

# Editorially Speaking

## Whose Scholarship?

"There is a great deal of talk about scholarship in faculty circles. It might be a good thing if someone were to explain just what scholarship is. The teachers who talk most about it don't seem to be very clear about it. Is it productive research or is it high standing among the students whom they teach?"

Thus wrote a student in Sherlock Burton Gass' editorial writing class this week. The English professor wrote it on the blackboard. Then he asked the class to comment on the paragraph's structure and grammatical continuity of its sentences. But ever so much more important than the polished phraseology is the question raised by the example of editorial writing.

"Is it productive research or is it high standing among the students whom they teach?" That is a question. And one not confined solely to the University of Nebraska. Everywhere the question arises, students reason like this:

The faculty is paid—locally, by the taxpayers who support state institutions—to teach the sons and daughters of taxpayers. The faculty's productive research is an extracurricular function individually undertaken, comparable to a degree to the student activities which are extracurricular to scholastic pursuits. Even though the faculty's academic freedom is indirectly intended for the betterment of students, undergraduates conclude that such productive research should be the secondary scholastic function of the faculty.

Primary function, students say, should be the encouragement of high scholarship by the undergraduates. It hastily must be explained that the scholastically-bent undergraduates hold to this view. It would be nothing short of hypocrisy for students, who have abandoned scholarship as their prime aim in the university, to criticize faculty members for sacrificing the inculcation of the high scholarship in-

centive in favor of their private productive research.

There is no argument against faculty members practicing their individual academic freedom. The university and its students derive untold benefits from the work of outstanding pedagogues—in honor and in knowledge. To be guarded against, however, is the time when this academic freedom grows out of hand and the students subsequently suffer from a faculty more interested in its own scholarship than the scholarship of the students it is hired to teach.

As constructive criticism, Nebraska students can offer the maintenance and observance of office hours by the faculty. Each faculty member is presumed to post his or her office hours for student consultations. It would be extremely difficult to canvass all campus offices to see if faculty members are observing these hours. It is equally difficult to find professors in their offices.

So many of them keep their hours at times popular for classes or inconvenient for interviews. Students are reluctant to "cut" one class to consult with another professor. They are, therefore, denied the opportunity to consult individually with professors. And consultations often give the student a keener insight into the classroom work than the routine formal lectures. There are many students who, befuddled by a certain class and its scholastic objectives, consulted with their professor and came away with a clear picture in their minds of what was being taught.

The matter of faculty office hours is only one phase of the students' side of the question—whose scholarship. Office hours could hardly be regarded as the panacea which would elevate student scholarship to a new high. But, as a part of a conscientiously followed program of better faculty-student relationship, office hours can graduate into a working model of a better coordinated scheme for the faculty to instill some of its abundant knowledge into the scholastically hungry students.

## What? Leave Final Exams to Go on a Vacation Jaunt?

### Why Not? Ask Students As Term Tests Near

With \$130 and lots of time mixed in, can you visualize your ideal place for a vacation jaunt? Students who have the problem of final exams facing them this month make their plans for a trip without hesitation.

Two Phi Deltas, Dick Hiatt and Frank Burdell on first thought said, "We'd go crazy! Wait a minute, make it Lake Placid and skiing. Of course Beatrice would have to come with us—Beatrice is Dick's monicker for his green car."

"If time were limited, I'd like a jaunt to St. Louis," adds Chi O Barbara Dale. "But with a month I might hitch-hike to the coast and catch a cattle boat to some South Sea Island."

### And Betty Grable.

Jim Minnick, Acacia, admits, "Los Angeles is my choice, and think of seeing Betty Grable in person—wow!"

"I'd stretch my dollars and go to New York for the World's

Fair," says Gene Richardson, while his Sig Nu brother, Leonard Dirks, might choose to spend it all in one week end at Sun Valley just playing around and relaxing.

Theta Louise Mackey says, "I like the east, Maryland, and Annapolis. Never having been to Florida, I'd enjoy Miami for swimming."

"Kansas City, here I come," declares Phi Gam Clarence Summers. "I know lots of people there, and then it has those big town places."

### Paris to Egypt.

Mary Stoddart, Alpha Phi, is still unhappy about the Estes trip she and Gwen Orr, Theta, just missed this past Christmas vacation, so she says, "With lots of equipment and a tent, it is Estes for me. With a cheap way to the coast, I might have enough left to get to Hawaii, for that's one of the nicest places I know."

A. T. O. Bill Horne adds, "I'll go to Paris first for lots of reasons. Then work some on the side and whip down to Egypt to check up on a few of the conditions there."

## California Duo Debates Huskers

### Touring Westerners Argue Wednesday Noon

Milton O. Gustafson and Don H. Nemetz upheld the affirmative against Bernard Shapiro and J. Roger Wollenberg of California in a debate before the Hiram club at its luncheon Wednesday noon.

"Resolved, that the United States should cease giving money to stimulate business" was the topic discussed between the two teams. No decision was given.

The Californians are touring the middle west and will vie with 16 colleges. Before coming to Nebraska they debated Kansas State college and the University of Kansas.

## A.S.A.E. to Elect Officers Tonight

Meeting tonight at 7:30, the A. S. A. E. will elect a chairman of Ag engineers for engineers' Open House and will elect officers for next semester. Dale Remmer of the Iowa-Nebraska Light and Power company will speak on "Deficiency of the Graduate Engineer."

## Bids for Barb Winter Formal Now Available

Bids for the Barb winter formal and banquet to be held Feb. 25 have been printed. They may be obtained at the Barb office, room 307 in the Union.

## Jose Iturbi

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Mr. Iturbi was asked which he considered more artistic—soft or loud singing.

