

Husker Horizons

Love Those Teachers!

Tom Rische

A campaign begun two years ago by Fritz Simpson, then editor of The Daily Nebraskan, has borne fruit. A teacher-rating system has been approved by the University Senate.

This is a long step toward improving the teaching of those teachers who are really conscientious about their work. As approved by the Senate, it will be available to any teacher who desires to use it. The results will be known only to the instructor who uses the poll.

The College of Engineering has used such a system twice within the past five years. Rating sheets are given to the instructor for his own use. Another instructor within the college proctors while students rate their instructor. Identical instructions are read to all students. After the ratings have been made, the sheets are given to the instructor for his own benefit. It is optional whether or not the instructor turns in the results of the office of the head of the college. All instructors in the past, however, have chosen to turn in the results.

Instructors should welcome these ratings. There will be a number of students who will use the ratings facetiously. But there will be many more who will be as honest as they can. If the instructor honestly wants to improve his teaching, he can benefit by the ratings. There will be a few

instructors who will disregard the results as the prattling of immature minds. But college students know whether or not they are gaining anything from a course or not. I have had several instructors who gave very entertaining lectures. Never once were their classes dull. But I learned absolutely nothing. Many students say the same thing about some of their instructors.

Some teachers may not realize that they are not good teachers. They are not bigoted or hard to talk to. They just do not realize that they are not teaching the subject well. And it is a little hard for Johnny Jones or Mary Smith to walk in and tell their instructors. "I think you are a nice person, but your lectures teach me nothing." It just can't be done gracefully. Teacher rating slips offer students a chance to offer suggestions painlessly. The truth may be painful to the instructor, but it would be better for all concerned if he knew.

Two years ago, 98 per cent of students polled by The Daily Nebraskan indicated that they favored a teacher rating system. A majority said they believed the faculty would use such ratings to good advantage.

If students use the poll as it is intended, and instructors do the same, Nebraska's educational standards might be raised considerably.

Ike Says Yes

General Dwight D. Eisenhower finally cleared away the smoke on the political scene Monday. He said that while he would not actively seek the republican nomination for president, he would accept the nomination if it were offered to him. His statement ended months of speculation as to Ike's political affiliations and intentions.

Eisenhower thus opened the way for entrance of his name in the New Hampshire primary on March 11. For the first time, some of the general's backers got a go-ahead signal in their efforts to win for him the republican nomination.

Taft now has the lead in the scramble for convention delegates, but Ike's undaunted supporters, including Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, Sen. James Duff of Pennsylvania, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas, claim that Taft may be ahead in the race now, but won't be for long. At any rate, a lively fight is in the offing.

Eisenhower would bring to the presidency an unblemished record of honesty and integrity. He would have the confidence and respect of the American people as a whole. Some fear a military man in the White House. They point to the corrupt sojourn of Ulysses S. Grant in the house on Pennsylvania avenue. However, as long as critics go back 80 years to find a corrupt general, it is just as easy to regress 160 years to look at the

record of George Washington. As a rule, the public frowns on military men, but Eisenhower seems to be different.

One big question mark on the record is the fog surrounding Eisenhower's views on domestic affairs. He mentioned in one speech that he had very definite views on domestic issues, but never has he presented those views. Some friends claim that he does not differ too much from Senator Taft on domestic issues, but the general has never presented those views himself. If the general spoke he might make enemies.

Nevertheless the general should be able to win much popular support. Latest Gallup polls show that republicans are nearly evenly divided between Taft and Eisenhower, but that independent voters give Ike a large lead over the Ohio senator. Eisenhower would almost certainly be elected if nominated, barring unforeseen circumstances. A Taft victory would be much less certain.

Americans need confidence in their government. The recent scandals dropped that confidence much lower. Taft, as president, would have a background of some question, with regard to the expensive, mud-slinging campaign of 1950. General Eisenhower is a man whom most people trust. He could at least restore confidence and respectability to the presidential office.

New Gift For Huskers

Not for the first time, Ralph Mueller has turned a generous eye towards his alma mater and provided for establishments of the Mueller gallery in the University museum. The alumnus, president of the Mueller Electric company of Cleveland, O., is donating medical and dental sciences exhibits.

First of the exhibits to be housed in a special room, is a three dimensional life-sized model of human reproduction known as "The Wonders of New Life." Further donations include life-like exhibits concerning human body functions, medical and dental history and great men in these professions. Certainly the gift should be welcomed and

appreciated by the entire University—students as well as faculty. Mueller has given a valuable contribution to this school which ranks in importance with his other donations. He was responsible for the \$100,000 Mueller Carillon tower and a recently established endowment fund for perpetual care Electrical and electronic instruments have been presented to the department of electrical engineering.

