

Husker Horizons

Whole Hog Or None?

Tom Rische

The college presidents, including our own Chancellor R. G. Gustavson, meeting in Washington, have come up with some rather controversial proposals with regard to college athletics. They have agreed that athletics are overemphasized, and have come up with some proposals for remedying the situation. Some suggestions might add a great deal toward bringing college athletics on the high level they once enjoyed.

However, some suggestions by the presidents, seem to put their goal of de-emphasizing football above and beyond both incentive to reach some goal and consideration of the tremendous public interest in the American sport of football.

One point, undoubtedly to be the ground of great controversy, is the proposal to kill all post-season games. Considering the other ideas for de-emphasis it seems possible to overhaul college athletics without destroying one of America's favorite traditions—bowl games.

One factor concerning the whole business is in all recent conferences concerning sports, work and deciding has been done by college heads without any continual advice or consultation with men directly connected with sports and men who supposedly are the most familiar with athletics—coaches. It seems more than possible that steps being taken at present are somewhat unfair to the sports field.

It is true that football has gotten too big and needs curtailing, but it is questionable whether the steps to be taken should be so stringent as those recommended by the college presidents.

Recommendations are: 1. All post-season games should be abolished. This may or may not be going too far. Post season games have mushroomed to the point that one promoter proposed a bowl for teams that had not won a game all year. There are too many bowls. A few would be all right, if they matched the best teams in the country.

2. Basketball games and practice should be limited to the period from Dec. 1 to March 15. The latter date seems quite logical. However, the Dec. 1 date would greatly curtail any practice before scheduled games. Nebraska's first game last fall was Dec. 1. The proposed date is hardly enough for adequate practice.

3. Baseball games and practice should be con-

finied to the period between March 1 and commencement.

This seems practical except for the starting date which appears to be too late a date to prepare a good team.

4. Not only should no freshman be allowed to play on a varsity team, but also any transfer from a junior college should put in a year of residence before being allowed to play.

The latter point is true today, and it wasn't until recently that freshmen were allowed on varsity. This suggestion appears quite fair.

5. Scholarships should be given strictly on basis of student's educational ability and needs.

Although it appears unfair to eliminate athletic scholarships when such awards are given in other special fields, in light of recent events perhaps this is necessary.

6. In no case should any scholarship be for more than educational expenses at an institution.

Reasoning here could be the same as that applied in the previous proposal. It seems unfair to athletes, especially ones who do need scholarships, to discriminate in the amount of aid to be received. However, since the scholarship privilege seemingly has been abused throughout the United States, evidently there is no other solution.

Thus, college presidents have presented both some practical suggestions as well as several which probably would do more harm to college athletics than good. In attempting to control college athletics, the presidents have outlined a program, which now goes to the executive committee of the council on education, more confining than necessary.

After all, although college athletics must be cleaned up, administrators as well as students should realize that the ultimate place housecleaning must occur is in attitudes of all persons connected with sports. Regardless of how many changes are made in rule of athletics, unless the actual attitude toward athletics changes, ways will be found to get around even new rules.

College athletics serve a useful purpose. That purpose has been twisted by some individuals who sought to gain a winning team at all costs. Moderation must be used in deciding which course should be followed. Colleges cannot return completely to the "Good(?) Old Days." But some of the abuses can be halted.

'Who Will Bear The Ivy?'

Ruth Raymond

A great pity has become apparent on the University campus in the last few weeks. It has become vividly apparent since Dec. 13 and Dec. 20, to be specific. Perhaps the Student Council was not aware of this problem when it took certain action on a certain situation.

We feel that it is a great shame that junior and senior class councils cannot help the junior and senior class officers to plant the ivy. It would give them something to do.

On Dec. 13, Council members of the campus improvements committee chose six energetic, idealistic juniors as members of a junior class council. On Dec. 20, they chose four, due to lack of applicants, less energetic and perhaps less idealistic seniors to form a senior class council.

Purpose of the councils was, purportedly, to work with the junior and senior class officers, to help instill class spirit within juniors and seniors, to take stands on class issues, and to work on class functions, such as the Junior-Senior prom.

