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We Want to Know Why . . .

The Senate appeal committee on student conduct announced its decision late Thursday on four of the seven students who appealed against charges of stealing exams. Dean Thompson's office released two brief statements. One said very little. The other said less.

The report said that the committee had lifted suspension, under rigid probation, of three students apprehended in taking waste paper sacks to secure final exams. A fourth student, the statement read, would remain suspended for taking a math final.

The first question any student would ask is "Why?—Why were three suspensions lifted and the other not?" That's the question The Daily Nebraskan asked, but the committee absolutely refused to give further information. We are not trying to play big-time newspaper, but in such an important matter, our often-dormant sentiments about freedom of the press awake with a jolt.

Maybe "it is unfortunate that the publicity got out" as one of the committee members said. But it was released to The Daily Nebraskan, and the students have a right to know what's going on. They don't have to know names, but they are entitled to know why one student was suspended and three were not.

The committee no doubt had valid reasons for its decision. But how do we know? How does anyone know but the committee and the students involved? The student body has a right to see just what kind of administration they're getting.

The committee is supposed to hear student appeals. Fine. But many students probably get into trouble and appeal, but no one knows about it, simply because their trouble does not concern the whole University. But being tried for exam stealing does concern the whole University. It's an issue which must be brought into the open if it is going to be stopped.

These appeals come as close to any form of democratic trial procedure as exists on our campus. Any other trial is privileged and its records open to the public . . . especially the press.

Since the committee has such little faith in the judgments of the students and The Daily Nebraskan, it certainly would attach some significance to the words of the Rev. Robert H. Sweeney, vice president of Portland university. In a recent address to the Oregon Federation of Collegiate Leaders, the university executive said:

"Stodgy educators are afraid that judgments of the students will be immature. The very best way to get immature judgment is to expect it."

Colorado U. Politics . . .

(Editor's note: The following editorial is the second in a series describing campus political activities carried on by other colleges and universities in the mid-west. Student newspaper editors and student council presidents were contacted in compiling the information.)

Colorado university is another school which harbors an extensive student political program. It has three major political parties: Greeks, Independents and Coalitionists. Until the elections last spring, only the Greeks and Independents could be classified as major parties. Both lost a long-established foothold when a Coalition party, representing both Greeks and Independents, entered the picture with a liberal platform and won the presidency as well as three other posts on the 13-member ASUC commission (student governing body). At various times in the past, minority parties have managed to get no more than one seat on the commission.

Campaigns might be classified as full-scale. They start about a month before elections and feature visits by candidates to the various houses and dormitories. Detailed campaign promises are also drafted.

There are restrictions on campaign expenditures, varying from year to year. They are set by an election commission appointed by the ASUC commission. The election commission is responsible for detecting violations of spending maximums and reporting them to the student governing body. Campaign issues are many and varied, generally centering around the welfare of the student body.

Nominations are made by petitions which must be filed with the election commission by a specified date prior to each election.

As an independent publication, the Silver and Gold (student newspaper) enjoys every right to support the candidates to execute the various plans upon which they stand.

However, in the past, it has been the paper's general policy to be editorially neutral in student elections while presenting through its news columns the party platforms. After the election, the paper has always been quick to hold the newly-elected officers to their promises, filled with the election commission by a specified date the newly-elected officers to their promises.

Faurot to Remain Masterson Tries At Missouri U. For Iowa U Job

Don Faurot, athletic director and head football coach at Missouri, said Wednesday night that he planned to remain at his alma mater.

Faurot has been considered to succeed Eddie Anderson at the University of Iowa, but he indicated that he wasn't considering a job at Iowa or any other place. Except for three years in the navy during the war, he has been at Missouri since 1925.

Bernie Masterson, University of Nebraska football coach in 1947, stated Wednesday night that he had applied for the University of Iowa coaching job.

Masterson left Nebraska to accept a position as backfield coach with the New York Yankees. He was left without a job this spring following the merger of the National and American professional football leagues.

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Letterip

To the Editor:
The vigorous campaign being conducted by The Daily Nebraskan for a larger, permanent bookstore for Ag college has been filling a lot of space in the paper during the last few days, and would be entirely justified if the student body were greatly concerned about the situation. However, it is our opinion that the whole matter is being given entirely too much importance while other more pressing problems are being neglected.

