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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

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They Vote Today

chosen without the use of a ticket prerequisite." for voting requirement. At the beginning of the This one sentence will undergo Student Council proposal, we firmly believed in the principal of vote this afternoon as an amendment to the Coun- the entire movement. Then the issue began cil by-laws. It was presented at last week's meet- clouded with traditional debate and it looked like ing in the acceptable form of a by-law and, ac- a compromise would be the only method of solvcording to Council law, must be acted upon to- ing the situation created by avid believers and day.

A committee headed by Dean Linscott will give its report, at this meeting, on hearings held for individuals and organizations affected by the proposed amendment. The results of Linscott's committee report will undoubtedly affect the consequent vote.

Several groups and persons have been championing action of this sort for quite some time, amendment many, many errors in many campus The entire matter started when 24 women's or- organizations will be cleared up-not just for this ganizations signed petitions to rid the campus of ticket-balloting which included a Jan. 1 boycott clause. From that time to this, the Council, feeling that they must be fair, has conducted elections will regain some of their lost prestige. _hearings for the persons involved and the backers of this movement have put their request into legal form.

The Daily Nebraskan would like to put in its clously and thoughtfully worked out. Its longfinal plea for acceptance of this plan. We have range advantages are obvious. It will be an act stated time and time again our reasons for want- of progress in the annals of student government. ing the Council to rule out all elections on the -R.R.

"Finalists for any campus election shall be campus that required the purchase of a ticket opponents of the plan.

> When the matter boiled down, it looked like members of Kosmet Klub were the only real opponents of the anti-ticket-balloting plan. This writer, at least, now can see no benefit of a compromise in the offering. The by-law, as rewritten and thoroughly discussed, seems to cover the situation well.

If the Council sees fit to adopt the by-law year, but for as many years as the present constitution and by-laws stand. It will take time but if ticket-balloting is ruled out, our campus

To the individual members of the Student Council, The Nebraskan asks that you vote in favor of this amendment. It has been judi-

Mystery Story

If you like mysteries, the type that withhold Since Peterson served as chairman of the national the solution until the very last minute, you'll Governors Conference, he has had a good backget a big kick out of the appointment our ex- ground for the job. He also served in India durgovernor is supposed to have received from the ing the Second World War and this training was president-elect.

Although he didn't wear a big, black overcoat with a black fedora pulled down over his eyes when he got off the plane from New York last week, the ex-governor was just as mysterious. He wouldn't talk. His appointment, you see, is a secret.

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The press has had its hands full trying out the mystery and so far reports have been anything but specific. Of course, The Nebraskan does not have Washington, New York and Statehouse reporters around to cover all the press conferences to pick up all the off-the-record comments which are undoubtedly being dropped about this affair. job-which doesn't need confirmation. The frustrating thing about having all those correspondents is that they can only report one-third fidence

sistant with work in reference to state governors, an end before long .- D.P.

expected to influence Eisenhower to appoint the former governor to the ambassadorship of that

Eastern country.

The Herald's unconfirmed report indicated that such an appointment would not be practical because it would have to be confirmed by the Senate and Hugh Butler is a senator. Evidentaly, Senator Butler is still licking his wounds over the fact that Peterson ran against him in the primary. At any rate, it looks to the unconfirmed source as if it would be foolish to even try to put a Peterson appointment into the Senate with Butler around. Therefore, talk is flying about the possibility of the White House

But, mystery fans, there may be an end to of what they hear-the rest is always told in con- the frantic waiting. President-elect Eisenhower's

press secretary-probably because of an on-slaught The Nebraskan can't shed any light on the of mystery-hungry reporters-announced Monday thing but a World Herald correspondent ran into that the news of the Peterson appointment will be an unconfirmed source Monday which indicated made soon. In his words, the announcement will ing some scars on the wall. that Peterson would probably be placed in the be made "in the near future." Anyway you want "Claw marks. That's where White House as some sort of administrative as- to look at it, a darn good mystery will come to students have tried to get out



"It's a disgrace to think a book could be missing for 3 years Put a tracer on it and phone my office immediately on any in-formation-and furthermore-

Once Over Lightly Final Exams Take Stamina From Students, Professors

Finals, for most students, is an extremely try- recall. They used their fingernails. ing time. It is the time when strong men turn weak, and weak men break into sobs.

