

# Phil Boardman's A GUNNER'S BULLETS

At first glance the new Greek complex may seem like a rather good idea. The plan envisions grouping four Greek houses into the new dormitory complex, with shared snack bar and recreational facilities. The appeal of such a complex is surely widespread and, from many quarters, quite enthusiastic.

A deeper look, however, will reveal some very disturbing questions. Dean Ross stated Tuesday that "provisions for fraternities and sororities to live in the new complex . . . came at the request of a group of certain Greek houses. They felt that in order to vitalize the Greek system on this campus, it would be necessary for new houses to be established . . . The University deemed this feasible and came up with the plans now being used."

It is perhaps ironical that these statements came on the heels of Gene Pokorny's Impossible Dream (Monday's Rag): "Far too long this University has resisted the trends of higher education by supporting policies, campus structures and institutions that are no longer meaningful." This refers precisely to the type of policy structure that is allowing alumni pressure to build the Greek complex.

Years back, when the University was still essentially a small, religious college, the alumni system of support was a meaningful and reasonable way to gain the few funds necessary to run the institution. Obviously the Greek system spawned the type of well-to-do professional people who not only could afford to contribute, but also felt ties close enough, if only through their houses, to prompt such action.

Indeed, this stereotype of the Greek private-contributor has continued on this campus to this day, partly because the Greeks still outnumbered on-campus independents even up to the beginning of last year, but mostly because the Greek system operates under a very well-organized and well-established structure capable of bringing tremendous, unified pressure to bear on decision-making administrators, most of whom are themselves Greeks.

But the time for questioning has come; indeed, it has almost passed. Can a large state university continue to pretend to be a Wesleyan or a Harvard, pandering to the alumni for support. This University is a public institution and cannot allow vested-interest alumni groups to make major decisions, and still retain any semblance of making its own free decisions in favor of quality education.

Thus, we see an even larger question looming in the University's very near future—Is the University going to accept the responsibility it assumes when it speaks of developing "total education." Or will it continue to play word games with itself, saying one thing and doing another.

At a time when the Greek system is setting into a smaller, more easily assumed role at campuses all across the country, our University decides to bolster the system with a decision it should never have considered making. The administration should stop thinking of housing in terms of the Greek Houses dominating the center of our campus; the Greek system has, and will continue to, take care of itself. When those in administration look out of their windows they should look beyond fraternity row to a much

more volatile problem it has on its hands, the independents living in the dormitories.

At a time when progressive ideas are being put into practice in new dormitories all across the country, our University puts up five or six years worth of extra living space, at as low a price as dormitories can be built for, and all cast from the same mold—superficially very nice and quite comfortable, but in terms of "total educational experience" little more than large, vertical filing cabinets for the names and numbers to eat and sleep in.

And indeed, creative things can be done here. The dormitory they did have planned for next year was a beauty in many aspects, providing rooms, suites, apartments, and ample recreation — an environment that would stimulate "creative living" and a type of intelligent pride that can only come when one lives in surroundings that breed "personality".

But for this type of situation to develop at Nebraska, the University must abandon its hypocritical stance with regard to education. If it is going to be the pawn to loud, rich alumni groups, it should quit trying to delude itself and the rest of the state into thinking that it is also concerned about attaining a style of "total education." The attainment of quality education requires relentless courage in making positive, free decisions.

If on the other hand, it wants to speak of "catch-up and keep-up" programs in all seriousness, it must come to an awareness of the pervasiveness of education; that is, it cannot be content to hire another handful of new professors on an upgraded salary scale, and ignore the fact that handfuls of students are dropping out of school because of inability to adjust to the pattern of living required in large dormitories that in reality give no hint of providing the professed "educational living experience."

And if the University does really mean what it says about total education, the positive possibilities are exciting and infinite. The location and money going to the Greek complex should go instead to a series of apartment-like buildings not unlike the University's own overworked married student housing. First choice of apartments, and ample recreation — a faculty members, in an attempt to bring the University "educational living" that extends far beyond the present Nine-to-five Educational Process that leaves students and faculty free of educational responsibility at night.

New dorms should be of the type that would allow the independent to develop a life-style that is an expression of his own personality and educational goals; the type that would free him from the feeling that he is, indeed, just a 99¢-a-month fraternity reject. New dorms should be an expression of independence as a vital and exciting way of life; they would have a floor of apartment-like suites for faculty members, who would live right there and teach classes downstairs in the KIWI's (Michigan State's term), modern classrooms located in the dorms for some of the general classes taught to the residents.

