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Meddling With Melick

By M. J.

Now that the UNESCO conference is over we really should sit back and relax but we have a few lingering gripes to air.

It's the issue of student publicity, on the campus and outstate, that concerns us. The matter is mightily confused by past iniquities and present complications.

Official university publicity is handled through the University public relations office. This department sends news to outstate papers and supplies the Daily Nebraskan with faculty and administration news—it says here.

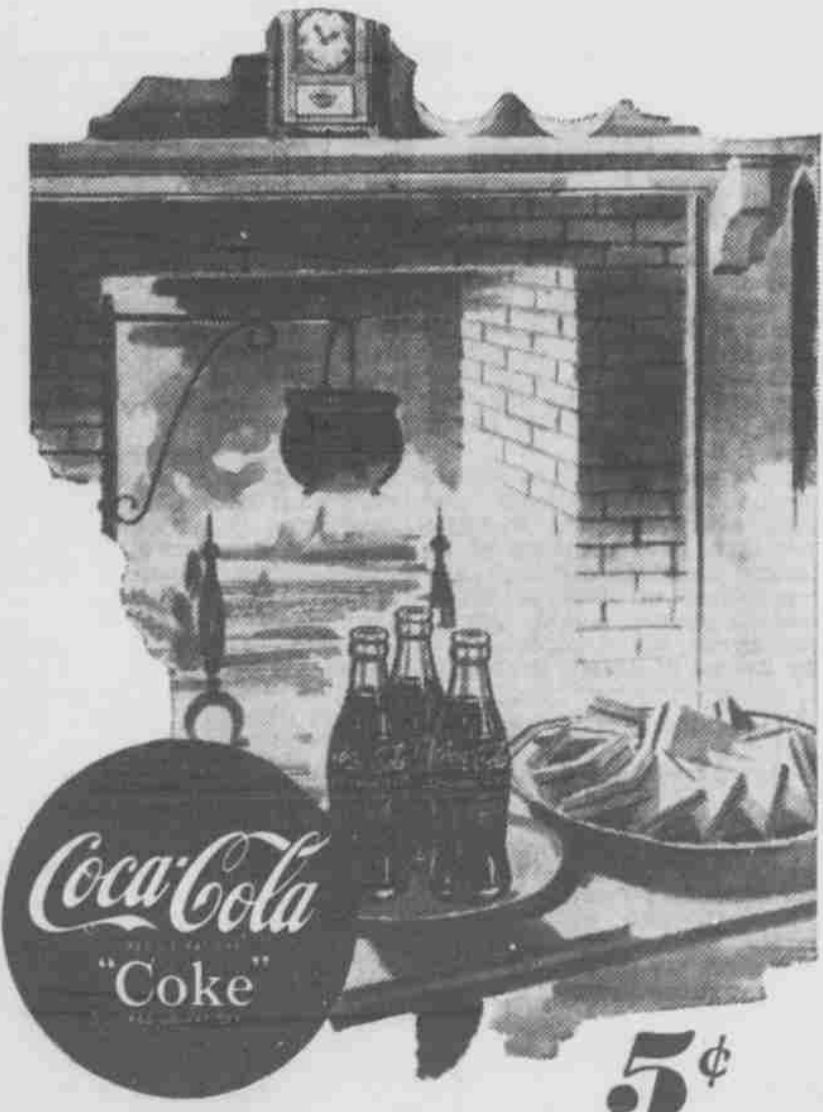
The crux of the matter is that Public Relations seems to consider faculty and administration developments as matters of prime importance and student doings as matters of no consequence at all. This attitude has been exemplified by the indifferent manner in which the office supplies The Daily Nebraskan with NU "scoop" before it goes to city papers—an indifference which amounts to rarely giving the Rag the benefit of a big news break, or holding news 'til it's good and stale, witness the Frandsen letter.

The final blow to student publicity was dealt during the UNESCO conference. The effect which Public Relations expended in getting out their most recent publicity "brain child," 80th Anniversary, left them so completely devoid of energy that they were unable to give more than a minimum coverage to "the finest student project since the peace conference." The whole attitude seemed to be that the student-sponsored project was of little consequence. The fact that the New York Times considers it otherwise, and that members of the State Department looked upon it with eager interest, left Public Relations cold.

Perhaps we have the wrong perspective when we consider students a matter of major importance at this institution. Perhaps we are wrong in believing that other Nebraskans and other Americans are interested in student activities and achievement.

If we're wrong someone will undoubtedly correct us. If we're not, we suggest that Public Relations take a careful look at the University in general and its own slant on University news in particular.

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The Council Answers . . .

In Wednesday's editorial, the question was raised, "Just what does the Student Council do?" The editorial contended that if the Council would become actively interested in the issues stated therein, the Council would no longer have to consider seriously the criticism that it "never does anything."

The editorial did admit that the "ball is already rolling." (This was not intended as a pun, we presume, on President Dale Ball's name.)

Of the five issues presented to the Council for consideration in Wednesday's article, each one has been or is under consideration by the Student Council this year, and committee consideration and action has been printed in the Daily Nebraskan on two of the editor's issues.

