

EDITORIAL PAGE

Until 5 P.M.

This book store business seems to be in a mess. Charges and counter-charges have filled the University-private enterprise air with clouds of doubt, ignorance, hesitation and disgust.

But one thing is evident upon perusal of the news stories and editorial comment and letters to date. Student interest in this matter is vital. The point of whether one is in favor of the Regent's Bookstore continuing to sell supplies is a matter of student concern.

Despite its seeming unimportance, the Regents of our University have given to us, the students, the decision in this matter. By 5 o'clock this evening, the student decision will be in the hands of certain persons who will take their information to the members of the Board of Regents at their Saturday meeting.

This might gain importance in the eyes of the student body—that group so named to give the Regents their course of action in this business—if students were entirely aware of the petition signed by state businessmen was not sent out with all the facts, the petitions being circulated on this campus by the legal representatives of the privately-owned book stores does not attempt to convey the facts, and the motives behind this move do not seem, to this writer, to be absolutely concerned with a tax supported institution engaging in a retail business in competition to private business.

Juniors And Seniors

As 1953 takes its first faltering steps through the calendar, an old problem jumps squarely in front of the students of this University. Is there any justification for junior and senior class officers?

This question, and it is certainly a time-worn one, was brought up Thursday afternoon as a representative of the senior class went before a faculty committee studying a brand new constitution for the Junior-Senior Class Board.

Quite legitimately, the faculty committee wondered if there was much any officer could do along this line. The committee quizzed a representative, quite thoroughly, on what plans he had for making the University better through class officers.

First, they thought that there were too many chances for small, unrepresentative cliques to gain control of the board. And, secondly, they thought, as has already been mentioned, that the Board "duplicated" the Student Council.

The constitution they were discussing is printed on Page 4. The senior representative agreed, and The Nebraskan also agrees, that there was a very good chance that a small, unrepresentative clique might very possibly take over the Board. This has been going on for many, many years as the Faction has nominated men for class offices and voted them in.

It would be unfortunate if the Faction controlled the Board. But there does not seem to be any way to write the constitution so that their control would not be automatic. It would not be fair to the unorganized students, the committee said, if the constitution were approved as is. The senior representative admitted and The Nebraskan also feels forced to admit that no positive way is evident to make officer elections fair to all involved.

The senior representative spoke only for himself when he agreed that it would be bad for the Faction to control the Board. The Board now is

Margin Notes

Question Or Filler? Either a newspaper columnist who answers three questions each day was short on new questions (or answers) or he must think he is striking a blow against Middle Age superstition. In his Thursday column he asked the question, "Do dreams come true?" Perhaps he expected to destroy the simple belief of thousands of newspaper readers by the bluntness of his answer. His answer: Dreams don't come true. Now we know.

Daily Thought

He who knows only his own side of the case, knows little of that.—J. Stuart Mill

The University exists for the instruction and help to its students. As such, through legislative grant, was established the bookstore which now, as a student convenience, sells those supplies necessary to the classroom and the laboratory. The bookstore does not operate on tax funds but is a self-supporting business and does not put its profit into private pockets but into the improvement of its service.

The Regents Bookstore does not make any effort to operate in competition with private businesses. But the retail bookstores, two in number, obviously felt that the selling of supplies at Regents would cut down slightly on the profit they realized from this merchandise. H. G. Greenmyre, John H. Wilson and Lloyd J. Marti, under the employ of the two privately-owned bookstores on this campus, insist "that the only issue is—should a tax supported institution engage in a retail business in competition to private business."

They have attempted to cloud their own profit motives in a high-sounding phrase that rouses thoughts of democratic principles in the minds of many. Unfortunately, this affair clearly seems, to this writer, a matter of money, not of principles.

The Board of Regents has asked us for an answer. They will enter into what will be a debating contest before the Unicameral with the private interests represented by the Lincoln lawyers if we want the Regents bookstore to continue to be of service to University students.

We must at least answer this problem. The Nebraskan is in favor of continuance of supply selling at the bookstore. However, the student opinion on this matter must be brought to the Board of Regents attention by Saturday morning.

The Nebraskan hopes that students sign a Student Council petition today. We believe that apathy, not agreement with the private bookstores, is reason for the comparatively small number of signatures on the petitions. From now until 5 p.m. is time to voice an opinion by signing a petition. Please do.—R. E.

To Mr. Crosby

Everything became official during Thursday ceremonies for Bob Crosby, Nebraska's 27th governor. Mr. Crosby got inaugurated at 2 in the afternoon. A reception and later a dinner for former governors followed this official event.

Although he has been working industriously for months at the business of getting to be governor and then at getting ready to head his state, Bob Crosby officially went down in the annals of Nebraska history Thursday, January 8, 1953.

