

Editorial Comment

Instructors or Scholars?

A college education is becoming the goal of more and more Americans every year.

"Yet in the face of such dramatic demand, the quality of college education is persistently going downhill," according to Earl J. McGrath, former U.S. Commissioner of Education...

The noted educator claims that one of the most pressing problems facing education today is the level of instruction.

"The depressing situation results from a strange paradox. In spite of a nationwide enrollment of nearly 4,000,000 students, colleges generally hold to the belief that teaching young people is a minor part of their job."

McGrath explains that this paradox arises from the fact that a college teacher's ability to teach has little to do with his ability to hold a position.

"Indeed, on some campuses actual teaching is regarded as the professors' extracurricular activity," he says.

"Of far greater importance than teaching, in the college's view, is research at the frontiers of knowledge and publication of the results in learned journals."

"But in the academic world, the rewards—professional and material—go to the producers (of research materials) and the penalties go to those truly dedicated to the education of the young," he charges.

McGrath cited an instance which recently occurred in a large Eastern university. Several "capable" teachers were suddenly told they could expect no further promotions.

But Not For All...

Awards for the most effective signs of the year (in the Student Union anyway) go to the unknown creator of the tags over the art displays in the Union Gallery.

"Christmas is for Children" says the first. And as the eye wanders over offerings of school kids from kindergarten upward, some of the spirit rubs off.

But on another wall the sequel to the first sign introduces three pictures by eight grade artists. All three show not only a real budding of art ability, but a sensitivity of feeling which the rest of us might well consider.

The second, labeled "Hunger" shows a single person, a woman whose face and

trated all their efforts on teaching American college youth—a full-time job."

The educator then turns to the problems existing in preparing persons to be eligible to obtain doctorate degrees.

"To earn a Ph. D., a candidate must do a piece of original research in a narrowly specialized field. In biology, for instance, one may study the behavior of a single strain of viruses under very rigidly controlled conditions."

The candidate becomes an expert on the virus and knows a lot about research techniques. "But," McGrath inserts, "this hardly means he can train inquiring young minds in the broader concepts of biology."

"The ability to do creative research and ability to teach brilliantly require different personalities."

He points out that very few universities recognize the need for training both types of people but Syracuse University has adopted a program that distinguishes between the abilities of "researchers" and those who are only interested in educating.

"Instead of concentrating in a narrowly specialized field, candidates for the D.S.S. dip also into fields related to their subject. Thus a would-be political science instructor will also study American history, geography, economics, sociology and social psychology," he explains.

Such a system would certainly be effective in producing college professors who are well versed in the subjects they are teaching.

"Vigorous action now could greatly increase the number of skilled college teachers a few years hence," McGrath suggests. "Otherwise we will need legions of dedicated teachers but we will enlist only platooners. American parents bent on education for their children will ask some tough and impatient questions. And they will be questions the colleges will be hard pressed to answer."

limbs bear out the title. The third is perhaps set in the American west and might be of Mexicans or Indians.

The sign above these said simply: "But not for all children..."

False Alarm

There was no fire at Bessey Hall last night.

The Lincoln Fire Department was called there about 7:15 and found only smoke rising from an incinerator on the west side of the building.

The Fire Department thinks some passer-by panicked at the sight of the smoke and turned in the alarm—an unnecessary act in this case but an example of quick thinking, nevertheless. A night fire on campus could be a tragic thing.

Staff Views:

On the Other Hand

By Sondra Whalen. Discussing Russia and Russian young people, nationally known syndicated columnist, Ann Landers revealed some interesting sidelights about that country.

One was the fact that college dormitories are co-educational. A more recognized comment even though its acceptance is disputed, was the fact that the Russians are bettering the United States education-wise.

These two things are congruent? Hal Brown, our sports editor who is from Miss Landers' home of Sioux City, and I were allowed to go along with the Journal's people when they met Miss Landers at the train yesterday morning.

Not in the least disturbed by the fact she would be giving three speeches in two hours, Miss Landers looked as vivid as if she had stepped from a beauty parlor rather than a 12 hour train ride.

Envy for people who can wake up in the morning. And thanks to the Journal for the lunch.

Joe Knoll just announced that Kosmet Klub had made enough money to start an intramural program for next year.



Sondra

Earlier this year, he informed me that Kosmet Klub had decided to replace theatrics with dances. Bigger and better dances, he said, explaining that the Klub was going social.

