood in line to purchase their books will in a week or two go back in line to discard the used ones and purchase others.

WHAT WAS SIGNIFICANT about the fall semester, 1965, at the University will soon be forgotten in the longer hour of time which makes up the history of our school. And to point to the most important happenings and relate them to the entire semester is impossible and fruitless.

We have sensed an atmosphere of change on campus this semester—a change in the students—in their way of thinking, in their desire and ability to understand who they are, what they are doing and why.

WE HAVE NOT FELT the need to write the traditional editorial on student apathy. Most students are not apathetic at the University—though they may intentionally give that impression at times.

We hope our feelings are accurate. We hope the campus is stirring, experimenting with thoughts and arguments, exploring ideals and philosophies, and learning that knowing all is not enough.

We were delighted with the Senate's reconsideration in sponsoring the flight to Europe. It provides a chance to see another part of the world and to learn by traveling.

All the facets of University life can be beneficial to students if they take advantage of the minutes and hours every day. Still too often we see students stuck in their own little world afraid to listen to and explore new dimensions of thought and activity. The opportunity for growth is present at our University. To take advantage of that opportunity is up to the students.

We would simply note to you, a student: The University, a semester is but a stepping-stone for you. The world is yours, if you want it. Take it. Make it your own.

AND AT THE END of the semester, we find only that we are indebted to a staff who worked long hours for little pay and no recognition except a by-line, or the occasional compliment that is tossed so lightly, but received ever so gratefully.

The minute has passed. It is now but a part of the hour. MARILYN HOEGEMEYER

Phase IV

By Roger A. Elm Hall to the team . . . ivy covered columns . . . Peanuts lives . . . and the semester dies. Ah! we must look ahead. Finals, second semester schedules, and surf'n over break, but before we plunge headlong into the new semester, let's take a look at some of the bits and pieces that are now first semester history.

ASUN, under the guidance of President Neumeister, emerged after a constitutional facelifting to rave notices of supreme power and greater awareness of student problems. The mirage soon disappeared and ASUN fell to arguing power positions with Builders and Faculty Senate.

We must, however, give credit to the ASUN people and committees who are working on what is shaping up to be an outstanding Nebraska Centennial program. Our state university must certainly be represented in the centennial, and we are indeed proud that our student government is accepting their part of this responsibility.

If an award is to be given to that person or organization that caused students to reevaluate their role as citizens, both on the national and campus levels, it must surely go to Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and their president Carl Davidson. The group,

called bearded fools by some . . . enlightened leaders by others, sponsored a successful teach-in on the Viet Nam crisis and was one of the driving forces behind the Hyde Park Forums.

The Union Talks and Topics Committee, ably chaired by Liz Aitken, sponsored the Hyde Park Forums and brought a number of outstanding speakers to campus. That was indeed unfortunate that due to budget problems some of the speakers the committee had planned to have on campus had to be cancelled. After looking at the list of rather controversial speakers, that were cancelled we wonder if the lack of funds is as accidental as is claimed.

University coeds presented a petition to AWS Board and shattered the Board's claim that the women on campus were content with the present closing hours. The AWS Board answered with token extension of women's hours and promised an answer on senior keys by February. We feel that the first step has been taken and that further relaxing of both visiting and closing hours will take place as soon as is practical.

Certainly many other newsworthy things have happened during the semester, but ours is not the role of a chronicler. Now we look ahead . . .



"WE JUST SEEM TO BE POUNDING HIS FEET INTO THE GROUND."

Reader Questions SDS

Dear Editor:

In the midst and hurried confusion of strikes and price escalation, there is a group, known as the SDS, that possesses the audacity to question our government's foreign policy concerning Viet Nam and other world trouble spots.

They ask many questions. Such as, is the president not being offensive in his strikes against North Viet Nam? Isn't this against the United States' policy of peaceful coexistence? Why are we fighting? Why don't we let the other side of the world worry about itself?

