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Student Ripples in the Academic Sea

... or ... The Best Interests of the Students Are ...

Students of this generation have an eye for realities. They are not the proverbial movie type of campus beaus and belies, not the children of a stable society. Our present college students are well aware that the world is changing fast and that no one is looking out for their hides and their wellbeing unless they do a little of it themselves. Those who raised eyebrows at yesterday's editorial might just as well realize that.

To propose the question: "Will students someday govern their own university or college," however, would be the blowing of a "silly bubble." But to say dogmatically that students are going to have a greater voice in the academic policies of the institution is a truth that will remain unchanged-even by those who know such a situation might bring criticism upon him and some of his colleagues and cause a tidal wave to come from the calm academic sea.

Students here will someday demand that they be allowed to ripple the sea of administrative policy. They have been doing a lot of thinking and talking, some of it wishful of course, for a long time. But when the shoe pinches hard enough, they'll throw it into the water. What do we mean?

We mean that for the best interests of the students, they will demand a hand in the preparation of the stew of requirements, curricular problems and departmental mechanics which is to be cooked up. They are going to demand a voice in the determination of a policy whereby the university can better contribute to the happiness and welfare of student, alumni, faculty, and the society which they represent. From their position now in which they wish they could make certain suggestions to their professors, they will go further to demand that they be able to openly and publicly evaluate the abilities and methods of each faculty member.

They will demand the dismissal of those employees of the public payroll in the institution who are haughty, unjust, or indifferent in dealing with students, or those who do not have the ability to raise their pupils to higher levels of fairness or sensibility. They will demand correction for those who seem to misunderstand or ill-treat or seem uninterested,-just as every taxpaying parent anywhere in the state, however poor and unimportant he may be socially, will demand assurances that any classroom in our public university be a haven for his child, and that whatever teacher in this motley crowd of courses his child might get, will be his natural friend.

The student newspaper, acting in the interests of the students and not solely as an administrative "house organ," will be the first. It will seek to know the problems from the very beginning and not merely accept printed doctrines handed down as solutions prescribed for the best interests of the students. It will seek admission to meetings where discussion will give it the true facts that might do away with noisy publicity aimed at the institution by that portion of the press which thrives on sensational irresponsible headlines.

Most important of all, however, is the fact that students will examine their professors. They will pass judgment in the form of reaction surveys which take into account everything from the course,

Scrap Irony Add Chris Peterson

Quotable Quotes Department Bespeaking the wisdom and observation of the 18th century is Artemus Ward who said, "The happy married man dies in good style at home, surrounded by his weeping wife and children. The old bachelor don't die at all-he sort of rots away, like a pollywog's tail.'

The PBK, who wants to donate his life to wisdom, shunning an admiring lassie, "Thesis my last affair."

Brigham Young, at his best, declaring his admiration of and patriotism to the Yew Nighted States: "I regret I have but one wife to give to my

The undertaker during those fretful and troubled years now called the "depression": "If it comes to a case of do or die-die!"

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The cynic who didn't love his neighbors because he didn't have any: "The ugliest of trades have their moments of pleasure. Now, if I were a gravedigger, or even a hangman, there are some people I could work for with a great deal of enjoyment." Jennes once said it.

Any drunk, any place, explaining his condition to any kind of an audience: "A lot of lives have been ruined by whiskey but look at all of the big ships that have been wrecked by water."

to the professor and the textbook. Opinion surveys about the desirability of the course and methods of the professor will be published for the sake of those new students seeking the best. That idea has already been put into effect at several institutions and was recently used for experimentation purposes in one college of this university.

It will give the well-informed professor a chance to know without much loss of time and energy and on a board basis how the textbooks used, his section leaders, and his own teaching look to his students.

It will also protect the good teacher who so often becomes at the mercy of haphazard gossip on the part of those few socially-prominent, well-to-do, spoiled students who are used to special consideration and do not receive it. The general reaction on a broad basis of the entire class will protect him. By the same token, the students as a whole are also protected against the imposition of a teacher who curries favor with those socially important who then sing his praises in their respective circles, thus giving rise to a reputation of excellence with the other members of the class would soon show up as utterly fictitious if they but had their chance of becoming officially articulate.

