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Editorially Speaking

Student Health

Dean Rufus A. Lyman, director of the Student Health department, threw some official "light on the functions of the health service" in a letter received yesterday, responding to a Student Pulse letter that appeared earlier in the week.

The Pharmacy college dean expressed his surprise that the matter was not directly referred to the health department. "This campus is not so large that a good editor should be confused upon this point," he wrote.

Confusion is not haunting the Daily Nebraskan as far as student health is concerned. The Daily printed the Student Pulse contribution for what it thinks is a good reason—to make the student body aware of the existence of the Student Health department. As the official student newspaper of the University, it feels that the welfare of the under-graduates is tantamount. And student health is a prime concern these days, when sore throats and little colds must be vigilantly guarded against as well as possible. Hot-and-cold weather, such as that we now are experiencing, is the most dangerous.

The Daily recognizes the importance of the Student Health service as a campus organization intimately linked with the student body. But, unfortunately for students, they know little of the functioning. The "incoherent" Student Pulse demonstrates this lack of knowledge, typical of the great majority of students.

An inescapable fact is that every University student pays \$1 each semester for Student Health service. Fortunately for the service, every student does not take advantage of this. But if each student did, the health service could never hope to serve every student who asked for medical attention. The service is operating at present under a limited budget which bespeaks an insufficiency of personnel, equipment, supplies and facilities.

A Fizzle?

Campus leaders last April broke an age-old precedent by setting up a Men's Student Activities board and point system, patterned largely after the program long used by Nebraska women. As self-styled leaders of a reform movement to clean up men's campus politics, they established a board. Its purpose: "to regulate and limit the participation of male students in extra-curricular activities so that more men may have a chance to participate and so that a few individuals

are not over-burdened."

The scheme originated with activities men who, after running the gamut of extra-curricular punishment, saw a need for a regulatory body to eliminate the many evils that have been attached to men's activities. They were sincere enough in wanting to do away with monopolies of campus positions and various conflicts between activities. They wanted to see the "spoils" of factional wars divided among the men so that no one man hogged, knowing that too many activities on one man's shoulders meant that no one could be successfully carried.

But unfortunately—especially for those men who succeeded last year's group—there were too many loopholes left in the system. The point system is proving to be no curb on activities, because it is failing to spread campus offices among more men. All the evils of the pre-point system days continue to thrive with no official action to dispel them.

An examination of the personnel of the Men's Student Activities board discloses that every member is deeply mired in the activity rut, too busy to emerge and to assist in perfecting the system. This fact may not be wholly the fault of the designed program in question, but it illustrates the point that the men buried in student activities can never be the final judge in regulating the various campus functions. For a better operation of the system, interested faculty members and alumni could guide the board and system to a more objective understanding of the activities.

The existing plan does little if anything at all to spread the campus offices among more men. The proportion of activities men this semester is less than a year ago. This means only one thing—fewer men are holding campus offices. A sophomore or junior "out" for activities is, as usual, stopping at nothing in the race for campus honors—he affiliates with every organization possible to be recognized as an activities man with as many activity points as possible. This is a far cry from what the points were originally intended to represent. They were set up as a ceiling to keep activities men from getting too far off the ground. Apparently, there is a great need for a tightening up all along the line.

If the Men's Student Activities board and its point system are to succeed, it must be soon. The first semester's close is not so far off. Ivy Day's political significance swells with every campus meeting. Revision, drastic and immediate, is in order.

Pulse

Dean Lyman Enlightens To the Editor:

I have read the incoherent article in the Student Pulse section of the Nebraskan of November 29, by the student who is asking for light on the functions of the student health department.

The student health department has been established for twenty years and the services it renders have been very sharply defined. Perhaps there are other students confused like this one and so I am sending you a card which briefly outlines the medical service the student is entitled to. This card is handed to every student when he registers in the university. If any student wishes to know more about the student health service, he should call at the student health office where every courtesy will be shown him and every service will be rendered that is possible to give him. He ought to recognize that it is impossible for the student health department to go out on the campus or into the city to pick up the student that is "doctor shy" and explain to him its purposes and its limitations. But if he will do his part and come to the department, we will do the best we can for him and can probably give him more satisfactory information on the student health service than the Editor can. I am surprised that the efficient editor of the Nebraskan did not refer this inquiry to the health department. This campus is not so large that a good editor should be confused upon this point.

I might add that the clarity of this article might be improved by sending it to the English department for criticism before sleeping upon it for a month before submitting it to the editor for publication.

Rufus A. Lyman, Director,
 Department of Student Health.

Post This in Your Room for Reference.

The University of Nebraska Department of Student Health Room 208, Pharmacy College Building.

Rufus A. Lyman, Director.
 When a student registers in the university he pays a medical fee. This entitles him to the following services for the current semester for which he has paid his fee only. No services are rendered during any holiday period.

