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Teacher Rating System . . .

(Editor's note: The following editorial is the second in a series explaining why Nebraska should have a teacher rating system. Colleges and universities using such systems were contacted in compiling the information.)

There is a myth in many colleges that if a teacher knows his subject, he can teach successfully. Those who believe in this myth contend that giving attention to the method of presenting a subject constitutes misdirected effort and sheer waste of time. It is unfortunate that in some quarters too much emphasis is placed on the instructor having a thorough knowledge of his subject.

This should not be used, however, as an argument against the devotion of a reasonable part of the instructor's attention to those aspects of his work which are usually included under techniques of teaching. It is axiomatic that thorough knowledge of subject matter is the first and most fundamental prerequisite of successful teaching. Very little observation, however, is necessary to convince one that such thorough knowledge of subject matter is no guarantee of ability to teach.

College teachers are given little, if any, systematic training in methods of teaching. The typical graduate school prepares one for research rather than teaching. The difficult art of teaching, of effectively guiding the development of minds, is acquired largely through a wasteful trial and error method.

Good teaching requires the instructor to have adequate information concerning the responses of students. It is not what is presented to a student that educates him, but the educative value is in the responses he makes. The instructor must also have the ability to create and hold the interest of students, to evaluate the understanding and insight of students, and to adjust content and method to the students' level of appreciation and understanding.

What do students really think of their instructors? Does the average college teacher know, or does he care to know? Perhaps he is happier in his work if he does not know. But too many teachers have the "student be damned" attitude. Nevertheless, student attitudes toward teachers, next to the learner's intelligence, are probably the most important factors in the learning process.

A system whereby students rate faculty members on their teaching performances could become a valuable instrument for self-improvement in classroom procedure in the hands of intelligent teachers. Only as the teacher becomes aware of opportunities for self-improvement will he make the most of them. Only by accident will the teaching of one who is ignorant of the reactions of his class be effective.

A teacher rating system could easily bring to light certain defects in an instructor's performance—defects which he does not even know exist.

Editorial Briefs

J. Everett Long, registrar of West Virginia university, says that guidance of the potential college student should begin in the tenth grade or earlier. Long, writing in a publication of the National Education association, declares that there is a critical nation-wide need for more scientific study of the individual so the preparatory school and college may jointly counsel the student in selecting the educational program for which he is best suited.

The 12-page picture article on Sigma Chi fraternity which appeared in Life magazine is the first publicity we've seen in quite some time that even leans toward the good aspects of fraternities. Fraternities have been under fire a great deal during recent years. Showing the other side of the story once in a while indicates that the American press still maintains its principles of fairness.

Class discussion periods are intended to be sort of a "laboratory" in the democratic method. We are expected to go to them with definite ideas based on reading; but we must also be willing to alter our opinions in the light of other evidence in the opinions of classmates. In short, we are expected to find a way out of our confusion, or our prejudices or our previous ignorance of some of the aspects of American life by forming a rational basis of belief which will stand up under the cross-questioning of our classmates and our instructors.

We are agreed that the professor should not lecture straight from the book and that he should attempt to put the student in a learning situation. By putting a student into a situation where he would be forced to think and use the knowledge he was getting from the course, the instructor could better judge the student's improvement and thereby grade him in a fairer manner.

The library employees are down in our book as a group of people who do more than their share of service for the campus. The average student is lost from the moment he passes through the building's swinging doors. And there is the librarian, ready to help him find what he seeks, willing to spend hours assisting him with his research. Always courteous, always helpful . . . yet the librarian, in addition to performing service for students and instructors, does his part in making book traffic a simple and efficient operation.

This is one for the books! A prospective book buyer walked into one of the campus bookstores last week to purchase a certain book. The clerk brought a used book out marked \$4.00 and said he would have to ask the department manager about how much it would sell for. Misunderstanding, the manager brought the book back and said he would give the "buyer" 75 cents for the book. Amazed, the buyer explained he wanted to buy the book, not sell it. He paid \$2.80 for the book. Not bad profits, eh?

