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50s symbol

It appears that concern has been only a fad at UNL. If that isn't true, then we must be closer to a return to the 50s than originally imagined.

A few years ago, campus living units decided that it was more worthwhile to spend their time helping others rather than in building homecoming displays. They urged Greek houses and residence halls to contribute to charity the money which would have gone into these temporary monuments to our football team. And now the displays are going up again.

Yes, there is something nostalgic in seeing the return of these crepe paper, wire and paper mache monstrosities and it shows a sense of spirit. But one can't help but wonder if the 200 or more man-hours spent in building them will produce the same results as 200 or more man-hours helping

others. It should be hoped that these memorials to one Saturday and one football game are not a camp symbol of the victory of apathy over concern.

Fire hazards

It has been more than a year since the Daily Nebraskan revealed that UNL classroom and office buildings are riddled with fire hazards. Many of those hazards still have not been corrected.

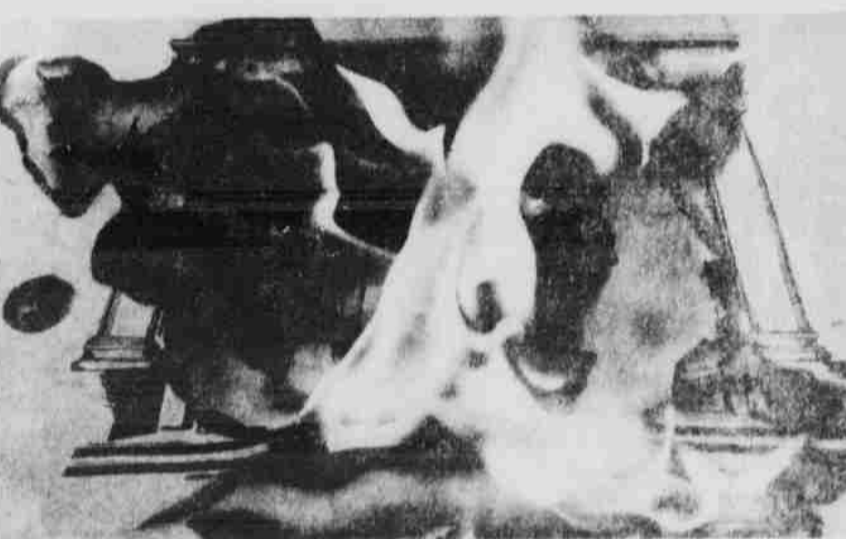
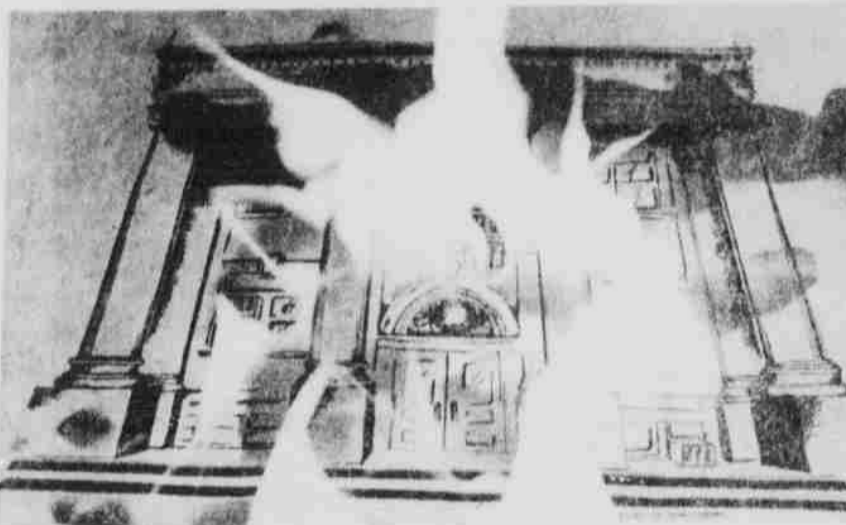
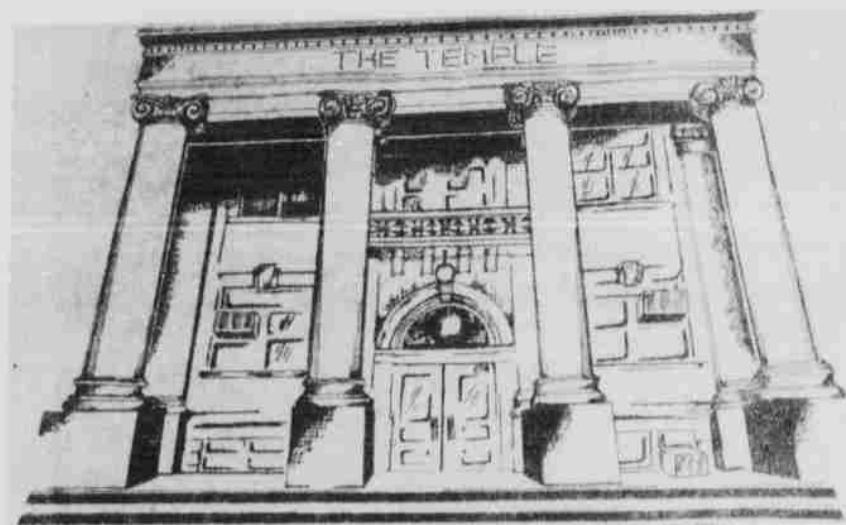
While some are of a minor nature, others pose a great danger to University students, faculty and staff.

