

Husker Horizons

The Hot Seat

Tom Rische

President Truman's eyes are gradually being opened to what is going on about him. Reported-ly, he is becoming more and more angered by evidence of corruption within his own administration. The tax scandals are becoming a bigger and bigger spot of the reputation of the Truman administration as a whole.

In the past, the president has tended to trust his friends a little too much. It appears that a number of them have taken advantage of that trust. In this respect, he is somewhat like the late Warren G. Harding, whose friends described him as a man who hated to say "no."

Columnist Drew Pearson recently let out a blast at Attorney General J. Howard McGrath charging that he was not in his office enough to know what was going on and that he failed to be as active in enforcing the law as he should have been. Pearson said that McGrath was so anxious to receive an appointment to the Supreme Court that he hesitated to make enemies through prosecutions. He also reported that Truman was considering firing McGrath for his lack of action. Sen. Estes Kefauver, crime prober, was reported a likely choice if McGrath is sacked. Pearson reported that some of Truman's advisers urged Kefauver's appointment as a gesture of good faith in cleaning up the governmental mess.

Friday, McGrath ordered an inquiry into charges that several high ranking tax department officials, including Charles Oliphant, chief counsel for the internal revenue bureau, and T. Lamar Caudle, recently fired assistant attorney general

in charge of tax fraud prosecutions, had tried to get "easy touches" in tax cases for a wealthy Chicago lawyer.

The work begun by the Kefauver crime committee has since led to some rather startling revelations. Corruption has been found in many high places. There may or may not be a further series of revelations.

Democratic politicians are reported worried over their party's status as a result of these scandals. There seems to be a general public revulsion over the findings.

It will be interesting to see whether the scandals will cost the democrats many votes. Despite the Teapot Dome scandals of 1923, the republicans were easily returned to power in 1924. Will the same set of circumstances repeat themselves? The voters have a short memory.

It does seem, however, that any party too long in power tends to accumulate professional grafters and cheaters. As long as one party holds office for a long period of time, there is not too great a turnover and chances for fraud are improved. A government as large and sprawling as our present federal structure offers plenty of opportunity for graft. The president could not possibly know all that goes on about him. It would appear that he has put too much trust in his friends without realizing that they were cheating on him.

It is said that experience counts, but in this case, it might be well to get some new blood in the government offices.

The Nebraskan Salutes

ACTIVITY QUEEN FINALISTS—Winner will be selected by student vote at the AUF auction Wednesday, Dec. 12. Sophomore finalists are: Barbara Adams, Sue Gorton, Sue Holmes, Georgia Hulac, Shirley Murphy and Janet Steffen. **NEW ALPHA LAMDA DELTAS**—Barbara Colwell and Beverly Kunc were selected to membership in the freshman women's scholastic honorary on basis of last year's overall average. **H. C. WEAR**—who donated \$5,000 to the University foundation last week. The Brandon, Colo., cattle rancher's gift will be used to edit and prepare three sound-color motion pictures about agriculture and cattle industry in New Zealand and Australia. Students and faculty members who participated in the MESSIAH—Presentation of Handel's "Messiah" has become a University tradition since its first performance in 1901. Dr. Arthur Westbrook, director of the 600-voice chorus, and Emanuel Wishnow, orchestra director, and soloists, Marjorie Danly, Marjorie Murphy, Earl Jenkins and Jack Anderson, deserve special recognition for their fine performances. **DR. E. V. TELLE**—He is one of two American professors invited to submit articles for a book honoring the French scholar, Augustin Renaudet. **AUF BOARD MEMBERS AND NEW OFFICERS**—Under leader-

ship of the new president, Joan Hanson, who succeeds Sarah Fulton, these officers and board members will be responsible for the charity drive of All University Fund for next year. **NEW PI LAMDA THETA MEMBERS**—Students admitted to this national honorary and professional association for women in education are chosen on basis of personality, leadership, character and interest and promise in education. **DEBATEES**—for records made at the University of Iowa and Wayne State Teachers college last week. Freshman Jack Rogers especially deserves credit for tying for first place among 95 experienced discussion participants at Iowa. **UNIVERSITY SINGERS**—for their fine Christmas Carol concert. Programs such as these help students realize true significance of Christmas. **BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB**—for placing second in the national club contest. Nebraska's entry was Bob Raun, 1951 University graduate. **HONORARY COMMANDANT JACKIE SORENSEN**—She is the 19th coed to receive the military honor. **TOM DONOVAN JR.**—The first student to get the Union's Worker of the Month award was chosen on basis of originality, ability and Union work. **CANDIDATE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**—for a memorable Military Ball.

