

## Libraries house risqué literature

By Tam Mehuron

As a result of the recent obscenity trial involving John Serafine, and the possibility of removing "pornographic" books from the Lincoln Public Libraries, the Daily Nebraskan investigated possibly obscene materials in the UNL libraries.

First, what makes a book obscene?

According to Webster, pornography consists of "writings, pictures, etc., intended to arouse sexual desire."

The problem comes in that what may be objectionable to one person may not be to another.

These conflicting individual attitudes lead to another problem, censorship.

Concerning the presence of possibly objectionable books, UNL library director A.C. Breckenridge said that reading material on the UNL library bookshelves legally cannot be censored.

Breckenridge said censorship regulations deal specifically with commercial aspects such as advertising, mail and booksellers, but no libraries are involved.

He referred to a legislative act of 1887 which states that "Nothing . . . shall be construed to prevent the relevant references to, or accounts or portrayal of—nudity, sex . . . in religion, art, literature, history . . . education (and) public libraries, where the matter enumerated in this section does not treat such subjects in a manner appealing to a prurient interest . . ."

When asked what, if any, possibly pornographic books were in the library, Breckenridge said, "I don't know because we aren't censors, and we (UNL library staff) don't propose to be censors under any circumstances."

With this background information, the Daily Nebraskan questioned library personnel about obtaining possibly obscene materials. When asked about the subject, one student library aide said, "I don't want to touch this" and referred the reporter to an older bearded assistant.

He said most of the desired books could be found in what is called the cage, but only authorized personnel were allowed inside.

The books are there not to deprive students of their use, but to prevent the books from being stolen and having pages torn out, he said.

To obtain "pornographic" book titles, the assistant enlisted the aid of yet another staff member, a French woman.

With her help, the reporter sifted through three catalog files containing titles of possibly objectionable books. The majority are written in French ("because they know more about these things," said the aide), German, Latin and English, in that order.

Books investigated included: *The New Exoticism: Theories, Vogues and Canons* by Philip Nobile; *Dictionnaire Erotique Moderne* by Alfred Delvau, a French dictionary of sexual terms; and a Latin dictionary, *Glossarium Eroticum Linguae Latinae*, by Pierre Pierregues.

*A History of Pornography* by H. Montgomery Hyde, also was investigated for background information.

The Daily Nebraskan was unable to obtain *Erotic Fantasies*, a study of the sexual imagination by Phyllis Kronhausen, and *The Curiosity: Or Gentleman and Lady's Library*. The library lost the latter in 1971, according to a library staff member at Nebraska Hall. Kronhausen's book was "mysteriously" missing.

Two of the more explicit books included Gordon Grimley's *Wicked Victorians: An Anthology of Clandestine Literature of the 19th Century* and *Manual of Classical Erotology* by Friedrich Karl Forberg.

In order to obtain the *Manual of Classical Erotology*, the library's circulation desk kept the reporter's student ID until the book was returned.

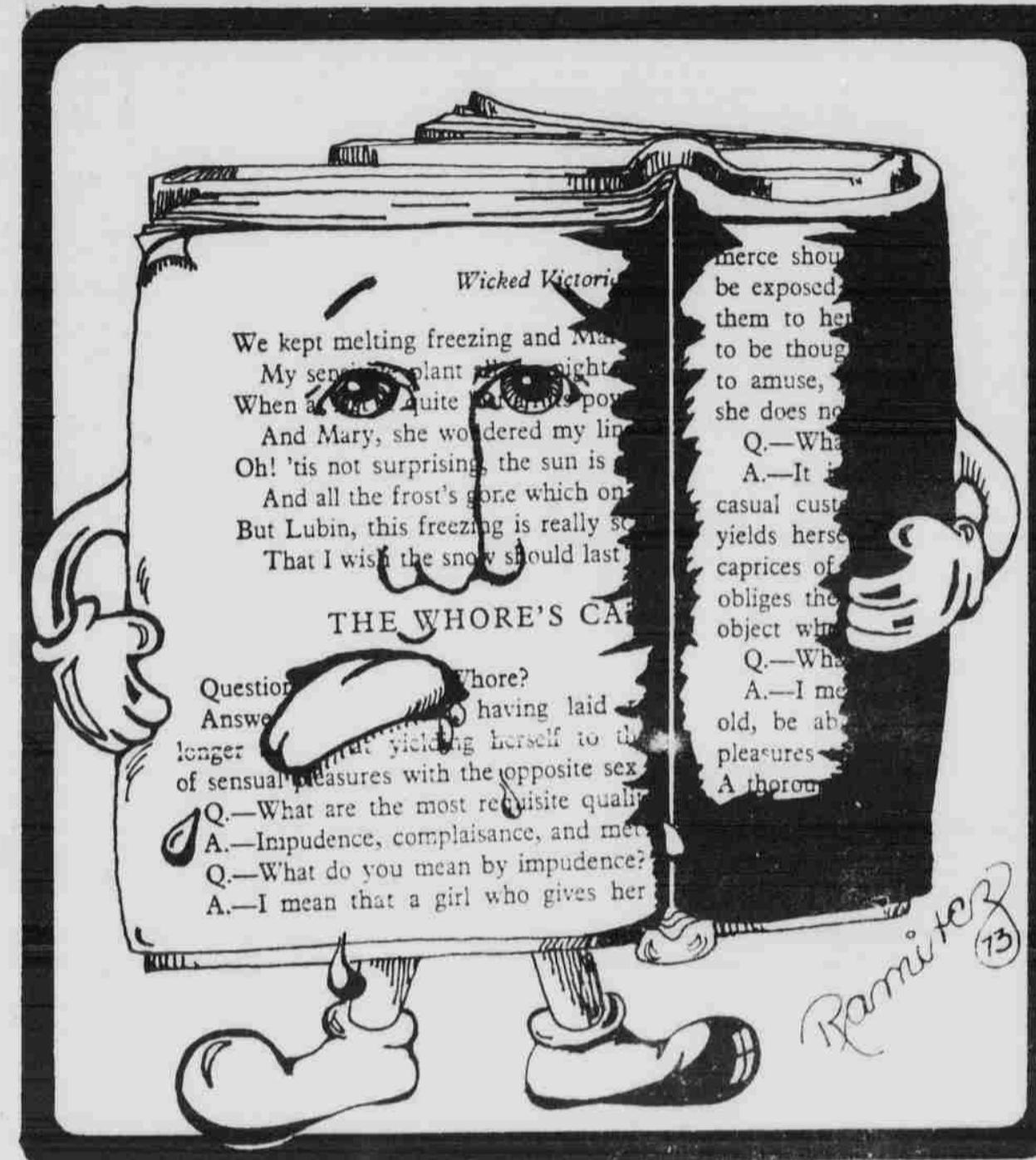
Forberg's work consisted of chapters devoted to copulation, pederasty, irrumation (fellatio), cunnilingus and group intercourse, among others. The book was scholarly in its approach, with excerpts from Greek and Latin authors. Ovid, the Master of Love's Mysteries invites pretty women to take this posture (natural) by preference:

