

EDITORIAL PAGE

Keep It 12 To 1

Thomas Henry Huxley once said, "Size is not grandeur," and he might well have been talking about an American university.

What makes a university great? Certainly size is one factor to consider, but often it is an over-rated criterion. Other things, such as endowment, research accomplishments and in some cases exclusiveness, must also be judged.

Nebraska University's recent enrollment drop may have discouraged persons who saw the drop only in the light of decreased finances and loss of "size" prestige.

The University is thus beginning to compare favorably with Harvard (4.3 students per teacher), Yale (4.8 students per teacher), Stanford (10.2 students per teacher), Northwestern (7.8 students per teacher), Iowa State (11 students per teacher), the University of Colorado (9 students per teacher), and the University of Minnesota (12 students per teacher).

Since faculty members usually are hired on the basis of a two-semester contract, the administration will have an opportunity to reduce the size of the faculty at the end of this term.

Food For Thought Class In Democratic Ideals Brings Understanding To Ex-Pupil

(Editor's Note: The following letter was written to Dr. C. E. Patterson, professor of philosophy, by a former student now stationed with the second armored division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany.)

Dear Dr. Patterson: Perhaps you seldom hear from your former pupils telling you how much benefit they have received from one of your courses, but that is why I am writing tonight.

The course of which I am speaking is "Democratic Ideals." Although I did not make a very good showing in the final exam or on my term paper, no other philosophy course brought as much satisfaction or aroused by apathetic mind more than that one did.

In my opinion, there is nothing needed so drastically today as a re-affirmation of our Christian and democratic ideals. The godlessness of our young people everywhere—in the service, in the home, in the schools, and in public—and the weak resistance to the insidious and subversive doctrine of communism, especially among the "intellectuals," illustrates dramatically the urgent need of a different approach in education.

Margin Notes

Best wishes for the coming "pep year" to Mary Ann Kellogg, Cecelia Pinkerton, Artie Westcott, Susie Reinhardt, Joan Follmer and Connie Clark, new Tassels officers.

Students have been harping on the lack of real support at the games during athletic seasons this year. The new Tassels heads should realize that simply "asking for spirit" isn't going to work.

In competition with 28 schools' debate teams, from six states, a University debate team composed of Paul Laase and Jack Rogers won first place at the Red River valley conference at Concordia college, Moorhead, Minn., last weekend.

Daily Nebraskan congratulations to Laase and Rogers and also to Kenneth Philbrick and Charles Gomon, who won five out of six debates to place fourth in the tournament.

Freshman Jack Rogers of the winning team is to be especially commended for his debate performance. It is unusual for a freshman to win a debate tournament.

Brought to the attention of The Daily Nebraskan is an inconsistency in scholastic requirements asked of Red Cross board aspirants. A female applicant must have a 5.0 average. The fortunate males must have only a 4.5 average.

Congratulations to the Alpha Chi Omegas for their prize winning Penny Carnival booth. "Alm High For An Alpha Chi" was favorably received in the eyes of the ticket voters and the judges of the booths.

The Nebraskan noted with interest the short entries on spraying held last week on Ag campus. One control we might suggest would be a mass spraying of instructors who keep students in class long after the Carillon tower has played, the bell has rung and students from other classes are prepared to invade one's chair.

most fatal step. We must guard what we now have to prepare for the increase in enrollment that is almost inevitable within the next eight years.

According to Dr. Hoover, almost all American universities have suffered enrollment drops in the past few years because of the decreased birth rate during the depression of the early 1930's.

Any cuts in the teacher program at the end of this year would catch us flatfooted when the enrollment bulge hits us. We not only would be unprepared for the increase, but the cut might cripple us to such an extent that students would go to schools that had maintained high standards.

Evidently it is possible to maintain high standards throughout periods of enrollment lows. The Nebraskan realizes the financial difficulties involved in keeping a good teacher-student ratio, but also visualizes the lower standards that might result from a teacher cut.

Let's keep smaller classes and more individual attention. Let's not overwork our faculty members; let's leave them free time for writing and research which will benefit the whole state.

What Am I Doing Here?



