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Letterip

To The Editor:

What hope is there for the world's problems, Ed Heineman (writer of a recent Letterip), if you can't depend on people at the University level—the highest there is, that is—for simple honesty and common decency?

All teaching and living should be farseeing as it certainly is going to be farreaching. The seventh-graders today—university students tomorrow.

You have to consider the importance of influence on the following generations. Man's life span is too short to cure the world's evils in his own generation.

Erma Quinn

News & Views

BY GEORGE WILCOX. STORY OF THE WEEK

Of immediate interest to most University students was the action of the Lincoln City Council in turning down a government proposal to build 800 building units in the city of Lincoln.

The thumbs down action terminated weeks of discussion by real-estate leaders who argued that there was no actual need for government building since private enterprise in Lincoln could accomplish the same task.



Labor leaders, veterans' groups and other civic organizations argued that the people of Lincoln would still have to pay the same taxes regardless of whether housing in Lincoln was government sponsored or situated elsewhere.

Actually, a principle was a stake in the whole discussion. Cries of "socialism" and "welfare state" were pointed up by real-estate interests who decried the fact that the government in building needed housing personally, though, sometimes I must agree with these interests in their point of too much government control at times, the housing situation for young people is too critical to play politics.

Since the action by the city council last week, many groups are preparing petitions by Lincoln residents to prove to the council that the average man in the street is vitally interested in housing and asking the City Council to reconsider. The record of the City Council proves that the Council, when subjected to any type of pressure, always tends to reconsider in order to stay on the neutral, do-nothing middle course.

The reasons are obvious. First of all, while in the University, students actually are residents of Lincoln for nine months a year. Other reasons are that while in school students must live in some sort of housing unless they live in organized houses which the majority of the students do not.

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KNITTERS—Proudly displaying a finished argyle sock, Shirley Hahn of Hartington is rewarded with envious glances from Lois Brown (center) and Georgia Hilker, both of Omaha.

Coeds Find Knitting Complicated Pastime

You know what argyle is? If you do, you know what's giving canasta a run for its money as a popular pastime among University of Nebraska coeds.

It all started when a few coeds decided to produce argyles as Christmas gifts for their boy friends. Complications set in when other boys suggested to their girl friends that they would like to own some hand-knitted socks.

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How ever, things will be rather quiet around here, mostly because most of the bored members are recuperating from the final rush to build up the Henry Scott concert.

Faculty Wives To Sponsor Scholarship

Some University women who will be a senior next year has a chance to win a \$100 scholarship. Sponsored by the University Faculty Women's club, one scholarship will be awarded to a coed who has sufficient hours to graduate in June 1951 or at the end of the summer session of 1951.

Interested candidates may secure application blanks at the offices of the Registrar, the Dean of Women or Miss Feddie. Blanks must be mailed to Mrs. L. D. Arnot, 825 South 34th street. Deadline is March 11, 1950.

Applicants are requested to meet for a personal interview with the scholarship committee in Ellen Smith hall, between the hours of 1 and 5 p. m. Friday, March 17. Any student who cannot be interviewed at this time, may make arrangements for a special interview by calling Mrs. L. D. Arnot, telephone 3-6867.

Before sending applications to the scholarship committee, candidates are requested to give the registrar's office written permission to send their grades to the scholarship committee.

Traveling in two chartered buses, Stan Kenton's new orchestra will present its "Innovations in Modern Music for 1950" at 77 cities and Universities around the nation.

His orchestra will have appeared at cities in Washington, Oregon, California and Utah before stopping at Lincoln for an exclusive Nebraska appearance.

The concert, which will be presented at the University Coliseum Wednesday evening, Feb. 22, at 8 p. m. will give lovers of modern music in Nebraska, a chance to see their favorite maestro in action.

Nebraska is one of a select group of universities Kenton has booked for his tour. Others include the University of Oregon at Eugene, University of Illinois at Champaign, Ann Arbor, University of Wisconsin at Madison and several girls' schools throughout the country.

The tour will end May 19 in Los Angeles at a performance at Shrine Auditorium. Then Kenton will start arranging and working for the 1951 concert tour. He plans a three-month tour each year.

Book Business . . .

Just because any campus issue involves no heated support is no reason for assuming that the issue is insignificant. Just because the proposal for a new bookstore at Ag has been met with approval, but no great concern, is no reason to assume that the project isn't worthy of active promotion.

We don't deny the fact that the Ag students could have been expected to favor new quarters for the store. But must we abandon the idea simply because it is one of those things which are never in danger of losing support?

Of course, Ag campus could get along without a bookstore. It has done it in the past and probably could manage in the future. In fact, we no doubt could get along without the whole University.

The fact remains that Ag not only could use, but would benefit by a bigger store. So long as the need exists we cannot drop the matter. The services a larger bookstore could offer cannot be denied. And the store cannot continue to do business in its present crowded location.

