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Forum: Ginsberg Important As 'Poet Or Instigator Of Ideas?'

The importance of Allen Ginsberg as a poet in the technical sense and as an instigator of ideas was discussed at a forum Tuesday in the Nebraska Union.

Dr. Robert Narveson, assistant professor of English; Dr. Clay Gerken, director of the University counseling service; and Steve Abbott, editor of Scrip literary magazine com-

posed the panel moderated by Liz Aitken. They discussed topics ranging from Ginsberg's literary style to the legalizing of marijuana.

Narveson said that he doubted if Ginsberg would be considered a great poet "as his poems are better heard than read."

'Charged With Message'
"The importance of Gins-

berg is not whether he will be considered great," said Abbott, "but that he is so charged with his message. When he spoke, he hypnotized the audience and attempted to wake us from our moral slumber."

Miss Aitken pointed out that the controversial poet who spoke at the University last month "packed the hall-

room, but how many of the people went to hear him, and how many went because they heard he was different?"

"It should be pointed out that while many came to scoff, they stayed to pray," answered Narveson. "After of poetry reading, there was general applause — and that in itself is significant."

The unconventionality of Ginsberg's dress and social attitudes were questioned as to their purpose.

'Post or Playboy'
"Ginsberg pointed out one's concern about the public image and what one really is," said Abbott. "Whether one takes on the conventions of Emily Post or Playboy, there is bound to be some division within one's self and it is easier to follow the crowd."

He added that Ginsberg believes that if one is his real self and doesn't worry about what others think, he will be a better person.

"We hear words like freedom and real self, but what are we talking about?" asked Gerken. "Aren't we confusing Ginsberg's right to say what he wishes with freedom? By definition, one is always one's self. There is no such thing as a free human being. One believes he's free by following certain rituals to make sure."

Narveson noted that there seem to be two attitudes concerning how man is most valuable — either by "following the dictates of his heart or by conforming to established traditions."

"How do I know the dictates of my heart?" replied Gerken. "How do you know?"

'Four-Letter Words'
Questions were asked regarding whether "the four-letter words" employed by Ginsberg were necessary to relay his message, or were there for the shock value. They discussed exactly what that message was.

Gerken said that the poet's message was that people should not be made means, but ends in themselves.

"We don't really need the message," he added. "We know that ourselves. It's how to deal with the message that we don't know."

Narveson added that the terms Ginsberg uses are not really that necessary, and that Walt Whitman was able to imply much without ever using them.



Juhn Selected By PTP

People to People has selected Tae-sung (David) Juhn of Seoul, Korea, as the new student of the month.

Juhn received his M.A. degree in political science in January and is now working for his doctorate degree. He plans to teach in Korea.

While attending the University, he has been a student assistant in Selleck, Cather and Abel. His other activities include staff member of the 1965 freshman summer orientation program, a Nebraska International Association coordinator and coordinator of the N.I.A. book exchange program.

He was graduated from Yonsei University, Seoul, in 1957 with a political science

major. "I chose political science because at the time I graduated from high school, Korea was just beginning to have a democratic form of government."

Before coming to the United States in September 1963, Juhn was a translator and language instructor. He was a VIP Briefing Officer in the Korean Air Force and counselor to the Air Force Academy cadets.

He attended the 1964 Republican National Convention by invitation of the U. S. State Department.

Juhn will speak and show slides at the PTP student-student meeting, next Tuesday at 4:30 in the Nebraska Union.

Officials Stop Jobcorps

The Northern Natural University proposal for a Job Corps Center at Lincoln has been "terminated" and University officials say they are not interested in another site.

In a news release Monday Lincoln Mayor Dean Petersen said that "all negotiations with the Office of Economic Opportunity for accomplishment of the Job Corps proposal thereof and forthwith are finally terminated."

The statement came after the advisory committee of the Lincoln Opportunity Team asked that the Northern Natural Gas-University proposal for a Job Corps center at the Lincoln Air Force Base be withdrawn.

University Vice Chancellor G. Robert Ross said he doubts that the University will be interested in pursuing its association with the proposal at a different site.

However Rep. Clair Callan said Monday that "Lincoln doesn't want the Job Corps to locate at the Lincoln Air Force Base, then we will investigate the possibility of another site in Nebraska."