1. Any medical service which can be rendered in the office of the department of student health in room 208, pharmacy building.
2. Hospitalization in the university infirmary 1510 R street at \$1 a day. This includes board, room, nursing care and medical service at regular hours by a university physician only.
3. X-ray photographs, electrocardiograms, basal metabolism tests, drugs and medical supplies at cost at the pharmaceutical dispensary, room 105 pharmacy building.
4. For the convenience of the students in the college of agriculture an office is maintained in room 113, college activities building, College of Agriculture campus.

If you are too sick to come to the health office in the usual way, you can obtain taxicab service for a few cents and go to the university infirmary.

Office Hours.
 City campus—8 to 12 and 1 to 5 daily, except Sunday.
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Grad Forsakes Profitable Medical Practice for Desert

Readers Digest Lauds Dr. Paul W. Harrison

"He is one of the world's most successful surgeons. He has practiced for more than 28 years, and the most he has ever asked for a major operation is \$15. For a cataract operation which would bring more than a \$1,000 in New York, he asks \$1.85 and is lucky if he gets 37 cents."

This is, in short, the story of Dr. Paul W. Harrison, who graduated from the University of Nebraska with honors, 30 years ago and then entered the medical missionary field which takes doctors to the worst places in the world, medically, but where they are needed most, as told in this month's Readers Digest.

Stationed in Arabia, Harrison was sent to Arabia. After working for 15 years in some of that country's most foul hell-holes, he was stationed in Muscat, Arabia. Muscat is the hottest city in the world with temperatures up to 125 degrees not uncommon. With its chief industry as fish drying, it is also reputed to be the most putrid smelling city in the world.

His salary is \$185 a month and a house. He manages to run the hospital on \$1,800, \$900 of which goes in salaries.

He probably encounters more filth and disease than any other man in the world. A typical example of his daily work can be found in the following instance.

"Once on a camel trip, Dr. Harrison had to perform a rush operation. A mat on the ground was the operating table; a sterile towel, the instrument table. Instruments were boiled in a pressure cooker over a fire of camel dung. Fifty dirty Arabs crowded around to look, dust filled the air and a million flies walked thru the wound and covered instruments the moment that they were laid down. Yet, the wound healed perfectly."

Miracle Man.

And so it goes on, day after day, with Arabs looking upon Harrison as a miracle man—without knowing how truly right they are. Harrison performs from 20 to 25 operations a week and in his spare time manages to treat some 125 patients every day. These operations of every kind, have provided the background for many methods of kinds of operation unknown to western doctors. He is considered one of the world's leading authorities on spinal anesthesia.

It's intriguing, this story of an adventurous Nebraska graduate who chose to practice in a pest hole in Arabia and became one of the world's leading surgeons.

Union Activities

Thursday,
 12:00—Pi Mu Alpha, parlor A, room 313.
 4:00—American Association of Social Workers, parlor X.
 5:00—Alpha Kappa Psi, room 316.
 5:00—Gamma Alpha Chi, room 313.
 7:00—Bridge lessons, game room.
 7:00—Graduate Students of Social Work, 313.
 7:15—Covenant group, rooms 315, 209.

fed, it should be Colonel Lindbergh.

Some hope for the success of Lindbergh's momentous quest lies in the internal disturbances in the Nazi state. The Jews of Berlin are being ejected from the business and cultural life of the city. And, according to press reports, thousands of them are leaving the apartments which they previously occupied.

Therein lies Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's hope. If he can get into one of those empty apartments while the Jews are out being shot, everything will be all right. Then he can rest this winter and scholarly examine German efficiency methods.

Some one Jew of the thousands now being forced from school and job will be mighty happy when he finds that Colonel Lindbergh is occupying his former home. —Daily Californian.

WANT A STEADY FELLA?

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Fernell Timbers of Tri Delt has decided, "I like him more than anyone else and we both feel 'that way.'" She has been spending all dates with Sig Chi pledge Gibb Gates.

"It's fun to meet different personalities and have lots of friends," thinks Kappa Alyce Blaustein. "There isn't any reason to go steady yet." Theta Marie Anderson believes, "You will have all of your life to be with one person (if you're lucky), and there are too many fun people to settle down now."
 But Tri Delt Marj Lindquist who is the one and only of RAE Ted Legate says, "I love it. We go everywhere and have grand times. He's a wonderful dancer too."

Lawful, Courteous Hitch-Hikers Form Riders' Society

To get to where you are going the thumb way will be the central theme of a proposed thumber's society for student hitchhikers, according to releases from the Barb Union, yesterday.

The society, under the alias of Student Riders' association, includes insurance for the drivers against robbery or mistreatment and identification of student members in part of its unique program.

The Barb Union will sponsor the association which will have its copyrighted name. Under the system proposed, each member of the group would be registered in the organization and given an identification card showing that he is a member. Each rider would also be provided with a placard-in-card to use when "in action."

Take the Pledge.

