

Nazis, KKK in our midst

Shades of swastikas are disseminating from Lincoln.

Surprising isn't it? We were sure the days of goose stepping, straight-arm salutes and shouts of "Heil, Hitler" (for none other than our friend Adolph) were gone.

They are. But in their place is a more "acceptable," conservative approach. And from the conservative heart of the nation comes the National Socialist Report.

It is evident that the "wisdom" espoused by the Nazis of World-War II did not die.

The main doctrine of the Nazi Party—white supremacy—is alive and well. "Well" may be a bad word, but it is true that it is alive.

And to add to the intrigue, the Ku Klux Klan's state recruiting officer filed for the state Legislature Saturday. Herschel Nelson, 31, of Omaha filed for the 14th District seat held by Sen. Tom Fitzgerald.

It seems like something from the pages of a novel to hear that these things are happening within 60 miles of the university.

But it is not novel. When Gerhard Lauck calls Lincoln an "ideal" publication site for the NS Report, and a member of the Ku Klux Klan is running for Legislature, we should become concerned.

And when headlines coming from Lincoln say "WHITE POWER!" and "HITLER WAS THE GREATEST MAN WHO EVER LIVED," we are concerned.

But the democracy in the United States affords everyone the right to say, do and follow whatever he believes.

It allows both those narrow-minded citizens to co-exist with broad-minded citizens, although not always peacefully.

What everyone believes is his own business.

But, sometimes, when it is so near, it becomes frightening.

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Pepperoni gets a pizza the hazard action

As you know, a Russian nuclear-powered satellite carrying 100 pounds of radioactive uranium fell out of the sky by mistake over Canada the other day.

Actually, our scientists knew more than two weeks ago that the solid little fellow was losing altitude and was about to fall down.

A week later, the thing fell down. But it all ended happily because everybody concerned remembered to tell everybody concerned to look out for 100 pounds of radioactive uranium falling out of the sky.

Everybody told everybody, that is, except us.

I'm sure the reason our government neglected to tell us was that it didn't want to worry us.

Since the dawn of history, our leaders have gone to every extreme not to worry us followers. If there's anything that makes leaders uneasy, it's a pack of worried followers.

"What's a little rumble?" as the Mayor of Pompeii said in 79 A.D. "Who's afraid of a bunch of barbarians?" to quote the last Roman emperor four centuries later.

Or, as the captain of the Titanic put it so well, "Don't worry, ladies and gentlemen, we're merely stopping to take on ice."

Nothing worries me more than this solicitousness on the part of our leaders for my peace of mind. In fact, I haven't had a moment's peace of mind since that satellite missed me. What worries me is what the hell else is heading my way from up there that they also haven't told me about.

In the darker passages of the night, I have gone so far as to envision our president's Farewell Address on network television:

"Good evening, my fellow Americans. I do not wish to alarm you in any way. But I feel it is my duty as your president to put before you the facts at my disposal.

"Two weeks ago our astronomers picked up a strange object heading our way from the Andromeda Galaxy. Initially, they informed me that it would miss our planet by several million miles.

"I will not bore you at this point with a detailed explanation of their mathematical miscalculation. Suffice it to say they goofed.

"But I'm happy to say that the object has now been identified as nothing but a

common, ordinary pepperoni pizza. And I know I speak for every American when I say I love pizza and pepperoni is one of my favorites.

"I should perhaps add a note of caution: It is a large pizza. As a matter of fact, our scientists now estimate it is large enough to bury the continental United States under a layer of hot marinara sauce 20 feet thick, which it should do in—let me see—12 seconds.

"I only wish there had been room for all of you here at our Antarctic White House. Meanwhile, good-bye, good luck and please don't worry."

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Laziness, apathy do not pay off; students need initiative

I think it is time to evaluate. Take a look at yourself and your education. And then try to figure out exactly what is going on.

Do you remember back in high school when some nameless teacher lectured you on responsibility and duty?

Well, let me help you clear out some of the dust and cobwebs on those memories by relating the state of affairs as they appear on this campus.

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If anyone who reads the Daily Nebraskan, or has read even one page during the past two weeks, chances are they have heard about all the problems and crises that the NJ Board of Regents and ASUN have had concerning fees allocation.

I am not going to relate the whole disgusting debate to you, because it has occupied way too much space anyway. And besides, if you're that interested, you've probably been keeping track of the events as they developed anyway.

I realize that I've lost about one-fourth of the people who actually began reading this column, but that's alright. It's only the people who have made it this far that I'm interested in anyway. Please bear with me, grit your teeth and read on.

I told myself that I wouldn't become involved with the politicking that goes on around the campus. My reasons were many; one being laziness, but most being unfounded when I analyzed them.

The vastness of the organizations and the multitude of people intimidated me. But it was only until I started snooping

around and attending meetings concerning fees allocation that I realized they weren't as big as I thought.

In fact, I was amazed at the small number of people who were actively involved, a small group of interested, sharp students.

There is also much cross-participation from one organization to the next. Sometimes one person leads two committees or groups.

But that was not all that surprised me. The main problem ASUN has is that of getting the message out that something crucial in the learning process on this campus is about to be taken away.

But wait—it's been in all the papers, and if it's so crucial, people will respond. When I came up with this suggestion people looked at me rather comically.

People simply don't care or can't be motivated to become knowledgeable on the issues, much less take a stand, they said.

People, you had better start caring, now or you'll be swept along with the rest of humanity as a result of decisions made by a few.

The education process is not simply going to classes and socializing over a few beers, although that is an integral part.

There is also an inherent responsibility that comes with being a student; to have a say in what happens on this campus, particularly when it involves money allocated from what each one of us pays out for tuition and fees.

In this world, and specifically on this campus, it has become much easier for an elite few to control the masses, often by arbitrary and sloppy decisions.

It scares me and I am growing tired of this process.

If you don't begin while in the university, when chances for involvement are best, chances are your involvement and motivation elsewhere will be minimal.

There is a huge number of people who are creative and talented but who are not becoming involved.

I wondered about it often, and it seems obvious that a change from the radical fast-moving 60s has manifested itself in a ho-hum 70s.

Time was that only the jocks were involved. This changed and led into the

intellectually-minded radical students, which in turn led to what? An apathetic silent majority?

No, obviously not. But what is significant is that for the first time in years you don't have to be the member of any social, intellectual or economic group to get involved in student government and organizations.

If only to be aware of the issues, there are inherent responsibilities to being a student. I think this is one of the crucial ones.

Let's try to kill the apathy that is rampant in our classrooms and the ignorance that seems to feed upon itself. Then, when the moment arises when someone really does care to hear what you have to say, you can say it with the confidence and knowledge to back your words.

There are a multitude of activities and organizations on our campus, desperate for membership for anyone wishing to contribute and to learn.

Only by taking the initiative and by caring is anyone ever going to really be something.