Little Gold Keys

Joan Krueger

By admission to the roster of Phi Beta Kappa last week, eleven more University students were honored for high scholastic accomplishments. At least a 90 per cent average and completion of graduation requirements from the College of Arts and Sciences are necessary to be considered for membership in the liberal arts and sciences honorary.

Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is one of few honors at University student can receive that is void of campus politics and based solely on individual achievements. For this reason the recognition should carry a great deal of honor. Since its founding 175 years ago on the campus of the College of William and Mary, Phi Beta

Kappa has used the motto: Philosophy is the guide of life.

Although several changes have been made from the first views of the group in the 18th century, the highest ideals still are promoted by the society. Students who wear the little PBK key have a right to be proud for they have achieved one of the highest honors possible in a college career.

Part of the Phi Beta Kappa creed might well be used by other students: "... we have developed a force that can lead to self-destruction but lack the wisdom to control and direct that force toward its proper ends. This is the crisis we are called upon to meet."

A Student Views the News

Higher Salaries, Selective System Recommended To Solve Corruption

Charles Gomon

The recent investigations by congressional committees have revealed enough tax scandals, influence peddlers, graft payments, contract grabs, payroll padders, and criminally negligent government officials to thoroughly convince even the most skeptical citizen that corruption in government is a problem that must be dealt with and soon.

Violations of laws both moral and statutory uncovered in the last three years rival the scandals of the Harding administration.

The judicial branch of the federal government has been notably and laudably excepted. The conviction of Rep. J. Parnell Thomas for payroll padding is enough to illustrate that corruption is not limited to appointed officials. At the time he was prosecuted, Thomas was serving as chairman of the house un-American activities committee. It would seem that his crime was just as un-American as that of the subversives he was investigating.

The recent revelation concerning the department of justice have resulted in the removal or resignation of 43 employees. The assistant attorney general of the United States, T. Lamar Caudle, was fired by President Truman for his illegal and unethical conduct. It is ironic indeed that Caudle was one of the justice department officials who helped Senator Kefauver in his investigation of crime in America.

One of the saddest commentaries on the decay of the ethical standards of government is the complacency with which many Americans greet each new revelation. British debaters touring U.S. college campuses last year were dumbfounded to observe that Americans seemed to accept corruption in government as a necessary evil.

It is true that in many cases only poor quality men are available for government positions. It is equally true that men of the highest character and education are discouraged from seeking office by the low salaries offered, the unfair pressure of self-interested groups and individuals, and the work of character assassins.

It would also seem that the establishment of a selection system for government officials based on character, integrity, and education as well as technical aptitude would be advantageous. Too many administrative posts are filled by incompetents either because of a breakdown in the civil service selection and advancement procedure or because of partisan political appointments.

A complete re-evaluation of the nation's ethical standards may be necessary, but these suggested reforms might pave the way for more basic readjustments in our attitude toward government officials. If we are to have superior administrators, a man must be proud to be called a civil servant.

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Dear Editor...

Is Religion Silenced?

To the Editor:

Can it be that there has been a "conspiracy of silence" on this campus because most students are afraid of what teachers and other students might think of them if they should make a remark about God which might show that they have religious convictions? Can it be that there have been so many students and professors who are so unsure of themselves when it comes to their feeling about religion that they have all agreed quietly among themselves that they should let no one know how dumb and stupid they were about things that had to do with God? Has the student on the University campus lost all of the faith that he or she had in God when they left their home church?

Is it true that just because a fellow or girl joins a fraternity or sorority or just simply after he or she becomes a freshman, that the church, religion, the reality of a personal God, become a subject that is verboten for students to talk about seriously because this is a state University and since the church and state are separated, then no, we must not stir up anything, we can get into nothing but an argument when we talk about religion?

The seriousness of the present situation is proved to me when I know there are professors who go over their lecture notes carefully so that there is no reference to God or for that matter politics because that will rouse up differences in opinion and that will never do because then the lecture for the day will never be given in the discussion following. How long has it been since the students at this University were encouraged to think for themselves? Should not a part of the University's function be to urge and to encourage students to think for themselves?

