

Arts & Entertainment

Here's a story with no sex but a lot of violets

While Celeste, Otis and Harley get tans and votes in historic New Hampshire, Mike and Chris have cheerfully volunteered to fill in.

Unfortunately, they couldn't think of anything to write. So they dug through their thick files, and came up with a paper they wrote for a 10th-grade biology class. It is with a certain sense of pride and nausea, then, that we present:

Mike Frost & Chris Burbach

Bill "Duke" Ernst

The Father of Photosynthesis

Bill "Duke" Ernst was born to foster parents in the year 1877. Even as a tot, young Bill had an insatiable curiosity about how plants got their food.

"How do plants get their food, Dad?" young Bill asked his father, the Honorable P.J. "Filler Up" Ernst. P.J. sternly replied, "None of your business, kid," and duked him. That day, Bill Ernst not only earned a nickname, but gained an obsession.

At the age of 12, Bill stuffed his mother's African violet in his underwear drawer, where it died. When his mother found the plant, she duked him, not understanding that the boy was a budding biologist.

Having found the rigors of experimentation at home too painful, Bill ran away in search of a more liberal atmosphere.

Bill found out quickly that independence takes its toll, so he signed on as a printer's apprentice in Milwaukee.

"What'd you do, kid, run away from home?" the printer asked.

"Yes, I'm looking for a liberal..."

The printer duked him, as he would many times during Bill's employment.

"You say liberal again, kid, and I'll wash your mouth out with ink. Ya' got it?"

When he was 17, young Bill bought his own African violet. He spread ink over all its leaves, and the plant died.

"Hmmm — underwear and ink. What's the connection?" mused young Bill.

The progress he had made spurred Bill to continue experimenting and studying. He spent two years alone in his one-room laboratory/apartment.

Finally, one rainy February night in 1901, Bill decided to leave his one-room hovel. As he was walking down a rain-swept street, the answer finally occurred to him. "Photosynthesis!" he cried. "Gesundheit," responded a passer-by, as he duked Bill.

Soon, Bill's theory appeared in top scientific journals, as well as *Green* magazine. However, the public didn't understand Bill and his crazy theory of photosynthesis.

"Photosynthesis is the work of the devil," an angry detractor cried.

"What do you mean?" Bill asked, a bit too naively.

"The sun doesn't need to provide plants with nourishment. God provides them with nourishment. The sun is hot. Hell is hot. Photosynthesis is a tool of the devil!"

Bill duked him. "Two can play this game," he said, a bit too naively.

Years of controversy followed. The famous Scopes-Plant trial, with its sensationalistic newspaper headlines of "Well I'll Be a Sun of a Plant" took its toll on Bill's spirit. In a desperate attempt to draw attention to his cause, he rented a room on the 12th floor of a Milwaukee hotel. He opened the window and stepped out on the ledge.

A crowd soon gathered. Cries of "Don't jump!" and "Save him!" could be heard in the streets of the city.

A minister stood in the hotel room and tried to talk the frantic biologist out of his death mission.

"My son, wait. I'll believe you."

Bill turned and grasped the kind man's hand. "You'll believe in my life's work, the theory I left my home and foster parents to discover, the only reason I've gotten up from the dukes of fate and kept living?"

"Sure son, what is it?"

Bill spread his arms and smiled for the first time in 17 years. He inhaled deeply, then yelled "Photosynthesis!"

The minister's duke hit Bill flush on the nose and sent him spiraling down to the hotel garden below, where he was impaled on an African violet, another martyr to science.

Madmen and Englishdogs



By Dan Wondra



Marlin & Kellem Associates

On top of everything else, Gloria Loring, of *Days of Our Lives* fame will appear Saturday at J & L Lee Booksellers in East Park Plaza from noon to 1:30 p.m. She will be signing copies of a cookbook for diabetics she authored.