The class councils have not met; the class councils do not know when they are going to meet; the class councils do not know who is going to call the meeting, and the class council members are not exactly sure what they will do, when and if they meet.

After kicking Aaron Schmidt's plan for Uni-

versity class spirit around for quite a while, the Student Council decided to put the problems on the shoulders of applicants for class councils. The campus improvements committee, under the chairmanship of Peggy Mulvaney, interviewed junior and senior applicants for the councils and made its decisions on the basis of ideas for unifying the classes, ideas put forth for justifying the existence of the councils and whether or not they had the time.

Six juniors and four seniors evidently impressed the committee members sufficiently with their ideas for class improvement to be chosen for the council jobs. On Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 they had the ideas, evidenced the spirit and obviously had the time to accept the positions.

Since that time, these ten people must have forgotten their ideas, lost their interest and haven't been able to find the time for their jobs. Or perhaps they're all waiting for a telephone call from the junior and senior class presidents. Whatever they're doing, Sally Adams, Nancy DeBord, Joan Pollmer, Onuzulike Okonkwo, Don Pieper, Glenn Rosenquist, Catherine Coad, Kathryn Swingle, Joan Hoyt and Pat O'Brien have done nothing as members of the class councils.

We suggest that the Student Council bring up a motion to let these ten people help Marty Lewis and Joe Gifford plant the ivy.

Dear Editor...

Teacher Rating

To The Editor: The recently announced student evaluation of instructors, as reported in a story and editorial in Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan, and as corrected in Wednesday's edition, is appreciated by myself and members of the student-faculty committee which studied the feasibility of such evaluation system.

I wish to emphasize three points about the evaluation system.

First, the evaluation system has been made available to interested faculty members purely as a service from my office. No Senate action was sought.

Second, the student evaluation system is offered the faculty purely as an aid to self-improvement. To achieve this end the committee considered two factors as important: that the instructor believe student opinion will be useful as a guide in assisting him to teach more effectively; and that the instructor know that the evaluations are purely voluntary on his part, and that the results are confidential. This informality, I believe, would be destroyed and the effectiveness of the system harmed if the system was an administrative device.

Third, members of the committee which studied the proposal have every right to ex-

press opinions about the evaluation system which differ from those of the committee as a whole, but these opinions should not be considered as the committee's recommendations. C. W. BORGMANN.

Ivy Rebuttal...

To The Editor: After reading Miss Raymond's editorial criticizing the class officers, we would like to offer a suggestion. We propose that, in the future, The Daily Nebraskan put up their own acceptable candidates for election and prefer a legitimate and effective platform for those chosen to rest on during the ardors of their candid and highly principled campaign.

Miss Raymond implies to the effect that there are no actual duties in the position in issue other than planning the junior and senior prom. Why then was The Daily Nebraskan so vehemently concerned that all students "get out and vote" in the recent election when there is no apparent reason for bothering to do so? There seems to be some significance in repeated warnings by the Editor, during the November elections, that students were in danger of mass intimidation.

That nasty faction! It appears, dear Editor, that were it not for class officers, The Daily Nebraskan would be deprived of a certain amount of their journalistic matter! —so the class officers do serve The Daily Nebraskan in one manner of speaking—and don't forget it. ARDENT ADMIRER.

Pep Section Praised...

To The Editor: Your added light on the subject of spirit at Nebraska home basketball games was greatly appreciated. It is a subject which has long been a problem at N.U.

Much thought has been given to this subject although no feasible solution has been found. In my estimation, the cheering section composed of the Corn Cobs and the Tassels has been most cooperative and should be commended for it. Furthermore, all of the yelling should not be done by this section, but by all of the crowd. As far as giving up their "choice" seats, as you term it, they not only paid for them, but the same as you did for yours, but they have to work hard continually to keep them.

You must be made to realize that cheerleading at a basketball game is no easy thing. The game moves much faster and there are not as many opportunities for cheering as at a football game.

