

Editorial Comment-

Student Help

There are a few places around campus where you run into benches or fountains which are marked "Class of 1906" or "Class of 1901." This practice of a graduating class making a donation of some small object for campus use seems to have died out as the University grew beyond the size where class officers and units were clearly defined and functioned like they still do in smaller colleges throughout the state.

The alert student can't find a single thing to indicate that the students of the 1950's have gone out of their way to leave a memento behind to impress freshmen and let others know that they were interested in doing something special—although possibly small—for the University. There just doesn't seem to be a chance to do things like that any more.

Or are there chances? The University Builders have announced that they plan to launch a drive among individuals and students on campus in an effort to gain financial support needed to gain the Kellogg Center at Nebraska. They hope the students will have a desire to revive this

old gift idea and contribute toward a fund which promises to be much bigger than any bench or fountain ever conceived by graduating classes early in the century.

The Builders aren't a group of mind in the cloud dreamers. They are in the same student ranks with the rest of us, although they as a group specifically attempt to further the interests of the University and promote activities and events which will benefit the University and the state. They aren't pawns of the administrators, either; they do things on their own. This may well be one of the best things that any student activity has done on its own.

Folks throughout the state have shown interest for the fund and have contributed generously. Their contributions to date, though, have not reached the \$1.1 million mark needed if the University is to receive the \$1.5 million from Kellogg Foundation for construction and establishment of the center for continuing adult education.

Sure would be heartening if some students showed they cared enough about the University to pledge a few dollars. It would beat bench giving.

From the Slot

by George Moyer

They are coming right along on the new Union addition. Every day Bob Handy gets a little more eager to move in and the other afternoon, I caught Duane Lake eyeing workmen installing wiring with a small smile of satisfaction on his face.

Apparently though, the workmen have forgotten our small niche. The editor's office still has a gaping hole in the ceiling, exposing a fascinating array of plumbing.

The spaghetti-like arrangement of pipes and conduits stripped of their protective covering of plaster are an interesting line study for anyone daydreaming a moment while searching for an appropriate word or phrase.

Which is all a fancy way of saying that they are something to look at while loafing.

The Student Council surprised a few people last Wednesday when they apparently forgot the challenge Tassels threw them before Thanksgiving vacation.

The student representatives had no collective comment to make on the Tassels' refusal to consider the procedure recommended by the Council for electing the Homecoming Queen.

Presumably, the members of Student Council represent student opinion through legislative action. According to a recent Daily Nebraskan survey, a majority of the students polled recommended changes in the queen election procedure that roughly

paralleled the suggestions made by the Council to Tassels.

Yet when Tassels turned their back on what is apparently the majority opinion expressed through its proper medium, the Student Council, that Council made no attempt to resubstantiate its position.

As debaters soon learn (under Mr. Olson's firm hand), the failure to use rebuttal time when it is given them usually results in the loss of the round.

Score one for Tassels by default.

After the last meeting of the Nebraska State Racing Commission, a columnist for the Lincoln Journal teed off verbally against the Commission for failing to announce their meeting date.

Although this is not a University affair, I feel that the slight ought not to pass unnoticed in this column since the Racing Commission has indirectly made possible the summer employment of several college students.

The Commission used to regularly inform Walt Dobbins, former sports editor of the Journal, of their meeting dates. Walt attended faithfully until he got tired of interminable wrangling over fines for rough riding, crowding in the backstretch, and lengthening of race courses.

He finally told the Commission to just call him when they got the racing dates apportioned and he would write a story.

If the Journal sport's staff really wanted to have a representative at the commission's meeting, they could have fired a phone call to E. J. Moyer, the commission prexy in Madison, and been informed of the meeting date.

Incidentally, they would have thereby informed Mr. Moyer of their change in policy.