Such possibilities are unlimited, and if "total education" is to be seriously approached as a goal, they cannot be ignored. Educational excellence cannot be obtained in a university that is always grasping for its past; the educational roots of a university lie in its future.



# Campus Opinion

## Rehorn Will Take Morrison Votes

Dear Editor:

Nebraskans for Peace in Viet Nam are, I feel sadly mistaken in supporting Mr. Rehorn as a Peace candidate for the Senate, although I respect their pure idealism and conviction. Mr. Rehorn's candidacy is ineffective as a means of protest and as a political move.

As a protest, Mr. Rehorn will undoubtedly get some votes; admittedly he is not running to win; however, is his action defeating the purpose of protesting the war? I feel it is.

The fewer votes he gets, the more he will play into the hands of the supporters of the Johnson policy and those for expanding the war. They will undoubtedly claim that those who vote for Rehorn represent the only opposition to Johnson's policy.

Obviously, this won't be true because many people who disagree with Johnson's policy just as much as those supporting Rehorn will vote for Morrison anyway as the lesser of two imperfections. In brief, I feel Rehorn's candidacy will only serve to perhaps ease the consciences of the men who decided to do this out of rightful frustration.

On practical grounds, I consider that there is an important difference between Morrison and Curtis. The most obvious that Morrison is a rather conservative Democrat, while Curtis is a right-wing Goldwater Republican. Morrison will be much more amenable to liberal ideas in foreign affairs, including proposals to achieve peace in Viet Nam than Curtis ever was or will be.

In addition, there are many problems other than foreign policy to be considered in the Senate. Here again I am sure Morrison will be much more forward-looking than Curtis ever has been (not necessarily pro-Johnson down the line).

Of course, if the war degenerates into a more serious conflict, domestic policy will have little importance in comparison, but we must elect a man to the Senate, and everyone knows it won't be Rehorn. Why not give Morrison a chance? Curtis has had 28 years in Congress, with few constructive proposals.

It's time for the forces of progress to unite, not to fractionate. We will never get a perfect candidate, and there are many ways to present ideas and to protest government policy. One vote could defeat Morrison, and a vote for Rehorn could be a vote for Curtis, since only Morrison supporters would be likely to switch to Rehorn.

I propose that a few days before the election, Mr. Rehorn withdraw from the race. By this time he will have made his point. In his withdrawal statement, he could make clear that he and his supporters will continue to speak frequently and strenuously for a peaceful solution to the world's conflicts. Let's be rational in our idealism!

John Schreckinger

## YD, YR PRESIDENTS SPEAK:

### Donkey Serenade

### Left Of Right



By Sabra McCall

Clair Callan, the Democratic Representative from the First District, has proven himself in Congress. The primary objective of a politician is to effect programs that are beneficial to his constituents. Clair Callan has done this. Let's take a look at his record.

The first effort in which he proved himself was in the maintenance of the VA Hospital in Lincoln. Eight days after he took office he went to bat to keep the hospital open and succeeded with the help of other interested officials. At present a study is being conducted on the modernization of the Lincoln facility.

The farmer is as much a businessman as the industrialist. Before Nebraska can think about developing industrially, it must first develop to its fullest agriculturally. With the help of a Representative like Clair Callan, Nebraska can do it.

The Association said the Congressman's wheat provision would provide a higher income for Nebraska wheat farmers. This is just one instance where the Congressman has aided the farmer.

Callan was not satisfied with some of the provision of the Food for Freedom Bill which replaced the Food for Peace program. He was successful in getting the Food for Freedom legislation amended. The Administration had not included a provision for a strategic food reserve. This reserve is necessary to retain food stuffs to meet domestic demand.

Clair Callan has indeed, "gotten things done for Nebraska". He has effected programs that are beneficial to his constituents. Clair Callan will continue to do so. Re-elect Clair Callan, Democratic candidate from the First District.



By Cathie Shattuck

For the last few weeks University students have become aware of a multitude of problems. These "nasties" appear in the form of the University budget, taxation and the development of industry within the state.

No one man can solve all these problems, but a team can do it. Today I am going to talk about Gov. Tiemann's running-mate, John E. Everroad.

The office of lieutenant governor is potentially one of the most important offices in state government. I say "potentially" because it has never been fully put to use.

What this office desperately needs is much more than a person who will merely preside over the legislature. A dynamic and qualified leader should not have to work only six months every two years, but this is what the tax payers have been getting.

Under the Tiemann administration this coming year the office of lieutenant governor will take on new responsibilities. John Everroad is one of the best salesmen Nebraska has ever had.

