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## Cribbing-- Nebraska style

In the December issue of the American Mercury is an expose by Irving Burton of the tutorial rackets operating on American college campuses. A lively denunciation of the practice as it exists at Harvard and Princeton makes up the bulk of the article.

No mention of any specific mid-western schools is made, altho the author claims the practice of professional tutoring is carried on all over. At Nebraska, we think Mr. Burton would have a difficult time finding anything comparable to the Princeton-Harvard situation, not that he says there is anything like it here. The article is well written and informative, and may cause action to be taken in the east, although we doubt it. The very practices Burton criticizes so caustically are in some cases sanctioned by university authorities on campuses where they exist.

Cribbing at Nebraska is probably limited to the classroom, although we have known of instances where "interested" graduate students have worked bond problems, or written term papers in history, political science, or English courses, for sums that justified the time and effort taken. The thing never was serious enough to justify administrative action, however, it does constitute in individual cases, a serious evil.

What does occur in some measure now is the practice of copying problems out of files kept by various groups. In a freshman accounting course, the laboratory problems supposed to be worked are deemed so difficult that the

only way some students can finish the work in the time allotted is to copy it . . . and copy it they do, from files that various groups have which contain a complete set of the problems.

A good solution to this dishonest practice, often forced upon the student, would be to devise a different set of problems, one which would be considerate of the time allowed for solving. The fault in this case does not lie entirely with students.

Mickey mice, those ingenious little adding machine tape scrolls, have their place in final exams here. A complete course typed in outline on adding machine tape assures a good grade in the final when it is used and these crib scrolls are not easily detected.

The "honor" system, like the one Dr. Whitney uses in zoology and biology, wherein students are seated in alternate seats and in alternate rows has forced honesty on students in his classes simply because he found they wouldn't be honest themselves. Unfortunately, classrooms and classes in most cases are not of a size proportionately which allow this examination system.

Taken as a whole, cribbing on this campus is not too serious but is practiced enough to fuss about. And that's not much of a credit to the student body. When we remember that cribbing provides excellent opportunities for students' being expelled; that the illegal practices some students deem necessary don't pay in the long run; that the chances of being caught are too great, and the consequences resulting are so serious; that we would think threatened loss of self-respect would be enough in most cases to prevent cheating. But self-respect daily plays a smaller part in many of our lives. The reason for that. . . ? it would take hours to explain!

### On The Side

by Bob Aldrick

This is the time of year when relief and charity organizations of all kinds are asking for support to carry on their many and varied works. Most of these groups, like the Red Cross and the Community Chest, are so well known that it would be superfluous to describe them.

However, there are a few charitable organizations at work that are not so well known. There is, for example, the Horace McGoon Fund. The work of the Horace McGoon Fund is known only vaguely, if at all, and for that reason we have brought Mr. McGoon himself to this column for a short interview:

Question: Tell us, Mr. McGoon, just what is the Horace McGoon Fund?

Answer: Huh?

Q. I say, what is the Horace McGoon Fund?

A. The Horace McGoon Fund? Oh, that's a little racket--er, charitable organization I cooked up to advance to promote the interests and welfare of the Forward With McGoon Club.

Q. And what, may we ask, is the Forward With McGoon Club?

A. Oh, that's the group that is working so valiantly, and I may say tirelessly, on behalf of the Do Your Christmas Shopping Early Movement--of which, I may add, I am the chairman. I might as well explain that the Do Your Christmas Shopping Early Movement is a vast, nationwide campaign to see--well, to put it briefly, to see that my Christmas Shopping gets done early.

Q. Your Christmas shopping, Mr. McGoon?

A. Yes, my Christmas shopping. You see, around this time of year my wife gets mighty stingy with the family pocketbook and it's up to me to raise a little cash for necessary Yuletide expenses. That's how I happened to get my idea for the Every Man a Capitalist Association.

Q. The Every Man a Capitalist Association?

A. Yes, the E. M. A. C. is what you might call the granddaddy of the Horace McGoon Fund, the Forward With McGoon Club, and the Do Your Christmas Shopping Early Movement.

Q. Pardon us, Mr. McGoon, but we're just a little confused. Just who is benefitted by the work of these organizations?

A. You mean you want me to get down to fundamentals? Well, to sum the whole thing up as briefly as possible, the Every Man a Capitalist Association seeks to raise a certain amount of money. You know how the Red Cross and the Community Chest set a certain goal and try to reach it? Even so the E. M. A. C. will try to raise this year around--oh, with the shopping list I've got I estimate I'll need at least a hundred bucks. This will be raised by subscribing among my friends and family--

### Alpha Chi, Sigma Nu win annual picture contest

Sigma Nu and Alpha Chi Omega, having 100 percent of their pictures taken, lead the list of fraternities and sororities in the Greek Cornhusker picture contest which ends today. As a reward for their perfect records, Jane Bird, president of the Alpha Chi, and Jack Cole, president of the Sigma Nu, will both receive free Cornhuskers. This is the first time in the history of the series of Cornhusker contests this year that both a fraternity and a sorority have had a 100 percent record.