Burglars Again . . .

Again burglars have made a nice haul in University fraternity houses. Every year they seem to find it quite easy to enter fraternity houses and take just about anything they please.

Last year, one house was robbed on two different occasions with a total loss of about \$225, and in another, \$90 was taken. We talked with police after one of last year's robberies to find out what a burglar might do if he were caught by a group of fraternity men.

The police know what they're talking about. Three years ago, in one house, two students walked into their room to find a burglar helping himself. He immediately waved a revolver in their faces and ordered them to step aside. The burglar then made his exit.

Last year, when two burglars were robbing a house on the down-town campus, one of the house's occupants walked in on them. He took about three steps into the room and received a slight tap on the head—just slight enough to knock him out.

So, it's easy to see these burglars are nothing to be trifled with. So far, they seem to be taking only money—which is bad enough. But money is getting more scarce all the time. Sooner or later, they're going to start taking clothes, jewelry and other personal belongings.

It would be a good idea if all organized houses started locking their doors at night.

Editorial Briefs

We had better clarify The Daily Nebraskan's policy toward letters to the editor. No letter will be printed unless it is personally signed by the writer.

The University's Student Union this weekend was host to approximately 40 delegates from other unions throughout Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri. It was the first conference for this region, and the valuable ideas which emerged from the meetings and discussions showed the benefits which could be gained by making the conference an annual event.

A few weeks ago the Miami, Florida, Herald made the statement that "the human male makes a bigger jackass of himself in early manhood" than at any other time of his life, and further, that "the worst manifestations of his silliness are found on the college campus."

REA Jobs Open To Engineers

Jobs are available in Rural Electrification engineering at salaries from \$4,600 to \$5,400 a year.

To qualify, an applicant must have had the appropriate training and some experience in the field.

Students interested in these positions can obtain information and application forms from any Post Office, from Civil Service

Geologists Elect Faust President

Lowell Faust, Syracuse, has been elected new president of Sigma Gamma Epsilon, honorary geology fraternity.

Other officers chosen are Frank Smith, St. Johns, Newfoundland, vice president; Robert C. Becker, Lincoln, secretary; William LeFoy, Lincoln, treasurer; and Howard Sahl, Greenwood, scribe.

To the Editor:

I read with a great deal of interest the editorial on sportsmanship which was reprinted in the Daily Nebraskan from a Utah publication. May I offer my comments on the subject?

I agree, in general, with that editorial. I believe that we of Nebraska should constantly endeavor to evidence good sportsmanship at all athletic contests. I do not believe, however, that we can attain that goal merely by saying to ourselves and to our neighbors, "Let us not boo." Instead, I think we would achieve better results if we sought to eliminate the root of the evil.

In my opinion, poor sportsmanship on the part of the fans is enhanced more by incompetent refereeing than in any other way. I believe the Utah editorial hinted at this fact. It is quite true that referees cannot be expected to see all of the action; consequently they cannot be expected to see all of the rule infractions. On the other hand, I can see no reason why a referee cannot see some of the fouls and call them correctly. It's merely a matter of competence.

To illustrate my point, I would like to refer to the recent games between Kansas State and Missouri which were played here recently. In both of those games, Bus Whitehead was pushed, shoved, kicked, elbowed and roughed up in every way imaginable, yet only a small minority of these clearly obvious fouls were called. Bear in mind that Whitehead handles the ball more often than any other player on our team and that supposedly one of the referees is following the ball at all times. Furthermore, I saw Whitehead and an opponent go

Healthy Mind Vital To Students' Success

Mental health pays off in the opinion of D. A. Worcester, chairman of the department of educational psychology and measurements. A healthy mind is vital to a student's success and well-being, the genial professor emphasized.

"Mental health is a means to get adjusted socially. It is the difference between success and failure, between being happy or unhappy," he said.

Many students are unaware of the real reasons for their difficulties, the professor stated. "Students will come to us with what apparently are other problems," he said. "The real difficulty, however, is something else."

He took for the example of a student who doesn't have enough friends or who has no gift for making friends. "The actual trouble," Dr. Worcester said jokingly, "may be that he hasn't read 'How to Win Friends and Influence People' or that he has B.O."

The tone of his conversation becoming more serious, Dr. Worcester said that the problems of the student with few friends may depend on his background. The psychology instructor often sees his symptoms and arranges for him to meet groups of people.

The professor described a Union project which is designed to help students who aren't able to enter into many social activities. The Union a few years ago gathered information about students who worked for their room and board or who, for some other reasons, couldn't participate in regular Union activities. The object of the investigation was to set up activities which they could attend. Such a program, Dr. Worcester said, was indeed a commendable project.

The professor went on to describe what the psychology instructor does to help students when they have mental problems.

"The first thing we do," he said, "is to help them see what the situation is and to help them work it out themselves. There is almost no way of helping someone with personal difficulties unless he asks for it."