The University administration apparently is making an effort to correct some of them. About one-fifth of the buildings originally placed on the danger list have been cleared. This is a good sign, but the University is not moving fast enough. And the reason it is not seems to be money.

The University budget has been inadequate for years. Now we are seeing the results of that inadequacy. University officials have estimated it will cost about \$1 million to correct the hazards. In the proposed capital construction budget, \$250,000 is allotted to clearing up more of them. That money, plus \$216,500 from the placement fund, ought to be able to pay for much of the needed renovation. The rest of the needed financing will be sought from the Unicameral during the next two to three years.

This effort to rid the University of these dangers is admirable, but it is not enough. University officials must turn to the Legislature as soon as possible for the rest of the money. The dangers to students, faculty and staff are too great to be ignored.

Michael (O.J.) Nelson



to the editor

Dear editor,
I strongly protest the massive shipment of arms to Israel for the support of her expansionist dreams. There have been many reasons given for this policy; all of them seem somewhat tenuous, if not outright lies. The image of poor helpless Israel surrounded by a sea of Arabs is a complete myth. For years Israel has been by far the strongest military power in the area, and American policy of so-called balance in the Near East has in fact been a policy of maintaining Israel's vast military superiority.

Charges that the Arabs are the aggressors are nothing short of ridiculous. To land Egyptian troops on Egyptian soil is not aggression. Nor can sending Syrian troops into Syrian territory be called such.

This is not a war for Israel's existence. The Arabs want only to liberate lands taken from them by force in 1967. The press of the free world, United States government experts and other countries confirm that this is the Arab goal.

It is in no way in the American interest to aid Israeli expansionism. Not only are Arab states odd toward the United States and rightfully mistrustful toward this country, but Arab states, traditionally on the best of terms with America, have no choice but to reconsider their friendship.

Even such non-Arab countries as Pakistan, Iran, India or most of the black African states are being antagonized by America's indefensible stand. This stand will surely destroy all of the progress made in relations with the Soviet Union.

Israel is fighting this war for one reason. She insists that she has the right to take by force whatever she wants and hold on to it with American support. The United States never has supported such a policy, (so American history books tell me) and it is impossible to see why it does now.

Mark Speece

Job-hunting Spiro inspires tax evaders

"Good morning, sir. Welcome to the Extremis Employment Agency. Now, your name?"

"Agnew, Spiro T. The T stands for Ted."

"Fine, Ted. Now, what was the last position you held?"

"Vice president. I was vice president for the past five years."

"Oh, a former White House official? Well, Ted, we get a lot of them through here these days. But don't worry, I'm sure we can find something for you anyway. Now then—reasons for leaving?"

"I resigned. As I told the President, I resigned 'in the best interest of the nation.'"

"You say you quit your last job for the good of your employers? That's a new one, Ted. But with loyalty like that, perhaps we can land you a good government job. Now, the Internal Revenue Service is looking for..."

"Maybe I just ought to mention that I happen to be on three years probation for income tax evasion."

"Yes, I'm glad you mentioned that, Ted. Nothing to be ashamed of. The newspapers are filled with stories of people who don't pay taxes—Gov. Reagan, the President..."

"That reminds me. I've got a letter of recommendation here from the President. See? It says, 'Dear Ted.' Then down here he writes, 'Your strong patriotism and your profound dedication to the welfare of the nation have been an inspiration to all who have served with you as well as to millions of others throughout the country.'"

"Millions of others, too! I never realized there were that many tax evaders to inspire, Ted. But let's get down to your qualifications. What were your duties in that last job you held?"

"Well, every couple of months or so I presided over the Senate."

"That's too bad, Ted. We just filled a job as a zoo keeper this morning."



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"And I carried messages from the President to heads of state all over the world. 'Congratulations on your anniversary.' That sort of thing."

arthur hoppe
innocent bystander

"We could try Western Union, Ted. Can you sing 'Happy Birthday'?"

"I was thinking of a more responsible position. After all, when the President got mad at the press, I took them on. When the President got sore at the demonstrators, I laid into them. When the President got into

trouble, I took the blame. He got the credit, and I got the lumps."

"Wait, Ted, I've got it! Do you ride a motor cycle? Evel Knievel's planning to jump across the Grand Canyon and he's looking for a stuntman."

