

EDITORIAL PAGE

Homecoming 1952

The annual Homecoming weekend is about to be launched—with a pep rally and the unveiling of house displays this evening again on our campus.

Homecoming, in the eyes of this writer, is that special privilege of collegiate institutions.

Perhaps in view of our confused, unhappy world, many long hours of work on the Homecoming weekend, the money spent on house displays and parade floats and the endless amount of effort exerted to make the event a success—seems trite and vain.

Perhaps many persons will watch the football team play tomorrow afternoon and think of boys in Korea; many might view the elaborate house

displays and think of the United Nations struggling for peace; many shall view the rally tonight and think of the millions of underfed, underprivileged persons in Asia and Europe.

Actually at the very core of the activities going on this weekend is a commemoration of that in which we believe—of that for which we fight. The Homecoming weekend is, in essence, a tribute to the game of football—healthy competition; a tribute to the University—a citadel of free, unhampered thought; a tribute to the spirit of young persons arranging their own lives, electing their own Pep Queen, planning their own rallies and setting up their own traffic routes; a tribute to the ability of American youth to plan and work together on house displays and parade floats.

This writer thinks that the Homecoming weekend is that time when we, perhaps unconsciously, reverse those institutions and attitudes that we hold most dear. To all who have worked and planned to make this weekend a success—The Nebraskan offers its sincere congratulations. We think it's mighty basic to our way of life.—R. R.

Where Are You Going?

About this time each year, after first scholastic reports, an editorial on this subject is often written and always appropriate. Freshmen especially have scholastic worries at this time and many upperclassmen as well are not too sure of themselves.

When a person enters the University right out of high school he comes here with relatively little knowledge of what is demanded to obtain a degree leading to a specific profession. This lack of knowledge is always excusable. It is a fault in our nation's educational system. We can not correct it now but we can help to cope with it.

A great majority of students choose a profession because the name sounds good to them or the work is apparently exciting and offers rewards students would like to reap although they are totally unprepared to ready for the harvest.

Engineering, to cite a common pitfall, sounds like a worthy and rewarding profession. Who doesn't like the thought of having his name linked with construction of a great bridge, or highway, invention or process, product or formula? These are things that immortalize men. Few high school students realize the mathematics that must be mastered for an engineering degree or the high aptitude in science prerequisite to engineering achievement.

It is the misguided to whom this writing is directed. You who have received down slips after conscientious study, you who squeaked by the first six weeks, you who feel uneasy and discontent in your present schedule, you who are drowning in extra curricular activities, you who are sleeping 15 hours a day because you have nothing else to do, back up and take a good long look at yourself.

Why buck an impossible load? Professional courses do not as a rule become easier in the upper classes. Can you be happy in a life work that was not pleasing from the outset? Chances are that you will not go farther than your education and aptitude limit. There is not much "luck" involved in getting to the top.

Perhaps we had better explain exactly what

we are talking about when we say, "aptitude." It is the natural inclinations you have toward a certain line of work. Exactly what develops an aptitude is involved and not completely understood by anyone. The point is that you find yours.

Discovery of one's aptitude is not as difficult as it may seem from the definition. Do not, as students frequently do, consult parents. In this respect parental judgment may be as bad or worse than the student's. Scientific tests have been designed and are in use at the University for ascertaining aptitudes. The Junior Division administers the tests in Temporary A. The office of the Dean of Student Affairs may also furnish some valuable guidance. Personnel in these offices are paid to be here for you.

Faulty grades are not always accountable to aptitude misrecognition. Study habits have to be developed. Most students must begin developing these habits after matriculation. Nebraska high schools and high schools in general are not noted as the greatest of intellectual challenges. Study difficulty is related to low aptitude but even good minds in the right pursuits have not been conditioned to concentration. The Junior Division can also guide study habits and develop one's reading and concentrating ability.

Fortunate is the individual who feels no inclination to go headlong into activities until he has fastened himself with deep scholastic roots. Among those who have embarked upon the proper course of study and then fail, the activity bug is the greatest menace. Few students realize that a fair average is prerequisite to advancement in activities. For their own interests alone then, poor grades are a handicap. Over zealous house activity chairmen are partly to blame but a student should know when he has assumed an adequate activity load.

