

Third rate University

Chancellor Varner has completed his first year at the University of Nebraska. The past year has been trying, not only for students, but perhaps especially so for administrators.

It seems fair to say that during the past year, Mr. Varner has shown himself to be a reasonable and effective voice for the University.

As for the Chancellor's courage, his budget speaks for itself. His primary concern must surely be to make this University a center for learning.

Unlike his predecessors, Mr. Varner is not afraid to tell the legislators what it costs to have a first rate institution. Judging the reactions of the legislators, it seems clear that many of them had expected the Chancellor to make the traditional budgetary request for a third rate University.

Spending, of course, will continue to be the most important recurring issue the Chancellor has to deal with.

But in addition and conjunction with the fiscal policies of the university, The Chancellor also has to contend with various interest groups in the university. Unifying these elements remains an illusion.

The Regents continue to vie for the number one ranking in the all-university power struggle. The Administration, as expected, stays two steps behind. And students are not allowed to participate in the contest.

So, guess who remains alienated from the university? Then consider whose task it is to "bring us together."

It is the sincere hope of the Daily Nebraskan that Chancellor Varner has more success this year in unifying the University than President Nixon has had in unifying the nation.

Finally the facts

The fact-finding committee investigating the case of political science professor Stephen Rozman will be releasing its report to the Board of Regents this week.

This report will be significant for many reasons. Most importantly, it will be indicative of the political mood of the university. The report should also be an accurate measuring tool for determining the extent of politicization of the university.

And it should be revealing to find out what the facts really were concerning last May's disturbances.

Hopefully, the Regents and all members of our community will respect the findings and the recommendations of the faculty committee.

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I may as well use a desk calculator.

A Frustrated.

The American and the Un - American

by FRANK MANKIEWICZ
and
TOM BRADENS

WASHINGTON—Something very odd and not very much like the United States of America is going on here, and Americans who go to church or who practice their religion seriously in other ways ought to be paying attention.

What is going on has to do with two priests who are serving jail terms for burning and pouring blood over draft records. There is no question that they should be serving jail terms—they deliberately broke the law in order to call attention to what one of them, Fr. Daniel Berrigan, S.J., calls the fact that "we care more about burning papers in a draft office than burning babies in Vietnam."

They never denied their offense; in the ancient tradition of civil disobedience,

which in this country runs from the Boston Tea Party to Henry David Thoreau to Martin Luther King, they accepted the penalty. They understand the Christian notion of witness, and they have lived it all their lives—in the peace movement and before that for civil rights and before that for the belief that the people of the underdeveloped world are not laboratory specimens upon whom economic experiments are to be tried, but are brothers with a brother's claim to bread and love.

Along with other priests and two nuns, the Fathers Berrigan have now been indicted again. It is alleged they conspired to blow up some of Washington's heating systems and to kidnap President Nixon's national security adviser, Henry Kissinger. The indictment follows a public announcement by J. Edgar

Hoover that the priests were guilty.

Into this situation some weeks ago stepped a most remarkable man, Rep. William Anderson of Tennessee. Before his election, Anderson was Capt. William Anderson, USN, submarine hero of World War II and skipper of the nuclear submarine Nautilus, which Anderson took on the first voyage under the polar ice cap.

Last year Anderson and a colleague found a prison in South Vietnam, paid for by American dollars and supervised by American technicians, where men and women were crowded into tiny cells, their legs shackled to an iron bar a foot above the ground, their cries for food and water met by showers of lime. Anderson's eloquent plea—carried to the White House—that the United States denounce this outrage was met with the answer that it would

be improper for us to intervene.

Then, last month, he spoke out against Hoover's public accusation against the Berrigans, who could not speak in their own defense. When the indictment followed, Anderson said he was pleased the matter would be settled in court.

By this time he had come to know the Berrigans and had come to believe in their intense dedication to nonviolence. (A recent letter from Daniel Berrigan to the Weathermen contains one of the most articulate and passionate pleas against violence the revolutionary movement has ever produced.)

This led Anderson, last week, to urge the National Council of Churches to use its influence against violence in behalf of the Berrigans. It would be a catastrophe, he warned, if the cause of these nonviolent men were to be

taken up by violent means.

Anderson's speech to the churchmen was low-key, devout and instinct with the idea that the Berrigan controversy should be settled by law. He was attacked the next day by Vice President Agnew.

"Reprehensible," "clap-trap," "popping off," said Agnew, and accused Anderson of advocating nationwide demonstrations and calling the Berrigans "heroes." It is possible that the Vice President was misinformed though neither the text of the speech nor any newspaper account of it lends the faintest credibility to his accusations. But what the Vice President is doing—and he is doing a lot of it lately—is un-American in the deepest and truest sense of that much misused word. He owes Rep. Anderson an apology, and he owes his countrymen a better example.