A course in psychology or mental hygiene would help any student, he said. Such courses describe the situation and symptoms of an individual experiences when he is mentally ill.

Dr. Worcester emphasized the danger of self-analysis. Certain characteristics which are perfectly normal—like outbursts of anger—don't always indicate mental difficulties, he noted. The student who needs help, the professor said, may find relief by talking over his problems with someone, someone who is willing to try to understand and

up after a ball. The opponent came down with both arms around Whitehead's neck, and the referee called it a jump ball. I saw Gates dribble between two men and have a foul called on him because he couldn't get away from the hacking of arms and legs of the opposition. Time and time again I have seen Whitehead and Pierce attempt shots underneath the basket while two or three opponents were literally hanging on their shoulders, yet no fouls were called. Such action, or lack of it, on the part of the referees we've been drawing lately, makes my blood boil and I think it's about time we did something about it.

Right now, all the fans are doing is booing. I feel certain that the booing is aimed solely at the referees. I feel, too, that if the refereeing were of better quality we would see an immediate improvement in our display of sportsmanship. I say this with a reminder to the Iowa State game. I do not recall the names of the referees at that game, but I do not know that they did a magnificent job. I remember, too, that there was a minimum of booing and, which was greatest of all, a great little player by the name of Ferguson got a big ovation from the crowd for his superb playing that evening.

In conclusion, then, let us not preach good sportsmanship by saying, "We must be good sports, and 'Thou shalt not boo.'" Let's do something about it. Let me wager that if we get some top-notch referees the fans will change their boos to applause.

Very sincerely yours, H. W. HEADLEY.

who doesn't criticize. The person from whom the mentally disturbed student seeks help should not try to moralize, Dr. Worcester emphasized. If the patient is guilty of excessive drinking, the professor said, the person helping him should try to discover the cause of his drinking rather than pointing out that he is doing wrong. If the patient is cured, Dr. Worcester said, he will see his errors himself.

The student with mental difficulties can't talk to just anyone, the professor continued. This, he said, may lead to the habit of unloading troubles on a particular friend, a mental problem in itself. The habit of telling woes to a friend may be a cover for other, real problems, he said, and the friend is merely someone on which he can lean. Anyone who attempts to help such a student must sort out which problems are real and which are imaginary, Dr. Worcester advised.

"One of the things we don't need to worry about is breaking down from overwork," the professor stated. "It's only when we begin to worry about not getting our work done, about not getting recognition, that danger may exist."

"Fatigue may be just the result of work. If we are tired as a result of work, there is nothing to worry about. We all worry a little. It is only when our work lacks efficiency that something should be done."

Dr. Worcester cited examples of students who had high grades which dropped suddenly and those who showed ability but didn't have the grades to correspond. He told of one girl to whom he talked when her grades showed a marked decline. His investigation revealed that the girl's parents were getting a divorce and that both were trying to win her love.

Dr. Worcester described another girl who entered Teachers college at her parents' insistence, although she wished to take nursing training. The girl's parents, he said, would pay for her education only if she took up teaching. The girl had been in school three years when she came to Dr. Worcester for advice.

The situation was "breaking her up," the professor said, and she was unhappy and dissatisfied. Dr. Worcester told her that, although she no doubt disliked being disrespectful to her parents, that it would be best for her to enter the field she desired. It was too bad, he noted, that the girl had had to go through so much difficulty before she was relieved.

"We who are trying to do anything along this line," concluded Dr. Worcester, "don't go

Teachers Plan Curriculum Conference

An educational conference on curriculum and instruction will be held for Teachers College students Feb. 16 and 17.

Dean H. L. Caswell, Columbia University lecturer and Dr. Earl Armstrong, U. S. Office of Education, will be here to take part in discussions and to address the student body.

Dean Caswell received his bachelor's degree from the University and was superintendent and principal at Auburn and Syracuse high schools. He left Nebraska to become assistant director of the division of field studies at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. Dean Caswell is nationally recognized as an authority in the field of education curriculum.

Armstrong was formerly dean of education, University of Delaware, and at Ohio Wesleyan university. He was coordinator for the national study on teacher education, conducted by the National Commission on teacher education.

A student seminar will be held Thursday at 1:30 p. m. in Love library auditorium. Members of the teachers college student committee will present questions to Dean Caswell that have risen from advanced educational practices.

Thursday, 1:30 p. m. Love library auditorium. Student-Faculty discussion period. Thursday, 4 p. m. Everett junior high auditorium. General Meeting, informal remarks by Dr. Armstrong and an address by Dean Caswell.

Friday, 4 p. m. Everett junior high auditorium, 11th and C St. Open Meeting, sponsored by Committees of 50 and 60 Lincoln public schools.

out after students with mental problems. But here are the people who will talk to you and help you with your problems."