Television

• Ratings season is in the air, and as usual the networks are pre-empting their usual schlock programs with first-run movies and specials. The worst (or best, depending on how many VCRs you own) night will be Sunday. NBC (Channel 3) will show the first network airing of *Star Wars*. CBS, the network debut of *Urban Cowboy* and ABC will broadcast the first of a two part mini-series, *Lace*. All shows start at 7 p.m.

Radio

KZUM (89.5 and 99.3 FM)
• *Weekly Alive* will feature Digital Sex, recorded live at the Drumstick. The program airs at 11 p.m. tonight on

KZUM, 89.5 and 99.3 FM.

At the Kimball

• *Agnes of God*, starring Peggy Cass and Susan Strasberg will be presented 8 p.m. Saturday. Unfortunately, the play which has received impressive reviews during its Broadway run, is sold out.

At the Sheldon

• *The Draughtsman's Contract* will run through Saturday, with screenings at 7 and 9 p.m., with a 3 p.m. matinee Saturday. *The Hulabaloo Over George and Bonnie's Pictures*, an Indian film directed by James Ivory, will begin Sunday as part of the UPC Foreign Film Series. Screenings are Sunday 3, 7 and 9 p.m.

for sale

Ross mountain bike, 5 months old, less than 100 miles, \$200 or make offer, 474-5731, Chris.

1978 Pontiac Sunbird 2-door Sport. Low mileage, great on gas. 477-8422.

Nice old books and magazines for sale at North East Holiday Inn Saturday, 10-8; Sunday, 10-4.

1986 Ford Fairlane 4-door, automatic transmission. Excellent Condition, 466-4369.

FOR SALE: green sofa with matching chair, \$75 for set. Gold sofa, \$50. Evenings, 466-7529.

Fender Telecaster Custom Guitar; Sunburst, with hardcase (10 years old) \$300. Also Fender Bronco Amp (35 watts). Call 466-1880.

75 Porsche 914, 2.0 "Fun Car" 478-7871 after 5:00.

LPD Notice of Sale of unclaimed bicycles and miscellaneous property Feb. 25th at 10:00 a.m. — 410 West P. By the Property Division. No Checks Accepted.

Bryan Nursing School Uniforms. Size 7-8 with lab coat and extra dress, hardly worn. Save over \$40 from original price. 466-5931 for Pat.

for rent

Very nice, large 3 bedroom apt. One and one-fourth bath, shower, air. 19th & A. \$340 plus utilities. L. Simmons, 475-1865.

WILLOWHAVEN APARTMENTS
1820 — 1842 Knox Street
Sharp two bedroom units. Woodburning fireplace/stove. Energy efficient, close to either campus, carpentered, all appliances, pool for summer use. Deposit, no pets. 478-6200 — Manager Joseph Kean Co. 474-1666

BUCKINGHAM SQUARES

Spacious two bedroom, two bathroom apartment. Close to UNL Campus. New carpet, heat paid, modern appliances, please call for an appointment. Julie, 477-3889.

One and two bedroom apartments in good University location. \$185-\$225 per month. Central air, laundry facilities and off-street parking. 467-2371 weekdays, 8-4:30.

BETWEEN CAMPUSES
Three — four bedroom house. Over 1800 square feet BIG!! Only \$360/month. 464-0556.

One — two bedroom apartment, fireplace, garage, \$225 & electricity; 17th & C area. 475-2850.

help wanted

U.S. Army ROTC 2 and 3 year scholarships which pay for tuition, fees, flat-rate for books and \$1,000 per year are available. 2.5 GPA, 17-23 years old, male or female. Call Captain Johnson, 472-2468.

Students for sales rep of custom screen-printed garments, glassware and engraving items.
American Love Affair
464-8101

Full and/or part-time job after college. Eligible sophomores and juniors with two years remaining at UNL can attend the U.S. Army ROTC Summer Basic Camp near Louisville, Kentucky or take summer classes to qualify for training that can lead to an officer commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army or Army Reserves. Contact Captain Johnson, 472-2468.