Air Force Vets To Hold Reunion
All veterans of the Eighth Army Air Force who were stationed in England are invited to attend a luncheon at the Cornhusker hotel at 1 p. m. Tuesday. This reunion is being held in connection with the opening of the movie "Twelve O'Clock High" at a local theater. Any veterans who are interested in attending the dinner, which is free, should contact the recruiting office, 2-6548 before noon today.

All veterans may march in the parade, held at 12 noon. Jet fighters will fly over town at that hour. All are urged to wear their uniforms though it is not imperative.
Brig. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, State Adjutant General will speak.

News & Views

By George Wilcox
National

Washington.—President Truman invoked the Taft-Hartley law in an effort to restore coal production. Mr. Truman's action sets in motion Taft-Hartley law procedure that could lead to a court order to work for 80 days. Mr. Truman's order covered only the soft coal industry and did not include the bituminous coal industry. The three members appointed by the President to investigate the situation and report back not later than a week are David Cole, New Jersey lawyer, and William Wirtz and John Dunlop.

In Pittsburgh striking coal miners went right on chanting "No contract, no work" in face of President Truman's use of the Taft-Hartley. Hence, there seemed considerable doubt that the miners would heed the White House order.

Washington.—Army Secretary Gordon Gray announced he is resigning his Army office to become President of the University of North Carolina.

Washington.—House republican leaders got together and approved with minor changes a declaration party policy drafted by a 21 man policy committee. Republican Leader Joe Martin stated the changes were "minor."

Los Angeles.—A terrific explosion ripped away the front part of gangster Mickey Cohen's elaborate Los Angeles home in what apparently was the latest gangland attempt to eliminate the mob leader by bombing. Hour of the explosion was the pre-dawn and damage estimated to be \$50,000. Mickey Cohen was only slightly irritated at the whole thing and was not harmed in the blast since he was sleeping in the rear bedroom.

State and Local
Lincoln.—Dr. Joseph E. A. Alexis, head of the modern languages and literature department at the University of Nebraska filed for congressional representative from the First district. Dr. Alexis filed as a republican. Incumbent is Carl P. Curtis of Minden.

Sidney.—Significantly good news came from Ohio Oil company's two newest test wells in the Sidney area. Reports that the Gurske No. 1 oil well, four miles north of Sidney may well be the largest oil well yet opened in the Western Nebraska field.

It's NU
By Pat Wiedman
Congratulations to Nancy Dixon, the queen of the Interfraternity Ball. Viewing the coronation Saturday night were Pat O'Brien with Jerry Ewing, Nancy Button and Bill Adams, Margorie Line and Hank Pedersen.

Wonder if Don Hovendick offered any reward for the return of his Phi Psi pin. How about it Eleanor Erickson? Speaking of lost items: Gayle Hattan lost his heart to Peg Simpson. It's a steady arrangement now. Also making it a steady arrangement are Rod Riggs and Marcia Pratt.

Ivan Stratton has a new solution to the exam problem. It's guaranteed to be a sure fire success. Dr. Wiggam claims that to ask the smart gal or guy in your class aids your scholastic and social rating. How about it Ivan?

ISA climaxed a full evening of entertainment Saturday with the choosing of a Snowman, Keith Hyde. Among the many couples dancing to the music of Fizz Powell were Bill Munsen and Bunny Laux, Will Krueger and Janet Carr, and Fred Van Arsdal with Marilyn Church.

Another queen of hearts has been acclaimed. She's Cheyrl Hamm, crowned sweetheart of Sigma Chi. Good luck your majesty!

February is the month. The fourteenth is the day. Don't forget that special card for her, on Valentine's Day.

Study Habits Lab Sections Told
First meetings of the Reading and Study Habits Improvement laboratory are scheduled for this week in Temporary Building I.

Students may go to any one of the following sections: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2-4 p. m.; Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2-5 p. m.; and Thursday, Feb. 9, 2-4 p. m. The Tuesday and Thursday sessions are slated for Room 101. The Wednesday meeting will be in Room 104.

According to W. W. Reed, director of the lab, students who wish to attend and who have not yet been interviewed may attend the first session.

