

# 'Religious Atmosphere Good Here'

## ... Ministers Discuss Attitudes of NU Students

The religious atmosphere at the University is better than at many schools of similar size, according to the opinions of two campus religious leaders.

The Rev. Keith Stevens, pastor of the Baptist Student Fellowship, and the Rev. Rex Knowles, pastor of Presby House, agreed upon this point when questioned about religious attitudes of college students.

### Become Concerned

The Rev. Knowles said student groups seem to be becoming more concerned about the religious problems of this age rather than less so as theologians often have claimed. He also pointed out that he had noticed a progressive increase in student participation in church activities and church services during the 12 year period he has been at the University.

More than 95 per cent of the students indicated a church membership on their information cards. According to the Rev. Knowles, this is a much higher percentage than most schools.

He estimated approximately 40 per cent of the students attend church services

and 10 per cent are consistent workers in church groups and Y groups.

Both pastors agreed the acceptance of religious beliefs and practices often becomes a problem to the college student.

The Rev. Knowles remarked that a falling away from the present orthodoxes of religion are expected. It is a part of the psychological development of the individual to question the concrete concepts of religion which he learned as a child.

This questioning indicates a move toward discovering himself. However, the Rev. Knowles pointed out the majority of students find, maintain or reestablish their religious concepts by the time they approach graduation.

The Rev. Stevens attributed the college student's attitude to religion as also having other bases besides religious psychological adjustment. He cited one as inadequacy in pre-college training. The second reaction is against social background and family, another typical psychological reaction of this age group, he said.

The pastors mentioned that

the youth of this generation tend to avoid definite commitments to anything abstract in nature such as religion. They attributed this to the growing insecurity of the world caused by scientific developments and unstable world situations.

The Rev. Stevens said he felt the increase in church attendance throughout the nations is not an indication of a return to religion in faith. He said he thought the church had lost some of its strength because it had sought social acceptance by all, thereby losing much of its individuality.

It has become paralleled with our society rather than maintaining its original position of an institution greater than the common man, he said.

The Rev. Stevens contends the church and religion must change to recover their original birthright, the conviction that the world and life are measured by Jesus Christ. Religion must restate its original conviction in terms of this age in order to recover its rightful place in our lives, he said.

### Social Institution

In contrast, the Rev. Knowles commented that he considered the church to be one of the strong social institutions of our land and particularly of the University and Lincoln. He said he considered it to be more of a challenge to be a Christian in this generation than in past ones.

He said the horror of atomic power and the realization of our present mode of life will eventually lead man to the realization that the humanist answer to worldly situations is not sufficient. People will then, once again, realize the importance of religion in their lives.

Both pastors agreed that the popular conception that philosophy weakens religion was false. It merely asks many questions which often an individual's faith cannot answer.

They contend this stimulates religious growth by destroying weak faith and reestablishing, with the aid of counseling or religious study, a stronger, more meaningful faith.

### Prof Offers Fire-Resistant Tree Formula

A simple method to make your Christmas tree fire-resistant has been offered by Dr. Carl Potthoff.

Dr. Potthoff, chairman of the department of preventive medicine and public health at the University Medical College in Omaha, suggested spraying the tree with the following ingredients:

Nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid in one gallon of water.

This spray is recommended because it has no offensive odor and will not cause the needles to drop off earlier than usual. Another advantage of the method is that the mixture can be used either indoors or outdoors.

The solution is most effective when administered in liberal amounts with an insect spray gun, Dr. Potthoff said.

### Entries Are Due

Entries for the "Best Dressed College Girls in America" contest are due in the Daily Nebraskan office by 5 p.m. today.

Entries will be accepted from all women's organized houses as well as the RAM council, IFC and the Co-op Council, if they wish to sponsor a candidate.

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS



OH, OH, I'M AFRAID MY NEW STUDENT TEACHER JUST ISN'T QUITE READY TO HANDLE THAT 8th GRADE CLASS BY HIMSELF.

It's Up to the Student:

## 'Only Way To Study Is To Study Hard!'

By Jim Forrest

Dr. James E. Miller, head of the English department, said that the only way for a student to study is to study hard!

"The actual technique of study should be left up to the student. What is good for one student isn't always good for the rest."

However, Dr. Miller did say that it is extremely important for the student to schedule his time. He suggested that students regulate their study time on a daily and weekly basis.

### Four Points

The Counseling Service through their study skills program promote a four-point criteria for studying:

1. Proper use of time
2. Scientific method of text book reading
3. Technique of taking class notes
4. Technique of taking examinations

To aid in budgeting this time, the Service advises each student to write out a list of study assignments that he has to prepare.

