

Editorial Comment

Facts Amplified . . .

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In the past few months, we have been reading in the Daily Nebraskan many excuses as to why the Nebraska Builders have been unable to release the Student Directory on time. We have attempted to amplify the facts by several interviews with members of the Builders and members of the committee set up by the Student Council and to find out what might be done.

We of the Blue Print would like to put before the College of Engineering summary of the facts and some suggested remedies.

The Builders' problems seem to fall into three categories. They are: changes in the editorial staff; poor sources of information necessary for compiling directory listings; and lack of co-operation of the faculty and administration.

In our experience in presenting to the engineers of this school and state a publication for the last fifty years, we have found that it is a poor policy to make unnecessary changes in our editorial staff, unless there is full co-operation between the new and retiring staffs and the new staff has had an opportunity to procure some editorial and managing experience. We understand that the Builders have again changed editors of the Student Directory and that the change was affected by an election. We hope that this election was not another popularity contest but that all candidates considered had the necessary qualifications for this most important job. We further hope that the new editor will have the co-operation of all who may be of help to her.

The question of information sources presents a problem of another sort. We see three remedies which offer possible solutions. All three will first require the solution of the third problem, administration co-operation. Possible sources

of information are: an additional tab on the registration cards we fill out each semester; the use of lists of students in each department possessed by the heads of the departments; and employment of the IBM cards or religious or alumni cards already in existence. Obviously the first source would seem best, and every effort to initiate its use should be made.

If we are to believe what information we are able to obtain from the Builders, the administration should regret the attitude it has taken towards the worthwhile activity undertaken by students. On the other hand, if the attitude shown by the administration toward the Student Council committee, in regard to the Student Directory, is to prevail, this attitude has already been reversed. Could it be that the official attitude is one thing and that the actual attitude is another? Which ever is the case, all co-operation given must be earned, and so far as we can ascertain no effort has been made as yet by the new staff of the Student Directory.

We of the Blue Print are primarily interested in the well being of the engineering student. Unless we feel that some of the problems of the Student Directory staff are being solved and not, as in the past, used as excuses, we shall include in our October, 1951, issue a directory of all engineering students.

We are not contemplating this to spite any group or to take revenue from the Builders. The Blue Print has included such a listing before, and we feel that it is our right to do so again. Since we feel that the students of the College of Engineering and Architecture need this service in October, not in December or January, we shall undertake to give engineering students a directory one way or another.

Another Experiment Fails . . .

An experiment has failed—nothing more, nothing less. No great moral victory has been won by any certain group or faction. There is no necessity for ridicule of the planners of the experiment.

Last week, the yell squad advisory board announced it would include coeds on the University's cheerleading squad next year. The decision came after a year of an all-male yell squad. A year which produced no great improvement over mixed squad's of the past.

In the fall of 1950 a committee of Innocents was formed to outline plans for a revised yell squad. After much investigation and research this committee announced this reorganization plan. The new squad was to be composed of all males, to be chosen by the newly-formed advisory board. The reasons for this revision were many. First it was felt men could be more easily trained in gymnastics and speech—attributes of a good and well-functioning yell squad. The Innocents committee believed it was the duty of cheerleaders to visit the dressing rooms in a show of student spirit, and of course this is restricted to men. Another reason for the revision was an opinion of the committee that male cheerleaders would be able to facilitate travel to out-of-town games easier than coeds.

That was the objective of the revision. It must be admitted the reasons are valid and in good faith. But the experiment failed.

Why did it fail? Not because of the superiority of female yell leaders as compared with men. It failed because of the outrageous lack of spirit of the student body. This coupled with the fact that the male yell squad had three strikes against them when they first appeared made it very difficult for them to shine.

The final decision was caused by the definite lack of men trying out for positions on next year's squad. Now it is up to the girls to prove

they can do the job. It would be wise, however, for the females to abandon the "I told you so" attitude. The coeds cannot fall back on their laurels. They must strive to revitalize Nebraska's spirit.—j.w.

Just Gullible . . .

Yesterday's Daily Nebraskan is proof enough that one never knows what will happen in Washington. Since the 'Rag' has no wire facilities and the paper is put to bed at midnight, the big news on MacArthur, which broke at midnight, was not included in the day's news. The afternoon news report was that Truman "had decided to do nothing about Gen. Douglas MacArthur's 'faux pas'" but would "leave any action up to the military," and was reported as such.

