

NU-OU Merger

There have been many rumors in the past two months about possible disadvantages of a merger between NU-OU.

Students at Omaha fear that they will lose their autonomy in many areas such as student government, publications and other student activities.

Off the Hook

University students fear that the University's budget will not be increased enough to handle the new load and consequently students on the Lincoln campus would subsidize the Omaha campus.

No doubt there is some cause for concern — any move of this importance will necessarily raise many questions.

Clayton Yeutter, Governor Tiemann's executive assistant and a former University faculty member, has probably made the most enthusiastic comment about the proposal.

Lower Tuition

In the first place it will lower tuition for Omaha students. OU students now pay \$18 per credit hour if they are Omaha residents and non-residents pay \$28 per credit hour.

If the two schools merge, OU's tuition rates would come down to the University rate which is now \$34 yearly for residents and \$80 yearly for nonresidents.

For some 8,400 students, of course, this is a decided advantage. For the entire state it is also an advantage.

Political Consideration

With the pressure off of Omaha taxpayers to pay for the operation of a municipal university, it is probable that Omahans will be more willing to support continually increasing budgets for the University.

A second reason why the merger system is that it will provide for better coordination between the two university's campuses. Some critics have said that competition serves to improve each institution.

The entire Omaha plan will come under sole jurisdiction of the NU Board of Regents. The six-man board would have power to prescribe admission standards, student fees and tuition, curriculum, degrees to be awarded and all administrative officers.

President Retained

The present position of OU's president, Kirk Naylor, would be retained, but the president would be under the present Board of Regents.

The desirability of this streamlining can hardly be questioned. While protecting existing rights, the merger would tend to upgrade educational quality by eliminating unnecessary duplication.

Another advantage which is more in the realm of hopeful speculation is that the prestige of the University among Big Eight and other larger state schools would increase.

Some Confusion

The merger, which will be effective July 1, 1968, if it is passed by the Legislature, will undoubtedly involve some confusion and complications.

What is important now is for University students to support an act which by all accounts is supported by every major Nebraska government or educational official.

In Praise

In this editorial the Daily Nebraskan would like to highlight eight very different students who it thinks deserve a great deal of praise for a number of different reasons.

Group of Eight

The group includes Gene Pokorny, Al Spangler, Pam Hedgecock, Curt Bromm, Phil Bowen, Marv Almy, Bob Samuelson and Dick Schulze.

Pokorny to a great extent is responsible for making the University student's present concern with education and its value a campus issue.

The organization of the Free University and the leadership in organizing an effective Arts and Science Advisory Board are to a large degree because of Pokorny's work and intelligence.

Significant Sides

Spangler has shown his ability by making students think and by presenting significant sides to campus issues as the past president of SDS and presently as a student senator.

An AWS president who stood for progressive reform and meaningful coed leadership, Miss Hedgecock proved herself one of the University's finest AWS presidents.

A difficult chairmanship which could easily have been slighted because of its complex issue, Bromm has made a great effort at making the ASUN Legislative Liaison Committee effective in its dealings with the Legislature.

Poison Ivy

After purchasing my last ticket to go to a dance to vote for somebody or another and after buying some poor animal's left leg to send the boys off to Chicago for another week-end of fun, frolic, frivolity and education, I have finally come upon a fair and honest proposal to get back for every magazine, yearbook and ticket I have had to buy these past years to help a friend become a queen.

Tolkien Queen

As a member of the Tolkien Society, I am going to propose a Tolkien Queen contest. How will the queen be chosen, you ask?

Well, personality, poise, grade average, beauty, awareness of campus life and activities will count for one per cent. The other 99 per cent will rest on whoever sells the most Hobbits.

These Hobbits will be genuine, and all will possess the magic ring, which means they can disappear at will. And I have a feeling that since Nebraska's weather does not appeal to the average

ings with the Legislature, Bromm has spoken well for the University students at many budget hearings and has often had to answer complex questions of the legislators for the students.

The Youngest

Bowen, the youngest in the group, has proven one of Bromm's ablest assistants in his work with the Legislature. He has often provided an extra insight into state government.

Almy is one senior who has proven himself more valuable as time has past. He too has been essential in helping Bromm with the Legislature and is now chairman of the extremely important Ad Hoc Committee on Housing.

A graduate student who has never lost interest in student government or student problems, Samuelson will always have to rank at the very top. He has shown leadership in the area of student government for three years and very few issues have passed without his influence.

Hardest Job

Schulze in many ways has the year's hardest job — designer and implementer of the Student Bill of Rights. He has shown throughout the year his careful devotion to detail, accuracy and a seldom found mixture of practicality and idealism.

These eight are certainly not alone, but they do represent some of the students at the University this year who have proved effective leaders and outstanding workers.

Hobbit, he will be invisible most of the time.

1,000 Hobbits

We will also sell them cheaper than you can buy them at any store, for after all we will buy them in huge quantities (we will have a minimum of five girls from each house as candidates and to even get in the preliminaries they must each sell 1,000 Hobbits).