The scientific method of text book reading includes taking notes on what you read, going back over the material and reviewing.

The most important thing in taking class notes, says the Counseling Service, is not the thoroughness of the notes but that the student review his notes within twenty-four hours of class.

In the technique of taking an examination everything depends upon the first three points.

J. P. Colbert, dean of Student Affairs, says that in a University worthy of its name the entire responsibility of learning is on the student.

### Study Aids

"The text books and the professors are just aids," he commented that a stu-

dent, like a person in business, should have a plan to follow.

Students know when they have class, so they should be able to set up a certain time to study materials from class "A" and a time for class "B" and class "C".

As a professor of engineering for many years, Dean Colbert used to advise his students to give full attention to their text and notes.

He would say, "A text book is more useful if it is well used and well marked than when it was first purchased. Almost all authors have just certain important points and, if underlined, a student will be able to hit these highlights while studying for an exam."

## Short Tax Course Set

A two-day program in income tax and social security short courses will begin at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday at the University.

The annual program, to be held at the Student Union, is

sponsored by the department of agricultural economics and the Extension Division.

The social security portion of the course will be held Tuesday morning and the income tax sections will meet at 2 p.m. and continue into the second day.

Discussions of the wage and hour law will be held at 1:45 p.m. Wednesday.

C. W. Bowmaster of the University Extension Division will direct the program.

Luncheons are arranged for the convenience of those who attend the sessions.

## Sigma Delta Chi Initiates Three

Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, initiated three new members Saturday.

They are Dave Calhoun, Carroll Novicki and Jack Rogers.

## Wildlife Club

A dinner followed in the Student Union.

The group will hold a luncheon meeting in the Colonial Room of the Union Wednesday noon.

An organizational meeting of a fish and wildlife management club will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. in 202 Poultry Husbandry Building on Ag Campus.

## Student Health Councils Unique, Fuenning Says

"Where are the cold pills? What do you do for a stiff neck? My ear lobe itches..."

So goes the life of a health chairman, the students' liaison between Student Health and group. This medico is in charge of the first aid kit and co-ordination of health practices of his particular house with methods recommended by the health center.

The University's student health councils are unique, according to Dr. Samuel Fuen-

ning, director of Student Health. He said he knew of very few schools or universities with a student group health program.

The health councils were founded shortly before the flu epidemic of 1957 and proved their effectiveness in helping to control the "flu bug."

Dr. Fuenning explained there are four health councils—the IFC, Panhellenic, Co-op Council and the Selleck-Burr Hall Council. Members of the councils are elected within the fraternity, Co-op or sorority house. Counselors from Selleck and Burr serve as members of the fourth council.

The councils meet once a month to discuss health programs and problems. Members may arrange for discussions for their houses on a current health problem or disease.

Dr. Fuenning said he felt the council has served to advance the program of preventive medicine among the students of this campus.

## Soroptomists Offer Award For Women

For the eighth year the Soroptomist Club of Los Angeles is offering a \$1,500 fellowship award open to women graduate students. The award is for the 1960-61 school year.

The deadline for application is Feb. 1, 1960. Minimum requirement is a Bachelor's degree or equivalent.

The competition is open to women for study in a graduate school of an accredited college or university in the greater Los Angeles area, and foreign women for study in a graduate school in the area.

The Los Angeles club has, in the past 10 years, awarded a total of \$12,350 in fellowships and grants. Recipients also have the opportunity to study in foreign schools.

## KUON-TV Gets Videotape Gift

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co. presented a gift of \$10,000 in videotape for a videotape recorder for the University's television station this week.

Robert Schlater, KUON-TV program manager, said the tape will allow the station to increase its local live programming because programs can be recorded at various hours of the day and then played back at the regular programming times.

## NU Radio Club Schedules Party

The University Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual Christmas meeting at 7 tonight in 207 M and N Building. Students interested in electronics or amateur radio are invited to attend.

## ACE Christmas Party Set Today

A.C.E., teachers organization, will hold its Christmas Party and regular meeting Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. in 202 Teachers College.



## KUON Physics Series Debuts Christmas Eve

The National Educational Television series "Live and Learn" will make its debut on KUON-TV Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Twelve half-hour programs are the setting for many of the most important topics in physics in this series of discussion and demonstrations prepared by Professors Patterson Hume and Donald Ivey of the University of Toronto.

The series is designed as an introduction to this subject, or as a re-introduction for people who have studied elementary physics and wish to refresh their memories.

## Ed Association Will See Film

The monthly meeting of the Nebraska Student Education Association will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Little Auditorium of the Student Union.

Students in Teachers College, vocational agriculture or vocational homemaking are invited to attend. A film will be shown and refreshments will be served.



## LADIES

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