

Editorials

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Commentary

Outstanding Nebraskans

This semester's Outstanding Nebraskans are representative of a new dynamic breed found on today's change university campuses.

Both Ivan Volgyes, outstanding professor, and John Schreking, outstanding student, advocate student power and a stronger voice for students in making university decisions.

Professor Volgyes has a firm grasp of the type of educational atmosphere and the type of student which should be found within the classroom. His students are excited about learning; and grades are secondary in Volgyes' classes as any of his admiring will confirm.

His unique ideas about student-faculty relations are very refreshing amidst the impersonality of a growing campus.

Professor Volgyes does not remain enclosed within the University. He is very politically oriented and many of his classes turn into pungent political debates about "who is the best man for president."

This is what education is all about and professor Ivan Volgyes' classroom is where it is found. He is indeed an Outstanding Nebraskan.

John Schreking was probably one of the first people in the state to realize that a young adult doesn't necessarily have to be at the magic age of 21 to be a competent voter.

He is one of the hardest working core members of the Nebraskans for Young Adult Suffrage committee, which is campaigning for passage of an amendment to allow 19-year olds to vote. If his efforts could be any indication of the success of the NYAS, the voting amendment will pass next November.

Like many other college students Schreking is concerned about the racial situation which is haunting the country.

Unlike the majority of students, however, Schreking has acted rather than talked. Recently he traveled to the South during one of his vacations to help register Negroes to vote. John Schreking also deserves recognition as an Outstanding Nebraskan.

Cheryl Tritt

The beat of a different drum

University expansion is always a hot topic but recent discussions concerning land purchases in the Malone area east of the campus have caused a blaze in the entire Lincoln community.

Some of the residents have accused the University of "bulldozing" the Malone residents with its land purchasing policies and now a small group of students have accused the University of being insensitive to the relocation problems of these residents.

Students should be very concerned about the Malone area is a situation which could prove to be an explosive one in the future. But before they place the entire blame for the situation upon the shoulders of the University perhaps dissatisfied students should investigate the problem much more closely than they have been.

First, if the University's purchasing policy for the Malone area is investigated it will be found to be very equitable for the standards and values system which exist for University administrators, Lincoln realtors and hard nosed landlords.

They feel that if a landlord comes to the University and wishes to sell his property he is renting to poor, underprivileged people then he has a perfect right to do so. The renters which are consequently left to find new homes receive sympathy and the help of about a dozen groups who wish to help them "relocate."

Seen from the moralistic viewpoint of some students the University is placing its "manifest destiny" type of expansion above the rights of the renter who doesn't want to leave a home which he has inhabited for perhaps 20 years. Viewed from an idealistic viewpoint the landlords are placing monetary gains above the needs of another human being. Also viewed from this standpoint the realtors are wrong who won't help these people relocate because they refuse to sell over 50 per cent of their real estate to minority races (the figures are even higher for rentals.)

So in the eyes of the University the Malone problem is not acute. It is fairly handling the renters and perhaps it feels if it advertises its policies then more people will realize how fairly the Malone residents are being treated. The University will also feel it is being more than fair if it applies pressure to the Lincoln Board of Realtors to actively campaign to relocate these people in good substantial housing.

The University also feels if it continues its policy of never buying any property in this area through its powers of eminent domain then the conscience of the middleclass majority will be appeased.

But in the eyes of a fiery group of students who refuse to accept the accepted ways as being morally right the University's purchasing of property in the Malone area is wrong. They say the University should stop buying land and erase its pipe dream of manifest destiny as it crawls eastward.

The students are right; society is wrong. They can however storm the Chancellor's office with their cries of immorality but no one will listen. They can call the realtors racists; but no one will listen. They can call the landlords insensitive and again no one will listen.

Columbia found a way to make people listen but anarchy erases society; it doesn't correct it. There has to be an answer. Somewhere there is a way to make today's middle-class society value human beings above material wealth.

The idealistic student may have part of the answer but now he must find a very loud drum.

Cheryl Tritt

Co-eds sit-in for freedom

Athens, Ga. (CPS) —According to the women's rules at the University of Georgia, a coed, regardless of her age, cannot go to dinner with her parents and have a drink.

Coeds, in fact, simply are not allowed to drink, on the campus, in Athens, or anywhere else.

This is one of the major issues in a stepped-up student campaign to liberalize women's rules. The campaign reached a climax recently when about 300 students, about half of which were coeds, staged a two-day sit-in in the Academy Building, which houses the administrative offices.

The sit-in began after an administration representative refused to accept a petition from about 500 students who were holding a rally in front of the building. "The sit-in was spontaneous, and it involved average coeds," said Richard Moore, editor of the student newspaper, the Red and Black.

Dan Looker

It's been a very weird year

Politically, this has been a weird year. I won't even try to recap everything that's happened. Everyone readily agrees these days that anything is possible.

Right now it looks as if Hubert Humphrey will get the Democratic nomination, and here in Nebraska McCarthy is surprisingly strong. So what am I going to do? I'm supporting Kennedy.

No, I don't burn incense in front of his personality poster at home. I'd be the first to admit that Kennedy is chock full of weaknesses and flaws but he's the best candidate running.

McCarthy has been held up as the only "honest" politician alive. Yet he has conducted the most one-sided campaign.