What am I trying to say? I am trying to say that the reason why students are silent (why no school spirit?), is that they are so disorganized in their thinking and so factionalized in their different groups and in their different colleges and in their different subjects that they feel that they have no right to let other students share the knowledge of how ignorant they are in so many different areas.

The "normal" state of affairs on this campus is that every student brags about the organizations and groups and the clubs to which he or she belongs and tells everyone about the ways that these groups are building up his personality and are of use to him and his buddies except the church. The church is most often left out except in a criticizing way. Most often the church is singled out and the sins of its members pointed out of all of the groups to which the student belongs.

Why then does the church continue? Because Christ has said

"the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church," and there have been those few down through the centuries who have been faithful in the cause of Jesus Christ.

Can students see that they need some convictions, they need a faith, they need something to live for, they need ideals, they need a high goal in life? These do not come from fighting wars, from hating, from doing wrong, but from the opposite of this—that is, from doing right, from peace, from loving others.

Why do I say this? Because I am convinced that there is no hope for the world of today, and for the world of tomorrow without recognition of Jesus Christ as our savior who when he was born was heralded by the angels as the giver of peace on earth, good will to men. I also believe in the church which is made up of those who truly and genuinely live and have faith in Christ as a divine person and includes all those persons with this faith from whatever church or group they represent. All churches are united under the banner of Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

With faith and belief in Jesus Christ as the savior who came to give us salvation and forgiveness and to serve as an example of discipleship, comes the necessary sense of wholeness and courage and love which students need to solve the problems of today and of tomorrow... The world is lost without God.

Sincerely,

PHIL HAIN

Please Answer

Dear Editor:

With about two weeks left until Christmas vacation I think it's time that I get some kind of an answer on a letter I wrote recently. The letter, you may recall, asked for the consideration of extending our Christmas vacation until Jan. 7 and adding the two extra vacation days to the time allotted for semester exams. In other words have school Jan. 14 and 15. If the plan is not possible, please give some reason why it is not.

I have heard so many complaints about having to come back to school on Thursday. How about those of you really want an extended vacation sending in some kind of approval to the idea so that officials in charge will really do some thinking about the matter?

Please (at least) let's have an answer!

A HOPEFUL STUDENT.

Union 'N U

Santa's Workshop Party To Feature Election Of First 'Miss Snowflake'

Hal Hasselbalch

A week from Tuesday the Union will have its biggest function of the Christmas season.

Santa's workshop is the theme of the party. A feature of the evening will be the presentation of "Miss Snowflake." Candidates for the new title are freshman coeds representing organized houses, women's residence halls and Towne Club.

In order to vote for Miss Snowflake, students must donate a small gift to the Union collection. The gifts should cost no more than 10 or 25 cents and may be most anything. According to Genevieve Grimm, articles most appreciated at the mental hospital and orphanages are soap, perfume, colorful scarves or canned goods.

The gifts will be turned over to the Red Cross who will distribute them to surrounding orphanages, hospitals and needy families. The canned foods are excellent contributions for use in the latter project.

Stuffed animals will be given as door prizes. The prizes will be put on display early and students may register Friday for the door prize drawing.

For entertainment there will be carol singing and organ music in the lounge. Jimmy Phillips and

his combo will play for dancing in the ballroom. Eggnog will be served in the lounge.

This week the craft shop will again be open Tuesday evening. Chess lessons will be given from 4 till 6 p.m. by Dick Kelly and Eldon Schafer.

Friday at 7 p.m. students interested in the table tennis club will meet. Plans will be made for tournaments and eventual participation in the Big Seven tourney.

The Christmas Carol concert last week was one of the big successes lately enjoyed by the Union. Both times the University Singers sang to a more than full house. The affair had broadened out this year so that it received state-wide acclaim.

This year's listeners have urged the Union to schedule three performances next year. Whether this will be possible is not yet certain.

The movie for Sunday is "Ticket to Tomahawk," a Dan Daily musical.

With Christmas vacation only three days away from the date of the Christmas fun night, almost every student should be able to go. It will be a good way to get into the vacation spirit, if that takes conditioning!

German Club To Give Party

"Froliche Weihnachtsfest!"

This "Merry Christmas" greeting will be extended to guests at the German club annual Christmas party, Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Ellen Smith hall.

The Christmas story and holiday poems will be read in German. Refreshments and games will complete the party agenda.