"See you reckon up each of your charms and take your posture according to your beauty. One and the same mode does not become every woman. You are especially attractive of face; then lie on your back."

Although the above passage may be offensive to some, others may find it totally acceptable, which illustrates the problem of deciding what is pornographic and what is not.

Despite the statement in the manual's foreword which said that "Those persons . . . who may peruse it as a means of awakening voluptuous sensations will be severely disappointed . . .", this reporter found that, with the explicit sexual descriptions, one would not necessarily be disappointed if he wanted to read

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## Five appointed to Pub Board; ASUN-CSL brouhaha settled?

By Jane Owens

The controversy between ASUN and the Council on Student Life (CSL) over Publications Committee, sometimes referred to as Pub Board, appointments has been settled, at least temporarily.

Following an hour-long closed executive session Thursday, the council appointed five students to fill positions on the Publications Committee. The committee is the publisher of the Daily Nebraskan.

Named to the committee were Kelly Baker, Sam Brower, Bob O'Neal, Karen Richardson and Ron Sindelar.

Appointees were chosen from a list of five nominees and three additional qualified names that the ASUN Senate sent to the council.

In response to a request made by a CSL peace delegation at Wednesday's senate meeting, the list of eight names was submitted to CSL with the understanding that the original five nominees were the ones the senate wished to see appointed.

CSL member and peace delegate Bill Freudenburg earlier had said CSL requested eight nominees for "historical reasons."

The 1972 Regents' Committee on Student Publications Guidelines stated that the five student Publications Committee members be appointed by CSL, according to Freudenburg.

No mention was made of ASUN, he noted but Chancellor James Zumberge last fall

recommended the ASUN submit a list of 10 students' names to CSL. The council then would select five committee appointments from the list.

Because it was urgent that the committee be established this autumn, CSL asked the senate for a list of only eight instead of 10 nominees.

All Publications Committee appointees, except Sindelar, were included in the original ASUN list of nominees.

A motion made by Freudenburg that two students appointees serve two-year terms on the committee was postponed until next week.

CSL Chairman Don Shaneyfelt said he plans to investigate the legality of appointing students for two-year terms. He also plans to ask each of the five appointees whether he would be willing to serve a two-year term, he said.

In other business, the council approved a letter to Ken Bader, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, offering its support in persuading Nebraska state legislators to appropriate funds for implementing UNL financial aids programs.

In the letter, the council also asked Bader to discuss the financial aids issue with other Big 8 Conference student personnel administrators at a meeting scheduled for Oct. 25 and 26.

The council would like bodies similar to ASUN or CSL on other campuses to join in a "significant regional effort" to inform Congress "of the impact recent changes and cuts in financial aid to students has had on students."

## Vandals damage crew boat

The UNL rowing team is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for damaging the four-man shell sitting north of the Nebraska Union Wednesday night, according to Allen Maybee, special adviser to the team.

Maybee said the 35-foot shell, displayed to help recruit team members, was dumped into the Broyhill Fountain. He estimated damage to the shell at \$3,800.

The shell, which had been repainted and rebuilt last summer, was to be a gift to Oklahoma State University (OSU) to help start a rowing team there, he said. OSU was to pick it up after the fall rowing season.

Maybee said the shell weighed between 250 and 300 pounds, so he suspects that four or five persons were involved. He asked that anyone with information regarding the damage report to the Daily Nebraskan office. He said the informant's identity would not be revealed.