It will put those professors who are impossible on the spot. It will make those responsible for letting that kind slip in more responsible in the future. So far the mistakes of these latter had to be excused by the fact that there was no dependable means of knowing, only thru some chance hearsay, how any teacher was doing in his classes. Some chairmen of departments were often from the start by nature and temperament not suited to be leaders and hence were of no help. Whole departments have at times been blighted in this manner. Such reaction surveys will correct this evil.

And the students, who will do the demanding, will have a chance to make definite proposalsnow useless-now dangerous.



CANDIDATE-ITIS.

Candidates take more than their share of news today. On both the national and the state fronts it is the activities of aspirants for various offices which take up a considerable share of space. A poll taken by Look magazine announces that 41 percent of the members of congress believe President Roosevelt will be nominated for a third term, but that 60 percent believe he will not be re-elected. At the same time another publication, the United States News, also views third-term possibilities. Its publisher, David Lawrence, states that the president will announce either on Jan. 20 or March 4 that he "does not choose to seek a third term." In the normal course of events, we tomorrow may expect the word of two "authorities" that there will definitely be a third term. The president, who alone knows his plans, retains that sphinx-like silence, and there are those who wish that others would also

A fitting climax to a particularly odiferous Louisiana political contest came with the arrest of James A. Noe, one of the gubernatorial hopefuls, and bitter opponent of Earl Long's machine. Asserting that more than 10,000 registrations in the election have been made from vacant lots, warehouses and alleys, Noe had instructed workers to take pictures of any persons who attempted to vote on fake registration certificates. Such things aren't done in Earl's backyard, and for his troubles Noe took a free ride to a police station.

PUTSCHISTS PUT OUT.

Fascism of the American style was unearthed with the arrest this week of 18 members of the "Christian Front" organization by the FBI. The news of the abortive and rather puerile plans of the organization caused a little ripple of surprise. Did we say fascism-American style? Rather, it fits the universal pattern of fascistic movements—the masking behind a religious front ("Long live Christ the King! Down with communism" said the leader -at the same time adopting as first action a program of racial hatred and persecution.) Other standard pattern features include membership of dissatisfied military elements, violence, terrorism, and an eventual dictatorship

The episode leaves us to wonder, "Where was the Dies committee, which failed to devote adequate attention to this most aggressive of un-Americans?" Other questions might include, "What's the connection with Father Coughlin, and also the Christian Mobilizers?"

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OFFICIAL BULLETIN

This bulletin is for the use of campus organizations, students and faculty members. Announcements of meetings or other notices for the bulletin may be submitted at the NEBRASKAN office by 5 p. m. the day before publication or at the registrar's office by 4 p. m. on week-days and 11 a. m. on Saturday. Notices must be typed or legibly written and signed by someone with the authority to have the notice published. The bulletin will appear daily, except Monday and Saturday, on page two of the NEBRASKAN.

GLEE CLUB SINGERS.

Applications for tryouts for the univer-sity singers and the men's give club may be made this week at the office of the school of music.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP LECTURE. Dr. Theodore A. Kiesselbach, department of agronomy, will discuss "The Mode of Agronomic Research" at the Faculty Scholarship Lecture program Jan. 19 in the Union. The address will follow a dinner to be held at 5:15 p. m. Dean O. J. Ferguson is in charge.

BARB WINTER PARTY Holders of barb membership cards may call at room 307, Student Union for their barb winter party bids. Tickets will go on sale to the public Feb. 7 at 50c a

PRESBYTERIAN STUDENTS. Presbyterian students will meet today at

MU PHI EPSILON. Members of Mn Phi Epstion will meet today at 7:30 p, m. in room 200 of the Union. SCRAPBOOK HOBBY GROUP.

Scrapbook hobby group will meet to ORCHESIS.

Members of Orchesis will meet tonight in Grant Memorial studio at 7:15. LUTHERAN STUDENTS.

Lutheran students will meet for the regular session of Gamma Delta Bible class at 5 p. m. tomorrow in room 203 Temple. DENTAL FACULTY.

Members of the dental faculty will meet tomorrow at 6:30 p. m. in Parlor C of the Union. RELIGIOUS COUNCIL.

Members of the Council of Religious Welfare will meet tomorrow noon in Par-lor X of the Union.