German club is open to students in German classes and persons interested in the language. The club tries to have social and cultural meetings each month.

Officers for this semester are: Barbara Bredthauer, president; Henry Holst, vice president; Agita Abens, secretary, and Herb Dyck, treasurer.

G. Meissner Establishes Scholarship Fund At NU

George L. Meissner of South Laguna, Calif., has established a \$5,000 scholarship fund with the University of Nebraska Foundation, Perry W. Branch, Foundation director-secretary, announced. Meissner created the fund in memory of his deceased wife, Minerva DePue Meissner, who graduated from the University in 1892.

Income from the fund will be used to provide scholarships for worthy University students. The recipients will be selected by the University's general scholarship awards committee.

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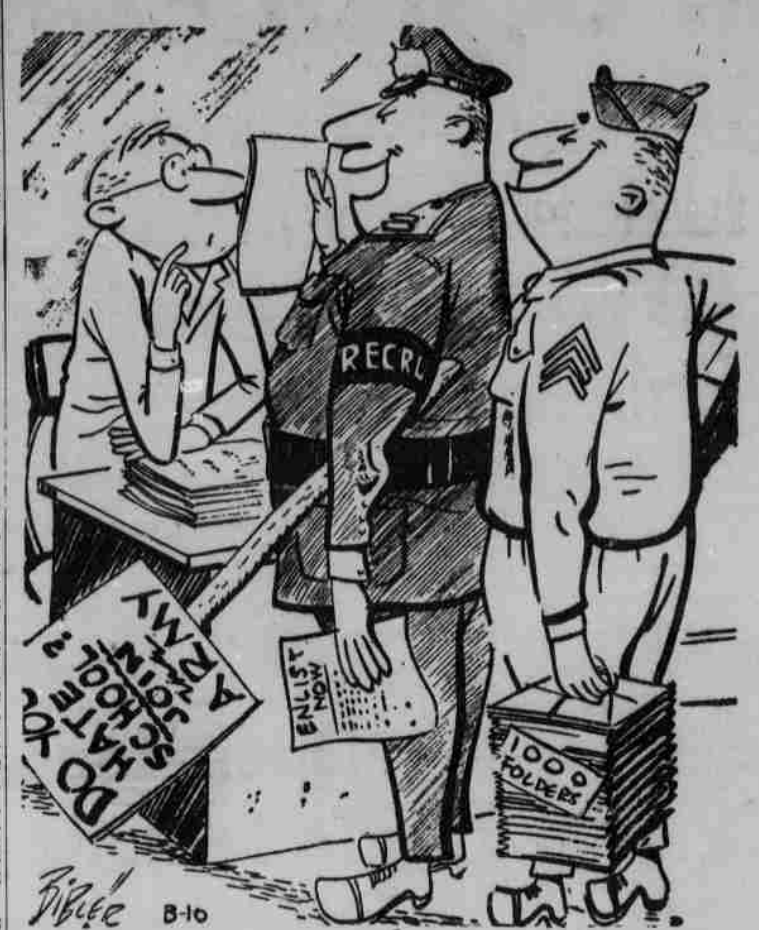
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Ann's Alley

By ANN GILLIGAN

Some of those taking part in the Military Ball "fun and games" Friday night were:

Don Larson and Mitzie Moyle, Barb Akeson and Tom Hunton, Liz Miller and Dick Rachin, Don Pederson and Virginia Cummings, Bob Reynolds and Blythe Thomson, Jerry Johnson and Miriam Willey, Barb Nelson and Larry Andersen, Marilyn Bamesberger and Al Blessing.

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Gearke, Bobbie Burdick and Bob Ernie Truman and Levis Donaldson and Jean Van Aucken.

Most males dined before the dance and parted after—with dates. However, Kappa Sig pledges cast their dates aside for the dance and staged a small stag party—no actives invited.

The DU "investigating committee" reports that Bob Locke is pinned. The committee said that sometimes he admits it, and sometimes he doesn't. However, the situation will be investigated further before any definite conclusion is reached.

The Chi O's report that pledge Margaret Moore entertained the entire chapter Sunday night after "The Messiah" with an informal dinner at her home. Nice idea, huh?

One new engaged couple—Phyllis Chubbuck and Don Hicken, now in the navy. And one new steady pair—Jane Haylette and John Woolley.

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