

Husker Horizons

High School To College

Ruth Raymond

A fight that broke into the open Saturday appears to have serious results and implications as state educators begin to choose up sides for the impending argument.

Nebraska high school administrators suggested in late November elimination of specific requirements for University entrance. They urged that 15 "satisfactory units" of high school work be regarded as the only requirement for college entrance.

First blow struck in the educational argument came from leading faculty members of the University's College of Arts and Sciences. They called the reflections of the resolution "unrealistic and perilous to sound education."

On their side, the University Arts and Sciences heads are arguing for retention of the English, foreign languages, mathematics, and physical science requirements for college entrance. Main contention of the state school administrators is that the 15 units of "satisfactory" work will better enable the student to follow his chosen work and will facilitate education of those students who do not go on to college.

Nineteen Arts and Sciences executive committee members and department chairmen have gone on record as opposed to the suggestion from the Nebraska Education association. A committee within the NEA is studying the problem. From comments heard from both sides, the problem has been a thorn in the side of educators, both high school and University, for many years.

Perhaps the NEA's opinion that the requirement of certain "cultural" subjects for high school students, although preparing a few to go on to college, is seriously impairing the education of the many students in rural schools, specifically, who will go right to work at some specific trade upon high school graduation, has some validity. The educators surely have the interests of students in mind.

But in this case, it seems that the NEA isn't

aware of the far-reaching implications of their suggestions. It is admittedly good for young people to know a trade. For the fortunate few, college provides this opportunity. But for students who cannot attend college, high school is the only chance they may come in contact with English study, foreign languages, social studies, and other subjects which seem unimportant as far as high-school educated persons are concerned, to the state school administrators.

Within our ever-widening horizon of changing social, political, religious, economic and moral views, man is becoming more and more short-sighted in his vision. We are specializing and specializing. We are saying more and more that a man, a student from our point of view, should learn his trade and not clutter up his mind with unrelated subjects and the theories of the rest of the world.

The subjects set up by the University as entrance requirements have been subjected to a long and valid test. They have stood for many years and have proved satisfactory, as far as possible, as a basis for a student going on to higher and more effective learning. These high school requirements were undoubtedly set up because they were necessary to a student entering college and undoubtedly because they were just as essential to the knowledge of students not continuing their education.

Perhaps more consideration could be made for those students who don't ever plan to enter college. Their education could be directed more specifically along the lines of their vocation. But not to the extent which the NEA is suggesting. Not to the extent of abolishing the entrance requirements and allowing 15 units of "satisfactory" work allow a Nebraska high school student to enter the University.

A definite problem exists here. One that must be worked out and compromised between NEA and the University. But the final decision must not, in any way, relax our educational standards and requirements. Nebraska must not let its national educational level sink.

Nebraska's New Senator

Tom Rische

Speculation as to the identity of the man who will represent Nebraska in the United States Senate for the next year was ended Monday.

Fred A. Seaton, publisher of the Hastings Tribune, was named by Gov. Val Peterson to fill the spot left vacant by the death of Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry. At the same time, Seaton announced that he would not seek election to the post in 1952. This leaves the race for the seat in 1952 wide open. Gov. Dwight Griswold is reported to be considering making the race, as is Gov. Val Peterson. Although Peterson has already filed for the seat now held by Sen. Hugh Butler, he still could change his filing for the two-year term.

Asked what he regarded the major problems facing the nation today, Seaton replied "I'd say they are all tied up in the inefficiency, incapacity and immorality of the present political administration." It is to be hoped that the senator's program will be a little more constructive than this statement indicates. In itself the statement says little, except that Seaton is opposed to the administration.

Generally, however, Seaton brings to the senate a record which is above reproach. The 42-

year-old former state senator was secretary to Kansas Gov. Alfred M. Landon during his 1936 presidential campaign. He served as Nebraska manager for the 1948 presidential campaign of Harold E. Stassen. Although he has been a resident of Nebraska only a comparatively few years, he has been quite active in state affairs.

In announcing the appointment, the governor said that since Seaton will not seek re-election, "he will be free from the political compulsion which those who make politics a career must face." Another angle to this situation is the fact that Peterson or any other republican will be free to seek the post in 1952. In other words, Seaton will be a "caretaker" senator.

