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EDITORIAL

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Calendar Mixup . . .

It seems to us that the Calendar committee has made a mess of things.

It did a good deed, especially in the eyes of the students, when it recommended an extension of Christmas vacation to Jan. 3. But they hurt the students when they cut one day off of the pre-exam study period to make up for the lost class day.

If the Calendar committee had been more careful when drawing up the University calendar for 1949-50, this mess could have been avoided. A plan whereby students would leave for home next Wednesday and return Jan. 4 might have solved the problem before it arose. This plan would not make necessary the elimination of one pre-exam study day.

We wish the Faculty Senate would do something about the study period. If it is too late to act, then we wish the Calendar committee in the future would plan the University calendar more carefully.

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Publications . . .

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Membership in an organized house is not a prerequisite to success on the student newspaper, an opinion which is heartily shared by the present editor and his staff.

The Committee said more detailed plans for the operation of The Daily Nebraskan and the Corn Shucks for the second semester would be announced following the Christmas vacation. Details of procedure in selecting

the new staffs will be included in these announcements.

Committee members are: Dr. Roger Shumate, professor of Political Science, chairman; Mr. Claire Harper, Director of University Commercial Activities, secretary; Clifford Hicks, professor of Business Organization and Management; Miss Mary Guthrie, assistant professor of Home Economics; and the following student members: Leon Pfeiffer, Miss M. J. Melick and Gerald Matzke. Dean T. J. Thompson is an ex-officio member of the Board.

UN Assembly Representatives Meet Tonight

House representatives to the model United Nations General Assembly conference scheduled on campus for March 15-17 will meet at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, Dec. 15, in Room 108, Burnett hall.

A tentative agenda for the meet will be announced to the representatives, according to Irene Hunter, NUCWA secretary.

Information on the individual countries represented will also be given at the meeting. Prof. Norman Hill, political science instructor, has assisted the NUCWA Information and Research division in preparing outlines of all assembly nations.

Assigned Countries.

Countries assigned for the conference are: Argentina, Alpha Chi Omega; Australia, Alpha Tau Omega; Belgium, Delta Tau Delta; Bolivia, Alpha Omicron Pi; Brazil, Beta Theta Pi; Burma, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Byelorussian Soviet, Sigma Chi; Canada, Loomis hall; Chile, Alpha Xi Delta; China, Pi Kappa Phi; Cuba, Rosa Bouton hall; Czechoslovakia, Women's Dorm; Denmark, Terrace hall; Ecuador, Love Memorial hall.

Egypt, Gamma Phi Beta; Ethiopia, I.R.C., Wesleyan university; France, Kappa Alpha Theta; Greece, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Guatemala, Delian-Union; India, Norris House; Iran, Palladian; Liberia, Zeta Beta Tau; Luxembourg, Newman club; Mexico, Howard hall; Netherlands, Beta Sigma Psi; New Zealand, Delta Sigma Pi; Norway, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Pakistan, Wilson hall; Panama, Acacia; and Paraguay, Delta Chi.

Philippine Republic, ISA; Poland, Chi Omega; Saudi Arabia, Men's Dorm; Siam, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Sweden, Delta Gamma; Turkey, Alpha Phi; Ukrainian Soviet, Towne club; Union of South Africa, Alpha Sigma Phi; Russia, Phi Gamma Delta; United Kingdom, Pi Beta Phi; United States, Kappa Delta; Uruguay, Methodist Student house; Venezuela, Phi Delta Theta; Yugoslavia, Sigma Alpha Mu, and Palestine, Sigma Delta Tau.

Countries not yet assigned include: Afghanistan, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Iraq, Lebanon, Nicaragua, Peru, Syria and Yemen.

Library Open During Recess

Love Library will remain open during most of the Christmas vacation.

The schedule of hours for the recess is:

- Dec. 17—8 a. m. to 12 noon.
- Dec. 19 to 23—8 a. m. to 5 p. m.
- Dec. 27 to 30—8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The Library will be closed Dec. 18, 24, 25, 26 and 31 and Jan. 1 and 2.

IVCF to Present Yuletide Program

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will present its annual Christmas program Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in Union Room 315.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Art Anderson, a student at the University Medical School in Omaha and president of the IVCF chapter there.

Special Christmas music will include a violin solo by Jeanette Hulse and a marimba solo by Jack Moore. Betty Zumbingst and Bryan Johnson will read the Christmas story.

