

Requirement Battle Hats

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Public School, University Committees Investigate NU Entrance Question

A series of misunderstandings has knocked the proposal out from under the potential battle of school administrators and University officials on the entrance requirements question of admission to the University.

The Omaha World-Herald said a "bitter battle" had broken into the open as a result of a "resolution" suggesting "elimination of specific requirements for University entrance."

According to Noel Lawrence, principal of the Grand Island high school and president-elect of the Association of School Administrators, a "committee had been set up to study the problem." He pointed out directly that no resolution was passed.

The first blast came from faculty members of the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

In a letter addressed to the Nebraska Association of School Administrators, the faculty men sharply criticized the high school superintendents for adopting recently a resolution suggesting elimination of specific requirements for University entrance.

The statement said: "We feel that your association would do well to consider long before using its influence to weaken and shorten the course of preparation of many students."

The school administrators in the resolution adopted during a meeting here in late November urged that the only requirement for entering the University be that the high school student complete 15 "satisfactory units" of work.

High school students can earn units or fractions of units in manual training subjects, such as wood working, military drilling, football, basketball and track.

Lawrence said that in no way did the association quarrel with the requirements of three years of English with social studies, science or mathematics requirements. They wanted consideration though, he said, for the 85 or 90 per cent of the students in rural schools who never will go on to college.

Dr. George W. Rosenlof, University registrar, said the University is prepared to study and make such changes as will be needed to iron out the college problem.

He said it is important that "we do study admission requirements," but the public schools should "respect the academic requirements made of them."

Dr. Rosenlof blamed a misunderstanding of terminology in the dispute, such as the word "deficiency" which had been attacked as "psychologically bad for the students."

He said the University will accept students in the upper half of their class who are short required units for admission. It may mean, he said, that they spend an extra semester in school, but they will be qualified for degrees when they finish.

Military students who have pictures from summer camp may turn them in at the Cornhusker office, basement of the Union, for use in the 1952 yearbook.

Five Labor Experts To Discuss Wage Policies In Biz Ad Panel

What is wage stabilization? Five men prominent in the field of labor relations will attempt to answer this question Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Love Library auditorium.

Donald Devries, Eli Rock, Richard M. Bourne, Gordon Prible and Dean Cooper will comprise a panel sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi, professional business fraternity.

Earl Fullbrook, dean of the College of Business Administration, will serve as moderator for the discussion.

Devries has been associated with the Associated Industries of Nebraska since 1940. During World War II he served on the Regional Wage Stabilization Board. He is now the only Nebraska member on the board which meets in Kansas City, Mo.

Prible is chairman of the Regional Wage Stabilization Board in Kansas City. His experience in field of labor relations includes the following position: (1) mediator officer and dispute director for the War Labor Board in Philadelphia during World War II; (2) arbitration work for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. He received his degree in law from Yale University.

Bourne is an associate professor of economic and labor relations at the University. He was representative-in-charge of the U.S. employment service in Longmont, Colo., in 1935. During the next six years he was associated with the economics department of the University of Wyoming.

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and a member of the board of directors for Cushman Motor company in Lincoln. He is also a member of the National Office Management association.

He recently served on a round-table sponsored by the University of Chicago. This round-table discussed the problem of age limits for compulsory retirements in industry. Cooper is active in the work of the Lincoln Community chest and Red Cross chapter.

Prible is president of the Nebraska State Federation of Labor. The program is open to the public.

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University's Rebuttal

(Editor's note—This is the letter sent to President Noel Lawrence of the Nebraska Association of School Administrators by the executive committee and chairmen of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University.)

We note that your association has recently renewed its recommendation to abolish specific requirements (English, foreign languages, mathematics, science and social studies) for admission to the University. The recommendation proposes, "If a student graduates from high school with 15 units of credit and has shown ability to do college level work, then the pattern of subjects taken in high school should be immaterial."

We are convinced that the ifs and shoulds of the above sentence represent an attitude and present a thesis that are unrealistic and perilous to sound education either for meeting life's problems or as preparation for more advanced and professional study.

1. It is surprising that members of your association do not remember the experience of our nation during the late war. The armed services found our public school graduates deficient in English, in mathematics, in scientific studies (especially the physical sciences), and without knowledge of or deplorably weak in the foreign languages. Any one who was especially proficient in these subjects had special opportunities awaiting him. The special courses of training set up by the armed services in the various universities of the country stress the above-named subjects and history. They found them essential for competent leadership and advancement in the armed services.

2. Students with only general courses are at a great disadvantage in going on to higher education and professional courses. They need proficiency in English and a foreign language, mathematics and the sciences. These are the tools of clear and concise thinking and they are the best equipment for successful attainment in any walk of life.

3. In these days when more and more of our young people are going to universities and when the nation needs such specialized and competent services in increasing numbers it would seem that the public would do well to direct the young people within their charge to the maximum attainment for the strenuous competition that is ahead. Youth is the time of rapid development and young people will never be challenged by the general, the vague and the indefinite.

4. Our long experience with university students and with the requirements of the professions leads us to lament the dwarfing of many able intellects by lack of sound preparation in the fundamentals of learning. We feel that your association would do well to consider long before using its influence to weaken and shorten the course of preparation of many students.

5. In view of the present educational needs of the nation it is difficult to understand how you came to offer the recommendation that was reported as adopted at your Nov. 30 meeting in Lincoln.

