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A Distorted Point of View

The Daily Nebraskan reprints a letter submitted to the Student Pulse column today not because it agrees with the author's argument but because it feels duty-bound to clarify the situation before it becomes a campus issue.

Why should anyone but students be permitted to use student tickets? A bloc of 5,500 seats has been reserved for student use only. That is what the great majority of students want. Last year, when some were turned out of the student section because of unscrupulous ticket maneuvering by other students, their protests were loud enough to call out the Lincoln police.

The "common practice" of a student purchasing an activities book to attend a few games and to allow a friend or relative to attend others must be stopped. This is student exploitation, not athletic board exploitation. Students buy their season books for \$6 on the condition the books are non-transferable. That is the only way an undergraduate student section can be maintained.

It all boils down to this . . . do students want to keep their own section intact or do they want to traffic in scalping and in undermining one of their undergraduate privileges—the student section?

Hitting the Bookstore

Announcement of a faculty investigating committee to probe the regents' bookstore and its textbook activities comes as sweet music to the ears of students who long have clamored for some sort of an official probe.

It is to be hoped that the faculty committee, authorized last June by the faculty senate, will not waste its time and efforts examining minute details of management. The Daily Nebraskan undertook last week to show that regents' and independent bookstores had equal prices on new textbooks—ten percent off list price—which cannot be misconstrued as mismanagement of the regents' bookstore.

What the Daily Nebraskan feels should be carefully scrutinized are the year-in, year-out charges directed against instructors who often change textbooks used in their courses; charges against University instructors who write texts for their course and prescribe them to their students; charges that books are changed too frequently; and charges that motives of authors of new editions are far from educational completeness.

The investigatory body might also probe into the possibilities of establishing a book exchange system with other Big Six schools so that University students would not be "stuck" each year with undesired books. It is disheartening to many students who need that money derived from the resale of their used books to be offered a few paltry cents in return for books purchased at several dollars each. If such a plan were feasible, it should merit the consideration of the probers.

Another matter for faculty inspection is, frankly, the royalty question. Book-writing professors who assign their classes to buy their own texts and each semester or school year make a few revisions that nullifies past tomes should be put under the microscope, too. Changes of fact and figures can be appreciated, but it is difficult to appreciate why the

revauping cannot be done thru a mimeographed addition or some other cheaper device.

Will You Be an Asset?

Freshman, why did you come to college? Did you come only to have a good time? Probably you will succeed, but what a pity to waste four valuable years in a university when you could have just as good a time somewhere else. Yes, you will find others here for the same purpose. You will see them at dances, at parties, cutting classes, sitting in the Union. But they are no more credit to the university than you will be. Sorry, but the university does not need you if you are here only for a good time.

Did you come to join a fraternity or a sorority? You will most certainly do so, for anyone who is really determined. It is not hard if you have the time and money. Perhaps you will become president of your house, but that is easy too, if you are a good politician and will submit to fraternity discipline. But you could get all this without attending a university if only you would join a lodge. You are another whom the university does not need. Your place is on 28th street.

Did you come to be a campus politician? You do not learn very readily, or your high school experiences would have taught you that the school politician is among the most useless of persons. He is playing a game, a selfish game, a game where the goal is self-aggrandizement at the cost even of self-esteem. You will be a sure success if you join the right fraternity, if you have no particular scruples, and if you know the right "boys." But you ought to have higher goals. The university does not need you.

Did you come to collect small gold keys? That is easy, too, if you join the right fraternity, if you are a back-slapper, and if you believe that "traditions" and ceremonies and sweaters are anything more than the playing of persons not yet mature. Yes, you can get the keys, but the university does not need you.

Your coming here is a mistake if you are interested only in having a good time, joining a fraternity, being a politician, or collecting keys.

Perhaps you have not yet heard that the university has changed. Its aim is no longer to be "collegiate," in the usual sense of the word, but to be scholastic, in its highest sense.

If you came here for knowledge, the university welcomes you. It needs you. The development of an academic spirit on the campus is impossible without you, the serious student. Revision of the curriculum of the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, presentation of thought-provoking lectures, establishment of higher scholastic standards for holders of student offices—all these serve simply as a framework upon which the earnest endeavor of you, a serious student, must build a university for seekers after knowledge.

—Southern California Daily Trojan.

A Grim Thought

Even though Joe College screams to high heaven about the high cost of the educational process, he may consider himself fortunate in not having a gas mask handed out with his activity ticket.

Phi Tau Theta Meets Today

Dr. Gessinger Speaks On Religion, College

Dr. E. L. Gessinger, Grace M. E. pastor, will speak and lead a discussion on "Religion and College Life" for the opening meeting of the Phi Tau Theta regular program tonight at the Wesley foundation.

The Methodist fraternity will launch its pledging program with a stag party Oct. 18, with Vice President Dean Sterner in charge. An outline of the year's program has been released by Program Chairman Otto Woerner.

"Individual Character Building," carried out by discussion groups led by prominent persons in such fields as science, business, government, literature and social activities will be the theme for the opening semester. Mrs. Quisenberry of the Student Union staff has been selected as leader for the last topic.

