

Editorial Comment-

Unwanted Gifts

Registrar Floyd Hoover has replied to student criticism of the planned switch to alphabetical registration with a jolly laugh that is normally thought to characterize a certain North Pole figure at this time of the year.

The first reasons given for the discarding of the hours accumulated system of pulling cards was that it caused crowding at certain periods of registration and was difficult to police.

Dr. Hoover proclaims that his emancipation of students from registration bulges

"won't save us five minutes." He adds that it has been more than eight years since a senior had to spend extra time in school in order to graduate because he could not register in a class he needed.

If the registrar does feel that an alphabetical system is so desirable, why not have cards pulled alphabetically according to class rank of the student?

Individual Staff Views

By Diana Maxwell

If you are a believer in progress, or think things really change much around this place, try file cleaning as a grand awakener and antidote for overly optimistic illusions.

Try it on the records of almost any campus organization. We tried it down here in the Rag hole and good brief, what an awakening.



Diana Maxwell

Tucked in among folders labeled Student Health, Budget, IFC, and elections was one with an intriguing title, Campus politics.

Back in '51 it seems the editors of the paper decided to try to explain politics on campus to the student body therefore leaving in print an interesting record of Nebraskana.

A few excerpts will show how little things have changed:

"When freshmen enter activities, the one who knows the officers or some influ-

ential member of the organization is the one with the best chance of getting ahead. If a fraternity brother or sorority sister happens to hold influence, the worker's future is pretty well assured—regardless, a great deal of the time whether he deserves promotion . . ."

Another editorial, headlined "A Partying of the Ways" noted:

"On the University of Nebraska campus, an unhealthy situation has been in effect for the past several years. There have been no parties to compete in student elections. At least there have been no legal parties in existence."

Or, as was printed in the primer on this group of editorials, note the following facts of life:

"The goal of most activity minded students on campus is to become either a Mortar Board (for women) or an Innocent (for men.) These senior students are picked each year at Ivy Day. They are reportedly chosen upon the basis of their participation in activities, support of the school and their scholarship.

Students can work up in various activities until they reach a high position to be in line for either Innocents or Mortar Boards. Activities usually considered most helpful in gaining these include . . ."

But there's no need to go on . . . it's the same list.

From the Editor

A Few Words of a Kind

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The scene is a coffee shop in a college student union.

1st Crib Rat: I tell you I saw him.

2nd: Wait, I see his face now! No! That about? Who did you see?

1st: There he is!

2nd: Yes, I see him now. A laughing man with a strange suit and tie. What is that written all over his clothes?

1st: Why it looks like a bunch of letters.

2nd: What are they? I forgot my glasses.

1st: Let me see . . . Oh, yes. A-B-C-D-E-F-G-H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O-P-Q-R-S-T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z.

2nd: Is that all?

1st: Yes. Strangest thing. Just the alphabet written over and over again. The man seems to have a strange obsession for the alphabet.

2nd: Wait I see his face now. No! It can't be the registrar!

1st: No. You're right. That's who it is.

2nd: But what in the devil is he doing parading around in an alphabet costume?

1st: My dream! Just like in my dream!

2nd: What dream?

1st: I had almost forgotten about it. Early this year I dreamed that the registrar began talking one day about moral obligations and alphabets and bulges and smoothing things out. And he seemed to say something about changing registration. Then I heard A-B-C-D-E. Just then something woke me up. I remember I was in a cold sweat and a pledge told me I had been screaming, "No. Not that. Anything but that. Not registration in alphabetical order!"

2nd: I still don't see the connection.

1st: He was wearing the same stupid costume, and everytime I screamed "no" he laughed and threw a letter at me.

2nd: You don't think this is a bad omen

do you? You don't really think he would try some crazy scheme like that?

1st: No. He couldn't. No one would stand for it. But the way he was laughing. Evertime I screamed in protest he just laughed louder. Almost like a madman.

2nd: Look! He's disappearing. He isn't real.

1st: But we saw him! We both saw him. What could he have been?

2nd: I don't know. I never have seen anything like this before. If it weren't for the fact that I knew there aren't . . . No! That's ridiculous!

1st: What's ridiculous?

2nd: It couldn't have been a ghost.

1st: You're right. No one sees ghosts.

2nd: Shh! Here comes Hank Hamlet. Don't say anything. He'll think we're crazy.

Hamlet: You guys seen the Rag?

1st Crib Rat: Why? what's up?