The student body has been offered several opportunities to suggest new songs, yells and ideas that might in any way improve the school spirit. In no instance have any suggestions whatsoever come from either of you.

Any constructive criticism or suggestion offered at any time would be greatly appreciated. Destructive criticisms are merely a waste of space in The Daily Nebraskan.

May I suggest that the cheering section hear from you, Mr. Knapp, and you, Mr. Ostendorf, happily seated behind some supporter beams 30 rows up, as well as you hearing from the cheering section, at the Kansas game next Monday.

Sincerely, DON DEVRIES.

Ag Youths To Discuss UMT Bill

Implications of the Universal Military Training bill will be discussed at the Ag Interdenominational Youth Fellowship meeting Sunday at 5:30 p.m., at the Ag Student Center, 34th and Holdrege streets.

A panel composed of Col. Francis S. Drath, of the Nebraska State Selective board; Eugene Robinson, Ag college senior; Professor Clarence Perisho, Nebraska Wesleyan instructor; and Marilee Gallon, Wesleyan sophomore, will present their views on the bill now before the second session of the 82nd congress.

Drath and Robinson will speak in the affirmative and Perisho and Gallon will present the negative position.

Following the panel a discussion will be held in which members of the group may ask questions and express opinions. A 35-cent lunch will be served at the meeting. A brief worship service will close the meeting.

Although membership of the inter-denominational group is largely from Ag campus, all students are welcome to participate in the fellowship program.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

UMT's Value Nil To Health In US, Financial Status, War

(Editor's Note: The following article reviews a story which appears in the Dec. 19 issue of Century.

1. Would the adoption of UMT provide more trained soldiers for the present emergency?

Putting UMT into effect now would not only fail to provide more men for the present emergency, but it would actually reduce the effectiveness of what we are now trying to do. First it would take men now going into the draft. Second, it would take thousands of officers and noncommissioned officers out of the present ranks as trainers.

2. Would men trained in UMT be available for immediate service in the event of war?

Another definite "no" to this question. UMT training does not prepare the individual for combat in the modern manner. Modern warfare depends on combat teams who have learned to fight together and UMT positively cannot guarantee this type.

3. Would UMT help reduce casualties in case of future war?

Training, especially such elementary training as the UMT program would offer, can give no assurance at all that casualty rates will go down. Most casualties in modern warfare come from fragments of high explosive shells and no amount of training can protect a man from these. According to the "Infantry Journal," "No factual data exists to support the universally held opinion

that the infantry replacement has initially a higher casualty rate than the veteran."

4. Would UMT improve the national health?

This claim is so ludicrous that it hardly needs to be discussed. Only in a few isolated cases where men have been brought out of depravity, could UMT do anything for national health. Most men now follow all health measures that the restricted life of a UMT cadet would require. At any rate, since UMT would only have the men in training for six months, how could they do anything to the man's health in that time?

5. UMT would save money for the nation?

Even the commission admits that the cost of UMT would be "dreadfully" high, but it doesn't offer any ways to cut the cost. With the inflationary spiral what it is, the costs now estimated would undoubtedly be much higher.

6. Would UMT eliminate the necessity of having a large standing army?

Under the present circumstances, we cannot cut down our present armed forces. The situation today is too tense. UMT offers only a reserve of partially trained individuals with no training in group warfare who would need a refresher course before they would do the country any good. A standing army could be called anywhere on short notice and be fully equipped to handle any situation.

Scoville Named Eta Kappa Nu President

Vernon Scoville, a senior in Engineering College, is the new president of Eta Kappa Nu, electrical engineering honorary.

The election was held Tuesday evening at the regular meeting of the group.

Other officers are Stan Groothuis, vice president; Curtis Sorenson, recording secretary; Robert Krogh, corresponding secretary; Tom Grigsby, bridge correspondent, and Bob Klein, treasurer.

Connie Gordon Replaces Wenke On AWS Board

Connie Gordon has been named to the Associated Women Students board, AWS President Nancy Buton announced.

Miss Gordon replaces Harriett Wenke, sophomore board member who recently resigned. Miss Wenke had exceeded the number of points allowed by the AWS activity point system.