However, it is nice to know that the money will be going to a Spring Show, South Pacific, sponsored by Kosmet Klub several years ago, was really terrific.

A short word on Homecoming displays (either late or early.) Why not replace them with floats?

We could have a great, big, huge, impressive parade with people riding on floats and singing and laughing.

Because they would be stored indoors, the problem of rain would not be so acute, except on the actual day of Homecoming. Also, they could be set up several days ahead of time.

And a truck bed provides a lovely base. (Much nicer than dirty ole hilly ground.) However, there is one small problem.

- 1. Where are we going to find all these truck beds?
2. Where are we going to find storage space, like garages, for more than 50 trucks?
3. How long a parade would this make? It's still in good keeping to say "welcome" to the grads, so let's keep the signs in front of the houses.



WHEN MY STUDENTS EXTEND THESE EXTRA LITTLE COURTESIES YOU CAN BET WE'RE GETTING PRETTY CLOSE TO FINALS.

And Could It Be Currier Without Ives?

By Gary Rodgers

What is Christmas? Christmas is a spirit. It is the "Spirit of Christmas." But what and where is the "Spirit of Christmas?"

Is it in the green and red Christmas decorations and lighted Christmas trees?

Is Christmas the time of year when the downtown streets and sidewalks are full of excited Christmas shoppers and parking spaces are hard to find?

Is Christmas that season when Chambers of Commerce and Commercial Clubs decorate the streets and street corners with wreaths, trees and beautiful lights?

Do Christmas songs of Santa and Rudolph and new rocket and Sputnik toys for the little tots' stockings make Christmas?

Is Christmas the time of year when father is willing (?) to give up his westerns and detective shows for special Christmas T.V. spectaculars?

Or, is Christmas the time of parties—office parties, club parties, neighborhood parties and relative's parties? Does the "spirit" of Christmas come from a bottle?

Is Christmas the time of vacations, of ski trips and the football bowl games?

Or is Christmas the time when mother is busy in the kitchen baking Christmas cookies and cooking the big Christmas dinner—producing the smells characteristic of Christmas?

Do Christmas cards, snow and cold weather help you feel the "Spirit of Christmas"?

Or, do the caroling parties and taffy pulls and the moonlight sleigh rides of our grandparents' days portray the true "Spirit"? Is Christmas old fashioned?

Is Christmas that time of year when everyone remembers the orphans' homes and the old folks' homes that they neglect the rest of the year?

Is Christmas solely for the children? Is Christmas the once-a-year attendance at a Christmas eve church service or the Sunday School program for which Billy and Janie have memorized their pieces?

What is Christmas?

Don't Bother To Read

By the Cornhusker. Editors note: The views expressed below are not necessarily those of the management.

In a wild, torrid game the staff of the 1960 Cornhusker buried the undermanned Daily Nebraskan crew by a score of 35 to 19 last Saturday in the first annual Rag-Cornhusker basketball game.

Providing the bulk of the Cornhusker scoring punch were Skip "The Stilt" Harris and Judy "Goose Tatum" Hamilton who scored 12 and 6 points respectively. The two looked like seasoned veterans as they worked the double post offense effectively all afternoon and were awesome rebounders under both the offensive and defensive boards.

Doug Youngdahl was about all the Rag had to offer in the way of an offensive threat.

Stewart Sony Whalen, highly touted in pre-season reports, was hampered by not having any tennis shoes, but turned in an amazing defensive game. Several times her cool thinking under pressure—that is, grabbing the arm of an opposing player—kept the Cornhusker staffers from scoring sure buckets.

For the Cornhusker it was the bench strength that was the deciding factor. Three deep with battle tested veterans at all positions, the Cornhusker finally wore down the crew from the Nebraska office.

Surprise of the day was Mary Cunningham, an un-rated member of the yearbook's third team, who devastated the Rag defenses with two jump shots from one foot out during the third quarter to keep the Cornhusker out in front.

Coach of the Nebraska team, Diana Maxwell was handcuffed by outstanding defensive play and could net only one basket on a one hand throw from four feet.

Named outstanding athletes of the day in a poll of sportswriters and sportscasters covering the game were the Drs. Cranford and Hall, the referees who almost managed to keep up with the play.



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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Advertisement for Menthol Magic of KOOL Cigarettes, featuring a cartoon character and a pack of cigarettes.