"Isn't that a motorcycle, damn it! And furthermore, I think my five years of demonstrated loyalty deserve better. Even when the Justice Dept. closed in on me, I was right—my political situation. I never got to be the President of Intransigence, I know that. Anyone who said he was for a decade..."

"Hold it, Ted, just let me make a phone call here. Hello, Louise? What do you think, ha, ha, from the mob? Say, I understand you're looking for a hit man. Sure he'll get the job. Would I send you an address? Loyalty? Listen, Louise, this dude is so smart that if you make him the fall guy, he'll even rat on you. Thanks, Louise, and love to the Family. Congratulations, Ted, I hope says you were made for the job!"

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NU President D.B. Varner

D.B. Varner is the president of the University of Nebraska.

By D.B. Varner

A little more than a year ago a group of citizens from Scottsbluff requested the Board of Regents to consider establishing an educational program in Scottsbluff utilizing the former Hiram Scott College facilities. They said they were convinced the facilities, including 225 acres of land, could be made available without cost.

Because of the nature of their proposal, the regents directed the administrative officers to study alternative program designs and report back to them at the earliest possible date. In giving this directive the regents provided the following guidelines:

1. Any program proposed must be geared to meeting an existing and genuine need of western Nebraska.
2. Programs proposed must draw on the unique resources of the University of Nebraska.
3. Any such program proposed should not be directly competitive with existing institutions, including Nebraska Western College in Scottsbluff, Western Nebraska Vocational Technical School in Sidney and Chadron State College.
4. Programs proposed should not take away funds from existing university programs.

During the months following this directive, the administrative staff considered alternative programs. Shortly before the first of the year, I recommended to the Board of Regents that the University accept the Scottsbluff citizens committee proposal and presented a program which the staff believed would be beneficial to western Nebraska. It was developed in consultation with community leaders, and it met regent guidelines.

Legislation was introduced in connection with this program, but the bill was vetoed by the governor. In view of the discussion which followed these actions, the regents requested the governor to appoint a citizens committee to

Varner explains views on Hiram Scott acquisition

study the Scottsbluff situation and to submit its findings to the Governor. Since then, NU has revised its earlier plans.

The following is a summary of our recommendations:

On agriculture

Five specific programs are proposed for the Scottsbluff facility. These are irrigation technology, high plains area production crop and horticulture technology, agricultural chemical technology, pest management technology and ranch management technology.

In addition to these programs, we recommend adoption of a limited program offering college credit agricultural courses to be developed in cooperation with other educational institutions in the state, a new continuing education and extension program in agriculture to upgrade western agricultural technology and an agriculture vocational training program.

On rural health

A major state problem is adequate rural health care. Evidence suggest that our present health care programs draw large numbers of rural students, but few seem willing to practice in rural America.

Our program proposes that, rather than bring these students into the city for training, we develop a training program more closely related to rural Nebraska, with the hope that a higher percentage would stay there.

A program of training general technologists to meet the needs of rural hospitals and rural

doctors' offices is planned. A similar contribution could be made in nurses training.

Cooperative arrangements could be made with neighboring states to form a regional program. Private foundations could have considerable interest in this development and could help with costs.

On continuing education

A continuing education program is visualized that would permit NU to bring to western Nebraska some of the highly professional resources on the Lincoln, Omaha and medical center campuses to offer conferences and workshops in such areas as engineering, agriculture, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and social work.

Because of the geographical location of Scottsbluff, we could expect participation from

One of SUN's key components is to provide regional learning resource centers so that students may conveniently visit these centers for library materials, for consultation with itinerant faculty, to review video and audio

tapes and to meet with fellow students. A Scottsbluff center under the expanded SUN program could serve eastern Wyoming and probably parts of Colorado and Kansas, as well as western Nebraska.

On costs

First, the physical plant is being made available without cost. We also have assurance that the Library Science Bldg. will be made available without costs. The land will be turned over debt free.

The projected five-year budget calls for \$980,800 the first year, \$1,317,530 the second year and modest annual increases leading to a projected total operating budget of \$1,631,820 in the fifth year. The bulk of this funding would come from legislative appropriations, although we project income from tuition and fees ranging from \$42,000 in the first year to \$310,450 in the fifth year.

Obviously, I concurred with the unanimous decision made by the Board of Regents on Dec.

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as far east as North Platte, as well as from parts of Wyoming, Colorado, South Dakota and Kansas.

On the SUN program

For more than two years, NU has been involved in the development of a nontraditional, educational program called the State University of Nebraska (SUN).

9, 1972, recommending that the University accept the proposal of the Scottsbluff committee. I believe the program described above satisfies the regent guidelines.

More importantly, I am convinced that a program of this kind made available to western Nebraska would serve the well-being of the entire state and especially the citizens and communities of the western half.



Scottsbluff Sen. Terry Carpenter sponsored a bill in the Unicameral last session which would have authorized NU to acquire the Hiram Scott College campus. The bill, which passed by a narrow margin, was vetoed by Gov. J.J. Egan.