The board's rules state that in the case of resignation, the student in the same class who received the next highest number of votes in the spring election is named to the position.

Miss Gordon, a sophomore in Arts and Sciences college, is newspaper chairman of the AWP board, feature editor of The Daily Nebraskan, and a member of Sigma Delta Tau.

Coffee Hour To Feature 'Fledermaus' Discussion

Students will have an opportunity to learn more about the coming opera, "Fledermaus," at a Union coffee hour this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the music room.

Mrs. Herbert Witherspoon, director of the Metropolitan Opera Guild, will discuss "Fledermaus" and opera in general. Mrs. Witherspoon is on tour promoting the cultural aspects of opera.

The coffee hour is sponsored by the Union convocations committee and is open to the public.

Barbara Adams To Visit Washington, Rome, Paris



BON VOYAGE... Barbara Adams, University sophomore, will leave in February to visit Rome, Italy, with her parents and sister. Miss Adams will also see Washington, D. C., and Paris, France. The family plans to return in August. (Courtesy of Lincoln Star.)

"When in Rome—do as the Romans do, and I'm finally going to find out what they do," states Barbara Adams, sophomore at the University. Leaving in February, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Adams of North Platte, and their daughters, Barbara and Cynthia, will visit Rome.

Adams, who is superintendent of the University experiment station in North Platte, will remain a year in Rome where he will serve in an administrative capacity for the United Nations food and agricultural organization.

"I would like to enroll in classes at the University of Rome if I arrive there in time," said Miss Adams.

The family plans to tour many places in Europe, but have not planned definite destinations, as yet.

Paris is one city Miss Adams doesn't want to miss.

"I am just thrilled to death even thinking about Paris. To me it is certainly worth postponing a semester of school to see Europe."

Miss Adams said that the family will fly to Rome, stopping in Washington, D.C., on the way. The trip by plane from North Platte to Rome is only a 36 hour journey she added.

The family must pack winter and summer clothes for the trip. Miss Adams said that they have friends in Rome, which will help immensely in adjusting to the country.

"My mother majored in Latin and history when she was in college," said Miss Adams. "We are all anxious to see some of the places which we've read about in history books."

The experience will give us a chance to see how it feels to be strangers in another land," stated Miss Adams. "We will have to adjust to different type of food, language, laws and customs."

"But now," added Miss

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Stolen Goods Total Kansas College Enrollment Drops 12 Per Cent Below 1950-51

Kathryn Radaker

Kansas colleges and universities... total enrollment has dropped 12 per cent below that of a year ago, Robert Taft, professor of chemistry, said recently in a study of Kansas school enrollments which he made for the Kansas Academy of Science.

The University of Kansas has more students enrolled than any other college or university in Kansas. But even with 6,512 students, its enrollment is down.

The report shows that the 22 four-year schools have 24,706 students and the 21 junior colleges have 3,613. The total (28,319) shows a 12 per cent decline from the number of students enrolled a year ago.

Kansas State college is the second high in enrollment with 4,947 students enrolled. Wichita university follows with an enrollment of 2,919 students.

Exceptions to the trend toward fewer students were Marymount college of Salina, a woman's school, which showed the only increase in senior

colleges, going from 232 to 253. Junior colleges at Dodge City and Garden City, Hesston Bible college and Miltonvale Wesleyan college also increased.

Oregon State...

The following errors in definition were made by college students on written and oral examinations: Fjord—a Swedish automobile. Iran—Bible of the Mohammedans. Nicotine—the man who discovered cigarettes. Scotland Yard—2 ft. 10 in. Concubine—when several business combine.

Colorado University...

four students were discovered playing ping-pong on the traffic island of a main intersection at 1:45 on a Monday morning. When questioned by police, they failed to divulge the score!

Minnesota University...

from the Minnesota Daily, comes this gem: "The colonel advised the use of manure to block the entrance to the steam tunnels, and Wood says it's proving very effective in keeping the tunnels dry." Editor's Note: We shouldn't wonder.

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