Waiters, waitresses, hostesses positions available at the Ming Palace Restaurant. Must be able to work M, W, F lunch & some evenings. Apply in person, 1309 L, 1:30 — 2:00 p.m.

"CAMP COUNSELORS" — Outstanding Slim and Trim Down Camps: Tennis, Dance, Gymnastics, WSI, Athletics, Nutrition/Dietetics, 20plus. Separate girls' and boys' camps. 7 Weeks. **CAMP CAMELOT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES** at Mass., Penn., No. Carolina, Calif. Send resume: Michele Friedman, Director, 947 Hewlett Dr., No. Woodmere, N.Y. 11551, 516-374-0785.

wanted

Part-time housekeeper, floorworker, and on-call positions available. Evening and late night hours. Starting wages — \$3.35/hour. Call Julie at 467-2558 for further information.

NEED CASH?
We buy used records and cassettes. DIRT CHEAP RECORDS & GIFTS
Downtown — 477-8061
East Park Plaza — 464-6275

announcements

ALPHA ZETA SPAGHETTI FEED
Sunday, February 25
from 5 to 7 p.m.
at
East Union Terraces
"ALL YOU CAN EAT"
Tickets, \$3.00 from A.Z. members, \$3.50 at Door.

Don't forget to come and buy your raffle ticket from the AHEA booth in both City and East Unions on Monday and Tuesday. Register to win a dinner for two at the Exchange or a Video Cassette Recorder. Price is \$1.00. See you at the booth!

ASUN is sponsoring a debate for executive candidates on Sunday, February 26th at 8:00 p.m. in the Terrace Room of East Campus Union.

PATOOT'S BALLOON
BAD TALENT NIGHT TRY-OUTS
If you have any talent (singer, comedian, magician) and nothing to do this Saturday, 2-25-84, come to Patoot's Balloon to try out for upcoming bad talent night this Sat. from 3-5 p.m. at 808 1st Street.

Catch 22.
Come 2 the East Union Terraces on 2-28 and 2-29 at 7:00 for 2 wild men in 2 fantastic movies. Read 2 days announcements for details.

GIRLS
Today is the last day to sign up or call to **WIN \$1,000** for being selected Calendar Girl of the Year. If interested, contact: Mike, 475-3016 Joe, 474-3058 Paul, 436-1993

SCRUM OR DIE
Now is the time for all UNL Rugger's to unveil Practice T-shirts and Thursdays at 5 at Mushroom Garden of Mabel Lee, weather permitting.

Worship at Wesley House (UMH)
9:30 a.m. — Service of Bread and Word
10:30 a.m. — Fellowship hour
11:00 a.m. — Service of the Word
Rev. Dr. Michael Combs
UNL Gospel Choir
5:30 p.m. — Supper with Substance (Commonplace)

4th Anniversary Celebration
Spaghetti Works
Free cake and champagne
5 to Close.

Western Nebraska Awareness Night
Tonight — 8:04 p.m. till the cows come home. Y'all come!

SKIN DIVING
AT COZUMEL, MEXICO
PLUS PALENOQUE AND MERIDA
\$500 Program Fee includes everything except meals. Leave 21 March, return 1 April, 1984. Contact Mark Ebel, Asst. Dir., Campus Recreation, 1740 Vine, 472-3467.

NIGERIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION SYMPOSIUM
'CORRUPTION — A PRACTICE GONE WILD'
3:00 p.m. SAT., FEB. 25
Nebraska Union
ALL WELCOME

East Campus Presents:
2 FERS

2 MEN:
Richard Pryor
Gene Wilder
2 MOVIES:
Star Crazy
Silver Streak
2 DAYS:
Feb. 28th and 29th at 7:00.

OPAL GARDNER — Live
She's from "ALL MY CHILDREN" and "Mama's Family" Tuesday, March 6, in the Union.