But what most students don't know is that it is equally trying for the professors. "It isn't easy to watch all that suffering," said one professor.

"Take this room where I have given finals. It certainly has taken a beating from students while they were taking the test."

. . He pointed over toward one corner of the wall. See that?" he asked, indicat-

several house parties which pro-gagements: several house parties which pro-vided entertainment for the past busy weekend, several organiza-tional gatherings were held at local night spots. A number of Phi Delt's and their dates spent Saturday eve-ning at the Continental, and a group of Sigma Chi couples. Jo Michelson, Alpha Xi, and Herz Olson, TKE; Joyce Hobbs, Alpha Xi, and Doyle Beavers, Acacia; Nancy Lindell, Pi Phi, and George McQueen, in the service; Jean Spetidel, Tri Delt, and Marv Johnson of Wilcox.

House Parties, Formals

Made Busy Weekend

Beside the two formals and| More Christmas vacation en-

Jean Smith, Gamma Phl, and Bill Holmquist, Phi Gam; Mary Lou Solfermoser, Wilson Hall, and Dick Peterson, in the Army; Mary Lois Glotz and Richard G. Vost, Pi Kappa Phi; Gladys Humann and Bill Walton, Pi Kappa Phi. group of Sigma Chi couples were dancing at East Hills. -Several engineering students and their dates held an informal party at Italian Village. We have a wedding to report this week.-One of the Christmas Kappa Phi.

holiday ceremonies. The newly - wedded pair are Lt. and Mrs. Orval M. Conner. Lt. Conner, an Acacia, is now in the Army, Mrs. Conner, the former Miss Marlene Wall, lived at Wilson

Hall before her Steffen marriage.

Union Plans Fun For Exam Week

The Union will feature special entertainment for students dur-

Another newly engaged couple -Dolly Rhoades, Chi O, and Rusty Richards-plan to be mar-

We also have four more vaca-

tion pinnings to announce. They

are Faye Jones and Don Cunningham, Acacia; Diane Corl, Alpha Xi, and Fred Dowden, ATO at South Dakota University; Shirley Pollock, Alpha Xi, and Al Blaha,

Theta Xi; and Alice Staley, Alpha Chi, and John Dick, Phi Psi.

ried Jan. 24.

ing final exam week. Included in the Union's plans are entertainment in the Crib in the form of student combos soloists and pianists. A special area Marlin Bree will be set aside for card playing, games and refreshments. The Music Room will remain

open during the week and there will be dancing in the Round-Up Room. Also maintained by the Union will be television in the lounge and reading facilities in the Book Nook.

Slated Thursday

Applicants for positions on The Daily Nebraskan will be interviewed by the Committee on Student Publications beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday. Interviews will be held in the

Music Room on the second floor

Applications for business mansidered first, followed by circu-

Applicants for other positions

Something To Investigate

If Sen. McCarthy wants to investigate the col- dents in colleges. A number of professors, at leges of the country, he might consider a prob- least a number of articulate ones, go a step farther. lem suggested by a well-known newspaper col- They express their concern over the crowded hallumnist, Dr. Albert E. Wiggam, D. Sc., in his daily ways where everyone is jostled and distracted column "Let's Explore Your Mind." from the primary purpose of college education. The wholesale presence of these non-students fills

of the room. They didn't quite make it, as I bolder students said that the test 'wasn't bad.' need not report until 7 p.m. **AWS Point System For Women**

President

"Ah yes, I can look back over the years and recall how the finals have always gone. The first part of the exam goes rather quietly-with only the occasional tapping of fingers. "The second part, as the tension increases, is D.N. Interviews a little noisier. Occasionally, a student squirms

about in his chair. Pencils tap on the desks. "The last part of the final is always the

worst. This time is devoted mainly to composing nasty thought to be directed at the instructor. Common practice is to wear a hounded expression."

. . .