These two are the first presented in the article:

"1) What can be done about cheating in final exams?; and 2) What can be done to increase the relationship of foreign and U.S. students here on the campus?" The scholarship committee, established last November, has been working out a program whereby existing scholastic problems, including cheating, could be worked out more satisfactorily. A committee also is trying to establish a plan whereby displaced persons could be brought to the University for study.

Included in the original plan for the scholarship committee is the problem of securing academic appeal for students, advocated so strongly by the editor this semester. Work was begun on this before a word had been printed in the editorial column on academic appeal.

The other two suggestions for action, freedom of discrimination in housing students, and fair basis of entrance to the medical college, have been considered; however, even the omnipotent powers granted the Council in its constitution have their limits in faculty and administration inertia.

To help clear up the question "What does the Council do?" the following has been compiled from minutes of the Student Council this year:

Already Accomplished

- 1) A non-profit Regents bookstore to protect students from exorbitant prices for necessary books.
- 2) A solution to the parking problem that caused such a furor on the campus last year; at least, the best solution possible at present.
- 3) Slow progress in the anti-discrimination policy in Big Seven schools.
- 4) A "College Days" program, a coordination of Ivy Day, Engineer's Week and Farmers Fair.
- 5) Traffic lights being installed at a critical point on the campus.
- 6) A method of checking budgets before large social events so students will not be overcharged for campus functions.
- 7) An ice skating rink for the benefit of students.

On the Agenda

- 1) Straightening out of various scholastic problems.
- 2) Reviewing all constitutions to determine whether organizations are fulfilling their avowed purposes.
- 3) Finishing the football seating problem by working out a method by which only students may use student tickets.
- 4) Investigating the problem of bringing DP students here.
- 5) Enlarging the pep clubs or adding pep organizations to provide a more workable card section at football games.
- 6) Securing representation on the faculty committee on student affairs and social functions.
- 7) Finding a quicker and more satisfactory method of checking graduation credits.

Routine Tasks

- 1) Approving constitutions of campus organizations.
- 2) Managing the student migration.
- 3) Conducting all campus elections.
- 4) Serving on the Honors Convocation planning committee.
- 5) Planning or delegating the organization of rallies and other phases of campus spirit programs.

The Council isn't finished yet. Many items of business will come before the Council yet this year concerning the rights of you, the students. Council meetings are never closed sessions. All students are invited to come to Council meetings each Wednesday at 5 p. m. in the Union to view their government in action and if they desire, to speak their opinions and wishes.

The Council is trying to serve the students. This is the answer to "What does the Council do?"

Louise McDill,
Corresponding Secretary

Seed Analyzer Speaks to Tri-K

Robert G. Colborn, Nebraska state seed analyst, spoke at the Thursday evening meeting of

Tri-K, honorary agronomy club, on the work of the state seed testing laboratory. Business of the evening included the acceptance of Willard Stowell, Ag junior, into the club. He was not present at the December initiation.

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Meet The Council

(Editor's Note: The story below is the first of a daily series of features on the Student Council. Council representatives will be grouped by the colleges they represent. The functions of special committees and officers will be explained. By introducing members of the council to the student body we hope to encourage students to present suggestions to their council representatives.)

Dale Ball, Biz Ad senior, is the "first man" of the Student Council.

As president, Ball appoints and supervises committee work, contacts, and in some cases pacifies, faculty members and is expected to keep in touch with everything that happens on the campus. His job entails looking into areas where student Council aid is needed. He must anticipate trouble areas and keep abreast of possible Council contributions to the campus.



Ball.

Not the least of his duties is conducting Student Council meetings at 5 p. m. each Wednesday. The Council meets in room 315 of the Union. Any student may attend Council sessions and receive permission to speak his mind to the Council.

President Ball also strives to keep office hours in the Council room, Union 305, from 4-5 p. m. on Wednesdays and sometimes on other days.

Aside from the presidency of the Council, Ball is a member of Innocents and Phi Kappa Psi.

From the Front Page

BY BRUCE KENNEDY.

WITH THE DEFENSE clause of the North American Security Alliance treaty still the stumbling block, Secretary Acheson is nevertheless looking for the pact's adoption within a month. Acheson believes that conferences with the Senate Foreign Relations committee will iron out the difficulty. The final stages of negotiations will begin this week at the State Department. Other developments in the treaty are the almost overwhelming vote of Norway's dominant labor party for their acceptance. And the multi-billion dollar military aid proposal for countries of western Europe will figure greatly in the treaty.

THE FIRST LARGE scale naval operations with the use of the atomic bomb will get under way this week in the mid-Atlantic. This trail of fighting ships against the A-bomb will also include six of the "snorkel" type of submarines which will attempt to "sink" the fleet. The operation will involve more than 120 ships, several aircraft and 35,000 men.

FLAWS IN the handling of the nation's foreign relations were cited by the Hoover commission as an example of reasons for a complete overhauling of the state department. Dealings abroad which are now spread out all over the government, the report said, should be in the hands of the president.

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