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Book Business . . .

And here's the administration's story. The administration is trying to make the University bookstore pay its own way. Nothing we'd rather see. Overhead is now setting the University back to the tune of approximately 250 dollars.

When this is accomplished, will the bookstore be able to reduce its prices? It's up to the University board of regents. Can the bookstore sell supplies other than books? That, too, is up to the regents. Surely this board will see it is in the student's interest that an attempt be made to reduce prices. And not only the student, but the bookstore itself, is concerned with the matter of supplies. If Regents is going to pay its own way, it will need the supply business. The student council in the past has tried to get supplies for the store. Since the Council had no success, we urge the regents to make it possible for the University store to carry supplies.

Prices, the administration says, are established in accordance with the practices of the stores. This means list price. If Regents was able to reduce its used book mark-up, there should be no reason, other than making the store self-supporting, for not lowering prices on new books.

And what has been happening to the bookstore financial report which was requested by the Student Council well over two years ago? The report was to determine, among other things, whether funds were being withdrawn from the bookstore account to be used for other purposes and whether the store could afford to reduce prices.

Next spring, after having waited three years, the Council may get an accurate statement. We can do nothing more than hope that the Council will take appropriate action.

The administration is to be commended, however, for speedy steps to bring about more efficient bookstore operation and to provide adequate records. Additional and improved bookkeeping has provided purchase and sales records separately for new books and used books . . . a system long needed. A complete inventory was taken as of April, 1949, which provided an accurate beginning inventory record for this year. The bookstore manager was sent to three schools last summer to study their bookkeeping methods.

The present manager of the bookstore is now on a full-time graduate manager basis. For several years it was managed by part-time undergraduate managers, greatly hampering efficient operation.

The most recent improvement in the book problem is the office of textbook information. This office will help to relieve the confusion of supplying the student with information as to texts for his courses.

Regents is now burdened with the job of reimbursing other stores for books purchased under the GI bill. At times, the government is delinquent as much as \$120,000 to \$130,000 in payments for veterans' books. Bookstore management would be greatly improved if books and supplies accounts together with the VA and veterans' accounts with other stores, would be completely separated from the Regents bookstore.

Susie Reed.

Red Cross Unit Sponsors Yuletide Parties, Caroling

Campus Red Cross Christmas and his dummy, "Chester," Bob Roser at the piano and several holiday songs by Sally Schei with Delaine Sais accompanying. A door-prize was given to one lucky patient following a short quiz.

Nearly every organized house participated in some fashion with several working together to provide holiday cheer for orphanages and hospitals.

Among the week's endeavors include Tau Kappa Epsilon's party for the orphans of the Tabitha home. The Tekes provided gifts and refreshments for the tots. A real Santa Claus topped the afternoon's events.

Sororities Entertain.

The Alpha Phi and Pi Beta Phi combined to distribute candy and presents to St. Thomas' Orphanage. They also provided a jolly old "Kris Kringle."

The Sigma Nus continued their annual custom of providing Christmas entertainment by bringing the children of Tabitha home to the chapter house for a night of presents and food.

Among the other houses, Beta Sigma Psi entertained at the Home for Dependent Children, the Kappa Sigs will journey to local Cedar Home with candy and gifts, Chi Omega is going to the Orthopedic hospital and the Pi Phis and the ATOs are combining talents to present a show at the Boy's Reformatory.

Vets Party.

Other RCCU events include the annual Christmas party at Veteran's hospital. Under the direction of Committee Chairman Carla Renher, a talented group presented an array of singing and comedy to the veterans.

With Bob Smaha taking over "emcee" duties, the program included ventriloquist Jack Lang

NU Bulletin Board

Ag Union dance committee will meet in the lounge Thursday at 7 p. m.

Home Ec Club pictures will be taken Thursday at the West Stadium at 5 p. m.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Christmas program will be held in Room 315 of the Union, Thursday, at 7:30 p. m.

Delian-Union Literary Society will hold its Christmas party at 7:30 p. m. Friday in 303 Temple building.

Applications for second semester housing in the Men's Residence halls are due at noon Saturday at the dorm office in Temporary building S.

Those interested in trying out for the University R.O.T.C. Band openings should see Mr. Don Lentz at the Music building immediately. Openings are for French horn, cornet and baritone players.

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