Rodney Powell . . .

Sounds of noisy desperation

Well, well well, spring is here with a vengeance (that's like Asiatic flu, only worse) — Terry Carpenter is making lunatic statements again, a sure sign of the vernal equinox (or most any other equinox you can think of) and those hallowed University traditions, Spring Day and Ivy Day now form a portion of our book of living memories.

And, as another school year sinks slowly out of view, it is time to pause and reflect — some, let us reason together.

"By adopting a pose of sweet reasonableness, we will learn to live together in peace and friendship." The Whale.

"Life is like a sewer — what you get out of it depends on what you put into it." Tom Lehrer.

(Now you are probably wondering how these quotes fit together. . . On reflection, the

first appears unfair, the second pungent.

It is now time to penetrate to the core of the problem, to get in there and dig out the meat, to sink our teeth into it, to run it up the flagpole and see if it salutes.

(This paragraph, while apparently only filler is actually the key to this entire column. But don't take my word for it, I'm a notorious liar.)

(To constantly rework the same material reveals a paucity of critical intelligence. You find this column boring, I find this column boring, we

all find this column boring — a sure sign of contemporary malaise (goes well with bacon, lettuce and tomato. Have I used that one before?) But we continue to continue.)

. . . to talk of many things (Having started the semester with a few anti-columns, I found it strange at the end of the year to be attempting to write the real thing. My didactic companion (look that one up in your Dictionary of American Slang) is always struggling to burst out and deliver oracular comments (the price of fish eyes in China).

In a last gasp effort to save this column, this Serious Fellow advises me to strongly recommend that all of you out there still reading, read Death at an Early Age by Jonathan Kozol this summer. It's just out in paperback and is worth the chips. (chocolate preferably.)

. . . not with a bang, but a whimper . . . (And so, bidding a fond adieu, we say "Farewell forever, o verdant grass of green." For callow youth, time marches on, but the messes remain (a fine couple). In the immortal words of Samuel Pepys "And so to bed.")

(Logically speaking, I am not satisfied with this column. It is too diffuse, too rambling, too arch. But then who asked me?)

The rest is silence.

When the rain beats against my windowpane . . .



. . . I'll think of summer days again



McCarthy alone can begin anew

The following article was submitted by Asso. Professor Robert Narveson in the department of English. It expresses the opinion of the Daily Nebraskan.

Last fall the state of our nation was causing widespread concern. We were engaged in a war in Asia which we could not win, and were not sure that we even should win. The immense cost of the war was crippling government programs, both domestic and foreign. The cities of our nation were unfit to live in and were rapidly growing worse. The rural sections of our country were suffering from depression caused by their very success in efficient production.



Eugene McCarthy

Sections of the country were pitted against one another; hate was being preached everywhere. Age, race, and belief were becoming impassable barriers between our various citizens. Our sense of national unity and purpose had dwindled. It seemed as if the nation we all loved was headed toward self-destruction, while we looked on helplessly.

Sen. Eugene McCarthy, like many other prominent political figures, observed all this with growing concern. As he said at Boston University last April 11:

"One of the ancient rules of moral theology is that anyone who is in power has this responsibility: although he cannot eliminate all conditions which may drive men to viciousness or evil, he has the obligation of trying to establish conditions such that a person need not be expected to exercise a kind of heroic virtue in order to stay out of crime, to avoid dishonesty or anti-social behavior."

When he entered the primary contest in New Hampshire, everyone predicted he would be overwhelmed, because he was not backed by his party, he had no personal political organization, and he was almost unknown to the voters. Yet the voters of New Hampshire gave him nearly half of their votes and 20 out of 24 delegates to the national convention. That was only the beginning. As Senator McCarthy moved on to Wisconsin, a dazed public suffered first one shock and then another.

Sen. McCarthy changed his mind and decided it was safe to enter the race; President Johnson took himself out of it. Once more there is political dialogue, and the machinery of democracy is beginning to function again.

If Eugene McCarthy had not had more courage than prudence, where would the nation be today? Would there be an open contest for the Democratic nomination? Would President Johnson have taken even the first hesitant step toward peace? Or suppose that McCarthy had received only 18 per cent of the New Hampshire vote instead of 42 per cent. Then would Sen. Kennedy still be sulking on the sidelines, while President Johnson pursued his futile course?

If McCarthy were only a man of courage that is how things might have gone. But the voters of New Hampshire and later Wisconsin found his straight talk, his obvious integrity, his intelligence, maturity and humor to their liking. Perhaps when the voters of Nebraska find out the sort of man he is, they too will recognize him as the man to lead us out of our present difficulties.

A good example of McCarthy's remarkable appeal is the way the young people have flocked to his banner. Reporters quickly dubbed his campaign a "Children's Crusade." But these children were the most intelligent and talented students in our colleges and universities.

By showing that he trusts them and will level with them, Gene McCarthy is convincing the voters that they may trust him. By appealing to reason and intelligence, even when the problems are complex and tax the understanding, McCarthy has raised the level of public discussion to an unaccustomed level and people admire him for it, even though they think that other people will not have the patience to listen to him. By refusing to be merchandized like a bar of soap, or to play on emotions, or to appeal to minority grievances out of context, McCarthy is revising our notion of the politician. We are convinced people will respond to the confidence he shows in intelligence and good sense.