Fraternity results:  
Sigma Nu ..... 100%  
Alpha Tau Omega ..... 93%  
Delta Upsilon ..... 77%  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon ..... 73%  
Phi Gamma Delta ..... 65%  
Sorority results:  
Alpha Chi Omega ..... 100%  
Alpha Xi Delta ..... 88%  
Alpha Omicron Pi ..... 85%  
Sigma Delta Tau ..... 21%

Mr. Townsend of the Townsend Studios announced that the remaining fraternity and sorority pictures must be taken by Dec. 4. In the contest which began Monday, and ends Dec. 4, Beta Sigma Psi has already attained a 100 percent record. Herald Hormann, president of Beta Sigma Psi, will receive a free Cornhusker. Other Greek-letter societies included in this contest are:

Sororities:  
Sigma Kappa ..... 30%  
Gamma Phi Beta ..... 17%  
Kappa Delta ..... 8%  
Phi Mu ..... 4%  
Fraternities:  
Beta Sigma Psi ..... 100%  
Sigma Phi Epsilon ..... 81%  
Delta Sigma Pi ..... 12%  
Delta Tau Delta ..... 10%  
Theta Xi ..... 8%  
Phi Sigma Kappa ..... 6%  
Kappa Alpha ..... 6%  
Chi Phi ..... 6%

Two hundred and twenty-two seniors and 187 juniors have had their pictures taken. Carrie Belle, has had 65 of its photographs taken. The Towne Club and the girls from the Women's Residence Halls should have their pictures taken as soon as possible.

that is, among those who will later receive Christmas gifts from me.

Q. We begin to get a glimmering of the idea, Mr. McGoon. Please continue.

A. The hundred bucks will then be divided evenly between the other organizations I mentioned. The Horace McGoon Fund will be used to buy presents for the immediate family, the Forward with McGoon's Club funds will go into presents for the boss and others whose social friendship must be maintained, and the Do Your Christmas Shopping Early Movement furnishes cash for the kids so they'll stop asking me for money all the time.

Q. Mr. McGoon, it is due to the foresight, warmheartedness, and generosity of men like yourselves that organizations of this nature can go forward in spite of financial depression and general skepticism. Our congratulations.

A. By the way, would you like to make a small contribution to the Horace McGoon Fund--We're a little short on--hey, where do you think you're going?

### Scrap Irony

By Chris Petersen

#### STOP AND SINK.

There is a little band of fellows over the country who call themselves the Zioncheckers whose one goal in life is the silly and non-important. Good time lads they are. One of their stories about a fellow member as told by him to them goes something like this:

I had twelve bottles of whiskey in my cellar and my wife told me to empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink--"or else." So, I said I would, and proceeded with the unpleasant task.

I withdrew the cork from the first bottle and poured the contents down the sink--with the exception of one glass which I drank. I extracted the cork from the second bottle and did likewise--with the exception of one glass which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the third bottle and emptied the good old booze down the sink--with the exception of one glass which I drank. I pulled the cork from the fourth sink and poured the bottle down the glass, which I drank. I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next and drank one sink out of it--and poured the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass and poured the cork down the bottle. I pulled the next cork out of my throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the glass. Then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour.

When I had everything emptied out, I steadied the house with one hand, counted the bottles, corks and glasses with the other, which were twenty-nine. To be sure, I counted them again when they came around and I had seventy-four--and as the house came by, I counted them all again and finally I had the houses and bottles and corks and glasses all counted with the exception of one house and one bottle which I later drank.

#### International exchange solicits correspondents

Any UN student who would like to correspond with a student in England, Scotland, Wales, Eire, Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa, British Honduras, Canada or the British West Indies may have that opportunity by sending name, address, age and choice of country to the Student's International Correspondents Exchange, Box 2413, Portland, Ore. A ten cent stamp to cover postal expenses must be included.

Should the choice be the United Kingdom, the student will be sent an address. From any other country, the foreign student will write first.

Harriet Elliott, only woman member of the national defense advisory commission, is on leave at dean of women at the University of North Carolina.

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### Bulletin

#### TEACHING POSITIONS.

Teachers wishing second semester teaching positions may fill out applications in Dean Moritz's office in teachers college this week.

#### HOME EC ASSOCIATION.

Camp Minnowanna will be the topic of discussion at the Home Economics association meeting today at 12:20 p. m. in the Home Ec social rooms. All members are urged to attend.

#### MATINEE DANCE.

There will be a matinee dance today in the Union ballroom at 5 p. m. Students must present identification cards for admittance.

#### YOUNG ADVOCATES.

All pre-law students are invited to a meeting of the Young Advocates, Thursday at 7:30 p. m. in social sciences 209B. Judge E. B. Chappel, president of the Nebraska Bar association will speak on "The District Court System."

#### CORN COBS.

Members of Corn Cobs will meet at 7:30 p. m. in the Union.

#### GAMMA MU THETA.

Gamma Mu Theta, women's pre-med

honorary will meet in the Union at 6 p. m. today. All women who intend to study medicine are invited to attend. New women are requested to call Arlene Mann at 3-2749.

SCABBARD AND BLADE.  
Members of Scabbard and Blade will meet in the Union at 7:30 p. m. Thursday. Colonel Frankforter will speak.

ASAE.  
The American Society of Agriculture Engineers will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in room 105 ag engineering. Mr. T. B. Johnson will give welding demonstration.

AG RECREATION NIGHT.  
Ag recreation night has been changed from Nov. 28 to Nov. 29 because of Organized Agriculture.

RED GUIDON.  
Red Guidon will initiate new members at 7:30 this evening in the Motor Truck laboratory.

#### Rifewomen meet

Girls' Rifle club will have a business meeting Wednesday, November 27 at Nebraska hall, room 210, 5 o'clock, to discuss the awarding of medals and future matches. The rifle range will not be open at the time.

12:30 to 1 20c

Ends Today!

KAY KYSER  
"You'll Find Out"

TOMORROW!  
BETTE DAVIS

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