SIGMA TAU. Members of Sigma Tau, engineering honorary, will meet tomorrow at 6:15 p. m. in Parior Z of the Union.

SINFONIA. Sinfonia will meet tomorrow at noon in Partor Z of the Union,

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Members of the Society of American Military Engineers will nicet tomorrow at 7 p. m. ta room 313 of the Union. MASADA.

Masada will meet tomorrow at 7 p. m. in room 315 of the Union. day at 4 p. m. in room 305 of the Union. CORN COBS.

regular meetings of Corn Cobs will be held this year. All future meetings will be announced in the DAILY.

ASCE.

Members of the American Society of Civil Engineers will meet today at 7:30 p. m. in room 315 of the Union.

GAMMA ALPHA CHI.

Gamma Alpha Chi will meet today m. in room 315 of the Union. SIGMA ALPHA IOTA.

Sigma Alpha Iota will meet at 5 p. m.

today in room 316 of the Union.

DELTA OMICRON. Delta Omicron will meet today at 7 p. m.

MATINEE BANCE.

A matince dance will be held today at 5 p. m. in the Union ballroom. Students must present identification cards for ad-mittance.

SKETCH CLASS. Next meeting of the Union Sketch chass will be held today at 5 p. m. in room 315 of the Union. A male model will be provided. Mr. Alberts will instruct.

STUDENT COUNCIL, The members of the Student Council will meet today at 5 p. m. In the campus studio to have their pictures taken for the Cornbusker.

PUBLICATIONS APPOINTMENTS. Application for following positions on the student publications will be received by the publication board until 5 p. m. today,

DAILY NEBRASKAN. Editorial: Editor-in-chief, two managing editors, five news editors, ag campus editor. Business: Business manager, three assistant business managers.

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Application blanks may be obtained at the office of the school of journalism, University hall 104. Material already on file need not be duplicated.

PHI SIGMA IOTA.

Betty Ann Duff and Selma Hill will speak at a meeting of Phi Sigma Iota today at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Frank Hemline, 922 South 21. SECOND SEMESTER REGISTRATION.

Order of Early Registration.

CLASS SCHEDULE.

Applies only to students registered during the first semester of 1939-40.

Dates for seeing advisor—Jan. 15-20.

College of agriculture—Jan. 15-18 only.

See your advisor at his office hour.

Present identification eard with picture at registrar's office for credit book. If college of agriculture student secure credit book at Dean Burr's office.

The dean of women may be consulted.

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Leave your "application for registration" and a statement of your outside activities with the dean of your college, who will approve your course.

Pay fees in Memorial hall presenting identification card with picture all colleges, Friday, Jan. 25, 9 a. m. 4 p. m.; Saturday, Jan. 27, 9 a. m. 12 n.on; Monday, Jan. 29 to Thursday, Feb. 1, 9 n. m. 4 p. m. (including noon hour). Registration is not complete until fees are paid.

A late fee will be charged all students who do not see their advisors and whose applications are not in the offices of their respective deans by Jan. 20 (noon); also to those who do not pay their fees by Feb. 1. A late fee for graduate students and Lincoln city teachers will be charged after Feb. 17.

Changes in registration or assignment will not be considered until Monday, Feb. 5.

Student Pulse . . .

Students and faculty members are invited to write letters to this column. Letters should not be longer than 300 words and must be



Uni instructor condemns 'house organ' information

To the Editor:

"The Best Interests of the University—a House Organ" suggests that the university is sort of a mole-like institution that lives underground most of the time. One might read in this suggested trend that if the environment has not eliminated the vision, the process of elimination was well advanced.

The real hypothesis of this "house organ" doctrine is that the university is an unpopular special interest whose public support cannot be justified. It therefore takes an astute politician administrator to fool or corrupt the legislature

enough to keep the institution alive. If there was an open avowed

policy of giving the public a clear, active, uncontrolled, natural picture of the institution the public might come to have confidence in what is done there. In fact there is every reason to believe that the public would be proud of its own university if its information was not dressed in the suspicious garb of a "house organ." "House organ" information and "no information" are alike the devices of dictators and the American public is sensitive

to the least tinge of such in-

fluences whether they be in poli-

tics, education, or business. A Member of the university faculty.

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