

Mere College Existence . . .

. . . At Mid-Year



DEPRECIATION PLUS! . . . Can't you just hear poor Polly Kennedy, trying to sell the stock of so-called valuable text books, ask Bob Stewart, manager of Regent's bookstore: "You mean, these books are worth only 17 cents?" (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)



CASE OF THE MISSING CARDS . . . A new woe to mid-year existence is the Brown Card—that necessary evil for admittance to class. According to mathematicians, the search for a particular Brown Card will occur approximately 35,000 times at the University this week. Here Paula Withey depicts the typical with her remark, "I know it was here last week!" (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)



OLD PLACES, OLD FACES . . . It isn't everybody who can register for new courses each semester . . . nor can everybody be in the same course with the same friends. Bert Wartchow, entering the statistics lab, seems surprised to see his old stat buddy, Dick Harisook, seated at the table. "I didn't know that you, too, were taking this course again," he blurts. Instructor Oscar Anderson doesn't seem to understand the sudden display of emotion. (Daily Nebraskan Photo.)

WORLD AFFAIRS

'52 Lincoln Conference Opens Feb. 1

"Our Responsibility for World Peace and Freedom" will be the theme of the third annual Lincoln Conference on World Affairs. The conferences will commence Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:45 p.m., in Love library auditorium.

The purpose of these conferences is to promote a better understanding of world affairs.

The opening conference will include four 20 minute discussions concerning "The Dilemma of American Power." The topic for the Saturday, meeting will be "How Should a Peace-Loving Nation Behave?" "How Shall We Meet Our Responsibility for Peace and Freedom?"

Guest speakers for the Conference will be: Amiya Chakravary, professor at the University of Kansas, formerly from India; Tibor Koeves, native of Hungary who is presently executive editor of the United Nations World; Maynard C. Kreuger, University of Chicago professor; Clyde R. Miller, member of the Institute of Propaganda Analysis and of the Rosenthal foundation; Paul Cadbury, vice president of the Cadbury Chocolate company.

Admission is free to all students. Tickets for the general public are 25 cents for single admission or \$1.00 for series tickets.

NUCWA, University YMCA and YWCA are the joint University sponsors of the conference.

State Property Tax Rates Would Be Cut In Half If System's Inequalities Were Corrected—Schmidt

Nebraskans would be paying about half their present property tax rates if inequalities in our assessment system were corrected, in the opinion of Dr. E. B. Schmidt, University economist.

This does not mean, Dr. Schmidt said, that our property tax bill would be cut in half. Fairer assessment methods would mean, however, that some persons would pay much higher taxes than now, and others somewhat lower.

"One might reasonably suppose that today's high property tax rates are the result of increased state and local government costs," Dr. Schmidt said. "On the contrary, if today's assessments were raised to the level that prevailed during the 1920's, it would be discovered that the tax rates needed to meet today's budgets would be only slightly higher than in the 1920's."

Dr. Schmidt said the average tax bill in Nebraska in the 1920's for all levels of government was 17.3 mills, contrasted with a 1949 average of 36.2 mills.

He said there are three major types of inequalities in Nebraska's property assessment methods: (1) between classes of property; (2) between counties or sections of the state; and (3) in the same locality among individual property owners. He

said improvements were being made in type three. But about the first type he said:

"An analysis of the relationship between the market price and the assessed value of five major classes of property in 1949 shows that while grains were listed at about three-fourths of market value, cattle and hogs were assessed at only about one-half their market value. Farm real estate was assessed at about 40 per cent and city real estate at slightly over 25 per cent of selling price. Autos were assessed at different percentages, depending upon make and age.

"In view of these inequalities in assessment ratios, the amount of tax paid by persons of equal wealth depended considerably upon what kind of property each person was fortunate or unfortunate enough to own."

Dr. Schmidt said in 177 Nebraska cities the total tax rate is over six per cent, not of income but of property value, which

he described as extraordinarily high.

"An upper limit on the tax rate does not make sense when the increased rate results from a higher price for everything the government units has to buy. It is intended to limit the increase of services and to keep down waste. If property assessments had kept up with increased market prices since 1940, it would not have been necessary for the legislature to relax the limits on tax rates for schools and cities."

Dr. Schmidt said that the state constitution prohibits a system of assessing property at different percentages of full value, and until the constitution is amended and the legislature provides otherwise, "the duty of assessors is clearly to treat all classes of property on a uniform basis."

This change, Dr. Schmidt said, would make the property tax system—a good revenue producer—even better.