Ralph Mueller long will be remembered and appreciated for the beauty of the Carillon tower, the educational value of his newest contribution and the value of the electrical instruments. He is a lumina deserving recognition of students and faculty today and in coming years.

A Student Views the News

US Failing To Meet Challenge Of Selling Democracy In Asia

Charles Gomon

Most Americans living in the tension-charged Far East these days keep themselves behind locked doors at night. To go abroad after sunset is to invite an assassin's dagger or a terrorist's bullet. In the span of a few months the American has replaced the Briton and the Hollander in Asia as the chief target for unfavorable propaganda and violent abuse.

While the relative strategic importance of Asia as compared to Europe may be left for other discussions, it is time we investigated some of the reasons why Americans are currently reviled in most of Asia. In general our government has failed miserably to formulate a foreign policy toward far eastern countries which would retain these countries' friendship toward the U. S.

The future of the United States may well depend on our ability to formulate new policies to successfully combat communism in the Far East and to encourage progress toward self-determination by the Asians. In the interest of survival we must ensure that India, Burma, Siam, Indo-China, Malaya, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Japan do not slip down

the Marxist drain by default as did China.

The first prerequisite for an intelligent approach to far eastern problems is an understanding of Asia's background and her people.

Asia is the seat of civilization. China, India and Japan had advanced cultures centuries before the west developed any unity of ideas. Recognition of this fact enables us to understand why Asians resent having the gadgets of our civilization thrust upon them. While Asians readily accept many western innovations, they don't appreciate our loudspeaking technique for selling them our way of life. They will absorb the superior phases of western culture and they want to be allowed to decide what shall be rejected, inferior.

Asian philosophies differ radically from counterpart western theories. The Far East has a concept of moral obligation totally removed from ours. A common denominator of most Asian religions (except of the Moslem world) might be fatalism and/or stoicism. Philosophy Prof. F. S. C. Northrop

of Yale explains it as the "cyclical theory of time." Just as the day represent a cycle from dawn to dawn and a human life moves in cycles (from birth to death with repeated reincarnations) so, to the Hindu, the universe is an immense cycle. On this basis the proper outlook toward life is that of detachment of oneself from the cares of the world. The cycle will repeat itself eventually and to hurry or to become to enthused over social advancement during one's lifetime might only speed up the cycle. The non-attachment of the Hindu attempts to "meditate unperturbed amidst the filth of this earthly world" and to seek a calm and peaceful approach to his problems. The cyclical theory of time and its accompanying non-attachment policy goes far toward explaining Nehru's offer to mediate the Korean war.

Religion and philosophy form a background for the intellectual gulf which separates east and west, but there are even more specific reasons for the problem.

Fast experiences with colonializers from the west has led most Asians to suspect anyone with a white skin. World War II

Students May Buy Operetta Ducats For \$1

Ticket for the Metropolitan Opera's production of the Staus operetta, "Fledermaus," are on sale at the Union activities office or the Molzer Music Co. at the special student price of \$1.00.

The Broadway hit will be presented at the University Coliseum, Jan. 21, at 8 p.m., and is sponsored by the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra Association, Inc. Reserved seats are also being sold for \$4, \$3, \$2, and \$1.50.

Termed the most sensational in the Met's 67 year history, "Fledermaus" attracted more than 70,000 people last season during its 19 performances.

The new English version of "Fledermaus" was written by Howard Dietz and Garson Kanin with the Strauss score intact. The original Metropolitan Opera House production will be used with setting and costumes designed by Rolf Gerard. The company will be directed by co-auteur Garson Kanin, who also wrote "Born Yesterday."

The orchestra will be conducted by Tiber Kosma, who was on the podium for most of the Met productions.

Appearing in the lead roles are Brenda Lewis as Rosalinda, Donald Dace as Eisenstein, Virginia MacWaters as Adele, Vera Byrner as Prince Orlofsky, William Morne as Alfred, John Tyers as Dr. Falke Kenneth Schron as the warden, Howard Jarratt as Dr. Blind, and Jack Gifford as Frosh.

Supporting the Metropolitan stars are a singing chorus of 60 and the corps de ballet.

gave the Asians a powerful object lesson. The Japanese proved how easy it was to throw out the white men, and western prestige suffered accordingly. When some of the imperialist nations attempted to move into their old holdings after the war and to impose the same old conditions on the natives, these nations ran into trouble. The Dutch were forced out of the East Indies and the Republic Indonesia was established in 1947. The French and British are still fighting in Indo-China and Malaya respectively.

One stunning but true application of this distrust is the resentment which Asians feel toward the U. S. in Korea. All over Asia the Korean war is known as an "imperialist" war fought by American aggressors.