From the Editor

A Few Words of a Kind

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Rewriting history is a popular game for a lot of people. A few well remembered people even have been known to say that history is merely prejudice agreed-upon. One of the latest efforts to rewrite history is being made by the Texas Heritage Foundation. This group has appealed to the president to grant a full pardon for the author O. Henry who, it seems, served a prison term for embezzlement.

Why it should be necessary for them to even bother is one question. I can't recall one time when I ever heard this fact about O. Henry. Whenever a teacher spoke about Henry boy it was about his tricky endings which fool the devil out of a lot of people. Most readers wouldn't care if he spent his whole life in jail.

Question two, if this pardon is so justified why wasn't there a group around 60 years ago to work for it, instead of now when he is a recognized writer and permanently retired. It would have been better for him while he was alive.

And why try and hide the fact that some pretty important or significant people have made criminal mistakes? Why hide the fact that people blunder? Eulogies of praise aren't nearly as much in style as they used to be. Don't revive them, either.

A few years ago the findings against some women who had been burned in

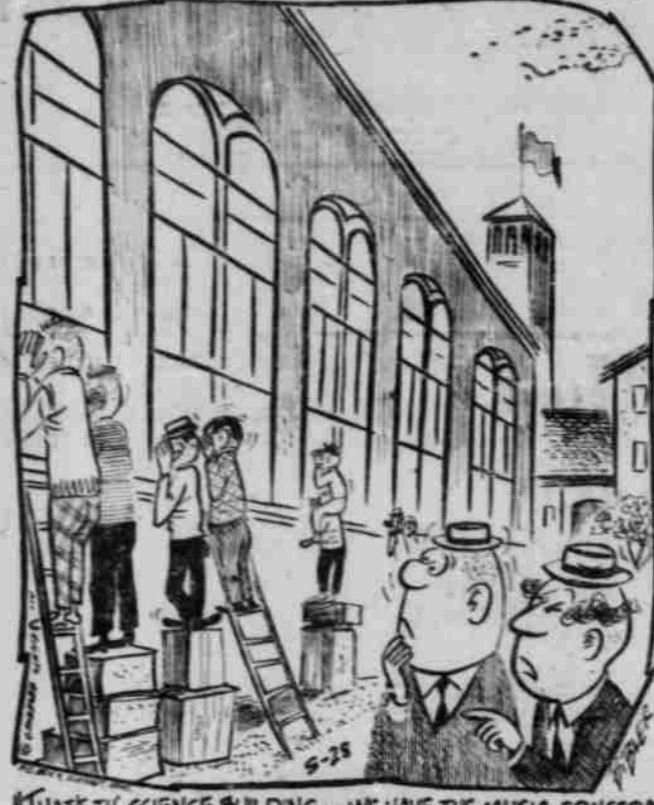
Salem as witches during the colonial period were wiped off the books as though they had never been near a fire. This may have pleased a few ancestors but accomplished little. When the Massachusetts Legislature voted to pardon these women, one indignant writer said it seemed like a mistake. He said it would have been better to leave the charges on the books to show the world how wrong people can be at times. The same thing ought to apply to Mr. Henry.

You wouldn't think that police would be trotting into stores in Nebraska to grab comics, books and magazines which contain what they consider obscenity. But it happens. Not mind you in a smaller town where crusading groups usually have the easiest time in objecting to what they consider sinful things or conduct, but in the biggest Nebraska city of all.

"Peyton Place" has been labeled an obscene book in Omaha and a magazine distributor and newsstand operator have been charged and found guilty of violating the city's obscenity ordinance by selling the book. They are back in court now for resuming selling of the book.

"Peyton Place" certainly isn't the best of books, either in style or content. Yet Omaha's anti-dirty book law doesn't seem to be the answer. It would seem more advisable for Omaha to allow individuals to choose or reject a book available in nearly every other city in the state and nation, and pay more attention to correcting a different type of sewage problem.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



THAT'S THE SCIENCE BUILDING - WE HAVE THE MUSIC CONSERVATORY OVER THERE - AN' I THINK THIS IS THE GIRLS GYM.