The laboratory is operated by the Junior Division, and is open for any student who wishes to improve his reading and study habits.

Interview sessions, preliminary to the course, have been held during the past week in Temporary A.

Lutheran Group Installs Officers
Sigma chapter of Gamma Delta, Lutheran collegiate organization, held installation ceremonies for the new officers in their monthly business meeting, Feb. 5, in the YMCA room in the Temple building.

The new officers include: Robert Scheve, president; Larry Lubbe, vice president; Carol Glesmann, secretary; and Harold Gloystein, treasurer.

'Control by Students' 12-Year Union Motto

BY KENT AXTELL

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles designed to acquaint students with every phase of their Union. Recently students organized a committee of 15 to investigate the possibility of obtaining an addition to the Union building. Only a large majority vote of students would bring the addition included in the University's future building plans.)

Born nearly 12 years ago, the Student Union was seen by many as a very healthy and robust baby—healthy because it was built without hazarding University finances, and robust because it was a big enterprise from the very beginning.

However, its founders decided that such a youngster would always need strong parental care and they defined that the operation should be primarily directed by students.

So those who fought eight years for its erection, provided that there should be a board of managers with students carrying the most weight. A nominal student fee at fall registration helped pay Union expenses. Why shouldn't the present investors have the biggest voice in the administration?

Obtaining a fair proportion seemed to be the guiding thought as seven students, six faculty members and three alumni were picked to carry out the new duties.

Later five more students were chosen to insure a group more representative of the students.

Since its origin in 1938, the group which "runs the Union" has followed several changes.

Method of Selection.
Formerly, students were named to the board in an annual election sponsored by the Student Council. However, later, this method of choice was supplanted by the present merit system initiated in 1947 which allowed only students experienced in the affairs of the Union to be elected to the board.

Candidates are selected by the Activities Committee, whose nominations are voted upon by the entire board. Of the twelve representatives, four must be college students.

Duties of the board are varied and number many. According to the views of managing director Duane Lake, the responsibilities on the students belonging to this group are much greater than those of any other similar campus organization.

A list of the functions that the board must carry out:

Council Issues Parking Permits
Parking stickers and tickets must be obtained by students after securing a permit card from the Student Council.

University policeman, Sergeant Furrows, stresses the importance of this procedure as the names of all violators will be reported to Dean Thompson of Student Affairs where disciplinary action will be taken.

Tickets and stickers are issued by Sergeant Furrows in the Division of Buildings and Grounds in the West Stadium on Monday and Friday from 2-4 p. m.

When obtaining permit cards from the Student Council applicants must have their automobile registration, student identification card, and twenty-five cents. Roswell Howard will have extended office hours this week and next: Monday, 2-4; Wednesday, 3-4; Friday, 2-3; and Tuesday and Thursday, 12. Regular office hours are on Monday from 4-6 p. m.

A parking lot is soon to be installed on the north side of the Union. Students may park on the east side, weather permitting.

Michigan Players Plunge to Victory
One of the classic "pep talk" stories is told on Michigan's great football coach, "Hurly-Up" Yost. Yost, as well as being a brilliant strategist, was a firm believer in dressing room oratory.

During half time of one important game, he pulled out all the stops in a fervent plea for victory. The players sat enthralled as Coach Yost poured it on.

"Go out that door to victory," the fiery coach screamed. So carried away was he that Yost pointed to the wrong door.

The Michigan players, fired to a fever pitch, dashed headlong into the swimming pool, and encumbered with heavy football gear, narrowly escaped drowning.

Kenton Album Soon Available
Record collectors will soon be able to buy Stan Kenton's new 5-record album of his "Innovations in Modern Music for 1950".

The collection, which is in the process of being recorded, should be on sale by the end of February. It includes ten of the best numbers played on Kenton's 1950 concert tour.

A preview of his "Innovations" was given in Los Angeles Monday, Jan. 30, at an invitational press and radio show. Crowds of over 2,000 tried to get into the preview.