After the final is over, the instructor says that of the Union. he usually managed to ask the student how the ager and assistants will be contest was.

"The answer to the question was usually given lation manager, and feature ediin the form of a weak guffaw. A few of the tor,

Dr. Wiggam recently said:

"There are many, many young people in college who ought not to be there. Some have ability but lack interest; others have interest but lack ability. Some lack both. Even if by some miracle they could be pulled through to graduation it would pay them and the country better for them to spend three years in some useful job."

The problem, non-students in college, seems to call for an investigation of the educational system and the students in it. The reward for their disclosure is certainly a worthy one for any senator-greater service to the country, as Dr. Wiggam has pointed out.

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Some persons, however, will protest against such an investigation on the grounds that Wiggam is wrong in saying some of the young people in college should not be there. Even if they admit that these attendants are not college intelectual material, they explain their place on campus in at least two ways. First, they maintain that perhaps a little college education will rub off on the non-interested and non-able as they bump shoulders with professors and students in the halls positions. of learning. Second, they argue that college is not just a place to study, study, study-but is beside development of the intellect.

The first explanation may have some merit. But the second loses any reasonable significance when one considers that, in essence, the only characteristic which distinguishes college from any other occupation in which young people could be engaged is that of stimulation and development of the intellect. While a well-rounded college education must consist of much more than this, the other facets are generally found in all areas of living.

Thus, in passing through the halls of learning, the uninterested and unadapted student merely consumes space, slowing the movement of other students and receiving nothing for his stamina except bruised shoulders.

This discredits the first excuse for the presence of non-students in college-the hope that and they will acquire the graces of education through touching intellectual giants and breathing the air of a college campus. As has been said, there may be some truth in this assumption. But a student has little success as a parasite in an institution of learning. What is available here must be dug out-not rubbed off shoulders.

Even if the unqualified, uninterested student accomplishes little in college, what difference does it make? He can waste his time if he wishes, some say,

Dr. Wiggam disagrees. The country is losing potential service, he says. Such an investigation should appeal to Sen. McCarthy-to benefit the nation is indeed a noble goal.

But this is not the only objection to non-stu-



Men must decide on what they will not and do, and then they are able to act with vigor in what they ought to do .- Mencius

classrooms with millions of faces but the extra heads, the professors say, simply dilute the num- Editor ucation has forced colleges to gear their programs Section heads to slower, less capable students in order to pull Layout editor through an increased number of persons. The Assistant layout editor lowering of standards and the presence of more pupils naturally mean that the highly qualified Business manager student will receive less attention; his capabili- Photo editor ties will remain undeveloped and unused.

A comparison of the curriculum of American colleges with that of comparable European schools Editor

discloses the inevitable decline in standards when Managing editor the gears are molded to accomodate the masses.

Lest someone suggest an extended educational period for the particularly qualified student, consider two points. The first is that additional length of education steals time from the lives of young people who are eager to assume positions in the world. Both time and a certain percentage of qualified students are

Consider also what Dr. Wiggam has pointed Society editor out. Non-students would be better off in other Assistant sports

Rapid, high capacity development of youth- Assistant business manager ... ful minds should appeal to Sen. McCarthy and any Circulation rather intended to offer many education facets investigating committee. The entire nation would

benefit. Of course to remove some students from Vice president college and to push the rest through faster means, Board in the present emergency, that the men will be spending time in the armed forces-if not longer President at least sooner.

But, after all-and here is what should appeal Corresponding secretary to the senator-the army is apparently a wonder- Recording secretary ful place to develop red-blooded Americanism .-K.R.

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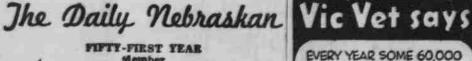
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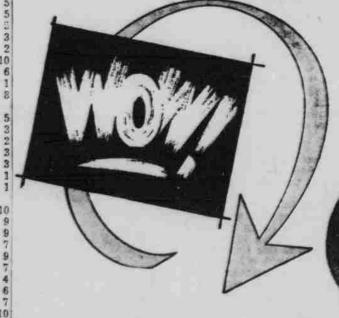
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