J. O. Grantham, manager of long-range manpower planning for Northern and director-designate of the proposed center, said Northern would also continue to pursue the program itself and look for another site.

Women To Vote Today

Elections will be held today for AWS president and board positions, Women's Athletic Association (WAA) officers and May Queen.

These elections will all be held in the Nebraska Union lounge near the Pan American Room and in the East Union from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All University women are eligible to vote for the top AWS officer and board positions representing both their class and living area next year.

Women who have participated in at least three intramural sports during the past year can vote for the WAA positions and all junior and senior women are eligible to vote for May Queen.

Three candidates are running for AWS president. They are: Gene Beckmann, Pam Hedgecock and Diane Smith.

The ten finalists for May Queen are Cheryl Crozier, Susie Cunningham, Lynne Irish, Karen Johnson, Di Kosman, Susie Moore, Linda Muff, Mary Kay Rakow, Susan Stuckey and Susie Young.

The WAA candidates are the officers they are running for are: Ginny Hoyer and Marti Huges, president; Sandy Hyland and Susie Yetman, secretary; Nancy Converse and Susie Holman, treasurer.

Senate To Hear 'Relations' Report

A report by the student-faculty relations committee will be presented at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday afternoon.

"Our committee this year has been primarily an investigative one," said Kathy (Weber) Frank, chairman of the ASUN student-faculty relations committee. "We're simply going to present our report and make no resolutions at this time."

The committee has looked into questions such as what is happening between the students and faculty and what should be done.

Mrs. Frank added that over one hundred questionnaires were sent to both campus leaders and students selected at random to determine how the students view student-faculty relations.

"We expected distinct differences and we found them—between the campus leaders or control group and the randomly selected students, between men and women, and between freshman and upperclassmen," she said.

The committee also looked into the role of the college advisory boards and academic programs such as the honors program.

Other business to come before Student Senate Wednesday includes discussing whether or not to participate in a meeting of the Associated Student Government of the United States and the selection of three candidates for the Alumni Association's life membership award, according to Kent Neumeister, ASUN president.

Money Factor Prompts Abel Council Decision

The Abel Hall executive council voted unanimously Monday night to stand by their decision not to support the plans for an inter-dorm dance on May 6.

Last week, Abel Hall refused to appropriate \$150 to the inter-dorm social committee for the dance, because "\$150 is too much money for this dance," according to Tom Holuman, Abel Hall president.

Holuman explained that Abel would support a dance with less expensive combos, and that Abel's executive committee reconsidered their action by request of the Inter-dorm Coordinating Committee, but stuck to their original decision "for the same reasons we had last week."

Future action for the inter-dorm social committee was to have been decided Tuesday night, according to John Decker, committee chairman. "Since Abel has said they

will support another dance," he added, "I am reasonably confident that there will be a dance that night."

He explained that his group would probably discontinue plans for using the original two combos and revise the budget to provide for hiring local combos.

"With local combos, the dance will be approximately one half the original cost," estimated Decker.

He also said that at Tuesday night's meeting, the social committee would probably be incorporated under the Inter-dorm Coordinating Committee.

"We will have to submit our proposed new budget to the committee which would in turn refer it to the individual halls for approval," said Decker. "Plans should be completed and decided on by the halls by next week."

A FOUR-MEMBER . . . student and professor panel discussed the influence of Allen Ginsberg on the University campus and his merits as a poet.

China Needs Delivery System Before Starting War With U.S.

By Kelley Baker
Red China won't be ready to fight the United States until they have an effective delivery system for their bombs, according to Dr. Soo Sung Cho.

Cho, visiting assistant professor of social science, spoke on the recent developments concerning Red China at a Wesley Foundation conference Tuesday afternoon in the Nebraska Union.

He said that "China will probably tolerate U.S. presence in Viet Nam as long as the North Vietnamese government remains communist and U.S. forces refrain from crossing the border."

Quoting several sources, Cho proposed that Red China's present aim is to disengage the American policy of encirclement and containment in Southeast Asia.

China, he said, is trying to engage the United States in a protracted war with other countries and creates numerous

crises around the globe. "but I seriously doubt that China is preparing to wage direct war with the United States because she is weak compared to American and doesn't have an effective long range delivery system."

Cho said the Chinese want to force the United States to expensive commitments which require as little involvement on China's part as possible. Through the policy of attrition and protracted war, they will try to drain America of resources and energy.