During the second semester "Community Character Building" will be emphasized by consideration of such problems as juvenile delinquency and inter-community relationships.

In the social program, joint meetings with the girls' organization—Kappa Phi—have been planned. Nov. 9 they will gather in parlors XYZ of the Student Union.

Two new instructors are conducting classes this year in the romance language department—Jon Ashton and Dr. Emile V. Telle.

Ashton is here through an exchange arrangement and has taken over the classes of Lloyd Teale, who is at the University of Wisconsin working for his Ph. D. degree. The new instructor received his A. B. degree from the University of Washington, and more recently was teaching and studying at Wisconsin.

Dr. Telle remains the faculty adviser of a teaching period at the Citadel college at Charleston, S. C. He obtained degrees from the University of Toulouse, France, and Ohio State. In addition to having taught at Ohio State, Middlebury college and Harvard, he has done considerable research in the congressional library at Washington.

Pledging Is Important

"My God!" gasped the house rush chairman. "Is that somebody coming up the stairs?"

Phi Upsilon's president laid his cigarrette on the tray and gasped out the window. "Yeah . . . Get him! Hang a pin on him! Get him! Don't let him escape, for God's sake—and Phi Upsilon's."

"I'll get him! I'll get him!"

The rush chairman beamed out on the porch. "Why hello, my friend. Come right in. We were expecting you. . . I suppose you got our letter . . ."

"No, I . . ."

"Meet Jimmy Jasper, our president, Jim, this . . ."

"Stoopy Hodges, I . . ."

"Glad to know you Hodges. Darn glad to know you. In fact . . ."

"Pardon me Jim, I'll show Hodges around the house. Come on, Hodges . . . Just entering U. C. L. A. I suppose, eh?"

"Well . . ."

"Don't look so ashamed about it Hodges; being a freshman isn't so awful. Ha, ha, ha. Well, come on in the study and take a look at the trophy . . . er . . . the books. We of Phi Upsilon pride ourselves on being the studious type."

"Look, I . . ."

"Nonsense Hodges, don't apologize if you're not the student type. Confidentially, we are hardly the brain trust here. But don't let it out. It's our little secret. Just between us and the registrar."

"I . . ."

"Now this is the library, Hodges. We called it the study . . . then we got back our grade averages. See that picture up on the wall there?"

"That's Freddy Firk who founded Phi Upsilon back in 1786. He was a wizard. A very smart guy. Yes sir, a demon . . . Phi Beta Kappa, Y. M. C. A. and D. S. C."

"I . . ."

"Don't be nervous. How do you like our collection of books? Marvelous, isn't it? We read them too . . . sometimes. Yes sir, one of the main objects of Phi Upsilon fraternity is to educate its members. We keep in mind that the primary aim of every college man is to get an education. We don't make our members do anything which might interfere with their grades. No, sir."

"Sir, I . . ."

"Great selection of books, too. The 'Arabian Nights,' the—you will note—'Unexpurgated' edition of the 'Arabian Nights,' very educational. Then there's 'Lady Chatterley's Lover,' that tattered volume there . . . Yes sir, its amazing the amount of reading the boys do."

"Sir, there is—"

"Here now, let's go into the dorm. Don't mind that 'Women's Lounge' sign on the doors, Hodges, it's just one of the boys' corny gags. Ha, ha, ha. That's where we sleep, if we get home in time. . . Now who the hell stacked those beer cans in the cor— Er, Hodges, I believe there's someone sleeping in—that is we—shall we go into the office? We can discuss the financial setup of Phi Upsilon."

"But—"

"Now Hodges, we of Phi Upsilon pride ourselves on being the cheapest fraternity on cam—I mean, we think that our system of finances is the most inexpen—"

Drs. Clements, Weaver Collaborate on Volume

Discuss Plant Life In New 'Ecology'

Contrary to the often expressed idea that the physical changes of the earth's surface have long since been completed, a new edition of "Plant Ecology," states that many and varied are the transitions still to take place. Authored by two university professors—Dr. J. E. Weaver, famed for his grass and plant root studies, and Dr. F. E. Clements, now with the Carnegie Institute, the volume is recognized as one of the leading books in its field.

Dealing with the almost miraculous changes that take place over a long period of time, the book describes in detail the transformation of a body of water into a densely forested region, the breaking up of rocks by the persistent species of lichens and mosses, as well as other transitions.

View Dispersal Agents.
 Then, from a discussion of the origin, development, and structure of vegetation, the authors take up in logical sequence such topics as plant migration, soil types, conservation, together with the plant and forest regions of the North American continent.

Plant migration is best illustrated by the example of the Russian thistle, which was introduced in South Dakota in 1874 with imported flag seed. Ten years after its beginnings in this country, this plant had migrated to all the states east of the Rockies from the Gulf to the Canadian border.

The agents of dispersal—wind, water, animals, man, the force of gravity—also come in for their share of discussion.

Plant Competition.
 A chapter on paint dormancy



DR. J. E. WEAVER
 Lincoln Journal.

deals with the very present question of the gardener—are the seeds of last year's plants having been buried to a depth of three feet in open bottles in moist sand for a period of 50 years. Of these seeds, five out of 22 species were still able to germinate. This, the authors offer as the explanation of the appearance of weeds in gardens which have been kept free of the pests for several years.