I ask in return these questions. How are we to peacefully coexist with a nation whose basic doctrine is to conquer the world? It is no secret that Red China has a starvation problem and their leaders care little about losing a few million men, say eighty or ninety, in taking over Southeastern Asia. It would not only solve a portion of the food problem, but would also rid China of some of her population problem.

Fortunately, Red China is unable to equip an army of eighty or ninety million men. However, it may not

be far in the future when she will have this ability. They already have an atom bomb and the day is fast approaching when the ability to deliver this bomb to other parts of the world will suddenly stare us in the face. What is to stop her from delivering this bomb to parts of the world where an offensive has already been launched?

Red China cares little about losing one hundred million of her own people. Why should she care about killing one hundred million people who oppose their doctrine? After all, they believe that the ultimate goal justifies the means necessary to achieve it.

I am a member of a military family and have been around military people all of my life. People who's job it is to preserve the peace. As the motto of the Strategic Air Command goes, "Peace is our profession," so do all the forces of the United States. I have talked with men who have fought in Viet Nam. They advocate stopping Red China now before she takes the entire far east, next step being the United States and the world.

Men are dying in other parts of the world to save this country from any further onslaught, and to preserve the right to question the government's foreign policy which groups such as the SDS so frequently perform. I say to these groups, question now all you wish, but when my freedom is in danger, I will rise along with millions of other freedom loving people in this country and fight.

Fight, once again, for your right to question the current foreign policy of the national government or anything else you can find to question. I would suggest to you, the members of the SDS, that your current policies deserve a more fitting name for your organization. Namely that of BRTD, or Better Red Than Dead, for this is what you have shown your feelings to be in your "questioning" of the government's foreign policy.

Sincerely, Bill Laningham

Campus Opinion—

Marine's Wish: Keep Heads Up, Stay Cool

Editor's Note: The following letter was written Nov. 15 at Chu Lai, South Viet Nam to University students and faculty members. A Christmas card was included with the following personal message: "A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you students at the 'U' and throughout Nebraska. Keep your heads up, stay cool, and keep on pushin'." Dear Students and Faculty: I am a fellow Nebraskan and also a Marine serving in Viet Nam.

Since the demonstrations and protests have started against U.S. policies in Viet Nam I have yet to hear of such action in our homeland. This makes me proud to be a native Nebraskan.

Most Marines here in Viet Nam do not necessarily dislike these protestors, because even we do not want to do it to the best of our ability. Many of our fellow men give their lives in this war so that our United States will remain a free country.

I feel sorry for the illiterate minority who do protest against U.S. policies. I believe they do not have the mental capacity to comprehend our situation in Southeast Asia.

The servicemen over here live a hard life and do not have many luxuries. The most important luxury we get here is mail, and we never get enough of it to satisfy us.

Once again I would like to express how proud I am to be from a state where the people keep a cool head and try to understand our country's problems.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all you wonderful people who are still patriotic to our country.

A Friend Always, William Parker, Jr.

Burton Should Receive Award

Dear Editor:

The faculty Outstanding Nebraskan should be selected by grateful students, and for that reason Herbert Burton deserves more than this honorary nomination.

If Mr. Burton's KFMQ had failed, it would still have been a great experiment—a presumptuous attempt to bring classical music and inoffensive commercials on a small budget to a large group.

KFMQ didn't fail. Mr. Burton's business skill and—says critic John Crosby—something very fine about Lincoln, Nebraska, were responsible for a resounding success.

Mr. Burton didn't look for announcers, he trained them—and gave a lot of students the chance to represent the University to a responsive community.

He didn't ask for ideas about supermarket music and grade school quiz programs, either. He brought a record collection and some convictions about public issues and the seriousness of news media. And believe it or not, he's got an audience.

From that wonderfully witty announcer who starts the day to the student-professionals who end it with "Swan Lake," Mr. Burton's staff reflects his own good taste and his dedication to something he thinks worthwhile. With his leaving, we only hope it can continue.

Sincerely, Dave Kittams

The preceding letter of nomination could not be considered because the Outstanding Nebraskan award is limited to a University professor and a student. Mr. Burton is not on the faculty of the University. However, we too respect and congratulate Mr. Burton for his outstanding contribution to our University and the Lincoln community.

