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Teacher Rating—Pro & Con

Editor's note: The following editorial is the second in a series explaining why Nebraska should have a teacher rating system.

Many arguments have been expressed for and against the use of student opinion as a means of evaluating effective teaching.

1. Students are not competent to judge the merits of either the process or the results of teaching.

2. The validity and reliability of students' judgements are distorted by a variety of factors.

3. Student ratings tend to disrupt the morale of the faculty.

4. Student ratings may make the teacher too self-conscious for effective work.

5. Students may acquire the feeling that they are the sole judges of the worth of teachers.

What are the arguments in favor of using student opinions and ratings?

1. Any acceptable theory of learning stresses the importance of the learners' attitudes.

2. Students alone observe the teaching process day after day.

3. Since student opinion in the form of gossip and bull sessions influences students, teachers and administrators regardless of any form of teacher rating.

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Editorial Briefs

A group of giggling, babbling people in the room next door can certainly cause difficulty in conducting a business meeting in the Union.

The list of complaints about the book situation is long, but the latest to come to our office is one against so-called "pet projects."

Mr. Simmons goes to Washington. And with him go the congratulations and respect of this University.

Plans are now in the offing to somewhat reconcile the "practical" and "liberal" aspects of education.

Sixty-eight books, valued at \$174, have been taken from the Book Nook during the semester.

Reno Merchants Attack Discounts

A student "discount club" whose members receive discounts on merchandise and service from certain local dealers has been frowned upon by the president of the University of Nevada.

growth of such an organization endangers the whole program of support provided by merchants of Reno thru advertising in university publications.

Letterip

Dear Letterip:

The thing that started me boiling was word 'gracious' in your column, second group, number 4 of the constructive suggestions.

The first thing that has to be corrected (and first, discovered) is, whether or not, those who control the writing up and passing out of exams are for, or against cheating.

I fear changing types of exams is not going to change human nature. But to find so much of it in an institution or higher learning is disgusting.

Erma Quinn

Husker Alum Receives First Music Award

The Blanche Theobom scholarship foundation made its first annual award to Helen Laird, a 1947 graduate of the University school of music.

The scholarship will provide Miss Laird with \$1,500 to study voice for two years with any singing coach.

At the University, Miss Laird was a member of Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Alpha Iota.

The scholarship was set up by Blanche Theobom, who was helped similarly ten years ago.

For example, Tuesday, Feb. 7 is the day that Ogden Nash, author and humorist will be presented at a convocation in the Ballroom.

Scott Combines Humor, Talent On Piano

Henry Scott, who combines a piano career with a comedian act, will play at the Union ballroom, Thursday, Feb. 9, at 8 p. m.

Scott's program includes swing, classics, pantomime, and concert humor.

Also included in Scott's list of past engagements is a series of Carnegie Hall concerts, and his debut at Town Hall, where he was acclaimed as "America's First Concert Humorist."

The program he will play at the Union includes twenty numbers. Works by Franz Liszt and Frederic Chopin, numbers by contemporary composers, and several Scott originals will be performed.

The Hartford Times says he "plays the piano with the best of the greats."

Tickets for the program can be obtained from the main office of the Union for \$1.20.

Welding Society To Give Awards

The American Welding society is offering \$700 in prizes to both the undergraduate and the graduate students who are authors of articles on welding and the under-graduate publications printing the articles.

This is the 1949-50 A-F Davis undergraduate welding card. This award is offered to stimulate undergraduate interest in welding.

The papers will be judged for originality of subject, clarity of presentation and thoroughness with which the subject is treated.

The articles must be published by the March issue of the publication to meet the deadline of April 10, 1950.

'Daily' Confuses Delta Sig Groups

The article appearing in Friday's issue of The Daily Nebraskan about the professional business and commercial fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi, was erroneously called Delta Sigma Phi.

Just Around

By Rod Riggs

The Union is constantly catering to the interests of all of the students, from the most introverted to the extreme extroverts.

And besides the facilities that are available, there is constant planning for more and more programs for student amusement and entertainment.

The turtle lives 'twixt plated decks Which practically conceal its sex.

I think it clever of the turtle In such a fix to be so fast.

It might be worth the trouble For you to drop around next Tuesday at 3 p. m.

Henry Scott, who is somewhat renowned as a humorist as well as a pianist is presenting a "Concerto for Fun" at the Union Thursday.

Friday and Saturday are going to be busy days around here as the dear old Union is going to be host to kiddies from Colleges and Universities in Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota and Iowa.

Also Friday is a great big fat dance, shuffleboard tournament and fish fry entitled the "Mardi Gras Open House."

At 10 a. m. Saturday morning, the University table tennis team takes on Omaha U. I bet some of you people didn't even know there was a Scarlet and Cream Varsity Table Tennis team.

Sunday, the faculty of the School of Music, in collaboration with the Union Music committee is presenting their third faculty recital.

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Shumate Presents Views On U.S. Electoral College

No presidential organization of this century would have been noticeably affected by an amendment to change or abolish the electoral college.