The results of our poll last semester showed that Ag students were unanimously in favor of an expanded bookstore in a more desirable location. This does not necessarily mean that the students are extremely concerned about the status of the bookstore, however. After all, why shouldn't every student be in favor of such a plan? It certainly would be convenient, and voting against it would be like refusing dessert after a good dinner.

The Ag Exec board does not question the ability of Dean Lambert and his staff in deciding which rooms are available on the campus for the bookstore. He is in a position to know much more about the available space than we are. Since he also has voiced no particular argument against the idea of a larger bookstore, we feel that he will certainly give the matter due consideration.

We do not believe that the Union board should be criticized for refusing to grant the bookstore additional space in the Ag Union. The improvement of Union facilities is of much greater concern to us than improvement of the bookstore.

Thus far, the student body of Ag college has not shown the interest in the bookstore that would warrant any drastic action on the part of the Ag Exec board. We have made very good use of the bookstore branch during the first few weeks of each semester. An improved bookstore that would carry a full line of supplies would be very desirable, but most Ag students can make use of present University facilities without much inconvenience.

If the Ag wants to do something constructive for Ag college, they should conduct a campaign to reopen the Ag Union during evening hours. Ag students are paying the same Union fees that city campus students pay, and most certainly are entitled to the same amount of service. The Ag Union can be used by all of us during the entire school term. Ag students made a mighty effort several years ago to get the Union on our campus, and we do not intend to stand by idly while it is gradually restricted in its operations until it is finally closed.

Rob Raun, President
Ag Exec Board

Agri-View

By Jean Fenster
These are your Ag Union hours:
7:30 a. m. to 7 p. m., Monday through Friday
7:30 a. m. to 1 p. m., Saturday
5 p. m. to 8 p. m., Sunday.

They don't present a pretty picture, do they? Under the setup the Ag Union doesn't appear to be operating for the interests of the students. Or is it? According to the Union Board, DIS-INTEREST of Ag students was one reason for closing the Union at night.

Two reasons have been given by the Board for closing the Union at night.

(1) The economic factor. Statistics show that the Union was going in the hole. They further show that the loss occurred during the evening hours.

(2) The Union is not being used enough during the evenings. From 15 to 20 people on the average patronize the Dell on a "good" night. The board questions the performance of the Union in the function of service.

The following facts help to visualize the economic situation. It costs the Union \$3.50 for a chaperone per evening. Two employees must be on hand, and at \$6 per hour for three hours (7 to 10 p. m.), that makes about \$3.00, bringing nightly expenses to about \$6.50 just for labor.

In contrast, the Dell trade brings from \$4.00 to \$6.00 in on a good night. To make a profitable gain, the Union should be bringing in about \$15.00. It's costing the Union twice as much to stay open as they take in. This makes the total margin too small to allow the loss.

Lack of student use, the second reason for the present setup, is directly related to the financial and direct reason.

Only four organizations on Ag campus meet in the Ag Union. They are Ag Exec Board, Entomology club, YMCA cabinet and the Cornhusker Countryman. What has happened to at least 14 other organizations commonly recognized at Ag? We all cried for an Ag Union and we finally got it in 1946. Isn't it about time we wake up to the fact that the Union is here now and it's ours to use—every inch of it? Is there any reason for hanging on to the tradition of meeting in departmental rooms when no common meeting place is available?

The Ag Union was meant to be more than an eating place when the money was spent to build it. The Union was given to the students upon their request for a central location for Ag activities. It's not here to make money, it is a student affair, to be governed and used by

Ag students. But we as students don't come. We have taken the Union for granted.

According to Ag Union records, the Union sponsors as many social activities now as it did in December of 1946, when the Ag Union doors first opened. Beyond this, more groups met at the Union in that year, but have since gone off campus. The old groups, many of whose members were all in favor of an Ag Union and instrumental in getting it, have made no effort to transfer their meeting place to the Union. Why?

There is certainly sufficient room for nearly every group to meet. The craft room, room 3 behind the office, the recreation room, and the lounge are available for meetings any day that a organization walks into the Union office and makes a reservation. To date no organization has been turned down for a meeting because of lack of space (or any other reason for that matter).