Before leaving the world of learning entirely and joining the foreign legion, going back to your summer job or blaming your instructor for your difficulties, back up and decide where you are going. Are you on the right road? There is one here for almost anybody.—H. H.

Planning Vs. Student Opinion

Next year's migration is a long way off, to be sure. No one seems much concerned about it.

But today, at noon, decisions which would determine the 1953 migration may be made. Meeting together, at the suggestion of the Student Council, will be representatives from the athletic department, the University band, Tassels, Corn Cobs, Student Council and The Daily Nebraskan. They will attempt to set the 1953 dates for migration, Band Day, Dad's Day, Homecoming and Faculty Day.

The criticism which arises immediately is that the meeting is being held before student opinion has had time to be molded on selection of Homecoming and migration dates. The argument seems logical in the light of Dean J. P. Colbert's efforts to sound out student opinion this

fall. But criticism of the early date loses its sting when the primary purpose of the meeting is considered. This purpose is to set tentative dates for gridiron festivities before student opinion becomes so set that nothing can change it.

If plans for migration and other programs are announced far enough in advance, students can either adjust their plans to the schedule or voice sufficient criticism of the schedule to effect a modification.

The committee's report will not be final. Before the schedule is officially adopted, students will have ample opportunity to state their suggestions. But the fact that planning is early should mean that students will have little to say. The committee therefore should have free rein in scheduling activities.

That probably isn't a bad idea—after the mess student opinion created this year. The Daily Nebraskan supports the year-early scheduling by a faculty-student committee.—K. R.

Margin Notes

Believe It Or Not

Call it inflation, stupidity or law, this world is becoming a funny place. Now you can't even give houses away if you want to.

For example, the Legislative Council, meeting in Lincoln this week, has had to appoint a special committee to study and make recommendations on the possible acceptance as a gift of a governor's mansion.

Present appropriations for a new mansion to replace the old structure south of the Capitol do not authorize the purchase of a house already built. On advice of the attorney general Gov. Val Peterson has refused to negotiate on houses offered for sale to the state.

Don't look a gift house in the mouth, we say.

Women March Forward

News articles this week told the amazing story of the Hitchcock County Court, which now has a woman judge. The stories claimed that she is "Nebraska's only woman judge."

But Nebraska women are not so far behind as the news article says. A Morrill County woman has held two judgeships within the last few years. First she was a city police magistrate. Now she is justice of the peace.

Will a woman succeed General Eisenhower?

Daily Thought

Never trouble trouble Till trouble troubles you.—Anonymous.

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Rally Or Not . . .

TO THE STUDENT BODY:

During the last week much discussion was kicked both ways concerning an alleged rally to be held tonight. The rally committee under the sponsorship of the Corn Cobs and Tassels in its original plans wanted to have the traditional Friday night rally before Homecoming, I, as an unofficial member of the committee, threw cold water on their ideas by projecting the thought that a rally on this Friday night would be a wasted venture which would be in no uncertain terms, a flop.

"Why, a flop?" was the immediate interrogation from the hard working rally planners. My explanation at the time seemed logical to these bewildered juniors. The two-fold purpose at least in the past three years for a rally the night before Homecoming was to introduce first, the homecoming queen candidates, and second the varsity football team. Well, this year, unfortunately, the candidates have already been properly disposed of, and numerous members of the football team have already been introduced at past rallies.

So, much against the wishes of the rally committee members, they were taken in by the "words of wisdom" by a broken down senior yell king. Naturally, and much to my surprise, the editors of The Daily Nebraskan and nu-

merous other campus leaders took up the cry: "Let's have a rally! Homecoming won't be properly consummated if the rallyers can't live it up on Friday night!"

The rally committee and myself immediately admitted that we could be at fault; so we altered our plans to include the traditional Friday night spirit arouser. READ THIS LAST LINE AGAIN: WE WILL HAVE A RALLY TONIGHT!!! So gang, drop your meals, set aside your displays for a few minutes, grab a bell, and let's have a ball. Let's give the football team the support that it so justly deserves this year!

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