The report also stated that legislators who had conferred with Mr. Truman were under the impression that the president had not made up his mind about what to do about the general. But they were reported ready to back the president in what ever he did.

These Washingtonians are rather hard to figure out, especially Truman, who called a special press conference to break the 'big story.' How about these legislators who were ready to back their Chief? They seem to have taken a reverse stand since Tuesday and are quite upset about the entire situation.

Maybe news writers all over the country who are accused of distorting the facts should be more cautious about what they print. But one would think that direct interviews with the 'big wigs' would bring the facts. The latest escapade in trying to delude the public seems to have backfired and the American newspapers (including The Daily Nebraskan) can no longer be accused of misrepresenting the facts. After all, we don't make them up! Just gullible, that's all.—j.l.

'Comics Are Educational,' Says English Professor

By Connie Gordon

If you're ever caught reading a comic book in one of your classes, just tell the prof who caught you that the English department head at the Lawrence Institute of Technology reports in his master's thesis that "comics are an integral part of our culture and consequently cannot be ignored by educators."

He adds that "comics provide a basis for learning, history, geography and science in a natural and personal setting."

He points out, however, that "the evils of the art work in comics cannot be mitigated. The artistic approach and technique and the content material can only be bettered by education and greater art appreciation."

It would seem that comics are finally coming into their own as a source of educational advancement . . . some comics, that is.

A student at Michigan State college was giving a talk in his speech class in the fine art of sneaking out of classes. To make his talk easier to comprehend, he demonstrated several methods that could be used by students if they desired to take an unauthorized leave of absence.

To prove that these techniques could work, he opened the door of the classroom, stepped outside, and never came back.

We still haven't learned what his speech grade was that day.

The Green Gander, the Corn Shucks of Iowa State, is now in the process of deciding whether

they should clean up or get out. Pressure has been exerted on the magazine from various groups on and off the campus. They want the Gander to either clean up the content of the magazine or to stop any further publication. The Christmas issue of the magazine was "especially bad," and certain jokes in that issue were "without taste." Officials told the publishers that these jokes would have to disappear from the pages of the magazine. Up to now, we haven't heard just what the Gander staff plans to do concerning the continuation of the magazine.

The Kansas State Collegian reports a new honor recently bestowed to a deserving student. They wrote: "One of our Ag Students who graduated last year was elected the boy most likely to sack seed."

Ag students, take note!

The Long Island university newspaper recently printed a full, blank page on one of its pages. This was done in protest to the administration's policy of curtailing all intercollegiate athletics as a result of involvement in the basketball scandal. Crime does not pay!

This is all the pilfered material for today. So, until next column time, So long! "Flash."

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Complaints Justified . . .

To the Editor:

Deplorable! Deplorable indeed! Tuesday's "Rag" contains two complaints. Both are very important and should be given full consideration by "the authorities concerned."

The location of the lab theater's performances is really as bad as it could be. The actors do and did a marvelous job—particularly if we remember "Antigone" and "Caesar and Cleopatra"—but most of the little plays were jewels too.

But I think the small plays need more publicity and the big plays definitely not only a better but also a larger room—or more performances. If the solving of both needs could be combined—the better.

The "Rag" did a good job in pointing out the deplorable location (but it would be worth while to say more about the play and the playing than just "Miss X did a good job, Mr. Y was very fine and Mrs. Z is not too bad at all.")

The other thing concerns the swimming pools (or mud baths if you like) on the campus. You chase around the campus blocks to find your parking place in one of the lots. Your car is in the mud up to the axles and you are hardly able to open the doors because they stick in the mud. When you get out you can wade and take a healthy foot-and-leg mud bath. Of course, this is not free. You have the benefit of this "treat" to your car and yourself for 25 cents—the cost of your University parking sticker "designed to keep up parking facilities on the campus." Facilities! It is darn hard to get your car into the lot and to get it out takes the driver and three pushers, or swimmers or waders, as you like it. But I don't like it.

HANS D. BERENDT

Former NU Student Wins Retailing Foundation Post

A former University student has been re-elected to the board of directors of a national retailing foundation.