—The Editor.

Small, But Significant

Dear Editor:

We would like to commend the AWS Board on their fine start towards updating present AWS regulations. It was a small but significant move. However, there are many areas which still require changes: visiting hours, the merit system, out-of-town and over night rules, signing out-signing in, etc.

It is our understanding that these controversial regulations will be under consideration February 1. Since the changes in hours

Good Game Not Lousy

Dear Editor:

I have just finished reading the letter in the Jan. 6 edition signed by "Next Year" castigating the football team for "looking lousy" on nationwide television.

I have talked with many people both on campus and in Lincoln and outstate. They as well as I feel that the Cornhuskers played an exceptional game. Nowhere was there any condemnation of the training before the game or the game itself. There was, and is, only admiration for the tremendous comeback after the second quarter and the great team we have.

"Next Year" seems to be a very small minority.

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have been made, we hope that more women will realize that realistic criticisms will be heard and acted upon. Perhaps this small concession will lead more women to voice their opinions concerning the rules that govern them.

Again, we commend the AWS Board, not on a job well done, but a job well begun.

The Catalysts, Georgia Hiner, Polly Rhynalds, Candy May

Mike Quill, head of the New York Transit Workers Union, said he went to jail "to rot," only to be taken to the hospital two hours later for a heart condition. We only wish his ambulance had been caught in a traffic jam caused by "his" strike. If Quill's demands are met, it will mean that the New York Transit Authority will have to raise its fares 3 times to make money. It seems that his effort to help the workers of the country are not always consistent. (Quill is a confessed Communist.)

Ramadan—Muslim Month Of Fasting

Editor's Note: The following article was written by Asad Ali Khan, a student from Pakistan who has been in the United States for over five years and is presently working on his doctorate in educational administration at the University.

Mr. Khan tells us the correct spelling for "Moslem" is "Muslim"—thus "Muslim" is used in his article. The Muslim month of fasting, Ramadan, began December 24 and will continue through Jan. 22 or 23 depending on the appearance of the moon.

By Asad Ali Khan

If you look to the basic philosophies of various faiths—particularly the major religions of the present day world, you would, most probably find them converging to a central point—creation and then perpetuation of a more homogeneous social order.

Islam, as one of the major faiths (and as the second largest regarding the number of followers), has this point of view from the very start (almost for 1400 years).

A FAULTY HUMAN ACTION in respect of devotion to Almighty God is not so severely punishable as the harm done to another fellow being or to society in general. This necessitates building the quality behavior which, if properly developed, can prove a real asset to humanity.

This does not develop in a vacuum. It takes some time and effort on the part of the entire society. It is rather a kind of acculturation. One of these ways of acculturation takes place in the month of Ramadan (month of fasting) ninth month of Muslim calendar. It involves fasting and a very rigid self-control for one month (29 or 30 days, depending on the lunar system). This is how it works.

From the evening when the new moon marks the beginning of the month of Ramadan this systematic self-control is enforced and goes on until the appearance of new moon for the month of Shawwal (10th. month of Muslim Calendar). On the first night of Ramadan at about two and a half hours before sunrise the first day of fasting begins and continues until sun-down.

DURING THIS PERIOD of time a Muslim (i.e. a believer in Islamic faith) is supposed to abstain from eating or drinking anything (not even a drop of water), or inhale anything too fragrant or too intense for a normal behavior.

Any vitamin pills or drugs or shots etc. are out of the question. The feelings of any unusual behavior like anger, irritation or too much excitement are also to be avoided. After sun-down you can have your regular meals but must stop before the time for next day of fasting.

Other than the day-long fasting during this month the believers are expected to offer special extra worship every night. This is over and above the regular five-times-a-day worship. The extra worship becomes a part of the last prayer for every day during this month. This involves the recital of Holy Qur'an, by a Hafiz (a person who has learned the entire Qur'an and has committed it to memory) in congregation.

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