Hamlet: Look at this head on page 4. "Alphabetical Registration To Be Used in January." Most stupid thing I ever heard of. The registrar talks about smoothing out bulges. Not a thing about the fact it would be lousy for seniors.

2nd Crib Rat: You're not serious! You're kidding us! Let me see.

1st Crib Rat: My God! Jim. It's true.

2nd: No. It couldn't have been true, just as we couldn't have seen a ghost. No! No!

The two crib rats run screaming out the door. Hank Hamlet sits very still in his booth. His eyes have a glass-like appearance. He is muttering to himself: "Ghosts. What were they saying about ghosts? They can be thankful they didn't have the same dread nightmare I had last night. The registrar was all dressed up in an alphabet costume, and he couldn't stop laughing. Evertime I screamed "no," he laughed a little louder and threw a letter at me. The ghost must have been an omen for this. No! I'm going crazy!"

The lights fade as Hamlet begins to bash his head against the side of the booth. The curtain falls.

Particular Husband

Working wives—take heed.

A University of Tennessee student is divorcing his wife because she distracts from his studies and has not put him through school as she promised.

Phillip E. Bettis, 19, said he couldn't study because his wife went out at night with friends. He asked that she pay the court costs for the divorce suit because she is working and can afford it.

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Hand of the Almighty!



thru the peep-hole

BY DICK TEMPERO

One of the worthwhile traditions on the University campus seems to have been chucked in a smoke filled

room somewhere, some time this last semester. Yes, in case you wonder, I am referring to the registration by hours system.

The questions that Tempero lie at the bottom of the whole mess are—Why is this change being made? and Why hasn't the new plan been completely explained to the student body? Last Friday's short press release did not answer some of the most vital student questions about the plan.

More important, this release did not include anything about how the plan would work in the future. It has now been confirmed that the alphabet will be rotated, and this could have been easily included in the first release.

This type of registration has worked successfully for many years in several large

Universities in the country and there is no reason why it can't work here. Any time that something new is instituted, someone usually gets hurt and it looks like maybe it will be us seniors this time. For that reason, we would feel much better about it (1) if we knew what was going on now, and (2) how the plan will work in the future.

Now to greener pastures—Builders is to be highly commended for kicking off a campus wide drive to support the Kellogg Fund Campaign.

Here is an event that is happening right in our midst and something that will have a direct bearing on each of our student lives. Thus far the student population has leaned back and taken a disinterested if not lackadaisical attitude toward the whole proceeding.

This is one of the many steps that has been taken in the last several years by the current administration to give the students at the University of Nebraska not only sound, adequate facilities that we can be proud of, but facilities that will make our University unique as far as college campuses are concerned.

It is a step, however, that must be shared not only by the administration and the people of the state of Nebraska, but also by the students. The best way to build pride in our school is to have a feeling that we did our share toward making it what it is, and there is no quicker way of doing it than by seeing that our part of the job is well done.

AUF Deadline

Tomorrow is the deadline for applications to be turned in for AUF Board.

Interviews will be held Saturday. Applicants should sign up for interviews outside the AUF office on 3rd floor, Union.



BRING THE MOVIES INTO YOUR OWN HOUSE!!

Keep saving those empty packs from MARLBORO, PARLIAMENT, & PHILIP MORRIS. Enjoy the cigarette and the MOTION PICTURE CAMERA. THEY'RE BOTH GREAT!!!!



Nebraskan Letterip

The Daily Nebraskan will publish only those letters which are signed. Letters attacking individuals must carry the author's name. Others may use initials or a pen name. Letters should not exceed 300 words. When letters exceed this limit the Nebraskan reserves the right to condense them, retaining the writer's views.

Disgust!

Hats off to John Hoerner for being the first to express publicly what I believe to be the general student reaction to the new alphabetical registration system—disgust.

Being able to choose the best profession or best time for a particular course is often a matter of great convenience, yet how many of us have been turned away from a closed section because our taking the course at that time was not a matter of "necessity?"

I have always looked upon the ability to exercise free choice as to course and section as a privilege conferred because of work satisfactorily completed, not because my name happened to begin with the proper letter.

I have always considered the "hours earned" system most fair, because it gave the advantage to those stu-

dents who most needed it; upperclassmen, who usually have the most outside activities and interests, and who are more likely to have family obligations, and those students who carry the heaviest study loads.

I urge everyone who feels as I do to make their opinions known to the Administration by any legitimate means at their disposal.

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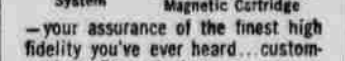
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