If we Ag students do not use the Ag Union, there is one likely result. The Ag Union will gradually shrivel up and will be written down in University history as another "has-been."

Last year the Union board voted to close the Ag Union on Friday nights except when a social event was scheduled. This was never practiced this year. Now they have voted, by financial force, to close the Union every night. What will be the next step? Will we take the next step and create a demand for the Union, or will the Union Board be forced in another year or two to discontinue other services and perhaps gradually the whole Union as such?

The Ag Union cannot run without student support. The University will not support it unless it is justified, and such justification comes from use of it.

Any move in re-establishing the Union hours as they were will have to come from the students. More directly it will have to come from organizations. Until the Union is opened, those groups who have been meeting in the Union are forced to meet during the daytime or move out.

We must realize that it is nearly impossible for some groups to make any arrangement for meeting in the Union. Home Ec club, for instance, is a large group that meets in the afternoon. The recreation room and the lounge, the only two possibilities for a Home Ec club meeting, are not open for meetings during the day.

However, many groups could be meeting in the Union. As Ag students, we could make better use of the Union in the evening. Until an effort is made in this direction, we cannot justly criticize or blame the Union Board for its action.

Farber's Folly

by Ajon

It can never be said that Nebraska doesn't have its proportionate share of beauty queens. It seems there is a queen for just about everything. To keep in the stride of the times, this column has decided to sponsor a beauty queen of its own, with a slightly different twist. We are looking for the most looking, most obnoxious beast on the campus.



The judges for this contest will be four street cleaners working for the "great" city of Lincoln. Applications are to be submitted to this office accompanied with ten dollars and the top of a grand piano. Any girl of the female sex is eligible. The title of the new queen will be "Miss What Is It of 1950."

Last Saturday night turned out to be quite a time for one Davy Boyle, Phi Delta. As master of ceremonies at the Inter Frat Ambake, Davy was at his best. A fact he was so good that his sister Mary, who inhabits the G. house on occasion, spent her entire time powdering her nose or straightening her seams whatever the girls do when they take leave. After the ball, Davy next journeyed over to the Ag Alpha house, after a brief rest at Don's Supper Hacienda, to partake in a bit of cards. All was going fine until some of the boys discovered our hero wandering towards the house mother's room mumbling something about a grape or a drape. It took some of the loyal lodge brother's time and efforts to re-direct Davy to the trophy room. Nothing of importance happened after this incident.

Wandering down Sorority Row about 10:30 any nice person is not to be flabbergasted at the brilliant display of lights on the porches of the various women's houses. One night last week, with trusty meter in hand, we decided to find out which stage had the brightest illumination. The Gamma Phi's placed first with women's dorm running a close second. You know its downright embarrassing to see such a public exhibition of romantic feelings. But anyway, it's fun. The moral: Less lights, more love.

In case anyone doesn't know it, Coed Follies are again rearing their nostalgic airs. Rehearsals and tryouts have been going on hill-belt for the past week or so. Any male who dared enter a house was apt to find the girls jumping about in anything from nothing to something slightly more than nothing, madly going through the contortions of a girl trying out for a part in the Follies' Gergere or better yet third from the left at the Rialto. From now on we don't have to ask, "How are you fixed for undies?" We know.

Much comment has been given both pro and con for the Mueller Tower, known by some as the Singing Silo and by others as the "upright." As yet, we haven't seen any girls being dubbed coeds under the shadow of the tower at 12:30 a. m. but the tradition should be established. May we suggest to the University that trees and shrubs, not to mention benches, be generously placed around the tower to aid and promote the privacy of the delicate situations that arise beneath the edifice. Maybe with a little help from Mother Nature, also known as the Dean of Women, a tradition will be established.

This is filler. Filler is something that is used when a story does not fit, as this story. Sometimes filler gives some interesting information. Sometimes it is humorous. This filler is neither. It is just filler.

Whenever a story is too short newspapers use filler. This is what this is—filler.

Mardi Gras Celebration

Here Tonight

Opening at 8:30 p. m., the Union Mardi Gras open house will offer a list of entertainment for all University students Friday, Feb. 10.