Of course the communists are responsible for this propaganda poison, but Americans must shoulder the blame for failure to provide a propaganda antidote. It is inconceivable to most Asians that we are in Korea for any other purpose than exploitation. We have failed to convince them otherwise.

THE PURDUE RATING SCALE FOR INSTRUCTORS

Stolen Goods

Oklahoma A & M Mourns Loss Of 24 Year President

Kathryn Radaker

Oklahoma A & M . . .

is a bereaved and mourning campus meeting the new year.

1952 finds the institution still shocked by the death of its 24 year president, Dr. Henry G. Bennett. Christmas holidays were saddened for Aggies by news of the death of Dr. and Mrs. Bennett in an airplane crash on a snow-swept mountain in Iran.

He was at that time touring middle-eastern countries as director of the government's Point Four program giving economic assistance to underdeveloped nations of the world.

Dr. Bennett assumed his post four duties Dec. 1950, and in one year had gained national and international recognition and acclaim for his dynamic leadership and accomplishments.

The crash Dec. 22 in which the point four group and 16 other persons were killed was the worst in the history of Iran. The plane, a four-engine aircraft of Egypt's Mitr airlines, crashed into the base of a steep granite range that forms a barrier north of Tehran. It exploded and burned. There were no survivors.

Memphis State . . .

Life is moving in slow motion for Bob Starr, Arkansas' dual-carburetor, hot rod student.

He had time on his hands. Time to sit, time

to draw a deep breath, time to thumb through a magazine.

It's driving him crazy. Starr's enforced "leisure" came after he was gently but firmly punted by Memphis State college—an amiable parting fraught with amazement and a certain tenderness.

Starr's ouster order wasn't based on flunked courses or college pranks. College authorities simply feared Starr was about to throw a rod. He was, simultaneously:

Enrolled in both Memphis State and Southwestern, making top grades in a tough course at each.

Sports editor on both college annuals. Columnist on both college newspapers. Sunday night news editor for a newspaper war service.

Sports writer (high school sports) for the "Commercial Appeal," a Memphis newspaper.

Prospective author of a novel.

Husband and father of two small children.

In addition, he also found time to play intramural basketball at Southwestern, and hold a part time job at an ice cream plant.

Memphis state authorities told Starr such goings-on were contrary to college policy. Starr didn't ask why.

Forced to choose, the student cyclone stayed at Southwestern, where he is a senior and attends under the GI bill of rights. He was paying his way through Memphis State.

Why did he do it? Well, Starr, who hails from Pine Bluff, Ark., has a big thirst for knowledge. He "gets nervous and unhappy" unless he's busy.



Korn Kernels

Ag YW-YMCA, Home Ec Club To Elect Officers This Week

Dale Reynolds

After almost two weeks of vacation, Ag students are now settling down for the last week of school in this semester. And a hectic week at that, with elections and filing for various positions on Ag organizations taking the spotlight.

Tonight is election night for Ag YM members. It will be held immediately after the joint Ag YW-YM meeting. This will be the last joint meeting of the semester, and the topic of discussion is rating the University campus as to whether it is Christian or not.

Thursday is the election of officers for the Home Economics club. The election will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Ag Union.

working on it, here is your chance o put them in effect.

The Saturday Night Cabaret is returning to the Ag Union this week with the showing of the movie "Anna and the King of Siam." You don't have to have a date to come, because everyone is invited. Also featured at the Cabaret are dancing and television.

By the way, the general entertainment committee is providing plenty of recreation and entertainment to students during the trying week of finals. If any of you Aggies want some relaxing time between finals, drop over to the Ag Union for a game of ping pong, cards, checkers or chess. Also, they have books and the latest magazines and newspapers if you care to read.

The Ag college faculty has made a move towards getting the students and faculty together once a week so they can get to know each other better. They have proposed Sunday night dinners for both to attend. This is a fine move by the faculty, and if the plans go through, Aggies soon may get to meet their faculty and visit with them, instead of just seeing them in classrooms.

CD Post Vacated; Applications Open

Applications for new University Civil Defense head are now being accepted in the University Red Cross office, Room 306, Union.

The job of the University civil defense director is to acquaint students on preparedness in cases of emergencies. This entails student education through movies and talks.

The University civil defense board positions was left vacant when Carr Trumbull resigned. Applications will be accepted through Thursday.

University Square Dance Scheduled On Ag Friday

An all-University square dance will be called from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11 in the College Activities building on the Ag campus.

Music will be on records and the dance is open to the public. All members of the Ag Country Dances are to meet at 7:30 p.m. to elect new officers.

The subjection of the peasant classes to the nobles lasted longer in Russia than any other European country.

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