Collegiate Roundup

Duke Men Foil Attack By North Carolinians

The Daily Tar Heel of the University of North Carolina records an unsuccessful attempt by "some 600 Carolina students to storm en masse the bonfire site on the Duke campus."

At least 1,000 freshmen from Duke repelled all assaults, the paper said.

Goal in the attack was a bonfire site which was zealously guarded by loyal Duke men. The Tar Heel said:

"Nevertheless, many cars did make the trip only to have their attempts to light the fire foiled by alert Duke watchers. Some students got within 10 feet of the tremendous pile of wood on the field near the stadium, and at least one tried to throw a "Molotov Cocktail" on the wood. He failed and the defenders captured him and shaved his head.

"Several other from UNC mingled with the defenders and tried to bide their time until a more favorable moment. This too was unsuccessful. One boy from Carolina had a bottle of gasoline hidden under his coat when he was accosted by Duke men. He could not convince them he was from Duke, so they started to hit him.

"He dropped the bottle unnoticed and tried to run. Brought down by a flaying tackle near a Durham police-

man, he was beaten and his clothes torn. A plea to the policeman did not save him. Later he walked away from the milling through unmolested as someone else distracted the bonfire defenders."

The game was no less exciting than the day-early fray. With 10 seconds to go, the Duke half-back zoomed across the goal for a touchdown. A successful point-after-touchdown made the final score Duke 7, North Carolina 6.

At Iowa State this week marked the beginning of an experiment in integrity. Dec. 2, 144 classes were to go under the honor system, the IS Daily reported.

Their honor code says: Each student is on his honor to refrain from giving or receiving aid from any source during all in-class and out-of-class examinations. In addition, it is the responsibility of each student to report all observed violations of this honor code on the part of himself or any fellow student."

An honor council will hear cases which may arise from the experimental honor system. This council could recommend to the administration "the full range of punishments now employed by the Student Government Committee." The council could also recommend punishment to the instructor.

Conservative Estimate

By John Hoerner

In the face of criticism from the state school administrators in regard to fraternity scholarship and rushing the IFC tabled a proposed motion to help fraternities raise their scholarship.

The question in the minds of most interested outsiders as far as the action of this body is concerned is, "Why?"

Why at the threshold of opportunity to win admiration and praise from everyone for a great step forward in the name of scholarship did the IFC balk?

(A few insiders to the action of the IFC are still wondering too.)

The answer to this "why" is complicated, difficult, and almost too touchy to mention but I will make a few rash statements and thus probably a few enemies in hopes that it will start some, lively discussion and I hope stimulate some lively ACTION in the near future.

First off there is no denying the fact that the immediate impression is that the motion was killed in a "nice" way or that the IFC was afraid or unwilling to act.

This is not the case in the light of discussion both during and after the meeting which is likely to be, subordinated to the tabling itself.

The truth of the matter is that the scholarship problem is so great in magnitude, encompassing every man who is a member of a fraternity at Nebraska, that the IFC was UNABLE to take unified action on the proposal before them.

Whether or not the motion is eventually adopted as proposed or a whole new plan is accepted I am confident that the IFC is not intending to leave the solution to chance. They are merely laying aside one method of solution in order to look over the entire situation more carefully.

This is so bad, I can hardly believe it!

Get a load of the new registration system that we now

have. Congratulations to all of you whose names start with A or B. It seems that you are the favored ones of the university now. Alas, Alack, and my sympathies to those whose names start with X, Y, or Z. I hope somehow that you can get used to resigning yourselves to 3 and 4 p.m. classes for the rest of your University experience.

It is common knowledge as evidenced by the very situation that the University is trying to combat that some hours and sections of a class are much more desirable than others. What possible justification can be given for changing from an equitable (if not completely foolproof) system of giving precedence to those with the greatest number of hours to a system in which a selected few are favored only because of chance.



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