Students wishing to become members would be required to sign a pledge stating that they would be law abiding and courteous when picked up. A small fee to cover the cost of printing and insurance would be charged for a membership which would be in no way transferable.

For the driver, the society would provide insurance giving him protection against being mistreated or held up by any member of the society who may happen to ride with him. In any case of robbery or mistreatment, the association will make good the loss through their insurance bureau.

Members would always carry their identification cards and membership cards so they can show a driver that they are registered members of the association.

Browsing Among the Books

ODDS AND ENDS:

Daphne DuMaurier's "Rebecca," a "dashing young American," has swept the country by storm, out-selling all other books in the last three weeks. . . . Anne Lindberg disproves the popular notion that she sells books because of her husband's name. In her latest work "Listen the Wind," Miss Lindberg has displayed a style which has won her the praise of admirers and critics alike. In this her latest attempt, as in "North to the Orient," Miss Lindberg supplies an emotional touch which is usually so absent from books dealing with air flights. . . .

The art of love, the technique of love, and moral sexual behavior are rehearsed in the new edition of Havelock Ellis' "Psychology of Sex." The books of Ellis have become almost classical, being perhaps the only recognized authority on sexual behavior and intersexual relationship.

Ernest Hemingway, the author of "Farewell to Arms," and the current best seller "The Fifth Column and the First Forty Nine," has just returned from Spain. Hemingway, even in the face of repeated insurgent victories, maintains that the rebels cannot hold out much longer, and that victory for the loyalists is assured. . . .

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UNI PLAYERS SHOP

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same sets. The shop itself serves a double purpose as work room and storage space. Evidently not meant for such a full life, it is crowded with odd properties in the corners, old pieces of scenery stacked up along the sides, a prop chandelier of ancient vintage hanging from a pipe, an elderly gas burner used to melt glue, a work table along several flats of scenery being worked on at the moment.

At one side of the room is a door opening directly onto the stage left, the control board and platform and a steep, narrow

Brokaw to Speak at Farm Bureau Banquet

William H. Brokaw, director of the extension division of the agricultural college, will be one of the main speakers at the annual farm bureau banquet to be held at the Grand hotel Saturday noon. Musical selections will be offered by the university trio.

flight of open steps leading down to the stage.

Just off of the stair platform is the hand-operated scenery lift used to lower the flats to the stage. The lift is a flimsy affair and looks like nothing so much as one of the huge, thin open crates used to transport plate glass.

Finish "Beauty" Set.

Within the shop, some of the workers are standing on docks, tall platform affairs on rollers, in order to slap on the paint at the very top of the backgrounds. Others are working from the floor, all intent on covering the already off covered muslin with another coat. At the present time, the able Mr. Brummer and his crew are finishing off the scenery for "Sleeping Beauty." When that has been moved down to the stage, work will begin on the set for "Night Must Fall."



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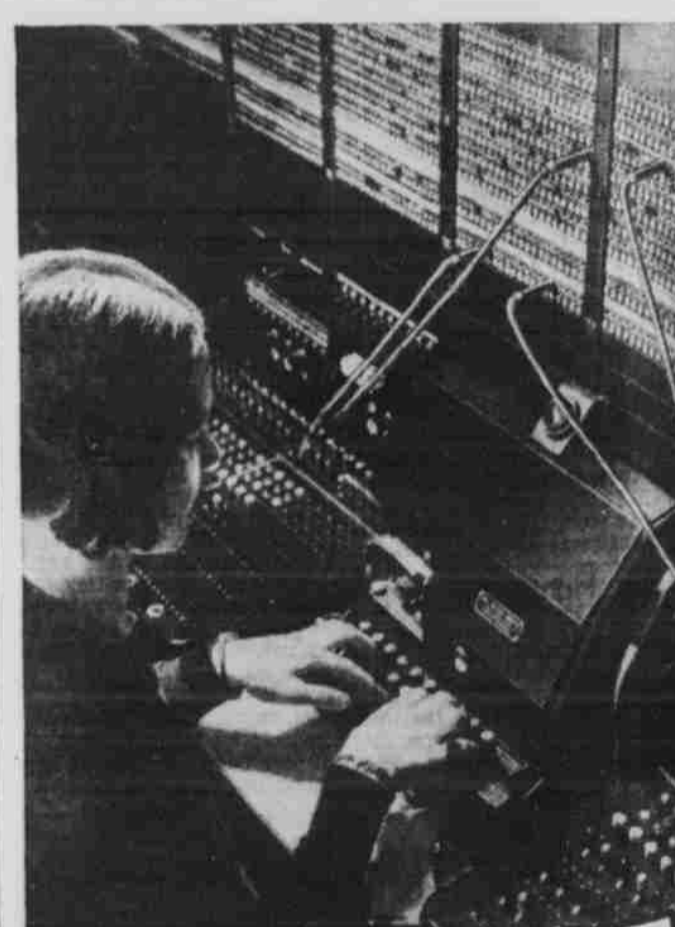
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