We hope that Peterson will choose to run against Senator Butler for the six year term next year. Senator Butler has outlived his usefulness to Nebraska, and could well be replaced by a man such as Peterson. Should Griswold run for the short term, he would probably win the nomination easily unless Peterson decides to run. The governor said he will announce his decision within two or three days. The political scramble is just beginning.

Men Rate Neckties

By BEN LARSON Staff Writer

When women start paying attention to those parts of a store which display everything from cotton shorts with pictures of Santa Claus on them to the new "wrap-around" bath towels for men, men start playing coy.

"Aw, I don't want anything this year," they always say. Unaccustomed as they are to being on the receiving end of present-time, most men have some inner desire concerning gifts, which they hide from everyone.

The result? More neckties. In an effort to help the ladies this year, men were questioned on what they would like most to receive if they were to get a gift, costing under \$20. The answers were as varied as the subjects.

"Boy! Just give me the twenty bucks!" was almost a standard answer. One little man sheepishly confessed, "You know I never drink, but I'd really like to have about three fifths of good whiskey."

Naturally, he preferred to remain anonymous. Another declared he wanted a hand-painted shirt "with girls on it." His friend wanted a new golf club he had spotted.

One young man questioned had a generous approach. "I'd like a big night out with my girl," he blushing replied.

Then there was the man who wanted \$20 worth of socks that he, not his wife, picked out. "Something wild," he added, apparently tired of the conservative type which matched the rest of his attire.

A bald-headed man laughingly requested a toupee "if you can get them at that price."

Apparently no one though, took the questioning too seriously. As usual, the men were enjoying giving out with a bad time.

The result? Neckties!

Women Want Variety

By NANCY BENJAMIN Staff Writer

Attention, men! Your wife, sweetheart or mother may have been among the busy Tuesday morning shoppers who expressed their fondest Christmas gift wish—for under \$20.

A scurrying secretary stopped long enough to sigh, "Gee, I could sure use a new bowling ball and carrier."

Most of the female wishes, however, were for wearing apparel—from slacks to frilly lingerie.

"Shoes—comfortable shoes," a salesclerk sighed, "if there are such things."

Housewives tended to mention household furnishings on their "most-wanted" list. In contrast, teen-age crowds almost unapologetically asked for evening dresses and accessories.

After thoughtful silence, one college coed, came up with an unexpected answer: "I think I'd like records the most, not too long hair or too short hair. I want the soothing kind to play while I'm studying."

Of the 25 women interviewed Tuesday, all were in agreement on one "Under \$20? That's not very much."

On practical housewife, though, paused long enough to grin and say, "Just give me the \$20 and I'll have my own fun spending it."

Comfort For Male Gifts

By TOM NUSS Staff Writer

Believe it or not, you can still buy an attractive, worthwhile Christmas present for men costing in the neighborhood of \$5.

Lincoln merchants have a variety of Christmas articles in that price field.

Among the items are men's Romeo house slippers. These soft-leather slippers for \$4.99, are a welcome gift to man on his feet most of the working day.

A comfortable place to rest his "weary duds" is on any multi-colored, multi-shaped hassock costing from \$3 on up in many Lincoln furniture or department stores.

While relaxing, he reads. And at many news counters, you can order a gift subscription to magazines.

A light tan traveling kit, selling at \$4.50, is a "sure-fire" gift for the traveling man. To put into this kit—if he already has one, you can buy him a shaving kit with shaving mug, soap, lotion at \$3.10.

And the man who follows the custom of shining his own shoes will enjoy a shoe-shine kit with foot rest. This wood-constructed kit—containing brushes, polishes and waxes costs \$4.95.

As cuff links are becoming universally popular again, you can be sure a pair will be the right present. Coming in many colors and designs, they range in price from \$2.50 to \$7.50. For snappy mornings, any man

Daily Nebraskan Suggests Christmas Gifts For All From Nine To Ninety To Brighten Season

would appreciate a pair of calf-skin leather gloves priced at \$5.50. Another appropriate gift is cigarette lighter. One compares a \$5.50 model that is gold plated and simply designed.