Highlight of the evening will be the crowning of the Nebraska Mardi Gras Queen, chosen by student vote. Election will take place at the door between 8:30 and 9:30 p. m.

Candidates for the title and their sponsors are Pat Berge, Sigma Nu; Jan Chamblin, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Margaret Thompson, Alpha Tau Omega; Nancy Dixon, Acacia, and Sue Eastergaard, Delta Tau Delta.

Among the entertainment will be dancing in the ballroom to the music of Riley Smith and his "jazz" combo, and a game room entitled the "Casbah."

The "New Orleans Theatre" will feature acts by Dorothy Elliott and her marimba, Bill Dutton and Harry Caraway in a comedy act; Elbert Starks in a dance routine; and Bob Roesser, pianist. Ervino Bob Smaha will introduce the acts.

Bob Russell, chairman of Special Activities committee, is in charge of the open house.

It's NU

It seems that "Ye Old Campus" has really been humming this past week getting ready for the parties, dining, dancing and gala affairs that have been planned for this week end.

First of all tonight is the rite for the Kappa Sig Sweetheart formal to be held at the Cornhusker. Dave Haun and his rhythmites will be playing Alumni Hoagy Carmichael's arrangements. Dancing the light fantastic will be Gent Berg and Nancy Porter, Dick Ford and Carol Else, Leon Pfeiffer and Jean Becker. The Kappa Sig Trio consisting of Jack Bruce, Bob Wallace and Bob Diers will also add a bit of harmony to the evening.

Saturday night has even more on schedule. The Chi O's mothers club is giving a Valentine dinner dance for the girls and their dates. A few planning to attend are Glen Pecka and Hardy Johnson, Madelon Feldman and Veryl Scott.

A turkey dinner is the menu for the Towne Club Valentine dinner-dance Saturday night at the Continental. A few likely turkey trotters are social companion Paula Pendra and Dave Knapp, Ginny Seiler and Don Ostermiller, Marcy Phillips and Evy Rolofson.

Rumors have it that Fred Scheske-Martene Roth romance is growing into a steady affair. You aren't studying all the time Fred!

PINNING

Norma Christiansen - Mary Harms. PINNING-TO-BE

Fred Chael (I hate the things) and Edith Roessler. The date—in a moment of weakness.

There are also a few people that can't seem to make up their minds about making things a steady deal. They are: Paul Siemekneet and Suzanne Rumpeltes, Dorothy Kurth and Elliot Boberz.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Just was are Dixie Pettijohn, Beth Logie and Alys Mason trying to haul up to their 3rd floor window at midnight. Is it a Delt or something edible?

Ajon Farber has frequently been seen at the Women's Dorm throwing pebbles at Mary Pitterman's window. A small fuzzy lamb (also named Ajon) can be seen faithfully watching at the window.

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News & Views

BY GEORGE WILCOX, National

Washington—President Truman's coal fact finding board closed its probe of the nationwide mine strike and began preparing a report which will enable the government to seek a court injunction to end the walk-out.

Board Chairman David L. Cole stated that "We're shooting for Saturday" in regard to when the three-man panel will report to the President.

Meanwhile, industry tightened its belt as soft coal peace talks between John L. Lewis and coal operators collapsed. Over the nation the railroads rushed to juggle train schedules. Inland Steel of Chicago reported that coal supplies have drained to the critical point. Schools in Indiana were reported closing for lack of coal. Republic Steel at Youngstown (Ohio) started measures to close down a blast furnace as a last measure due to no coal.

Washington—Major news to friends of the Orient was the news that the house voted 239 to 154 for economic aid to communist shadowed Korea and China. The vote sent to the senate a measure which would authorize the ECA to spend another \$60,000 and still not enough for the purchase of raw material exports and capital improvements in Korea, plus a bill which extends the life to China aid to June 30. These two economic measures alone would be a major boost to a sagging Far Eastern policy.

New York—Two men have been arrested and have admitted the daring \$25,000 robbery of the home of Billy Rose, New York showman and columnist. Your News and Views columnist wonders if it's a catching disease.

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"THE BIG WHEEL"
1:09, 4:03, 6:59, 9:52.
"Crime Doctor's Diary"
3:02, 5:58, 8:51.

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