—Bob Reichenbach

With my back still smarting from the whip (69 lashes from the cat o' nine tails) I'm back at my old stand; rather surprised to be here, too. No more attempts at satire or "humor" for this kid.

Today is Valentine's Day. Did you know that Valentines were almost unknown in this country until late in the 18th century? Probably not. Who cares anyway? But this year is leap year and since every year, leap or not, has a Valentine's Day, let's talk about leap year.

Leap year was famous back in 1288 A. D. That was the year when Scotland actually passed a sort of lonely-hearts law allowing women to "pop the question" during leap year.

Incidentally, the same kind of law was passed in France a few years later, and another in Italy during the 15th century. It was about this time, too, that sweethearts everywhere began to express their romantic inclinations by sending valentines to their loved ones.

Letterip

What Do You Mean?

(Editor's Note: Letters to The Daily Nebraskan must be signed but names will be withheld upon the author's request. Please be brief.)

To Bob Reichenbach: I wonder what you were trying to put across in your column, dated 12 Feb. 1952, concerning the danger threatening the editors of our campus daily, and the basis for the selection of the Honorary Sponsor of Pershing Rifles, Company A-2.

Were you trying to tell those same loyal readers that the presence of a daily editorial in a daily newspaper necessarily means that the editors are daily crusading for something.

Having read the majority of editorials in The Daily Nebraskan this semester, I would hesitate to say, and I think that any sincere and just critic would hesitate to say, that the editors of the newspaper, with as comparatively a short life as said second semester Nebraskan, have endangered the job of the next editor to the extent that he will have nothing to do but edit that newspaper.

As concerning the Honorary Sponsor of PR Company A-2, I will try to enlighten you on that subject. Webster defines "honorary" as: 1. Done or conferred as a sign of high esteem or honor. 2. Designating a title or place which is held without rendering service or receiving the emoluments or privileges usual to it.

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Book Notes

'Return To Paradise' Depicts Life In Islands

—Mary Worrall

The most satisfying thing about "Return to Paradise" by James A. Michener (Random House, New York, 1951), is that fact that one can read the book at irregular intervals without dropping a single thread of plot.

Michener, now considered a master of South Pacific life, has joined fiction and fact into a group of essays about strange people and exotic backgrounds. Although each piece is highly individual, they are bound together by the author's skill in cover-lapping moods.

The book follows Michener on his return trip to Guadalcanal, Tahiti, New Zealand, and other

State Politicking... Controversial Political Heat Surrounds Nebraska Primary

By GEORGE WILCOX

(Editor's Note: Since 1952 is election year, The Daily Nebraskan will print frequent comments by various students and faculty members concerning the state and national political scene.)

The date April 1 will soon be a date long remembered in Nebraska political circles. For on this date the Nebraska primary campaign curtain rings down on one of the most controversial primary campaigns in Nebraska's political history.

This intense primary campaigning is typical of the South where the Democratic party holds its general election in the primary. In Nebraska's case it is the Republican party who is generating the political heat and no doubt will go on and win in November.

Four Republican campaigns are the controversial campaigns. In the Senate race, Governor Peterson is matching 12 years in Washington and a highly geared political machine, Sen. Hugh Butler, Governor Peterson offers youth, ambition and the fact that as Governor he has been in the public eye more than Senator Butler.

The Bob Crosby versus Lin-

coln's Mayor Victor Anderson will be more intense in the past few weeks than in the past weeks before the pre-primary convention in Omaha. Victor Anderson's 100 vote defeat and the loss of two of Lincoln's legislative districts will only increase the campaigning. Bob Crosby must mend political fences in the northeast section of Nebraska in the area around Dixon county which was presumed to be Crosby territory.

One campaign which will be full of name calling and acquisitions will be for Attorney General. Max G. Towle of Lincoln after only two days filing barely edged present Attorney General Clarence Beck. Opponents of Towle charge that if Towle is elected Attorney General he will lift the ban on gambling which the state embarked on a few years ago with James Anderson of Scottsbluff as Attorney General.

The last controversial contest in the Republican primary is for Railway Commissioner. Joe Brown of Falls City re-

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ceived the party endorsement by a few votes over Nebraska graduate Max Harding of Lincoln. Harding as a young man does not enjoy the support of many of the "old guard" but may be formidable at the polls.