Executive committee of College of Arts and Sciences and the following chairmen:

- C. H. OLDFATHER
- J. L. SELLERS
- BOYD G. CARTER
- WILLIAM K. PFELTER
- M. A. BASOCO
- W. F. WRIGHT
- IRVING H. BLAKE
- W. W. RAY
- C. G. LOWE
- C. S. HAMILTON

Adviser Appointments Begin For Second Term

Registration time is here again. Students are to make appointments with their advisers as soon as possible so that they may plan their second semester schedules before Christmas vacation.

Junior division students were to have made appointments Monday. The College of Business Administration has announced that those registered in this college are to see their advisers during the week Dec. 17 to 22 to make out work sheets. Advisers for Biz Ad have appointment schedules posted on their doors this week.

Students who wish to change colleges must see their advisers immediately. They must also contact the dean of the college in which they are registered and the dean of the college into which they wish to transfer.

Those who wish to change courses within the same college must first see their advisers and then the dean of the college. All students with 26 hours or less as of September 1951 are to pick up assignment numbers Jan. 11 at the Military and Navy Coeducation building. Students with more than 26 hours will register in order of the number of hours completed.

Registration for undergraduates will be held from Jan. 14 to 18 at the Military and Naval Science building. Announcement for hours necessary for admittance to registration will be posted on a blackboard in front of the building and in The Daily Nebraskan.

Fees will be paid at registration time this year at Grant Memorial. During previous years fee payment and registration took place in different weeks.

New students will register Jan. 25 and graduate students will register from Jan. 28 to Feb. 2. Drops and adds only be made on Jan. 28 and 29.

Outstanding Big Sisters To Be Named Thursday

Outstanding "big sisters" and new coeds on campus will be honored Thursday at the annual Coed Counselor Christmas tea at Ellen Smith hall from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Selection of the outstanding "big sisters" is based upon their interest in the organization, participation in group projects, ratings from their "little sisters" and recommendations from individual board members.

NU Almanac

By MARLIN BREE Staff Writer

If all the freshmen in the world were placed in a line holding hands, they would reach more than halfway across the ocean.

"These are my grandmother's ashes"

"Oh, so the poor old soul has passed on?"

"No, she's just too lazy to look for an ash tray."

He: "We certainly had a big time last night for ten cents."

She: "Yes, I wonder how little brother spent it."

Tuesday will be cloudy with a few snow flurries and colder with strong northerly winds. Temperature will fall to near 20 by sundown. Low will be near 5 to 10 above.

"Let's play Air Mail." "Wazzat?" "That's Post Office on a higher plane."

Don't forget the Student Union Christmas party on December 31st. The theme is "Santa's Workshop" and it's on a higher plane also.

There are only 10 school days left till Christmas!

CORNHUSKER BEAUTY . . .

Judges To Select Twelve Queen Finalists Tonight

The list of prospective University royalty will be lengthened by 12 new names tonight.

At 7 p.m. in the Union faculty lounge representatives from all organized houses will be judged and 12 coeds will be chosen as the 1952 Beauty Queen finalists.

The finalists and the 1952 Eligible Bachelors will be presented Friday at 10 p.m. at the Black Masque Ball.

Finalists will be selected from the group of candidates by five judges — two Cornhusker staff members, a Lincoln cosmetician, a dancing instructor and a fashion buyer.

Cal Kuska, Cornhusker section head in charge of the selections, said, "Candidates will be judged on general appearance, figure, hair, complexion, make-up, eyes, facial expression, coloring and effect of clothing."

Final judging for the six Beauty Queens will be in January. A well-known personality will select the final six, Kuska added.

Each organized house may select one girl for every 25 Cornhuskers sold; there is no limit on the number of candidates a house may choose.

Still eligible for the 1952 contest are previous contestants who were not named as one of the six Beauty Queens.

Each candidate must be a University student with a 4.5 weighted average and carrying at least 12 hours.

Tassels who sold Cornhuskers turned in their receipt books

Monday. From these, the number of house representatives was determined.

Aggies Plan Carol Party For Sunday

All Ag students are invited to participate in the carol singing of the Ag Inter-denominational Fellowship on Sunday, Dec. 16, according to Don Reeves, leader of the group.

The group will meet at the Ag Student Center at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, and will carol for a period of about two hours. Following the caroling, all will meet back at the Student Center for a chili feed and a recreation period.

Food, fun and fellowship are offered to students at the weekly meeting of the fellowship group. Meeting at 8:30 p.m. each Sunday evening, members of the fellowship enjoy a period of social activity before an at-cost lunch is served for 35 cents.

Following the meal, the group usually spends some time singing, while a few of the members are clearing away the dishes.

The program of the fellowship includes panels, discussions, speakers and movies on a variety of topics related to school, nation, church and individual interests.

Members of the group feel that the value of their organization lies in the fact that it is inter-denominational in nature—that they can draw from the resources of all denominations, rather than being limited to just one, according to Reeves. It also provides opportunity for the development of leadership with a Christian emphasis; quite different from a classroom emphasis, according to Reeves.

Young Republicans To Hear C. Curtis

Congressman Carl Curtis will speak at the Lancaster county young Republican meeting Tuesday at 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. in State room A, B and C of the Cornhusker hotel.

Congressman Curtis will discuss some of his experiences on the King subcommittee which is investigating the internal revenue scandals.