

Editorially Speaking

Yardsticks That Differ

Recent campus events have made the N. U. student sit up and take notice of his faculty; and one of the things he has observed is that the standard of values he uses to judge his teachers bears no resemblance to the yardstick used by the other side of the academic fence.

We grew confidential-like and serious the other day and sided up to one of our good friends on the faculty with this question: "Why is so-and-so a veteran of the teaching staff and yet only an instructor, while so-and-so over there is of the same mellow vintage and yet surveys the world from professorial eminence?" Two words stood out in a vaguely intolerant answer. One of them was "publications," the other was "scholarly research." And more and more we discover that professors are judged to be successes or failures predominantly upon the publications and research they produce in their specialized fields.

This is all very bewildering to the student. He has always thought that the principle duties of a teacher are to teach. And with his naively inexorable logic, he follows up this functional definition with the corollary that teachers should be judged upon their ability or inability to teach.

Of course he admits that scholarly research enhances a

professor's ability to nourish intellectual growth and brings prestige to his department and his university. And that is important in this ever-increasing scheme of campus competition.

He admits, also, that research which pushes forward the good old frontiers of science and knowledge is a necessary and highly commendable activity of the university scholar's spare time.

He further agrees that the professor very often manages to combine scholarship with pedagogical ability.

But he cannot get it thru his deplorably thick skull that their primary function is anything other than intelligent and inspired teaching. He evinces a further stubborn perversity of his inability to comprehend a standard of judgment which penalizes the brilliant pedagogue for the time and effort he has put into making himself a better teacher, and rewards the reclusive pedant.

This is the student's yardstick.

There are undoubtedly many academicians who scoff at this ingenious viewpoint.

But somehow we think that the people of the state of Nebraska would like their millions to go first into the creation of an intelligent and capable citizenry, and afterwards into the support of a welter of treatises on technical research in obscurely technical publications.

was spent for building improvements and for equipment such as movie projector, screen, fire place equipment, bulletin boards, clocks, public address system, ping pong tables, and mirrors. John D. Clarke, who furnished the faculty lounge with its beautiful rugs, draperies, and furniture, donated \$1,653.25 to make the purchases.

The catering department sustains itself financially while the administrative department, which has very little source of income, is maintained by moneys budgeted from Union fees. Last year the catering department ended its operations with a profit of \$980.35. Some of this profit has been spent to repair part of the catering equipment, and the remainder will eventually be invested in necessary items for service. It is the intention of the board of managers that the catering department will sell its food at a cost just high enough to pay all of its expenses and show a small percentage of profit which can be used as previously stated.

Food department.

The Corn Crib was responsible for almost half of the food department sales, serving 332,789 people. Altho many plate lunches and dinners were served in the Crib, the predominance of sickle

NEWS COMMENT

Britain loses battleship Royal Oak

West wall quiet; French suspect 'calm before the storm,' expect attack

By Woerner and Steele.

The British battleship Royal Oak, one of the original floating fortresses, was sunk yesterday. 800 of the crew of 1,200 are still missing. Simultaneously, the British admiralty reported the loss of two other ships, including the largest European oil tanker.

On the west wall, however, there was almost complete silence Saturday night, a lull which the French explained as the calm before the storm. The French expect a major German offensive to be launched within the coming week.

But, in Germany, Saturday night, there was still a last hope for peace, an almost desperate desire that some neutral intervene with a peace proposal. German newspapers assailed the British for continuing an unnecessary war, and plunging the world into a "bath of blood."

Russia gets way again.

In the east Saturday night, Russia again had her way, and the Turks signed an agreement guaranteeing protection of Russian rights in the Black sea and co-operation in the control of the Dardanelles. The Finnish diplomatic mission retired from Moscow Saturday night after preliminary discussions over Russian demands, which may possibly provide a basis for Finnish military resistance.

Interesting to Americans was the fact that Canadian newspapers refused to print the speech of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, in which the famous flyer questioned the desirability of opening up American munitions factories to foreign purchasers, thus, as "Lindy" put it, prolonging the war, and prolonging the disastrous effects which are attached to war. He also pointed out that it would be silly for us to lend money to the allies, because of their failure to pay back debts accruing from the last war.

Canada realizes allies' need.

Canada is, of course, at war with Germany, and Canada realizes the great need of the allies for American products. But de-

drinks pulls the average check down to as low as 8 cents. Since the building opened, approximately 4,510 gallons of Coca Cola have been served. Each gallon of coke will make approximately 120 drinks. During the first 35 days of operation, since the opening this fall, approximately 33,000 cokes were served. The cafeteria accounted for 31 percent of the food business, and the faculty dining room 9 percent. Banquets and parties accounted for the remainder.

Students in the catering division ate approximately \$8,000 worth of food evaluated at its cost to the Union. These meals were eaten in lieu of cash wages, however, additional cash wages amounting to \$10,000 were paid to students. About 100 students were employed regularly in the Corn Crib, faculty dining room, for banquets and parties, and in the cafeteria. For cleaning waiter's jackets, table cloths, and other laundry, the Union paid \$2,303.86. The ice in Coca Cola and other iced drinks cost the Union \$1,228.90. Cooking gas cost over \$1,100 and cooking steam over \$1,200.

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RALLY COMMITTEE.

All members of the rally committee will meet this afternoon at 3:00 in the office of the DAILY NEBRASKAN in the Student Union basement.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL.

Interfraternity Council members will hold a short special meeting in Morrill auditorium Wednesday at 5.

CHARM SCHOOL.

Dean Hosp will speak at the first meeting of Charm School Tuesday evening at 6:45. Her subject will be "A. B. C.'s of Courtesy." Agnes Wannek will preside at the meeting. She will somewhat outline the various programs of the year, and will explain the question box.

Charm School is for all freshman women. Ruth Clark, coed councillor sponsor, urges everyone to come.

VOCATIONAL INFORMATION FORUM.

The second meeting of the Vocational Information Forum will be held Thursday at 7 p. m. in room 101 of Social Sciences. The topic of discussion will be "Social Work as a Vocation." The speakers hold important positions in social work. They are Miss Winona Blain, state case work supervisor, state division of public assistance, state board of control; Mr. Phillip Vogt, Field Supervisor, and Mr. Paul Josephson, Executive Secretary, Omaha Council of Social Agencies.

UNITARIAN SERVICES.

Services will be held at the All Souls Unitarian church Sunday at 11 a. m. Dr. Arthur L. Weatherly's subject will be "Angels and Prophets of the Greatest Cultural Revolution in 500 Years." Mr. John A. Pfanner will lead the round table discussion based on Dr. Weatherly's subject at the college class meeting at 12.

Y. W. C. A.

The first report on the Y. W. C. A. membership drive was given at a meeting on Friday afternoon. There will be reports on the drive at 5 in Ellen Smith daily, Monday through Thursday.

Y. W. C. A. VESPERS.

The vesper meeting will be held Tuesday at 5, in Ellen Smith. The speaker will be the Rev. Mr. M. V. Ogge, minister of the Westminister Presbyterian church. There will be vesper music and devotional.

CHAPERON'S CLUB.

The Chaperon's club will meet at the Gamma Phi Beta house on Tuesday at 2:30.

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