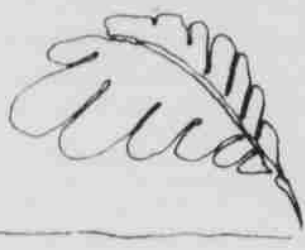


editorial opinion page



to the editor

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More misfits

Dear editor:

You certainly don't know us, but allow us to explain. We were part of the group of misfits, miscreants and renegades which hung around the **Daily Nebraskan** from 1965 to 1969 and from which sprang out most illustrious companion, Daniel Ladely. It was our good fortune, after all this time, to have sent to us the **Daily Nebraskan's** tribute

to said outlaw and—needless to say—we were overjoyed that not only have we been assured that the old hustler is still alive and well, but at last has received the publicity and honor due him.

Of course, you did go overboard. I mean, after all, he is only human, and barely that from all reliable records (what can you expect from Gordon Neb., ferkrisake?). He owes a lot of what he is today to those of us in the background who helped shape and reinforce his illegal and anarchistic habits through all those difficult years at the University of Nebraska: making fun of Greeks, coping with a professional football team on campus, etc. It is due, in great part, to men of such stature as John Schmidt, Jack Todd, ourselves and others of lesser

light that Daniel has risen to the level to which he has now become accustomed (leave us not forget that displaced Southern cracker Cater Chamblee, who spoke so eloquently in your tribute section).

Because of the fact that we had a small disagreement with the U.S. Army about the deployment of some of its troops, we are now abiding in the tundra-like wastes of southern Canada and were unable to attend the banquet, pot party and old-fashioned beer blast in Ladely's honor. Rest assured, we drank an ale to his good health upon receiving the **Daily Nebraskan**.

George Kaufman
Deanna Kaufman
Waterloo, Ontario Canada

Check cashing logic

Dear editor:

As usual, there is some real great logic abounding in the words and deeds of those that determine how much we pay for what. Case in point is the really big issue of check cashing. Ms. Cannon claims we must pay a fee because the world famous First National Bank decides to start charging a fee. What efforts have been made to check (sorry about the pun) with other banks and see if they would offer the service without charge?

Another point for which I can see no justification is the inconsistency with which student fees are spent. How many students take advantage of the usual "educational" services that fees pay for? I would guess not too many. Yet here is an issue that concerns a large number of students (it must, or else Bennett et. al wouldn't be so uptight about all the lost revenue). Basically, why are some activities paid for with fees and some paid for specifically by the user? Cannon says those who use the service should pay. Fine; however, it follows that all educational speakers and programs should be paid for by those who attend. Absurd, of course, because then we would never have those programs because of lack of interest; yet check cashing, a service used by many students, is a different matter and some day I'll figure out why.

Gary Leak

Early pool closing

Dear editor:

On the evening of April 16 I made a special trip back to campus around 8 p.m. in hopes to swim at the Womens

P.E. Building. After paying my dime and getting my suit on, the girl at the desk said the life guards had already closed the pool and that I'd have to leave. I told her that I had planned on meeting some friends and we were going to swim together. She still said we couldn't swim. After six other students arrived around 8:05, they too talked with the life guard and desk girl, they still wouldn't re-open the pool.

They said two life guards had to be on duty and one had already left. This is a University facility and it is for the use of the students. The W.P.E. pool is to be open M-W-F 6-9 and on T-Th 8-9. I too have a part-time job, that is why we couldn't come until 8, and I often wish I could leave early too, but one must realize that they carry a responsibility to stay until all of the work is done. In other words, "Thanks Monday night W.P.E. pool staff. I hope whatever your selfish reasons for copping out from your job early were worth it!"

Linda Nelson

Vihstadt errors

Dear editor:

This is in response to John Vihstadt's column (**Daily Nebraskan**, April 12).

Vihstadt uses arguments whose base is nearly as erroneous as the tirade he attacks. Nixon's defense cannot rest on past conquests or the very process he represents is bound to the past and therefore incapable of action. There is no defense for the accusations leveled by Francis Ohmstede and rebuttal is therefore unnecessary. By the same token, President Nixon's staff cannot be defended by the society we enjoy. Unless Republicans give us answers to Watergate, ITT, CIA, FBI, etc. the party will spend a decade fondly remembering those glorious days when Richard Nixon won by a landslide.

