

Commentorials

... from our readers

Is the Nebraskan trying to suppress the facts?

It seems to me that the DAILY is attempting to suppress the truth when it refuses to print the facts uncovered in a campus poll carried on by one of our psychology classes.

Is the reason for refusing to print the results of this poll because it showed that 66.5% of the students were against compulsory subscription to the DAILY and only 33.5% in favor? Or is the reason, as some of the DAILY staff has said, that the results were inaccurate? Now honestly do you think that this poll was inaccurate? Here are the facts:

- (1) On the question of the compulsory subscription, for: 33.5%.
- (2) The poll also showed 95% read it regularly.

On a poll taken by the DAILY itself you found that 97% read the paper. This makes an error of only 2% between the two polls on the last question. Even Dr. George Gallup asks to allow an error of 3% in his studies of public opinion.

The two questions used by the psychology class were taken in exactly the same manner, of the same persons, in the same groups, and by the same interviewers, and one question came out to within 2% of the results that was obtained by the DAILY'S own methods on the same question. However because the other question comes out with results not to the liking of some of the members of the staff there is a cry against the results, and charges of inaccuracy and biased proceedings in taking the poll. It is not necessary for the class to prove the accuracy of their poll. The DAILY did the proving by taking a like poll (or making a study) of one of the same questions and getting results within 2% of being the same. (This assumes that your claim that 97% of the student body read the DAILY is accurate.)

The instructor who organized this poll has carried on studies of this type for the last 10 years in collaboration with the Psychology Corp., one of the largest companies doing this type of work in this country.

And it was a group organized by this same instructor last fall who predicted to within 3% the outcome of the National Election in Lincoln.

Let's have a paper that prints the truth when it happens and as it happens. Not just when the truth happens to jibe with the wishes of the paper's staff.

BILL RITCHIE.

How unjust!

The DAILY is not suppressing anything. Publication of the disputed survey has been delayed only to such a time that information regarding it could be checked. No question at all would have been raised concerning it, had not one of the solicitors contacted a person friendly to the DAILY with his inquiry "You don't want automatic subscription to the NEBRASKAN, do you?" and had not the figures in the survey regarding the number of regular readers of the paper differed so greatly from what was found in the election last fall.

Our paper has never doubted the theory behind the psychology polls. Had this particular question not been so vital to the solicitors, we are sure the results would be a fair indication of student sentiment.

Where Mr. Ritchie got his figure that last fall's election showed 97 percent of the campus are regular readers of the paper, we do not know, unless he interpreted all those who said they saw a paper occasionally as being regular readers. If he will check the results of that election again he will find that only 57 percent of those voting however, are daily readers of our paper.

Because of the above information, the staff decided to check its own figures by a similar survey to see whether student opinion had shifted or whether partisan solicitors let their own opinions color the questions. In any case the survey was to have been published this week as it was reported to us; all the condemnation therefore has little cause except to the extent that those concerned want to make something of it.

Matzen to teach again at Idaho

John M. Matzen, assistant professor of school administration in teachers college, has accepted a position as assistant professor of school administration at the University of Idaho at Moscow for the six weeks summer session beginning the second week in June.

Half of yearbook has gone to press

Approximately half of this year's Cornhusker has gone to press, with the staff tearing its hair and working seven days a week. All pictures have been taken and the fraternity and sorority panels have been completed. It is still possible to buy Cornhuskers at the office in the Union basement.



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Psych poll finds majority against subscription plan

Answering the question "Do you think a subscription fee to the DAILY NEBRASKAN should be added to your tuition?" 66.5% of the students polled by a psychology class under Prof. W. E. Walton, answered "No."

The remaining 33.5% favored

the subscription plan since no provision was made for those who were undecided. Less than 200 students were polled, but Prof. Walton declared that the survey was representative because the people interviewed were proportionate to the whole student body according to sex, affiliation or non-affiliation and to the various colleges.

Representatives of four colleges, engineering, business administration, teachers, and arts and sciences were quizzed. 54% of the teachers college students favored universal subscription but only 25.5% of the bizad students who answered the question supported the plan. Engineers and arts and science collegians vetoed the plan by 76.5% and 65.2%.

Over 48% of the girls polled desired the subscription plan while only 28.6% of the men gave it their support. Affiliated and non-affiliated students alike opposed the plan by nearly the same percentage; affiliated students by 66.4 percent and unaffiliated by 66.2 percent.

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