To place on his office desk, will not a pen and stand. The cost \$6.95. And for the photographer, you can increase his line of equipment with a reflector set for only \$5.

For the mechanically minded man, you can indirectly force him to keep his tools in order by purchasing a tool chest. This chest is complete with a removable tray which sells for \$4.98.

And the master minds in the family (children) will profit indirectly by buying an official table tennis kit complete with four bats, screen and two tennis balls. While sacrificing \$4.98 or their energy they will likewise share in the blessing of giving.

Few Finds Left Under \$5 By BEV LARSON Staff Writer

It is impossible to dodge the jangle of the bells and the chugging Santas any longer. Christmas is almost upon us. With only 15 shopping days left until the festive event, people are

beginning to wish they had done their buying during the spring sales instead of waiting until now. Empty billfolds make a strange contrast to the full counters.

However, it is still possible to find little "jewels" in the fight line for less than \$5. Following are a few of the finds of practical and impractical presents for women, all available in local stores.

For the hard-to-please lady who has everything, gold mesh slippers by Gustav for \$3.95 might please her taste. These handmade slippers would be hard for any woman to resist.

If she is the homemaker type, a box of jellies and relishes is sure to strike her fancy. Twelve of these little jars, attractively boxed and in a variety of flavors, come to only \$2.95. They are put out by S. S. Pierce. Or she might like a frilly apron. Trump has some beauties in organza for \$2.50. The favorite seems to be white with a big red patch pocket and red binding.

Of course the lady-about-town is sure to appreciate a glove clip. Intercontinental puts out jeweled and plain ones in a variety of designs. Cost? \$2.40. The same lady undoubtedly would excuse an empty coin purse if she received an oh-so-feminine

black lace garter with either ermine or tiny mink tails. In a decorative plastic box, the article comes to only \$1.25. For an evening out, any woman would treasure one of the compact leather purses put out by Princess Gardner for \$2.95, including tax. These little purses come in several pastel shades and contain fittings of a compact and lipstick holder.

Working girls will have their fancy taken by the cuff links, worn by women as well as men, put out by Swank for \$3.95 including tax. There are so many patterns, however, the final choice may be difficult. Or, after a trying day, she should look forward to getting home to soft, fuzzy slippers. One kind, luxurious, come in almost every pastel color and sell for \$3.49.

Of course, if something exotic suits the lady, the perfume, L'heure attendue, by Jean Patou of Paris can be purchased by the ounce. For \$5, you get your money's worth of delightful sniffs at least.

And, if you have checked and rechecked and still can't make the budget come out this season, all department stores have a big sale counter full of bargains. Anyway, it is the thought that counts.

Loyal Fans Will Strangle Football As They Shout 'Win At Any Cost'

(Ed. Note: The following is an editorial reprinted from The Daily Northwestern.)

The Victor Belong The Fans—the Gridiron. It's all over now but the post mortems. The shouts, the whistles, the groans, the cheers—they're hushed for another year.

The last string has taken over the ball, and the Monday morning quarterbacks are calling the plays now. They'll replay every game till they've squeezed out the last point.

Now, in the quiet after the strains of "Go, U Northwestern" have died out, we stop to ponder about this game called football.

Not just at NU—at what will soon be our Alma Mater, but all over the country—from Harvard's crimson to Stanford's Indians, from the Gophers of Minnesota to the War Eagles down at Auburn.

You—O Gladiator of the Gridiron—why so hell-bent for destruction? Why so set on "win at any cost" rather than "the game for its own sake"? It's the game the end or just the means?

Big-time football is dying. Commercialized football is dying. Over-emphasized football is dying.

It's dying because it's being strangled. Slowly, surely, it's being throttled by the very fans that cheer and jeer, that shout when their team is up and pout when it isn't.

The game is dying because the spectators who have to pay top-heavy prices for seats want their money's worth and want it at all costs. They shout for blood—they, the inheritors of the Roman coliseum: "Throw him to the lions!"

When they cheer, Johnny Bright drops with a broken jaw. Slugged not once, not twice, but three times. And Wilbanks Smith plays on.