Competition between several species of plants is discussed, as also is the question of varying soil fertility, and the parts which water, temperature, and light play on the development of plants.

Where Do You Find Yourself?

From the Utah Chronicle.
 Freshmen will discover that students divide themselves into three groups—the fun-getters, the grade-getters, and the real students. To the first, four years here will bring a superficial polish and ease, a taste for light-minded witticisms, and the ability to go on a binge like a gentleman. The second will acquire the ability of assimilating large quantities of jumbled information. They will be easily recognized by the aptitude for taking orders and total inability to direct others or themselves, a lack of will power, and a certain mental numbness which causes them to remain passively under the influence of any environment in which they happen to be placed. For these two groups, a college education is neither good nor bad. In reality, they never have come to college and they probably never will.

The third class, the real students, will view college as an immense intellectual and emotional adventure—a huge human laboratory to be utilized in providing them the means of self-realization. They will be the people that will remember that professors are just human beings—that they are both stupid and bright in the same ways that other people are. They will maintain that the university is here for them and not they for the university. They will refuse to soak up opinions like a sponge until the opinions make sense in their own minds. They will study hard and get the best grades they can when the work required will contribute to their own development, but they will refuse to waste their time performing nonsensical tasks even though they are forced to take a C instead of an A as a result of their non-conformity. They will participate in most student affairs, read books not required of them, form opinions of their own. As a result, the respect of both classmates and instructors will come to them, and besides, they will be the recipients of a cultural heritage which will clarify their minds and teach them how to make life good and beautiful. From their college education they will receive a neighboring of their abilities that will mean success anywhere and at any time.

Phi Sigma Iota Holds Business Meeting

Prospective members of Phi Sigma Iota, honorary fraternity in romance languages, will be discussed and voted upon at a business meeting tonight at 5 o'clock in room 109 of U hall.

It is urged that all members of Phi Sigma Iota be present. Dr. Willis Bowen, president of the organization, will preside.

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Student Pulse

To the Editor:
 I was astonished at the recent decision of the university board in regard to the use of student activity tickets. Their ruling is at once unfair and entirely uncalled for. According to the board's lights the only persons who will be able to use these activity tickets will be the actual purchasers, to wit, the students.

Prior to this time it has been a common practice for a student to purchase an activity ticket, go to one or two games and then allow a friend or relative to attend a like number. Hence the student's cost is considerably lessened, his desire to see at least a few games is satisfied and the number of persons attending even the minor games is correspondingly raised.

The university evidently feels that such privileges should be denied those students who are not in "velvet" from a financial standpoint. The board does not seem to realize that the vast majority of the students in the university are not of the upper financial strata. It takes the attitude that anyone should have sufficient money to buy whatever he may desire.

Or is this move merely another attempt by the university to further exploit the rights of the students? Doesn't the school make enough money from the football

team now, that they have to have more?

Isn't this school a place for education and not exploitation? Isn't amateurism a word that is twisted and abused by the university board only insofar as their own financial advantage is concerned and not in any connection where the good of the students is in question?

Are the students of the university to be denied one of the last of their few privileges because of the money lust of the university board, or will the students have courage enough to defy a ruling that will deprive them of their seats in the stadium that they might be sold to persons not, in any way, connected with the university?

I suggest that the students petition the university board to strike out their recent resolution, surely the school's desire for money is not so great that the students must be denied the right to see their fellow students play football.

William Van Warning.

BULLETIN

Now affiliated with the American Institute of Chemical Engineering, the Chemical Engineering society has invited all chemical engineering students to attend a free dinner and smoker Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. in Parlors XYZ of the Student Union. Freshmen and sophomores are especially invited.

Phalanx, military honorary, will meet today at 7:00 p. m. in the Student Union. Members must wear uniform and sash.

The Rifle club will hold its first meeting of the year Wednesday in Nebraska Hall 205. All university students carrying 12 hours in good

Y.W.C.A. Begins Vespers Today

Miss Ostlund to Greet Freshmen Women

Eather Ostlund, new Y. W. C. A. student secretary, will welcome freshmen girls into Y. W. and explain the organization at the first vesper service at Ellen Smith hall this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Miss Ostlund was Y. W. C. A. secretary at Ohio Wesleyan previous to her appointment at Nebraska.

Mary Ellen Osborne, chairman of the vesper staff, will lead the worship and read the devotionals. The group will join in community singing.

All freshmen women are especially urged to attend and a cordial welcome to all university women is extended.

standing are welcomed. A special invitation is extended to freshmen and sophomore drill students.

Members of Orchestis will meet with their new sponsor, Miss Shirley Bennett, Wednesday at 7:30 in Grant Memorial hall. Miss Bennett, instructor in physical education, is replacing Miss Claudine Moore, previous sponsor, who is now teaching at the University of Florida. Business, including the matter of troutals, will be transacted.

Alpha Theta, agricultural honorary, will meet Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the crops laboratory on the ag college campus. This will be the first regular business meeting of the year.

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