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Just Around

Formals, Engagements, Pinnings Cause Post-Vacation Social Whirl

Jan Steffen

Two formal dinner dances and two house parties are on the schedule for Saturday night, when all the newly-pinned and engaged women will have a chance to sport their badges and diamonds. The Alpha Chi's will hold their red carnation ball at the Lincoln Hotel, with the following couples present:

Pat Pauley and Joe Pointer; Willamette Desch and Bob Banner; Jo Knudson and Weldon Borgard; Marcia Strinsky and John Gilmore; Donna Follmer and Paul Pfisterer; Rose Ellen Vogelzang and Bill Huber; Ginny Barnes and Don Johnson; Harriett Cook and Bob Voltz; Barb Nelson and Bob Gilmore.

The second formal—an annual affair—will be the Sigma Nu Pig Dinner, which will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel. The following couples will be among those at the dinner and dance:

Bobby Nielson and Bob Bloomstrand; Bill Neef and Doris Frank; Jim Genova and Martha Paine; George Tyson and Shirley Nash; Bob Salyers and Joan Hanson; Tom Woodward and Joan Roe; Bernie Nevin and Bobbie Blackburn; and Carl Harper and Helen Foulker.

Sigma Delta Tau pledges are planning a dance for their activities, with "Vanity Fair" as a theme. Among the couples planning to attend are Lois Gereklick and Al Ross; Charney Taub and Monte Herman; Zoe Swartz and Shelley Green; Mickey Rabiner and Marshall Kushner; and Pat Korney and Jerry Wineberg.

"Hard Times" will be the theme of the FarmHouse costume party at the house Saturday night. Among the dates are Cal Lemmon and Gloria White; Dale Nitzel and Mary Lou Young; Rex Meyer and Marlene Hutchinson; Marvin Coffey and Bev Ellis; Gene Scott and Carole Trussell; John Eastin and Jackie Vincol; Bruce Maunder and Shirley Slagle; Jerry Hoffman and Dorene McMullin; Fred Smith and Barbara Spilker; Eldon Wesley and Carol Dunker; Dale Reynolds and Jean Steffen; and Jim Weber and Elaine Millen.

To continue with engagements that happened over Christmas vacation, we have these to add: Pat Nellis, Alpha Chi, and Bennett Martin, Sigma Chi;

Barb Young, Gamma Phi, and Grant Whitney, Alpha Tau Omega; Pat Savage, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Bob Russell, Pi Kappa Alpha alum, Omaha University; Lee-Ellen Cressman, Theta, and Jerry Matzke, Phi Gam now attending New York University; Lila Waneck, Kappa Delta, and Chuck Klasek, Sigma Chi.

Sara Stephenson, Kappa Delta, and Hal DeGraw, independent; Beth Alden, Alpha Phi, and Larry Andersen, Phi Psi; Connie Decker, Chi O, and Tom Hunt, Beta from Colorado University who is now at the College of Medicine, Omaha.

Joanie Bohwer, Chi O, and Chuck Cramer; Dorothy Suponchick, Grand Island, and Gerry Grubn, Brown Palace; Jayne Wade, Alpha Xi alum, and Bill Anderson, Sig Ep; Joan Blotchford, Alpha Xi, and Dick Pospishell, Kappa Sig at Colorado University; Betty Hall, Alpha Xi, and Jim Tighe, Theta Xi.

Mary Lou Keating, Alpha Phi, and Ted Cannon, Phi Gam, are also engaged—Phi Gam, as printed in an earlier column.

Letterip

Not Alone...

To the Editor, I have read with interest of the American Legion attack on Dr. Anderson and "State of Asia." As one who has been so to speak, through the mill, I thought you might appreciate a word of encouragement from the outside.

The University of Colorado labored under its own little McCarthyite burden for better than two years now. During the first part of that time, I was news editor of the Silver and Gold. Last year, I was editor-in-chief. Now, as a graduate student and occasional columnist for the S and G, I still observe the corroding influence of anti-intellectualism sapping the source of the University's strength.

I do not know, of course, how your administration has reacted, whether it trembles, as ours has trembled, before the assault or whether it functions as the core of your academic integrity. From personal experience, let me assure you that it makes a considerable difference. Should the administration falter, should it attempt cautious consolidation in an effort to protect the "center" of academic freedom while relinquishing the fringes, then Nebraska is in for what Colorado has already undergone.

Fear is a far greater enemy of what John Dewey called "the creative intelligence" than is doctrinaire teaching. Unfortunately, piddling state politicians and American Legion "protectors" of the youthful mind do not seem to be capable of understanding this simple truth. For it is true as you will have reason to know.

Happily, student editors do not appear to be so easily panicked as are college administrators. At campus after campus, here at Colorado, at California and Pittsburgh and Texas and Penn State and Chicago, the student editors have fought long after the feeble figureheads in the front offices had succumbed to the mounting pressures of hysteria. It is a dismal story with a basic plot and a dozen endings. But it is well to remember (and comforting, too) that you are not alone, that others have fought as you are fighting and that each little voice added to the chorus of sanity may help to stem a terror that threatens to become universal.

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