Furthermore, since no national figure is implicated in the company of Ohmstede and since party sanction in Nebraska is not implied, the whole party cannot be indicted by association. Also, any serious student of our democratic process cannot add guilt to Representatives and Senators for their inactivity, in view of the veto power.

This is a great democracy, as Vihstadt said, and it will remain so as long as it continues to uphold the values from which it sprang. Please take off the rose-colored glasses and remove the blindness.

Guy Ames



Watergate scandal—Teapot Dome revisited?

Editor's note—Mr. Vihstadt's column for this week was written before President Nixon made his Tuesday (April 17) announcements concerning the Watergate affair.

"The Watergate... the Watergate. It's beginning to smell like the Teapot Dome." The President had better tell the nation "just what in hell is wrapped up in this Watergate mess."

These words were not uttered by a publicity-seeking liberal Democrat but by none other than Barry Goldwater. The senator from Arizona and former GOP presidential standard-bearer has recently added his voice to the growing chorus of concerned Republicans around the country. They are calling for the President to lay the Watergate affair to rest exposing the full truth of the matter.

Of even further import was the concurrence of Anne Armstrong, counselor to the President, with Goldwater. "I must assume he is correct," Armstrong said—the first member of the White House staff to concede that the Watergate crisis is dividing the Republican Party. Even Vice President Spiro Agnew has been quoted by an associate as being privately "appalled" at the Administration's inept handling of the Watergate case.

Here in Nebraska, both U.S. Reps, Charles Thone and John McCollister have urged that the President press for full disclosure of the murky details.

The very fact that Nixon has invoked "executive privilege" in prohibiting his assistants from appearing before Sen. Sam Ervin's D.N.C., investigating committee makes it appear that an effort is being made to cover up the episode.

It may well be, of course, that the President is trying

to hide nothing or protect no one. But his Democratic foes in the Congress, who see a glorious opportunity for cheap political gain at the expense of Republican embarrassment and the sensation-seeking ultra-liberal national news media (CBS and the *New York Times* in particular) are trying their best to implicate the President in the wrong-doing and magnify the entire incident out of proportion.

john vihstadt different drummer

President Nixon is, without a doubt, innocent of any illegal activities. It is evident that the Watergate caper was the brainchild of overzealous underlings who over-stepped their authority—people who, if found guilty, should be dismissed and punished for their crimes. The chief executive's error is his reluctance to allow a full disclosure of the matter.

As Sen. Norris Cotton, R-N.H., noted: "The longer you prolong some kind of mystery or scandal, the worse it becomes. This business of just stringing this thing along is poor tactics. There's nothing that could

be brought out that would be as detrimental as letting this thing go on."

In maintaining its stance, the White House is seriously damaging the image of both the President and the Republican Party. The President's ability to deal effectively with the urgent domestic and international problems of the day is being drastically undercut by the dark cloud of scandal hovering over Washington.

Nixon cannot continue to allow the public mistrust to grow. He must direct his people to cooperate in bringing the whole sordid occurrence out into the open. If a few highly-placed persons have to suffer, that's tough.

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Another relic of the McGovern debacle is harboring comeback hopes. Gary Hart, former McGovern campaign director, has let it be known that he intends to run against Sen. Peter Dominick, R-Colo. in 1974.

Now, in neighboring Utah, ex-Democrat National Chairthing Jean Westwood says that she also is thinking of running for the Senate next year. Unfortunately, she may have a better chance than Hart.

Seventy-five year-old Wallace Bennett, the Republican incumbent, may retire, making the seat more ripe for Democratic takeover. Further, Westwood's Democrats have done well in Utah lately. Although President Nixon carried the state with 68 per cent of the vote, the Democrats managed to re-elect their popular governor, Calvin Rampton, to an unprecedented third term by a healthy margin. They also picked up a second House seat (west-Salt Lake City), leaving them with the state's two congressional seats for the first time since 1960.

Still, Westwood must be rated a longshot bet for victory.