When they cheer basketball players slip out the locker room door to collect their pay for shaving points. Not for throwing the game, mind you, just missing the bucket here and there. Just enough so

gambling palm-greasers can collect. The crowd cheers—and the coach quakes. If he doesn't win enough, a well-paying job goes with the wind of boos. Ask Wes Pesler, heckened out of Ohio State, or Wisconsin's coach, "Goodbye Harry" Stuhldreher, one of the less easy-riding Four Horsemen.

The crowd cheers—and the athletic director loads his pockets with convertibles to get that all-state high school fallback—a fallback who soon forgets he's supposed to be an amateur. The crowd cheers, and the registration office erases a bad grade report so Gus Gridhero can pass.

Victory—at all costs—is the golden calf of the day. Fall down in worship, ye godless gridgers, ye raving fans, ye embittered, ulcerated sportscribes. Ye of little faith in the worth of the collegiate mind when it rests on a strong back. Cheer on, thou shrieking masses. But stop and look about now and then. Look again at the gridiron. Watch these boys who eat their hearts out for you, those coaches who live and breathe The Game, lest some alumnus cry for new management. Yell out your lungs—for school spirit. But don't kid yourself that you have to win to have a school you can be proud of. Don't think that your very life hangs on a conference percentage point. Stop, O Fan of Football, before your idol becomes so top-heavy it crashes to the striped turf.

Stolen Goods Daily Iowan Draws Fire For Refusal To Print Letters On Discrimination

Kathryn Radaker

"For what reason did the Iowan refuse to print this letter?" the handbill asked. "Pat Vannice's opinion of racial discrimination is important and is of interest to the student body. . . . It is of more importance and is of more interest than opinions of the school's football spirit."

The handbill then expressed belief that the letter was not printed in the Iowan "because it is the policy of the university to hush up such incidents and because it is the policy of the Iowan to participate in the hushup."

Editor MacNair says that he strongly believes in racial equality. The long delay in publishing the story and the letter he explained in this way:

"It would be irresponsible journalism if we printed the letter without first checking the facts. Our main intent is to put out a responsible newspaper. This cannot be done with hasty decisions and unchecked facts. At no time did the Iowan refuse to print this letter."

Texas University . . . pie-slinging paid off in the Campus Chest drive for funds. Contributors bid for the privilege of heaving not-very-lasty pies in the faces of campus notables. Some of the pie-faces were forced to play target as many as three times. What a way to get even!

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Laboratory Theater To Present Eugene O'Neill Play Dec. 12, 13

"Homecoming," a story of hatred and jealousy will be presented by the Laboratory theater Wednesday and Thursday.

The plot of the play revolves around a daughter who wants to be "the wife of her father and the mother of her brother." A guilty mother, a betrayed father, a monstrous paramour, a bewildered son and the distraught daughter further complicate the plot.

"Homecoming" is the first part of Eugene O'Neill's tragedy, "Mourning Becomes Electra." Each part of the three-act drama is a play in itself.

Christine, the mother, will be played by Christine Phillips, a speech major, and Lavina, the daughter, by Marian Uhe, also a speech major.

The role of Adam Grant will be played by Charles Rossow, political science major. Harry Stiver, graduate student, portrays Ezra Mannon, the lover. Seth will be played by D. K. Smith, art major, and Don Lewis, history major, will play the part of Peter. Ann Launer, freshman business administration major, will portray Hazel.

Wes Jenby is the producer and Cyra Henwick is the production manager.

"Homecoming" will be presented Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. in Room 201, Temple building. The performances are free and open to the public.

PENDING POW WOVES

Tuesday YWCA: Social service tours, 2 p.m.; campus critics, 3 p.m.; camp counseling, 3 p.m.; comparative religions, 4 p.m.; current affairs, 4 p.m.; jobs and futures, 4 p.m.; conference co-op, 5 p.m.; Christianity and society, 5 p.m. Union: Hospitality committee, 5 p.m.; social dance committee, 7:15 p.m. Cornhusker pictures at west stadium: Pre Orchestra, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Cosmopolitan club Christmas party at 7:30 p.m., Union 216. Thursday Block and Bridge meeting at 7 p.m., Animal Husbandry hall, 208.

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