"Why? Well, I simply don't go out with just ANYBODY—and I don't even know you! Besides, I don't go out on less than two weeks notice; furthermore, I have a coke date at 8. play practice at 9, study session at 12, and a few things to rinse . . . What? Who's playing? He is! A new car . . . it is! Who were you calling? JANE JONES! There's been a mistake!—this is Jacquella Calimanderhieson, hold on a min. . . Hello! Hello This is Jane. Yes, I'll be ready in half an hour!"

Marriage & U.S. Girls . . .

When a Japanese bride-to-be committed suicide because she thought she couldn't cook and sew well enough to get married, she made news.

It would be even bigger news if an American girl did such a thing. Unfit for marriage spells only divorce here. The suicide victim is our society.

The National Institute for Human Relations says American brides are becoming more and more inadequate for marriage. Head of this institute lists ten ways that girls fail to measure up:

- One. They are too anxious to put their marriage on a 50-50 basis. (60-60 is safer.)
- Two. They have dangerous delusions about romance. (When the mad magnetism ends, they just get mad, period.)
- Three. They don't know what a thimble is.
- Four. They are brittle and lack stamina.
- Five. They think babies are all right, but—
- Six. They are too apt to be assertive. (More flies are caught with sugar . . .)
- Seven. They know too much about sex and too little about love.
- Eight. They can't make up their minds what they want in life.
- Nine. They are restless from overstimulation. (Women are more emotionally on edge than ten years ago, according to psychological tests.)
- Ten. They are sabotaging the institution of marriage. The statistics are not in favor of the college-trained girl either. With 500,000 girls getting married every season, every girl should take an honest look at herself. Taking stock before marriage may help one not to come out on the short end after marriage.

Former Kenton Vocalist Shed Career for Publicity Work

He not only handles press relations for Kenton, but for Peggy Lee, Mel Torme, King Cole Trio, Woody Herman and many others.

He's Gene Howard, former singer with Stan Kenton's band, now handling public relations for noted people in the music world.

Howard stopped in Lincoln on his forthcoming tour of the 77 cities and universities in which Kenton will present his "Innovations in Modern Music for 1950" this spring.

Back in 1946, when Kenton appeared at the University, Howard and June Christy were featured soloists with his band. However, Howard was more interested in musical arrangements and dropped his musical career in September, 1946, to enter public relations work. He had been with Kenton for three years.

Began in Radio.
He began his singing career in Nashville, Tenn., on a local radio station. Direction for his initial appearances was given by Bealy

Smith, noted for composing such songs as "Lucky Old Sun," and "Old Master Painter." Up until the time he joined Kenton's orchestra, Howard sang with Bob Chester, Francis Craig, Gene Krupa and Teddy Powell.

Now head of Gene Howard and Associates, Public Relations, in Los Angeles, Howard spends his time consulting around the country on publicity campaigns.

"Personal Interest."
"This assignment," said Howard, "has personal interest in mind. All of the music world wants Kenton's new Innovations to hit a popular high with the nation."
Howard and the Kenton will be the feature of a half hour program on station KFOR Tuesday night, Charlie Dugdale will devote the time between 10:30 and 11 on his "Dug's Diggins" to a showcasing of the baritone. The show is sponsored by the Nebraska Book Store.

NU Bulletin Board

Tuesday
Theta Chi will meet at 7 p. m. in the Union Tuesday.

Red Gildon meets at 7:30 p. m. in the Motor Truck lab at Ag. Initiation of new members will be held.

Sigma Theta Epsilon will meet Tuesday at 7 p. m.

Gamma Alpha Chi will meet Tuesday at 5 p. m. in Parlor Y of the Union.

Wednesday
Kappa Phi will meet at 5 p. m. instead of the scheduled time.

Bible foundation will sponsor an inter-faith meeting at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in the Union.

Thursday
Aquasquettes will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the Coliseum.

Theta Sigma Phi will meet Thursday at 5 p. m. in Ellen Smith hall.

Nu-Meds will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in Parlor X of the Union. Election of officers will be held.

Fraternity senior while cleaning room: "It's getting so that I don't even know who's the pledge in here anymore."