

After the fall

Thirty-five months ago, the UNL campus was an ordinary place. Students attended classes, frequented bars, amassed at rock concerts and even attended football games on weekends.

But since that time the place has changed. Step by step, slowly it turned away from normalcy to Big Red Territory.

When Big Red's monstrous winning streak began in October, 1969, the transition started. Suddenly red became the national color. Students stopped studying Dante and Freud and began studying Devaney. Bars and restaurants turned into Big Red palaces. Alumni and constituency who for years had ignored the existence of a state university suddenly became avid newspaper readers, in the hope of gleaning a tidbit of Husker knowledge from the newsprint. Football had succeeded in becoming an obsession.

Rapidly, however, it became apparent something was wrong. The obsession went further than it was supposed to go. Suddenly freshmen were seniors and they couldn't remember the football team ever losing a game. More and more people jumped on the scarlet bandwagon and it began to bow under the pressure. Games were no longer games, but Roman spectacles. They became not so much battles between two teams, but Cecil B. DeMille epics with multitudes clad in blood-red regalia. Wiming the next game became the life-and-death aim of the entire campus—and the entire state. Big Red had succeeded in becoming a mania.

Saturday, the lunacy came to a screeching, unpius halt. A humiliating defeat for the team. A shocked silence from avid fans. A disaster.

But in several ways, a needed disaster. For too long UNL has been existing in a vermilion cloud of euphoria.

Perhaps the loss will erase some of the mystique around Nebraska football. Perhaps some of the Big Red enthusiasm will be transferred back to education. Perhaps UNL can once again watch football as a game and

nothing more. And perhaps Nebraska can enjoy football, rather than live it.

True, Saturday's defeat was an incredible disappointment. Thousands of hopes were crushed by a single game. It was a sad day for Nebraska.

But the sun will rise tomorrow. And the next game is Saturday.

Jim Gray

Free zone fracas

Of primary interest at Monday's Board of Regents meeting will be the action taken on proposals for tuition systems for the 1973-74 school year.

Four plans have been proposed, three of which would abolish the current "free zone".

The zone allows a student to take 12 to 16 hours without paying additional money. Outside the zone, classes are paid for on a strictly per-hour basis.

The net effect of any of the three plans would be to discourage students from taking additional hours, as they would have to pay extra money for each hour above 12 they wish to take.

This would only increase the University's woes in paperwork and course loads by encouraging students to enroll for fewer hours and take longer to graduate. This is clearly contrary to the interests of the University as a whole.

At least for the present, it appears the best possible move would be to continue current free zone policies.

Jim Gray



to the editor

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Dear editor,

Can we take it from the YAF's failure to endorse Congressman Charles Thone that Thone is less conservative than the rest of Nebraska's Congressmen? Hardly.

A closer examination of the record shows that Thone is a political disciple of his former boss, Sen. Hruska. Specifically, he has voted against all women's rights legislation (including child care); all end-the-war amendments; all efforts to establish budgetary control over military spending; the clean water amendments to the water pollution control act; and attempts to strengthen the proposed Consumer Protection Agency.

Thone points to his votes against the SST and the Lockheed loan to show that he does not always swallow the party line.

This type of showmanship may fool the YAF, but it shouldn't fool the voters in November.

David Buntain

Crib incident

Dear editor,

This letter is directed the concerned black student of the Sept. 7 issue.

It seems that actions have been misrepresented on campus.

The attitude of incoming freshmen towards blacks is not created by any cartoon or ASUN action or apology. The attitude is created by blacks themselves.

For example, Sept. 1 in the *Nebraska Union*, a few black students threw dishes out of a trash tray and then pushed it into the main lounge which shows not only disrespect for UNL but toward students, particularly students who work in the Crib.

For two years, I have seen students run the gauntlet of blacks each day in order to get to the Crib entrance. I was under the impression that one doesn't come to college to isolate or segregate themselves, but rather to promote brotherhood and understanding. It seems the former is the objective of the blacks here.

As for the athletic department, I wish I had the academic and social opportunities black athletes or athletes in general have.

As for the threatening tone in which this person speaks—he ought to concern himself with the idea that revolution works two ways and is liable to be countered with a vicious backlash.

I consider it an opportunity to attend this University and if people don't care for the UNL tradition, there are alternative universities and colleges where they can spread their threats. It was their choice to attend here.

Respect comes when each party involved attains the same level of respect towards the other.

John L. Portis

Huh?

Dear editor,

It appears that the left-wing majority of the University of Nebraska have now only the *Lincoln Gazette* to mirror humanity and common sense, because I saw in last Thursday's *Daily Nebraskan* a caricature of Angela Davis and depiction of an unhealthy soviet writer as the underdog.

This phony cartoon of Angela, who is a beautiful

revolutionary black person, should not have been displayed by a letter from a black brother about the inhuman picture of a black "boy" in that book to freshmen at UNL.

I object to the grotesque cartoons in that booklet, for they make students look like monsters, and not adult human beings going to an institution of higher learning. Why can't we be depicted as human? As adult students in a changing world?

So now McGovern and the new Democratic Party will be ignored and students will be exposed to the same old right wing crap that the John Birch society and YAF have been trying to put over on us for years.

Vote for McGovern as a man who might bring peace after years of war, inflation and racism.

C.M. Max Dalrymple

Parking problems continued

Dear editor,

It seems idiotic for a student to waste from half an hour to 45 minutes every day trying to find a parking place in one of the student parking lots.

The campus Security and Traffic Department has done a poor job of allotting parking permits without any consideration of available space.

How does it make sense for a student with a parking permit for area 20 to go through areas 20, 21, 22 etc... trying to find a parking space and then finally going to the Fairgrounds parking lot? The shuttle bus service is not as efficient as mentioned in the brochure issued by Campus security.

Could not Campus security do a better job by assigning only a specified parking lot to each parking permit holder according to his choice so that he can park his car in that parking lot alone.

Of course, it will require a count of available spaces in each parking lot which campus security, I believe, can do.

Yudh Vir Singh Jain