He is not a man who will sit around and wait for something to happen, but rather he is the dynamic leader this state has so desperately needed. He is personally acquainted with the leaders of industry throughout the nation and will be able to help attract industry to the state where others have failed.

Take the right road with Everroad, and elect a truly dynamic leader to the office of lieutenant governor on Nov. 8.

## Our Man Hoppe

### As L.A. Goes It's Real



Arthur Hoppe

Los Angeles  
This is where the candidates are campaigning for Governor of California. This is where the votes are. This is the heartland of California politics.

And should you ask an expert who's going to win next month, he'll likely shake his head, purse his lips and say frowningly, "It all depends on how L.A. goes."

Thus, in order to bring you a clear picture of who's going to win next month, I set forth to interview in depth the typical, average man on the street in order to probe the opinions of the typical, average Los Angeles voter on the candidates and issues.

The area selected for this random sampling was a few blocks along Sunset boulevard in the very heart of this heartland — an area known as the Sunset Strip. The first typical, average resident I bumped into was wearing pigtails, flowered trousers, a green woolen cape and a goatee.

"Hi, there, sir or madame, as the case may be," I said in the best politicking traditions, "who do you feel is going to win?"

"Man," he said dreamily.

### If You Ask Me

Phillip Sorensen would make a better candidate for the U.S. Senate than either Governor Morrison or Senator Curtis. He has more ability and is willing to take a definite stand on issues, rather than slinging mud at his opponent while carefully avoiding important public issues. I'm for Sorensen for Senator.

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# That's What It Says

By Paul Danish  
The Collegiate Press Service

A word about crime. There's been a lot of concern about crime lately. Crime seems to be the best thing to come around since the I Love Lucy show. There is crime in the streets. There is crime in the country. There is crime in the universities.

Everybody is against crime. Why not? It's safe. Honestly, however, dictates us to write a slight dissent into the record.

When it comes to crime we're for it.

Because you are. We sell newspapers on crime news because you devour them. A good juicy murder is the best emotional catharsis that can be had next to war. Nothing titillates the public appetite like hate, sex and violence. You love it.

The reason you love it is because it gives you a chance to vent your spleen. "An ax murder in a music room?"

"How awful." "There ought to be a law." "Sting up the son of a bitch."

"It's the work of outside agitators." "Throw them all in the brig."

There is a little right wing maniac in all of us; and a report of a crime of violence is perhaps the only time we have to indulge this human, all too human, falling. It is the only time we can—with perfect safe-

ty—demand that we scrap our democratic ideals and replace them with the rough, gut sort of justice that is in essence incipient fascism.

"They ought to string the bastard up."

Maybe they ought to. Maybe we would be better people if we could work our frustrations off by taking vengeance on those who put themselves beyond good and evil. Society has always demanded its pound of flesh; maybe our problem is that we have hesitated to give it.

Yeah, that's the answer. Kill.

Kill for law. Kill for order. Kill for peace. KILL. Kill. Kill.

We'll be better men if we kill Richard Speck. Civilization will crumble if we don't gas Joseph Morse. He might be innocent or he might be guilty, but who gives a damn. The important thing is that we feel clean again.

The Supreme Court is too rough on the cops. So amend the constitution. It was made to protect honest folks. Folks like you and I. Paragons of the community. Like Charles Whitman.

The point is that if the American experience means anything it means that liberty and freedom and justice are God-given rights, and they don't fold up the first time some psychopath decides to assassinate the human race.

half way around the world to defend—it has to be durable enough to withstand the onslaughts of syndicalist violence.

Whether or not it is remains to be seen. A couple of spectacular murders, and half the country is primed to strike the second amendment from the Bill of Rights. The same people don't seem to be particularly adverse to knocking out the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, either—if they can be guaranteed to right to play in the streets after dark.

Democracy, however, requires that we assume the criminal is the exception—even if there are enough of them around to make the streets unsafe for democracy. If we really do believe in freedom, we must assume that every man—no matter how depraved and corrupt he seems—is as virtuous as every other man, until proved otherwise in a court of law. And not a kangaroo court.

The reason we fight and die for democracy is to guarantee that every individual will receive the dignity that should be accorded to him by virtue of the fact that he is a man.

Rich man, poor man, beggarman, thief, doctor, lawyer, Indian chief. Freedom is wasteful, inefficient, even dangerous. Get rid of it, and you can have law and order.

You can walk the streets in perfect safety.

You can have the trains run on time.

And you can die a little and go to hell.