The Democrats can only save their conscience by a vigorous presidential campaign in Nebraska. With the attempt to draft top vote-getter Walter Raecke in the ash can the Democrats must stir the bushes for either Estes Kefauver or Senator Kerr to make a showing in Nebraska. University of Nebraska Regent Stanley Long heads a democratic slate for Senator and is one of the best men on the slate.

Much of this information can be culled from newspapers which many of us read every-day. However, in our next column we will analyze the merits of each candidate from a Nebraska students point of view. Regardless of our analysis if your age is over 21 it is your duty to register and vote. Write home or go to the Lincoln Election Commissioners office in the First Trust Building now and register. Remember a democracy lasts only so long as citizens realize their responsibility to vote.

Stolen Goods

KU Students Must Pass Test To Qualify For Parking Permit

—Marilyn Mangold

Frequently they are valid excuses. However, even more often they are alibis by which we attempt to justify our laziness.

The weakness in some of the more common reasons are humorously illustrated by adapting them to the heading, "Why I Don't Attend the Movies." The result looks like this:

- 1. The manager of the theater has never asked me to go.
2. There is no special program for the college students.
3. It's not run like the theater back home.
4. Every time I go they ask me for money.
5. I went so regularly back home that I don't need to go now.
6. The show lasts too long! I can't sit still for two hours.
7. I don't like a lot of the people I meet there.
8. I don't always agree with the theater's choice of shows.
9. The audience doesn't seem to be friendly enough.
10. The shows are always in the evenings and on week ends and that is the only time I have for study.

Thanks to the editors of The Daily Kansan for the above thought provoking list.



Mangold

Before too many paragraphs of this column issue forth this columnist would like to retract all the praises of spring which were sung Monday. With all this rain and forecasted snow methinks I've just gotta have a car. Of course there's always the little problem of where to leave it while attending those time-consuming classes. I shall always cherish fond memories of the first time I rated the parents' car for a day on the campus. You guessed it—a parking ticket, no less.

But consider yourself lucky if you drive a car on this campus—with a parking permit. At the University of Kansas when you apply for a parking permit your application has to be approved by the campus parking committee before a permit is issued. If you pass a test, you get a parking permit at KU; if not, the same old story, a ticket from the campus police.

Alibis From Kansas

While away from home many also slip into the habit of not attending church on Sunday morning. Some of the excuses for not attending church while at school away from home are numerous and varied.

would be held in the same "high esteem" by the other members of the organization, regardless of whether or not she could "execute to manual of arms with extra finesse and precision," was encouraged to enter her as a candidate.

As definition two (above) states she renders the organization no service. If she is invited to a dinner dance given by and for the organization, and she does not attend, that is her prerogative. If she is invited to have her picture taken with the group for the Cornhusker and she declines, that too, is left to her discretion.

Summarily, she is entered by a member of the organization and chosen by popular vote of the organization. Even you, Mr. Reichenbach, could become an honorary member of PR Company A-2, if the members of that organization held you in high enough esteem to consider you for that honor.

I wonder, Mr. Columnist, if there is a hidden meaning behind your column, dated 12 Feb. 1952. Do you expect your readers, ignorant of a crusade which you yourself might be trying to carry out, to read between the lines? All the persons I have talked to who have read your column say, "What's he trying to get across?" Just what are you doing in your column?

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Ideal Coed

Campus tradition seems to have perpetuated a falacy in the title of Typical Nebraska Coed. The tradition of selecting a coed on basis of high average, an outstanding activity record, charm, poise, grace and so on is considered typical of University coeds.

When members of an organized women's residence house select candidates for the honor, they do not think "typical." They think "What will the AWS board members and faculty judges call 'typical'?"

Check the general average of organized houses and you'll find that the "typical" average is not the average of most TNC's. Also, the "typical" coed is not prominent in activities.

The Nebraskan does not criticize selecting a coed for some honor, but the contestants and the campus should know what constitutes "typical." Perhaps the title should be renamed the Ideal Nebraska Coed.—R.R.

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