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Wasted Effort . . .

Four years of time, money and effort are required of every student who completes a college education. The majority of these students actually expect something in return for their exertions and are voicing complaints about the unfair system many instructors employ in grading papers and examinations.

Nearly every course requires at least one written paper which is usually a combination of research and class notes. These papers are written with specific instructions issued by the professor and after a great deal of preparation are submitted. The professor seldom reads them but turns the work over to what is commonly known as the "reader," a harassed student who hacked an 85 out of the course last semester and is responding to the professor's plea for aid in grading the dozens of papers and bluebooks.

Student readers are very seldom qualified to grade work which has been completed under the direction of an instructor. Not only are they unaware of statements made by the professor in class that influence the paper, they are too pressed for time with their own school work and activities to spend the hours required to examine the work they are to correct. Therefore, deserving criticism or correction is not given and students gain nothing from the time they spent studying for the exam or preparing the paper.

Professors will defend the 'reader' officially with the reply that classes are so large that it would be impossible for him to grade all the work. If this is the case, the university administration is at fault and should make every effort to remedy the situation.

Either they must hire more instructors to take care of the students allowed to enroll, or limit the enrollment so the professor will at least have time to grade a few vital exams and papers.

The time a student may waste in preparing for an exam or writing a paper, when the instructor who gives the assignment never sees the work, is enough injustice; but when the present state of affairs involves a waste of money, it isn't to be wondered why complaints are heard.

Paying the registrar \$6 for a course and getting only \$3 worth of knowledge is more than sufficient cause for rebellion.

Too many students who are attending college for something more than social-ology are not willing to accept the blue pencil marks of a student reader—not when they pay for the marks of a professor.

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"LET'S BE COLOR-BLIND!"

News Print

BY JACK HILL.

It now becomes apparent that the republican party has taken control of both the houses in Congress for the first time since 1931. In a GOP landslide, the 80th Congress has at least 49 senators, a bare minimum for control and 219 seats in the House, one more than is needed for a majority. This was the count with 37 contests as yet undecided.

The downfall of democratic leaders such as Pennsylvania's Guffey, Tunnell of Delaware and Walsh of Massachusetts paved the way for a republican dominated Senate while the republicans unseated many incumbents in the House to take over as predicted.

In Nebraska, the Anti-closed shop amendment, bitterly opposed by labor forces, was passed with a comfortable count while the proposed school amendment was swamped with a vote of almost three to one against it. Senator Hugh Butler, republican incumbent senator, defeated John Mekota by a 2 to 1 vote.

Lincoln's liquor amendment was also defeated by two to one forcing attention to West Lincoln and the coming attempts to prevent bar liquor to be sold there. Omaha running Lincoln is one thing to the city council but Lincoln running West Lincoln is different, it would appear to the casual observer.

Causing a complete change in the Congressional organization, Joseph Martin is expected to replace Sam Rayburn as House speaker. The republican majority in the Senate may choose Sen. Arthur Vandenberg as presiding officer while Robert Taft will become majority leader.

Little effect was felt immediately in the nation's stock markets although cotton and wheat both dropped their full limits at the stock exchanges when the republican sweep became definite. Bonds dropped considerably as big issues were voted for veteran aid in many states.

Democratic strongholds throughout the nation failed to counteract the wave of reaction against incumbents which was first noticeable in the spring primaries. Northern Illinois, traditionally controlled by Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago, could not meet the heavy wave of downstate republican ballots and the republicans now have 18 seats in the House with a possibility of adding three more. Missouri slipped from the vice-like grip of Pendergast and went GOP while the closely watched Fifth district race saw Harry Truman's candidate Axtell go down to defeat.

President Truman, his usual smiling self, boarded a train with his family yesterday, to return to Washington. The chief executive had no comment to make to the gathered reporters at the Missouri station but it was noted that his smile was somewhat drawn.

One of the more notable repercussions from the republican landslide came when Sen. J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.), suggested that Truman name a republican secretary of state and then resign. The senator, who has sometimes been referred to as a reactionary, said, "It probably would be the wisest thing for the president to do." He also voiced a suggestion that legislation be enacted whereby a new election would be held when the legislative and executive bodies are controlled by two different parties. Fulbright noted that such a situation has arisen 27 times in the country's history and that each time the result has been a stalemate.

While this suggestion was made only yesterday, and it is as yet too early to tell what the reaction will be, some sources have already taken violent issue with the Arkansas senator. The political strategy behind such a move is rather obvious, slightly resembling a quick kick in football with the hope that your opponent will fumble deep in his own territory. There can be little doubt but that the proposal will be the source of debate for months to come.

