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## Letterip

Dear Editor:

Some strife, argument and mud slinging has been going on for the past few weeks concerning the Greek domination of the activity field—to enumerate specifically, the Student Council and the publications.

Speaking perhaps as an average student (independent, that is), I would now like to voice what I feel is my personal opinion on the matter.

I came here to Nebraska to get an education and not to partake in any extra-curricular activities or indulge in petty campus politics. If I did, I might have considered joining one of these campus activity outfits or a social fraternity. Why should I care about the Student Council? The only thing noteworthy to mention of their various and sundry activities is that they did do something to alleviate the automobile parking situation. And I don't even own a car—so what.

Furthermore, I'm not interested in who plants the ivy, or makes the speech, or who is Miss Personality of Sixteenth Street or any other such "high" honor or position which the various activities or Roman holidays may bestow upon the various activity minded people. My interest are far removed from such petty and juvenile matters and are concerned with more important matters, e.g., U.S. foreign relations, the economic condition of the country and, above all, completing my education satisfactorily and graduating from the University of Nebraska.

I openly resent (as I believe do many other independent students, who are here for serious educational purposes) the pressure put on us to (1) vote in issues we do not care about nor know anything about and (2) organize and join other petty campus activities which do not concern us in the least or rather for which we do not have time nor wish to take time, regardless of how they interest others.

To those of you who wish to take up your time with them, I say fine, go ahead and have fun, but don't keep dragging in the typical barb student to act as spokesman for them, saying they are prevented from so doing. After all, there are some of us attending school for some purpose other than office seeking.

John M. Stong.

Dear Editor:

I hope you'll excuse the appearance of this letter, but I find myself somewhat blinded by the suits of shining armor that seem to be popping up over the campus. Following the recent barrage of articles, editorials and "Letterips" with a good deal of interest, I found myself forced to an opinion on the subject of unaffiliated student's participation in activities.

If the powers-that-be are going to dictate who shall serve on University boards and councils then it appears that we are losing our status as a Democratic school. The Student Council is made up of elected officials, if the term may be used as such; the candidates are nominated and the votes are cast. Barring stuffing of the ballot boxes, this seems to me the fairest way of selecting students for such offices, be they barb or Greek.

When this power is wrenched from the students then we can no longer claim self-government in any degree. It seems to me that the faculty is attempting to establish a Utopia. No one admires high and shining ideals more than I; however, these seldom work in actual practice.

No, when the Student Council is no longer the result of a free election by the student it has lost its value as a governing body. A Council that is not elected by popular vote, whose candidates are forced down the student's throats, will never gain the respect of those same students.

Yours for free elections,  
Dutch Meyers.

To the Editor:

In answer to the letter in Wednesday's Letterip column, I should like to point out the ironic justification of the editor's right to comment upon the form of letters appearing in the column. This prerogative of comment upon grammatical errors seems particularly defensible when seven co-authors of senior standing be-

gin a letter protesting it with the sentence: "Everyone is entitled to their own opinion regardless if it is in relation to the merits of the National Student Association or the integrity of a columnist of the Daily Nebraskan." It would seem that their ability to criticize is equal to their facility in the use of standard English.

Sincerely,  
FRITZ PICARD.

## It's Your Library . . .

In 1945 Love Memorial library was opened under a concept of management that afforded students the utmost freedom in gaining access to books and periodicals. Library officials desire to keep accurate records of available books and periodicals to give good service to students and faculty. They do not want to install systems of control and inspection unless they are forced to do so.

Many advanced students and faculty members have had experiences at other universities where all the more interesting books in the library are locked up in the stacks and made available only through the card catalog and over the loan desk. That sort of library does much to discourage the reading of books. On the other hand, Love library was designed especially to put about 50,000 books on open shelves where students could easily use them.

Unfortunately, during the spring semester of 1948, someone applied a pocket knife to 24 volumes of the New York Times. It was the bound rag paper edition which the library had purchased at a cost of \$300 a year. The volumes are irreplaceable except on microfilm, a rather clumsy substitute for the original edition. The library has also been troubled by students who, under pressure caused by delaying reading assignments, conceal books under overcoats, in brief cases, etc., in order to read them at home, at their own leisure.

Control desks have been put on the second floor, but they are not wholly efficient. They are intended to be courteous reminders of the library's need to maintain a check on books so that others may use them too. Too many books are being stolen or borrowed without having been charged out.

