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'Familiarity Breeds Contempt.'

Congestion in the university is something new to the freshman registering for his initial term. It is more familiar to the sophomore and junior. With the senior it becomes so oft repeated that he becomes tempted to refer to it to the adage "familiarity breeds contempt." Semi-annually students express intense dissatisfaction with numerous difficulties encountered in completing registration to their own liking. A small part of the fault lies with them. Much of the trouble is with the assignment committee's handling of the situation. Much of it can be traced to the deans of the various colleges.

But to the average student attending the university it appears rather inexplicable why, after registering over 5,000 students twice a year over a period of a quarter of a century, some satisfactory system cannot be evolved. Many persons wonder at the arbitrary manipulation of their money which, as a matter of fact, is the ultimate transaction reached. Students enter the university as customers. For money paid they rightfully expect a suitable return. Of course it is only natural that the university can not accommodate beyond its means. The point remains, is the university functioning to the fullest extent of its capacity and ability?

This semester brings but a recurrence of an undesirable situation. Most of the difficulties seem to occur in the elementary courses where, because of the size of the registration, it is found necessary to fall back upon the use of sections. California and Wisconsin avert discord by use of the lecture system. One professor lectures the entire elementary enrollment with other instructors assuming the duties of specialized branches.

Such a revolutionary change is not needed. One thing, however, is certain; students must be better accommodated. In Business Administration college at the present time so much red tape is encountered that it takes the student fully a day longer to register. Briefly following the Bizad freshman thru registration we find that first he must consult his advisor who then tells him only what course to take. Next he visits the Bizad assignment committee which allocates his hours. Finally his schedules reach the main assignment committee. There they are again subject to revision. Closed sections may necessitate a final transfer before the payment of fees.

Is it the intention of the Bizad department to find work for all of its instructors or to register the student at the earliest possible moment? Apparently the latter is not the case. Such circumlocutory methods may be compared with the trial and error methods of primitive man. That total abolition of the Bizad assignment committee would be a boon to the student is the opinion of the Nebraskan.

Another source of perplexity to the student arises from the failure of deans of the various colleges to keep in constant touch with the assignment committee. Students complain of encountering a closed section while friends registered a day later yet were admitted to the restricted section. This happens when a college does not submit its lists to the assignment committee until the next day. These matters may be corrected by more careful manipulation of class schedules on the part of those involved. The smart student now wishing to change sections, instead of repeating the treacherous path from advisor to assignment committee, will forsake the labyrinth by the simple process of securing his card from the instructor bestowed him by the assignment committee and taking it directly to the one for whom he originally intended it.

But constituting a far greater evil than any other consists of robbing the student of his right to pursue under the same instructor a course once undertaken. Faculty members and students are of one accord on this. They are in agreement that some method should be set up whereby such a program would be made possible without incurring the evils of the lecture system.

Several years ago the assignment committee placed in the hands of instructors cards which were in turn given to the students wanting to continue the course the second semester. This plan failed. Since then no further attempt has been made to do away with current evils.

Let the Nebraskan offer a suggestion as to why it failed. Furthermore let the Nebraskan propose a plan it is certain will prove effective.

The assignment committee's plan failed because the instructors passed these cards out to the students. They were to be presented when the student registered. As a rule these students, secure in the belief that they could attain the section desired, postponed their

registration until the last minute. Thus when they came up before the assignment committee the latter, totally uncertain as to how many cards were coming in, had filled the class to capacity.

Now the Nebraskan plan. Instead of allowing the individual students to keep the cards the instructors should turn them over to the assignment committee. No doubt there exists as to how many places should be saved. If a section has been limited to 65 and 40 have signified their preference on the cards now in the hands of the committee then obviously only 25 more can be accommodated. A simple procedure, yet quite effective. Most professors would be only too glad to cooperate in eliminating much of the confusion.

New entrants would be decided by continuing to place a premium upon early registration. If deans of colleges refuse to cooperate in helping the students reach the assignment committee in the minimum possible time, then the Nebraskan can only suggest a tubbing party with undergraduates in charge.

STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

'Friend-a-Day' Club.

Don't be surprised if someone on the campus stops you just anywhere and asks you to become a member of the "Friend-a-day" club. There is no initiation fee or ceremony. As soon as you stop and respond to this rather unethical method of making an acquaintance, you have qualified to become a member. I have felt a need of such a club for as long as I have been at the University of Nebraska. I have seen too many students meet and pass each other without so much as a friendly nod, although each plainly indicates that he wishes the other were a friend and would speak.

