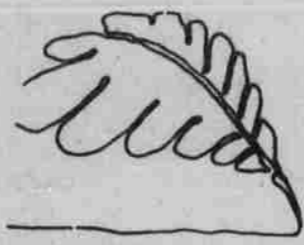


to the editor



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"Thieu agrees—or we bomb Saigon and mine the harbor!"



Dear editor,

After reading "Can Nixon survive victory?" (Daily Nebraskan, Nov. 12) I wonder if the real implications of Nixon's landslide victory have been found. We might look to Roosevelt's and Johnson's victories and see a possible pattern, but let's not try to look forward by looking backward.

The old, worn-out "better than McGovern" syndrome will no longer do. Honest George is out of the picture. We now are confronted with a man who was once in political exile, who now has risen to supreme power.

People have so often failed to understand the personality of the man; he is a mass of feeling and courage, he does not care so much what he fights for, as much as victory in and for itself. (All he wants is "Four More Years"). He prides himself with the power he has and has assembled an army. And this is the key to what is to be done in the next four years.

Why stop with Roosevelt in tracing historical patterns? Recall what Plato said — that the warrior is at his worst when in public office. If the indications I have given leading to this are difficult to comprehend, it can and will be discovered. Sixty per cent of the public who denounce the radicals as dreamers — preferred a butcher to a benefactor. And we'll all pay the price. The question ought not to be "Can Nixon survive victory?" but "Can we alter this political tropism?"

John Standofer

Piercing the gloom

Dear editor,

I have a niece attending your school. I shall not reveal her name for fear she will be scoffed at, called Priscilla Prude and Virginia Virgin and other such appellations.

However, she is one of the fortunate girls. She is immune to this hideous age and its scarlet values. Her long brown limbs and tender bosom will not be despoiled by some lusty lout out for a cheap night's adventure.

but what sort of age is this that permits institutions of higher learning to pass out birth control pills willy nilly, that allows students to cohabit without penalty? How long can our debauched society go on ignoring the mass distribution of films like *Marjoe*, pocket books like *The Story of O*, or more recently Dolinsky's *Mind One*. How long can obnoxious disc jockeys continue to play recordings nationwide extolling drugs and urging girls to "bang the whole gang."

Young people, I ask you to take a moment! Pause, reconsider your peril. Save yourselves. Turn your backs on the licentiousness around you.

And dear editor I ask you, please print my letter. Allow one shaft of sunlight to pierce the gloom of "the stone zone."

J. Arthur Gorham III

Incredible concert

Dear editor,

After the incredible Muddy Waters concert I would like to thank the Union Concerts Committee. The quality of the concert is not only a credit to McKinley Morganfield and his band but to the committee.

It is my hope that other UNL-sponsored concerts will take place and though it seems impossible to me to equal the Muddy Waters concert in quality, I hope someone will try and bring in the talent to do it.

Mark Gregory

Black misuse

Dear editor:

I have read countless editorial articles in this paper and others that have gone into well written white experiences of blacks abusing their rights, or sticky situations involving an innocent, thoroughly faultless student whose precious pride has been partially, if not totally destroyed by groups of trouble-shooting blacks looking for a good time at some one else's expense.

Yet no one ever bothers to print editorials where blacks have been the subject of misuse. Editorials in which a black student's pride and self-respect had been injured or even destroyed.

A few months ago, I read a heart-rending letter in this paper about a white student who wanted to get inside the "Crib" but was

stopped by a hoard of black students that blocked the entrance. This student felt it was such an abuse of her civil rights that she decided to expose the great injustice she had encountered.

However, articles dealing with the growing tension between whites and blacks never find their way into print. Articles and editorials that ask the important questions like how we can best solve Mexican-American relations or anything else must be too trivial a matter for this paper to respond.

In essence, I am asking where and what are the values of the Daily Nebraskan? Do you consider new stories, extremely relevant to the black students of this campus, like the Miss Black contest, back page news unimportant enough to come until three issues later. And if this is how you plan to continue throughout this year, then considerations for cutting your funds are in order and quite necessary.

Herbert Renard Berry, Jr.

Priorities

Dear editor,

In three and one half years I've never considered it necessary to write a letter to the Daily Nebraskan. And I'm almost ashamed at what finally got me concerned enough to write this letter.

I think the Daily Nebraskan did a fine job of pointing out where the priorities of the Athletic Department lie. However, I'd like to comment concerning Pittenger's statement, "The public is paying for the football team, not the students." This University and its students could get along very well without the Athletic Department, but the Athletic Department wouldn't last the time it took to say "Johnny Rodgers" if the University disappeared.

If the people of this state were half as concerned with the quality of education at this institution as they are with the football ratings this would be a much better University. Also, if people were just half as willing to spend money here on a badly needed library as they are to go to Hawaii or Miami we'd have the best library in the Big Eight.

As for scalping tickets, the ticket office happens to be the biggest scalper, second to none.

Rick Zeilinger

A different view

Dear editor,

Since tickets to football games are the issue of the day, I feel I should present a different point of view. I am in my fifth year of school and have worked nearly four years in the ticket office part-time the year around.

I think your view of the student ticket situation is a little slanted and maybe unreasonable. After all, a student is virtually guaranteed a ticket for every home game for \$2.08 per game. In addition, a goodly percentage of them are on the East side. But even if they are in row 98, is it that bad a seat?

As for the away games, the ASUN senate made their agreement in 1965. Why do you want it changed now? Why not change it before we became national champions and everyone decided Boulder wasn't a bad place to go? Would it be reasonable to give students 50 per cent of the tickets when 5,000 students applied for tickets as compared to 17,500 of the general public? That was the tightest ticket squeeze I've seen in my four years here.

As for the other away games, students should apply Jan. 1 of each year for the games they want to see. They will have the same chance as the general public for tickets.

You may not have noticed, but people on other campuses want to see the Huskers play, too, and subsequently they give up far fewer tickets than has been the case in past years. I also honestly think there are plenty of students in your "Big Red poop section."

Finally, college athletics is a big business. Football is the only program that makes money. If we were not in the good financial position we were, we might have to cut some minor sports. This would be tragic.

There are things that might be changed from time to time, but we are doing the best we can for everyone concerned. Pittenger has a tough job and has to try to keep a lot of folks happy, so we may continue to support Nebraska athletics.

Bill Slaughter