Theatre Holds Play Tryouts Tomorrow

Tryouts for two coming Experimental Theater attractions will be held Friday, Nov. 8, from 3 till 5 p. m., in Room 201 of the Temple building, according to Clarence Flick, director of the Experimental Division of the University Theater.

The two shows are "Gloria Mundi," by Patricia Brown, and "Ile," by Eugene O'Neill. Student directors for these productions will be Dorothea Duxbury and Dean Graunke.

Any student enrolled in the university and eligible for activities may participate in these tryouts.

Rev. John Shell Speaks at Vesper Services Today

The Reverend John Shell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in York, Neb., will speak on the subject "Christ Under The Southern Cross" at the vesper service today at 5 p. m. in Room 315 of the Union.

A former navy chaplain who landed with the marines on Okinawa, Reverend Shell will show colored movies that he took in the South Pacific.

Maxine Ludwick is in charge of the program.

Bragg . . .

(Continued from Page 1.) economy. This economy is set up on the assumption that German industry will supply certain industrial needs and other states shall send surplus food to Germany.

"While UNRRA may have been criticized as being bureaucratic, it was a symbol of the world's unity of thought in realizing that a companion effort must be made to relieve the war's victims of its disastrous results. UNRRA terminates on January 1, and no immediate successor has yet been planned. American generosity can not meet the needs, and some official, international organization will be required to complete the momentous task when UNRRA ends."

Dr. Bragg indicated that the reconstruction of Europe can be facilitated only by social and economic planning on a large scale. Answering the question of his lecture's title, "How far should we go?" he stated, "As far as our resources allow us. We must create in Europe the basic stuff out of which a stable population may grow and be sure of security."

In closing, Dr. Bragg said, "whatever may be a stake, the needs of human beings must be the first consideration of world leaders."

During the '30's, Dr. Bragg made periodical trips to Europe where he travelled the continent extensively. He visited in Poland and Austria, but spent most of his time in central and northern Europe.

Since 1942, Dr. Bragg has been intermittently the acting director of the Unitarian service committee that has operated in Europe since the beginning of the war. He also participated in the Italian medical nutrition mission under UNRRA which made broad studies of the effects of malnutrition on large masses of people.

Kosmet . . .

(Continued from Page 1.) Klub also puts on a show in the spring every year. Last year's Nebraska Sweetheart and Prince Kosmet were Anna "Hink" Aasen and Gordon Cooley.

Eight skits will be chosen from all houses trying out for a place in the revue. Houses participating in tryouts tonight are: Beta Sigma Psi, 7:15; Phi Gamma Delta, 7:30; Alpha Tau Omega, 7:45; Beta Theta Pi, 8:00; Delta Upsilon, 8:15; Kappa Sigma, 8:30; Delta Tau Delta, 8:45.

Cross Campus

By

Mary Lou Blumel

Syracuse University officials aren't entirely heartless! It looked as if they were last week, when they refused to give students a four-day holiday at Thanksgiving time, so that veterans could spend Thanksgiving with their parents, and when they said that students would receive double cuts if they skipped classes the Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving. This week the officials have relented slightly. They insist that classes must be held on the Friday and Saturday in question, but since a student petition requested it, they have removed the cut penalties. The dean, on issuing the order, said that he will lose confidence in the student body if many of the students fail to report to classes the day after Thanksgiving.

Since American medical authorities have predicted that an epidemic of influenza will sweep the country this year, the College Hospital at Iowa State has made influenza serum available to all students to guard against the epidemic spreading through the campus. Only one shot of the serum is necessary, and about two percent of those treated will have a reaction. The charge for the shot is 50 cents.

Last Saturday Illinois University celebrated Dad's Day, with dinners, receptions and a football game in honor of the "guy who writes the checks and frowns at the grade card." Special honors went to the fathers of the football team, who were given a special block of seats at the football game, right behind the players' bench.

Star student at DePauw is Fred Danner, who has returned to school after 20 years' absence. He is a junior and is majoring in economics. Other students refer to him as "Dad."

FRIDAY, NOV. 8
COLLEGE NIGHT

at

KINGS

The Gay Hit Spot



SKIPPY ANDERSON

featuring "SINGIN' SONG TITLES"

Dancing 9 until 12
College Couples Only
No Stags
Bring Your Ident. Card