\$1,000 Miller Scholarships Now Available

Three \$1,000 Donald Walter Miller scholarships for next year are open to all University students above the freshman year, it was announced Monday.

Students can obtain application forms and can file them at the office of the dean of their college. Applications should be accompanied by a letter from the student giving a detailed statement concerning educational and personal objectives. Personal letters from one or two staff members in support of the application should also be made. Deadline for application is March 1.

Candidates for the scholarships, will be judged on the basis of scholastic ability, aims, character, temperament and financial need. Scholarships will be awarded April 1.

Fellowships available to graduates only are Regents fellowships, Johnson fellowships, the Heppner fellowship, Gold fellowship, Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben fellowships, the Sampson fellowships, and the Stuart fellowship. Information on these fellowships is available at the office of the dean of the graduate college.

Former NU Geology Students Create Student Loan Fund

Former students of E. P. Schramm, retired head of the University geology department, have created a student loan and scholarship fund in his honor.

Perry W. Branch, director-secretary of the University Foundation with which the fund was established, said \$1,857 has been contributed thus far by former students Prof. Schramm.

Loans will be available from the fund to both undergraduate and graduate students who are studying geology and who have proven their ability to do satisfactory college work. Loans will be limited to amounts needed for tuition and books. Interested geology students should apply for loans by writing to the Department of Geology, Room 112, Morrill Hall.

When the fund reaches the sum of \$5,000, Dr. William Gilliland, head of the geology department, said the amount not needed for loan purposes will be used to provide scholarships.

Prof. Schramm joined the department faculty in 1911 and

was head of the department from 1934 until his retirement in September, 1951.

Feb. Draft Ordered For 21-Year-Olds

State selective service boards have been instructed to fill their February quotas, as nearly as possible, with men over 21.

Gen. Guy N. Henninger, Nebraska selective service director, has relayed the Washington order to state local boards. Draft boards began filling the February quota last Dec. 31.

According to national selective service director, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, the order was issued to help state officials "level off" the average induction age.

At the present time, some boards are inducting 19-year-olds while neighboring boards are still taking 22-year-olds. The new order might stop all induction in boards which are now taking 19-year-olds and double that of other boards.

Long Hair Styles, Short Bobs Are 'In'

By CONNIE GORDON Society Editor

There are two sides to every story—and to every hairdo. Right now, the battle is on between the two extremes: the poodle and the horse tail. Many



SALLY ADAMS

coeds have already taken the plunge and had their hair snipped off, but a majority of the coeds are still clinging to their precious locks.

One girl who has taken the plunge and is very satisfied with the results is Alison Faulkner. Miss Faulkner said that an article in Life magazine helped her make the decision. She said that she formerly wore her hair in a medium short bob, but decided that she preferred the poodle for a change.

Unlike most coeds and women in general, Miss Faulkner first gave herself a permanent and then cut her own hair. She stressed the fact that unless the hair is naturally curly or arti-

ficially curled before it is cut, the results will be very poor.

Miss Faulkner said that when she first saw her new hairdo, the "effects were frightening." She said, however, that much of the "frightening effect" was caused by the curl in her hair being unusually tight.

Miss Faulkner commented that her hair was very simple to manage even though she does have to cut it every two weeks. She puts up her hair only when she washes it.

"However," Miss Faulkner adds, "Contrary to the Life magazine article, you can't just 'toss it like a salad.'" It still needs attention.

Sally Adams is one coed who has decided that through thick and thin, long and short, long hair pulled back by a barette is best for her.

Miss Adams decided to let her hair grow since December, 1950; and except for one trimming, she has let her decision stand.

Miss Adams said that she preferred the long hair style because "it is easier to take care of." She added that it stays neat and is very easy to manage even though she puts up her hair

each night. She explained, however, that with the horsetail type of hairdo, she doesn't need a permanent.

So there you have it. Though most coeds will probably stick to the middle-of-the-road type of



ALISON FAULKNER

hairdo, the medium length, some will decide on one extreme or the other. Either way, you'll be having a hair style that is in style.

Wenke, Hinds Selected RCCU Board Members

Harriet Wenke and JoAnn Hinds have been elected members of the Red Cross College Unit board.

Miss Wenke replaces Carr Trumbull as civil defense director. Her duties will include showing movies at organized houses so that students may become aware of their duties concerning civil defense.

As chairman of water safety, Miss Hinds replaces Phoebe Dempster. She will direct the program in conjunction with the YWCA. Ten girls hold swimming classes for handicapped children each Tuesday afternoon at the YW pool as part of the program.

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