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Letterip

It seems as though the DAILY doesn't care too much for the way one of our alums spends his money. Planning on being a rich alum someday myself I have been discouraged from ever donating anything to this fair institution. I had planned on giving the first half of my first million to the university to build a wall around the campus with the names of all of those of us who have managed to cheat, crib, study our way through the school. The second half of that million I had planned to use to earn my second million all of which I was going to donate to the school. I was going to let the Board of Regents use the money as they saw fit, but now I am afraid they might be influenced by the DAILY and use it for some foolish purpose such as class room buildings, auditoriums, and so forth.

I may even be forced to use the money for my own use. To an old alum there is no greater satisfaction in life than being able to give a million or so of the money he has earned through the education that his alma mater gave him. Now that I know that this has been taken from me I look forward to my old age with much dismay.

Ajax O'Meara.

Whittaker . . .

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marshall after being adjudged unsafe.

Tryouts for the production were open to any summer session students. They were concluded Tuesday night and the cast was then announced by Whittaker. Rehearsals will begin immediately according to the play's director. Summer theater is a regular part of the University's summer session program. Last year's pro-

duction "The Show-Off" by George Kelley starred Bill Palmer. The show was directed by Dallas Williams of the speech department. It featured a minimum of scenery and other stage props in contrast to this year's production which promises some elaborate stage effects.

Classified

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Bargain Basement

The other day we heard a sweet-faced little coed say cheerfully—"I just don't understand politics on this campus"—and just as cheerfully we could have smashed her dear little head right in.

On second thought, it occurred to us that perhaps she'd get the point of campus horsetrading if we drew a set of pictures for her, and threw in a little information gathered from Psycho 70, Poli Sci, and Animal Husbandry.

But we decided that we weren't artists, nor do we have any red paint handy—so, we will give that sweet-faced little thing the picture in words and music.

First, a few statistics. Around ten thousand students annually are enrolled in NU. Less than one tenth of this group are Greek. The rest, we presume, struggle along.

This Greek group, however, is not the control. That is where even interested people get fouled up, when analyzing the political system on this campus.

This campus is politically controlled by about ten people, and usually one or two of these people have a final sayso. These big ten may be all Greek, BUT it is not a prerequisite. The prerequisites seem to be a certain kind of smartness, a willingness to crawl, a willingness to compromise, and a willingness to deal out your best friend—if it has to be done.

The way it is now, control is in the Greek name, but even so there are just a few hands in the pot, so to speak.

Let's analyze what those in control have to gain, and how they operate. They have to gain: places in senior honoraries; class officership; posts in activities. They do gain these things, and sometimes more. A nice basis for a power complex, later in life.

So, perhaps the sweetfaced little coed says: "I came to college for an education. Some people, including myself, don't care about these activities, and honoraries.

The little girl doesn't have her thinking cap on. These activities, and these honoraries are important. They establish contacts, socially, economically, politically. They get better jobs, for it just stands to reason that an employer, who is looking for a man or woman straight out of college, and who wants the type of person that is going to be worth a good salary, is going to pick a man or woman who has been active in these things—so we say. See BARGAIN, page 4.

On the National Scene . . .

It looks as if Congress is throwing rocks at the president and Truman is hiding behind them. The issue, of course, is government spending.

The calculations didn't run particularly close for this fiscal year and now someone has to take the blame. While the powers that be in Washington are passing the buck back and forth, we in Nebraska have a few general comments to make on the entire subject of government finances.

The whole matter seems a trifle incoherent. If government spending is purposeful and systematized we have yet to find the system. Every year a certain sum of money must be disposed of so someone flips a coin and bingo it's gone. The next year the same process is repeated and so on ad infinitum, with apparently no reason.

A factory manager will show off an air-purification apparatus, installed at considerable expense, or a costly bit of machinery, with the simple explanation: "It increases efficiency."

True economy, then, is a difficult and sophisticated art, and yet an understanding of the principle of making real savings through high-capital-cost efficiency, rather than through painful and short-sighted frugality is rather well-diffused among us. There is only one level on which we still insist on a more primitive approach to the question of economy, and that is the level of government.

As we said before, our government spends a great deal of money but not in the imaginative way that business does, for the sake of future benefits, ultimate savings, smoothness of function or contented operation.

For example, to set up a fund, say, five billions of dollars, right now, to halt the gathering recession by providing work on public projects, and low-cost loans for business expansion, might completely change the current business mood and atmosphere. But at the mere thought the cry "economy" would split the air. Our government is simply not allowed to engage in this kind of economic weather control or social air-conditioning.

No private business would be debarred by its stockholders for spending money to provide against a known risk. But government is. It is only on the governmental level that we consider a penny spent to be a penny lost. Government simply isn't allowed to be as clever or as knowledgeable or as foresighted or as cagy as private business.

Government under the argument of economy is not permitted to take steps to insure the welfare of its citizens or its own delicate financial balance. Numbly, it must lift its head toward whatever blow may fall; knowing what may happen, it is nonetheless required to act as if it did not know and all this is justified on the ground that it is important for us to "save" every penny possible.

No man dares to go very far in life without insurance, but for government to take out insurance in its own future and its own people is unthinkable.

Government spending with a purpose? Government spending to ward off crises—to prevent disaster which may cost billions—how novel!

Well might the boys behind the bricks stop to consider where the dollars have gone and for what purpose, rather than "who done it."



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