Fear of a snub of which neither one would be guilty is the reason for this frigid atmosphere. Therefore, I hereby ask anyone interested enough to become a member without being asked, and everyone else to cooperate and make the University of Nebraska the friendly institution it should be. Start today! All you have to do is stop someone you don't know, introduce yourself, have a friendly chat, explain the club and its purpose, and extend an invitation to become a member. Remember, one friend per day is the minimum, there is no reason why you can't contact two or three.—J. C. B.

To the Editor:

What this school needs is adequate medical protection. The impressive medical service department equipped with a nurse and two physicians, at first observance, seem to have everything under control. Recently, however, I witnessed gross inefficiency on the part of the inhabitants of tottering Pharmacy Hall. A friend of mine was knocked unconscious in the coliseum just previous to participation in an inter-mural water polo game. The fall was caused by the fellow's slipping on the wet floor. This is the initial inefficiency—Had the medical department been alert they would have required a rubber mat to prevent the numerous falls which had previously occurred—The conviction of their guilt is shown by the immediate laying of the aforesaid mat after the incident—A "locking the door after the horse is stolen" attitude is not characteristic of medics.

The university medical department rebuked D. H. the following day when he suggested they pay the bill saying that they were in no way connected with the incident. Let us see how much they were... (1) The boy is a university student. (2) He was injured in a university building. (3) He was attended by university physicians. (4) He has paid \$20.00 in medical fees to this university in the past eight semesters. —A. C. L.

It's the Girl.

Featured in the rotogravure section of a recent Sunday World-Herald was a series of pictures depicting the life of a coed at the University of Nebraska. While the student council had nothing to do with this publicity, it is, perhaps, in line with their program for spreading news and pictures of the university's social life over the feature pages of the nation's publications.

The set of twelve pictures attempted to portray the school day of a typical coed. The first picture shows her in bed, sleepily reaching over to shut off the alarm. The others show her gaily going about the day's "tasks," including eating, contentedly reading while attired in lounging pajamas romantically dancing, and finally an amorous goodnight to her sweetheart or at least her date of the evening. One picture shows our coed studying. We don't know how that happened to get in there, unless it be the fact that a co-ed is student at the university.

Those of us close to the campus realize that the pictures were merely interesting sidelights on university life. We realize that no such thrilling day as depicted is every way typical of the average coed's daily life. But persons outside of the university are unable to interpret the pictures in the same manner. They take them seriously. Fathers and mothers viewing that page have probably formed a mental concept of what daughter's life down here would be. As a result, many a high school senior is going to find it necessary to do twice as much talking to get to Lincoln. The echoes haven't died down yet. We can still hear that old parental chant, "I told you the University of Nebraska is all social life."

Is this type of publicity valuable? We are inclined to believe its value is over-rated. Rather than publicize the university as an educational institution, the present trend, evidenced by the student council drive, is to splash pictures of its coeds over newspaper pages. As if university were all fun! And the news and feature service has to take it on the chin because in its old fashioned way it continues to play up the educational aspects of the university. Maybe that's wrong. But we wouldn't know. We never went to boarding school. E. D.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Engineers Society.
Chemical Engineers Society will meet Wed. Febr. 5, at 7:30 in chemistry lecture room for a short business meeting.

Corn Cobs.
There will be a special meeting of the Corn Cobs in U. hall Wednesday evening, 7:15. All members must be present.

Student Council.
Student Council meeting Wednesday afternoon at 5 p. m., in room 8 of U. hall.

Orchestra.
Orchestra will meet in the dancing studio of the women's gymnasium at 7 o'clock Wednesday evening. Members of Orchestra and of the understudy group are expected to attend.

Melvin Rugg, Rochester University freshman, travelled 21,000 miles to come to school.

Nebraskan Writes Article.
A former university faculty member, Dr. Victor E. Vraz, is the author of an article entitled "Professional Economists" which was printed in the New York Times.

Clark Entertains Economica.
Members of Economica club were dinner guests of Dr. John D. Clark of the college of business administration at the Cornhusker hotel recently. Dr. Clark spoke on "Economic Nationalism."

Yale students earned a total of \$432,132 last year.

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