This is the view held by Prof. R. V. Shumate, of the political science department.

Shumate said that if the Lodge amendment, one of a long series of proposals, would have been in effect, the vote results would not have been different.

Shumate also doubted that the amendment will be ratified by the 36 states necessary even if it does pass the House of Representatives.

Many believe, Shumate said, that the electoral college is obsolete, awkward, and undemocratic.

Lack of democracy is charged because the electoral votes are not apportioned in accordance with the popular votes cast in the states nor with the population itself.

In the election of 1944, said

News & Views

By George Wilcox THE WEEK IN BRIEF

President Truman announced in an historical decision that the Atomic Energy Commission has been ordered to manufacture the Hydrogen bomb.

Representatives of 60 national organizations claiming a combined membership have laid the ground work for a permanent organization to combat communism in the United States.

The Mighty Mo, only active battleship afloat in the Navy, finally floated free from Thimble Shoal in Chesapeake bay after extensive efforts of Army engineers and Navy craft to free the big battleship from its mud bottom.

Washington — Dr. Klaus Fuchs, German born British A-bomb scientist, was arrested by Scotland Yard agents—acting on a tip from the FBI—and jailed on charges of violating the British official acts.

The Calendar Girls will then be assigned one of the months of the year to represent in the show in an appropriate costume.

The show Feb. 18 will combine the presentation of the Calendar Girls, music and humor by masters of ceremonies, Bill Dugan, Harris Carnaby and George Wilcox.

All sales and nominations must be turned into the Builders' office between 5 and 6 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 9. Judging of the girls will take place Thursday noon, Feb. 9.

The Nebraska Calendar is a date-book including over thirty full-page photographs of city and Ag campus scenes.

Nancy Poyter, Calendar editor, and Bill Dugan, Calendar business manager, are co-chairmen of the show.

The Hartford Times says he "plays the piano with the best of the greats."

The New York Telegram calls him a "one man gala."

Tickets for the program can be obtained from the main office of the Union for \$1.20.

According to the reports, one student, complaining of earaches, wore a heavy bandage on his head. The bandage concealed a radio.

The other student hid his receiving set in a cast on a "broken" arm.

Translations of the texts were supposedly broadcast from a house across the street from the high school.

The investigators confirmed that a probe is being made but refused to give further information.

Builders to Present Comedy Revue, 12 Calendar Girls

Rivaling Esquire, Nebraska will introduce its own twelve Calendar Girls in a U of N Builders-sponsored comedy revue.

Presentation of the 12 coeds, each representing one of the months of the year, will take place Saturday, Feb. 18, at an after-the-basketball-game show.

The Calendar Girls will be chosen by a board of three faculty judges from coeds nominated by houses, organizations and individuals about campus.

Audience members at the Calendar Girl revue will name a "Girl of the Year" from the 12 showgirls by written ballot at the close of the revue.

The "Girl of the Year" will be revealed in a forthcoming issue of Corn Shucks, campus humor magazine.

From nominees for Calendar Girl, the judges, Dr. Floyd

Indians Preened 'Waist' Watchers

Watching waists was an American custom long before the present "easy living" conditions says Dr. Walter Goldschmidt, anthropologist at U. C. L. A.

The American Indian, traditionally lean and lithe of figure, was compelled by social custom to watch his waistline.

Big eaters of the tribe were considered to be vulgar. A person of good manners, according to tribal tradition, always ate in moderation and left food in his baskets to show self-control.

In case he did sneak in some in-between meals he was slugged with two-ounce slugs by the "sewa-tah" bath. Warriors had to leave the bathroom through a narrow flue.

It was a test far more exacting than the bathroom scales, for he couldn't partake of the religious sweating if he couldn't get out the flue—and that meant the spirits would not give him luck.

Penn State Starts New Division

A new division was established at Pennsylvania State College recently for the purpose of assisting students who desire to change curricula.

Called the Division of Intermediate Registration, it permits a student to spend a maximum of two semesters in the unclassified status.

They listened to a detailed discussion on the workings of the parking meters. On walking out of the building one student found that his parked car had been tagged for parking meter violation.

What price education?—\$1.00.

Union to Change Crib Records

A new selection of records will be placed on the Crib's juke boxes. By so doing the Crib will conform to its policy of changing discs every two weeks.

Any student with suggestions concerning the selection of records to be used in the next two weeks should contact the Union Activity Office.

N U Bulletin Board

Movies of the Nebraska-Kansas State basketball game will be shown Monday noon, Feb. 6, in the Union lounge.

No BABW meeting Monday at 8 p. m. Each board member should call or come to the office between 4 and 5 p. m. Monday.

All men interested in pledging Phi Mu Sinfonia may turn their names in to the School of Music office. This honorary is open to any men students interested in music.

Italians Invent New 'Crib' Ways

The "wave" of cribbing isn't confined to Nebraska. Italy's minister of education sent an investigator to Turin, Italy, this week to look into reports that two high school students passed Greek and Latin exams last July because of answers beamed to them by shortwave radio.

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