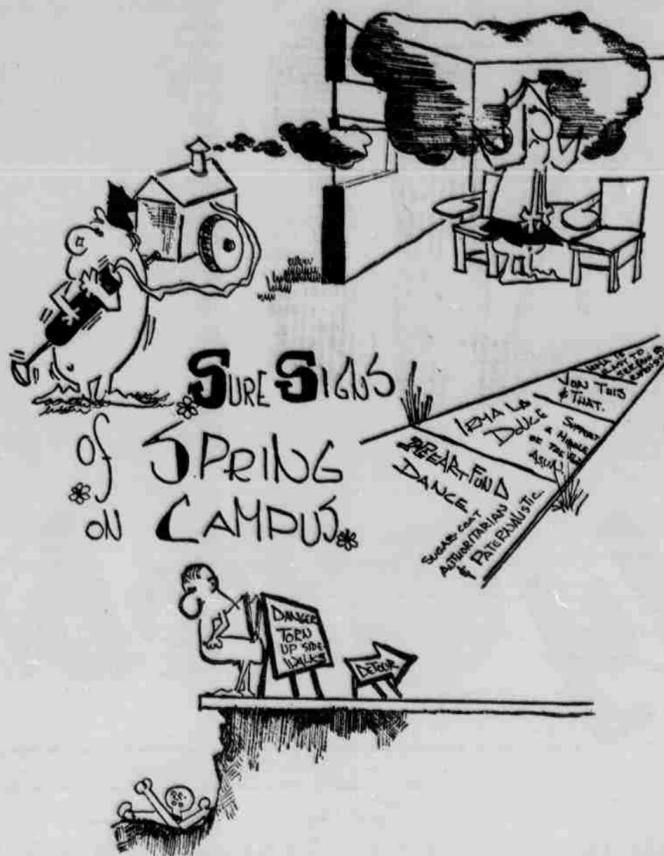
What with inflation as it is now, the Tolkien Society will actually be doing students a favor by selling these Hobbits for a mere \$17.50. Actually, we'll probably even lose on the deal.

And since every queen must have a prize, we too shall award a prize — in keeping with the glory of the title queen on this campus — a young, newly-married Hobbit couple that does not believe in birth control.

To Hail with the Queen!!!!

It's the American Way.

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Our Man Hoppe

Discovery Of The Greeps

Arthur Hoppe

Herewith is another chapter of that standard, unpublished, reference work, "A History of the World, 1950-1999." The title of this chapter, "How the Greeps Saved Mankind."

All looked hopeless. The Arabs were about to attack the Jews, the Catholics the Communists, the Asians, the Occidentals, the Africans, the Colonialists and in America nobody much liked anybody.

It was at this critical point in human history that Dr. Schweitzer T. Pettibone, the universally respected anthropologist, discovered the Green People — or, as they came to be sniggeringly called, "The Greeps."

"Greeps," wrote Dr. Pettibone in his historic monograph, "have green skin, orange hair, pointy noses, beady eyes and slaving lips. They come in two sizes: too short and too tall. And they smell bad."

"While their brains are undeniably smaller than ours, they are fiendishly clever. And though they are lazy, shiftless and immoral, they are driven by greed to work night and

day at cheating their competitors and are thus responsible for all business failures throughout the world.

No Pride

"They have no pride in themselves nor sense of family responsibility, yet they are exceedingly clanish. Partly this is due to their religion, which secretly seeks to take over all governments, and partly to their political system, which they boast will bury us."

"Born cowards, they will fight at the drop of a hat, but only with knives or other unfair weapons. They are also dirty, stupid, illiterate, incredibly poor, smoke opium, dress flashily, think life is cheap and drive big cars. Their only method of sexual expression is rape and their only form of greeting is: 'I want to marry your sister.'"

"On the plus side, they do have a natural sense of obsequiousness and when treated as equals by a liberal, they will lick his shoes."

Great Sensation

The discovery caused a world-wide sensation. In America, 50 States passed laws relegating Greeps to

the back of the bus, the balconies of theaters and separate but unequal schools. Country clubs added by-laws excluding Greeps, no real estate deed was signed without an anti-Greep covenant and the Christian Anti-Greep Crusade made \$10 million in its first year.

"Don't eat like a Greep," children were told. And Greeps were blamed for everything from inducing elm blight to stealing golf balls driven down the middle of the fairway.

Arabs and Jews united to defend the Holy Land from Greeps. Catholics and Communists formed a Popular Anti-Greep Front. And Red China joined the newly-renamed United Nations Against Greeps.

Golden Age At last the human race entered the golden age of tolerance, equality and brotherhood—all men happy, secure and bound to each other in their mutual superiority to the lowly Greeps.

So it was that Dr. Pettibone died, revered by all as the founder of anti-Greepism.

"Look here, Doctor," a suspicious young reporter asked him on his deathbed. "How come nobody's ever seen a Greep? I think you invented them."