"Ho Chi Minh must follow the Chinese line as long as war continues in his country. Confronted with the power of the United States, Ho must use the might of Red China's millions to bolster his bargaining power," he said.

He said that there is good ground to believe that when the war ends the Russians will have more influence in North Viet Nam than the Chinese. He cited a history of

Indo-Chinese-Chinese enmity and suggested that Ho Chi Minh will seek the position of an independent communist when hostilities cease.

Discussing Russia's refusal of the United States' plea to negotiate a peace settlement in Viet Nam, Cho suggested that the USSR has a great deal to gain from the draining of United States' resources.

He said that everyone should watch the results of the World Communist Party Congress on March 25 to note the official communist stand on war with the United States and the wars of national liberation.

Asked what changes Red China will make in her foreign policy after the recent setbacks in Indonesia and Ghana, Cho replied that "Red China will probably pursue the line of approach it is using presently. In fact, the recent incident in Ghana may have the effect of consolidating her position more."

Birth Control Pills Alter Attitudes Toward Morals

By Julie Morris
Senior Staff Writer
One campus male recently facetiously suggested that Student Health Center begin distributing birth control pills if women's hours are extended.

Commenting on the suggestion, a coed said, "Why wait until they extend hours, let's distribute them now."

These students' opinions may be typical of student attitudes and opinions concerning the "pill" and its relation to them.

Relevant To Students
Then, again, they may be isolated examples, but the fact that the statements were made in public suggests that students do know about the pill, are thinking about it and feel that it has some relevance to their lives.

Devices to prevent conception have been available for years. The oral contraceptive, the most sophisticated measure yet developed, was introduced five years ago. Since then, it has become almost a way of life for thousands of women.

The pill can be used for a sustained period of about 18 months without serious health hazards, according to a local obstetrician. Contraception is not the only use, he noted. It

may also be utilized as a medication for various health reasons.

Doctor's Prescription
Birth control pills cannot be obtained without a doctor's prescription, according to Dr. S. I. Feunning, medical director of the Student Health Center.

Virtually all pharmacies carry them, Feunning said. There are seven different brands available. Pharmacies normally stock the brands most used in the community.

The pharmacy at the Student Health Center dispenses birth control pills on prescription, Feunning said. Like other drugs from the pharmacy, they are sold to students at a reduced rate.

According to Feunning, coeds generally obtain prescriptions from their private physicians. How they get the prescriptions is not a matter for the pharmacy to decide, he said. "The responsibility for prescribing a drug is that of the physician."

Pharmacy Keeps Record
The possibility of a pill "black market" is small, Feunning said. "It would be extremely difficult to establish a black market through legitimate channels." Feunning explained that prescrip-

tions are normally issued for a three month period and that the pharmacy keeps a record of the purchase date, refusing a refill until the time limit is up.

"Any drug can be abused," Feunning admitted.

An official at the Lincoln Family Service Association said that mothers of girls sometimes obtain prescriptions for their daughters. Prescriptions can also be obtained by unmarried women who are given the pill as a medication.

In some cases, women who are engaged to be married may get prescriptions for birth control pills. This is determined on an individual basis, however, Feunning said.

The availability of birth control pills and a subsequent decline in moral standards "just doesn't follow" Fr. Raymond Hain, director of the Newman Center, said.

'Doesn't Solve Problems'
"The pill is being discussed too much as the solution to and the cause of all problems," Fr. Hain said. It is sometimes looked to as the justification of sexual relations outside of marriage as it removes the hazard of conception. An individual may

feel that there is no bar to sexual promiscuity.

"If we have the correct conceptions of sex then we have no problem with the pill," Fr. Hain said.

The official from the Family Service Association postulated that "50 per cent of our unwed mothers are college students." He suggested that pregnancies among students are due, not to sexual promiscuity, but to the habit of "steady" dating.

Morals Already Established
The morals of society in relation to sexual behavior are established, Fr. Hain said. The pill is not what caused the morals. It is merely used by some individuals as a rationalization or a scapegoat for low sex morals.

The pill, he said, is being used as "an easy answer to a difficult problem." A contraceptive for use by men has been available for years and widely used. He said the commercial product has been distributed widely, particularly in Kansas where vending machines with the product are part of every service station.

The use of this device, said Fr. Hain, did not draw the attention and indignation that birth control pills do now.