"Soft singing," he replied quickly. He declared he could not say whether he liked playing the piano or conducting better. "When I conduct I forget the piano; when I'm playing I completely forget everything. I like music," he said.

Iturbi's black eyes snapped with vitality as he said he had never heard any group like the Cathedral choir in any country. He could not believe that its members were merely amateurs and were singing without pay. Iturbi, himself, has directed a choir.

## Daily Nebraskan

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## Students' Vacation Hunt Yields Rodents, No Lynxes

### Nebraskans Camp Out in Pine Ridge Region

Three men against the elements, battling nature's mighty forces. That's the romantic thought that springs into mind when one hears that Edison Fichter and Rufus A. Lyman, jr., graduate students and instructors in zoology, and Tex Smallman, pre-med student, spent 12 days of their Christmas vacation "camping out" in the Pine Ridge region eight or nine miles north of Harrison in northeast Nebraska.

But such an idea quickly dribbles off into disillusionment on hearing Edison Fichter's version of the "venture"—"We didn't meet with any hardships." His explanation: "The important thing is to go well prepared with the proper clothing and equipment, and to be careful in making camp." Preparations for the trip were started three months ahead of time.

### Find Rodents but No Lynxes.

The original purpose of the expedition was to bag a few lynxes and repeat the success of a similar trip in 1936 when one lynx was trapped. Failing to find even traces of this quarry, the three hunters nevertheless were fairly successful in bringing back 53 specimens of rodents, mostly for their private collections.

For those to whom "rodents" means primarily rats and mice, among the specimens were two forms of cottontail rabbit and a species each of bushy tailed woodrat, kangaroo rat and porcupine. Also brought back were several thousand parasitic worms found on and in the animals. Caught by the eye only were seven black-tailed deer, which Richter takes as an encouraging indication of an increase in the deer population of Nebraska.

### Weather Too Mild.

Dame Nature didn't co-operate quite fully. The temperature ranged from 6 degrees below to 40 degrees above with only two light snowfalls. Fichter's complaint was that the weather was too mild. With colder weather, the animals could have been preserved by freezing and the campers would not have lost the several skins which spoiled.

Their equipment filled the entire back end of a V-8 sedan with

the back seat taken out. Food for the most part was in concentrated forms, dried fruits and vegetables, canned milk, etc. Only the barest minimum of laboratory equipment was taken along for work in the field.

Now, that the specimens have been brought back, there awaits the big job of preparing the skins and skeletons for reference. Parasitology students have been working on some of the parasitic worms brought back more or less incidentally.

As a result of the expedition, the hunters have added to their collections of mammal skins, and they hope, may have added another link to the knowledge of Nebraska mammals.

## Harry Dobbins Named New President of Civil Engineering Students

Harry L. Dobbins, engineering senior, was elected president of the student branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers when that group held its semiannual election meeting last night.

Kirk Florence, engineering senior, and Glenn H. Krueger, engineering junior, were elected vice president and secretary treasurer respectively. All of the new officers will serve during the next semester.

## Cobs Enter Drive For Annual Sales

### Campaign to Continue Until February 15

Beginning today and lasting until Feb. 15, Corn Cob workers will engage in a Cornhusker sales drive.

After a short talk by the annual's business manager, Max Horn, the club decided to take over the campaign in an effort to boost the subscription sale to last year's record setting 1,650 sales.

"Some 800 books remain to be sold to attain that mark and an intensive drive by the men's pep club is the most effective means of reaching that mark," said Horn.

The cob worker selling the most Cornhuskers will be awarded a \$10 first prize. Second place will receive \$5 and third \$3.

## Will Durant

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the United States where he again taught a small class of children up to 15 years of age. He fell in love with his oldest pupil and they were married when she was 15 years old and while Durant was pursuing post graduate studies at Columbia.

After his marriage, Durant's policies became more conservative, his studies more diligent, and his lectures more appealing to the public. Today, he is considered an outstanding writer, lecturer and philosopher. He is accepted as an authority on most of the world's leading social problems. His three books, one of them his autobiography, are considered definite contributions to the literary world.

## Thieves

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robbery, Officer Joe Sharpnack took into custody a 13 year old boy near the northeast door of Avery laboratory. While being searched at the police office, the boy reached into his overall pocket and pulled a gun on the officer.

Sharpnack grabbed the boy's wrist, forcing his arm upward, and disarmed him.

The officer noticed the boy lurking around the cars near Avery laboratory about 7:45. Sharpnack saw him duck into the northeast door of the building, immediately captured him and took him over to the campus police office in Social Science annex. The boy's arms were full of clothes and he had evidently been going through the cars.

Officer Frank Likes was also in the room when the boy pulled the gun, a .38 caliber he had stolen from a car in University Place two nights ago and loaded with four cartridges, on Sharpnack.

"He was trying to shoot me and had almost squeezed the trigger," said Sharpnack.

Harvard university students have started a movement to provide special scholarships for citizens of Pan-American nations.

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## Miss Moore Gives French Lecture

### Illustrated Talk Last Of Language Series

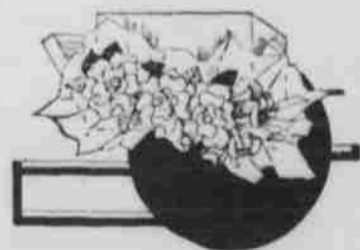
Miss Gertrude Moore of the Fine Arts department will lecture this afternoon at 4 o'clock in social science auditorium before French students. This is the last in the series of supplementary lectures sponsored by the romance languages department.

With lantern slides, Miss Moore will illustrate the development of French painting from the late medieval period until the 19th century, in an attempt to bring out the important factors which make up French painting.

The lecture is open to the public, and French students by writing a report of it may receive credit in the romance language office, University hall 108.

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