Dr. Pettibone raised himself on one elbow in righteous indignation. "I no more invented Greeps," he said firmly, "than the human race invented Niggers, Wops, Kikes, Chinks or Mackerel Snappers."

And all fair-minded historians agree that is absolutely true.

RON PFEIFER'S

A Handful Of Rain

Here we are again. Every week, without fail, it's back to the Lowlands and their simple failures.

Magie Marie

Today, one of the simple successes is our heroine, Magie Marie. We step into her walled-off chamber where she sits by a steamy window on the old Forester-type of day, giving thanks to the men of Madison Avenue.

She leans back and exhales heavily, recalling her experiences in the Lowlands. She speaks softly of them in hushed tones about her leaning against street lights and wondering where she was at the time.

She goes on saying her earlier days were spent on rainy streets and in lonely airports. Many a night she spent waiting for phone calls that never came.

Something Else

She waited and she waited, growing tired of all that. Somewhere, out in the deep valleys of the Lowlands, stood a Flower Giver whom she had once cared for. He had once been a dashing young man who had hoped to carry her away from the Lowlands, to sweep her off her feet, so to speak. But in his old age he had become something else: a Flower Giver.

It seems he was a step behind in everything by the time the change took place. He never realized his mistakes until after the damage was done, and to his dismay, public phone booths were never his best friends. (Somewhere there lies a logical tie-in.)

Now, as our heroine looks back on it all, she wonders if he didn't cause more trouble than it was worth. The question is open. Would the Lowlands be a decent place with a few less Flower Givers?

if up's the word

By Kelley Baker

I originally intended to write the great campus epic when I began this poem but friends who have read it have said it leans toward the mock epic because of the subject matter. Actually, it could be classified as a modified limerick . . . modified in style but not intent.

This column could also be described as a reverse racing form or an obituary for most of the people described. Again, the names of the innocents have been changed to make it more fun to figure out who they are.

- Thirteen haughty innocents dressed like elves,
Schlaf never rights the bill
We've really only twelve.
Twelve little innocents each looking for a son.
Athos dropped 'bout everything
We should be minus one.
Eleven childish innocents playing in their pen,
Do'er is stuck with Tarry Schlaf
And now we're down to ten.
Ten devilish innocents all in a line,
Rasputin never really was
So now there are just nine.
Nine spooky innocents with just one trait,
Robin tried to print an egg
Which cuts the list to eight.
Eight gunning innocents still in the race,
Legislators shot Whisk down
Leaving seven on the pace.
Seven shady innocents with an empty bag of tricks,
Zoo Keeper left for Kansas U.
So all there are is six.
Six hoody innocents yet remain alive,
Porthos slowly smiles away
To bring us down to five.
Five hustling innocents looking for a score.
Drug Store finally made a hit
Leaving only four.
Four remaining innocents really up a tree,
Flight leader flew away
To pare the group to three.
Three biased innocents didn't want a Jew,
So they ousted Teddy Bear
And there remain but two.
Just a pair of innocents basking in their sun,
All Mee got old and crusty
Removing all but one.
One skinny innocent who wouldn't ever gun,
If his choosers had been smarter
They would have stopped with one.
If you add the group's accomplishments
And multiply by three,
You could count them on your fingers
And write them on a pea.
Poems are written by fools like me,
But it takes thirteen innocents to cover a tiny pea.

Campus Opinion

AWS' New President Writes

Dear Editor: For all the people that supported me in the AWS election, I would like to say thank you!

A new year is beginning and hopefully AWS will in the end be looked at as a progressive and more assertive organization. For this to happen we need the support, criticism and ideas from the populace, especially the women students.

All are invited to come to the meetings. If they are interested in speaking, we would appreciate notification so we can put them on the agenda. Letters are always welcome.

Through constructive criticism a better system can evolve. If individuals are wondering who the representatives are in their living unit, they are the AWS board member, the AWS representative and the AWS worker. These people are willing to discuss anything pertaining to AWS.

AWS does not have to be a "WAS" nor a "Has Been" but an "Is." If we all work together, I am sure this goal will be attained. AWS has come a long way since March of last year through progressive leadership, and I am sure it will continue.

Ann Windle President-elect Associated Women Students

Support University Theatre

Dear Editor: In the spring young men's fancies turn to sidewalk scribbling or so it seems. Or perhaps, there have been gremlins out late at night, defacing our campus with ugly chalk marks.

At any rate, I feel called upon to offer an alternative for those of you who don't want to go to Kosmet Klub's latest attempt at culture.

I would suggest that rather than blow \$3 (or even \$2.50) on Kosmet Klub's "Irma La Douce" you invest only \$1.50 (see you have saved \$1.50 already so take a date) and go to see Moliere's "Scapin" at Howell Theatre.

Not only will you see a tremendously better show (I'm sure there can be no comparison), but you will have done a good deed and provided the Theatre with some badly needed support. It seems the University has been rather negligent in its support of the arts at Nebraska.

So again I urge you — if you want to see something really good go see "Scapin."

The Watchful Muse

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