E. B. Sorensen, who is a native of Minden, is a member of a transit advertising firm in the west coast area.

Novel Color Combinations Come with Ultra-Modern Age

BY CONNIE GORDON

Gone are the days when you could walk into a store and ask for a "red dress" or a "blue shirt to match the color of my eyes."

No, with this ultra-modern age has come new color combinations.

Flowers have quite a say-so in determining the names and the shades of various colors. A few examples of the flowery nomenclatures given to colors are: Rose, lilac, pink, goldenrod, yellow, lily white, and various others too numerous to mention.

Food has also elaborated its way into names of some of your favorite colors. It's getting so that now when a person speaks of toast, wine, radish, cream, lettuce leaf, lime, lemon, orange, grape, apple red, and artichoke, you can't tell if he's naming off his favorite foods or telling you his favorite colors.

The armed forces have even determined the names of some of our standard colors. Three outstanding examples of this are: Navy for the navy; khaki for the army; and, if you want to get technical, aquamarine for the marines. It would seem that "everybody wants to get into the act."

BABW Board Heads Elected

Gertrude Carey, Marjorie Erickson, Carolyn Alma and Muriel Softley were elected to BABW offices Monday night, April 9, at the Barb heard meeting.

Miss Carey, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of YWCA, was elected secretary.

Treasurer is Miss Erickson, a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Miss Alma, social chairman, is a junior in Teachers college and a commercial arts major.

Historian, Miss Softley, is a sophomore in Teachers college, a member of YWCA and formerly of the freshman pepsters.

Jo Hoff, president, and Eldean Breeze, vice president, were elected in the all-campus elections March 19.

35 Engine Students To Attend Confab

Thirty-five students of the mechanical engineering department will attend the Annual American Society of Mechanical Engineers' convention in Kansas City, April 16 and 17.

Field trips have been scheduled for the meeting.

Six schools will be represented at the meeting. They are: the University of Arkansas, Kansas State, University of Kansas, University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma A & M, and the University of Nebraska.

Sponsors of the A.S.M.E. Convention are the Parents Society and the Senior Society.

Geier to Speak At Tri-K Club Meet Tonight

Leo Geier, executive secretary of the Salt-Wahoo Watershed association, will speak before the Tri-K club Thursday night, April 12.

His talk, which will be at 7:30 in the Horse barn, will be devoted to a discussion of the watershed program in Nebraska.

Primarily designed for graduating seniors who will be going back to the farm, the lecture will consist of a talk on organizing watershed programs. The Salt-Wahoo Watershed Association was started after the flood which occurred last May.

Geier stated that after his talk there will be time for discussion and the answering of questions that may arise.

'Expert' Describes Symptoms Of Students' Spring Fever

By Mickey McKie

What is this thing called "spring fever"? Is it a disease that occurs in the spring of the year and is accompanied by a burning fever?

Well, yes and no, we answer. It usually occurs in the spring, but we've also seen it in the fall. As for the "fever" part, it seems to be a combination of a burning sensation along with a tremendous desire to do as little as possible.

Now we're certain you are all familiar with this condition, but just in case you haven't already

Spring Edition Of 'Schooner' Just Released

What every college student should read!

What is it? It's the spring edition of the Prairie Schooner just released from the publishers.

Within the green and tan covers of the quarterly are stories, sonnets, poems, quatrains and satires. The authors are known to students as faculty members and fellow students.

"Larry," a story by Harry F. Cunningham, former head of the department of architecture, and "Losing Liberty By Default," an article by Dr. Lane W. Lancaster of the political science department, are included in this issue.

"The Wife," a satire by Patricia Kaveny, is the second undergraduate manuscript accepted by the Schooner since Willa Cather. "The Image," by Dick Miller, is another student contribution.

Among the other stories and poems included are: "Another Day," a story by Desmond Clarke; "Sustenance," a poem by Albert W. Dowling; "Panther in the Dark," a sonnet by Helen Rowe Henze, and "A Sock in the Buskin," a story by Michael Rosene.

SOCIETY

had an attack this year, we would like to warn you of some of its symptoms.

Glassy Stare

The first noticeable sign is a glassy stare occurring about the middle of some class period. This is usually detected by the instructor who immediately calls upon you to recite. From this moment on things go from bad to worse.