Frankly, if students do not undertake to police themselves in this matter of honesty and fairness, steps will be taken by library officials to do so. F. A. Lundy, director of University libraries, has said that if the situation continues to grow out of hand, all books will have to be returned to the stacks and locked up, once more resorting to the museum concept of a library.

Mr. Lundy does not want to do this. He realizes that free access to books will cause students to develop the habit of reading for general information, for assigned reading and even for pleasure and amusement. Obviously, it's the students' obligation to help maintain the present system of informality that prevails in Love library.

Fitz Simpson.

## 'Rally Huskers' . . .

For several years Nebraska University has been in a slump unable to regain its reputation of having strong athletic teams—a reputation that carried Cornhusker fame nation-wide. A reputation that began even before Dana X. Bible and William Shulte, and ended with the Rose Bowl game in 1941.

And with the end of that reputation, the Cornhusker spirit seemed to die. Stories of this unbeatable spirit at Nebraska went with the University's national fame of strong football teams. It continued to thrive on the campus and followed alumni over the country. Yet as unsuccessful year followed unsuccessful year, that spirit seemed to die out.

After several seasons of failures and near wins, the Cornhuskers are definitely beginning a comeback. The baseball team won the Big Seven Championship last spring, the Track team nosed out a favored Missouri team to win the Big Seven Indoor Track meet, and now the Basketball team is close to its first Big Seven Championship. Will the comeback of Cornhusker teams bring back the spirit of "the old days?"

This week end will give Nebraska students a chance to show that this spirit can be revived. The basketball team will need all the backing the student body can give it. That backing should begin this week end and continue for as long as Nebraska teams exist, come rain or come shine!

Bruce Kennedy.

## NU Bulletin Board

FRIDAY  
THE RADIO SECTION of the speech department will interview Norm Leger, Editor of The Daily Nebraskan, today at 4:30 on the Junior-Senior Prom. The interview is part of "University News in Review" held every Friday over station KOLN.

MONDAY  
AG COLLEENS meeting, 7:45 p.m., in Vocational Education room, third floor Food and Nutrition building. Subject will be "Refinishing of Furniture." Mem-

## Union Schedules Music Program

Like classical music? The Union Music committee will present a program of classical music with a running commentary in the Union music room once a week.

Open to anyone, the program will feature a qualified commentator who will explain the meanings and background involved in the selections being presented.

Members can bring their own furniture to work on. Materials and supplies will be furnished. All are urged to dress for work.

## From the Front Page

BY BRUCE KENNEDY.

A NEW CREDIT ruling by the Federal reserve board was greeted by businessmen throughout the country as a boon to business. The ruling extends the time on monthly installments and reduces the down payment from 20% to 15%.

Especially happy are the automobile manufacturers who expect the ruling to help lagging auto sales. The order becomes effective Monday and includes such items as refrigerators, radios, furniture, etc.

NEWS CAME from Washington Thursday that the resignation of James V. Forrestal, former Secretary of the Navy and present Secretary of Defense, was on the president's desk. He will probably be replaced by Louis A. Johnson, former American Legion commander.

DETERMINED to keep the Russian Soviet Repatriation commission blocked American forces set up strong barbed wire around the mission. Water and food supplies were cut off a few days ago. It looks like the mission couldn't leave if they wanted to.

THE NON-STOP round the world flight accomplished Wednesday will serve as a warning to Russia, diplomats thought Thursday. No city is safe now that it has been proven that a plane can, by refueling on the fly, reach any place in the world.

## Meet The Council

Student Council representation in the College of Arts and Sciences is distributed among its various branches. The School of Music sends two Council members. They are Pat Larsen and Bob Wallace. Both are juniors.

Miss Larsen serves on the Scholastic committee. This group is investigating academic requirements.

The current project deals with the problem of getting credits checked and with a method of appeal for students who feel their grades are unjust. The committee is sending letters to faculty members concerning both subjects.

In addition of her Council work, Miss Larsen is treasurer of the YWCA, a member of Sigma Alpha Iota and Alpha Chi Omega.

Bob Wallace is chairman of the Student-Faculty committee on Ident cards.

This committee is working out a new type of card which will make transfer to non-students impossible. The committee was established at the request of the athletic business manager, A. J. Lewandowski. The proposal now before the committee concerns putting student pictures and signatures on the identification card. The signature would coincide with that on the book of student athletic tickets.

Wallace is also a member of University Singers and Kappa Sigma.



Larsen.



Wallace.