A whiff of fresh air is likely to send you into spasms of playfulness. You may find yourself leaping the hedges by Andrew's hall, or noticing how nice people are, or even forgetting to gripe about anything, except the weather, which, because it is so nice, makes you want to cut class.

Heart Skips Beat

Then, too, your heart may skip a beat or two at the sight of your best gal. Of course the very thought of studies turns your stomach and even at night, during study hours, you cannot resist the temptation to sneak out for a cup of coffee. Afternoon classes suffer terribly when picnic weather starts and the gang persuades you to go along.

Now that is a short concise description of this "dreaded" disease. If you notice any of these signs appearing on your normally composed anatomy, try everything and anything in your power to overcome it. They tell me the administration is determined to complete this semester, come what may, and should we have a severe epidemic of "spring fever" this goal may prove unattainable.

1800 Mile Tour Feature of Ag Summer Class

A special summer school class, Agronomy 179, will feature an 1800 mile tour of Nebraska. Enrolled students will get a chance to study geologic formations, soil types, vegetation types, and different kinds of soil conservation practices.

Also, the tour will take in water conservation projects that are found in the Republican and Platte River valleys.

Leading the trip will be Dr. Mark Weldon, soils specialist at the College of Agriculture, and A. R. Marquardt, State Soil Conservation officer.

The touring students will leave Lincoln June 6, and will come back June 14. There will be no limit to the number of students going, as all who register for the class will be accepted.

Anyone wishing to enroll in this class may do so by registering for the summer session. Aside from the registration fees, the student will have to pay for his room, board and transportation. Estimated cost of the trip is about \$5 dollars.

Anyone desiring information about this tour should see Dave Sanders at the Crops Laboratory, College of Agriculture.

MAIN FEATURES START

Varsity: "Lightning Strikes Twice," 1:27, 3:27, 5:27, 7:27. State: "Born Yesterday," 1:16, 3:16, 5:16, 7:16, 9:16. Husker: "Arson Inc." 2:14, 4:22, 6:50, 9:08. "The Arizonian," 1:00, 3:18, 5:36, 7:54, 10:12.

Comedy of Errors

BY ANN GILLIGAN

Guest Editor

Sipping that extra cup of coffee? Put it down, it takes two hands to hold a newspaper.

Love hall is living up to its name. Within the past two weeks, Shirley Miles announced her engagement to Bill Umberger, Joan Berggren was pinned to Harry Hecht, and Beverly Carlson and Jeannine Uhrig announced their new "steady deals" with "Butch" Nielson and Chuck Anderson, respectively.

Comes spring, whether it's warm or cold, and a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. Proof of this is the recent pinning of Shirley Lysinger and Larry Etherton, Russell Scheldoph and Bernice Nuss, Jo O'Brien and Dick Cordell, and Mig Loomis and Dick Moulton, and Gloria Kohan and Verne Davidson.

Why is it that a few people around campus aren't looking so well lately? Rumor has it that an SAE busboy at the A O Pi house came down with an unexpected case of diphtheria. Both houses have been frequently Student Health—getting vaccinated!

More evidence of spring are the recent marriages of Bob Baker and Sonya Friede, a North-western coed, and Warren Anderson and Norma Rennau, which took place in Aurora.

When Ellington hit town the campus took note! A few of the many attending included Mary Ann Zimmerman and Bob McEachan, Jane Linn and Leo Geier, Ginny Harrison and Dean Jameson, and Susie Stoll and Mike Lanspa, and Larry Westphal and Ray Loucks.

In the way of parties, the lineup for the week-end is as follows: Friday: Tau Kappa Epsilon formal at the Cornhusker. Men's Dorm formal at the Lincoln.

Junior-Senior Prom. Trident dance at the Naval Science building. Saturday: Pi Beta Phi formal at the Lincoln.

Cosmopolitan Club Carnival at the Union. Aecia formal at the Lincoln. Phi Delta Theta dinner dance at Cotner Terrace.

Farmhouse house party. Sigma Alpha Mu house party.

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Advertisement for 'BORN YESTERDAY' featuring comedians Judy Holliday, William Holden, and Crawford. Includes text 'Held Over' and 'FOR A 2ND WEEK! LAUGH WEEK! STARTING TODAY'.

Advertisement for 'LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE' featuring RUTH ROMAN. Includes text 'ACADEMY AWARD WINNER OF "/>

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