

# Just Between Us . . .

That noise you heard about 11 a.m. Tuesday was Karl Marx—he was turning over in his grave. And Ben Mark Cherrington, an outstanding Cornhusker who had returned to his alma mater to deliver the Honors Day Convocation speech, was responsible for Marx' unrest. It all had to do with the chains which bind the workers of the world.

At the end of his "Communist Manifesto," Marx directed the workers of the world to rise up. After all, Marx said, there is nothing to lose but chains and nothing to gain but the world.

The radical theories which Marx—and his successors—formulated have been tried in Soviet Russia. Dr. Cherrington looked at Russia, and saw that the workers who had arisen there had gained nothing but chains.

But it is no new revelation that Russia is totalitarian. Although few Americans understand the political and ideological framework of Marxism, propagandists have made sure that the word Communism leaves a bad taste in the American mouth. McCarthyism has done this if nothing else. To call a man a Communist, is the worst thing you could possibly do to his reputation today. We know that Communism—especially the Russian brand—is bad and that we should fight to keep our freedom.

But, and this is another of Dr. Cherrington's

points, our society should not be content with being told that Communism is bad. There should be a greater attempt to understand our enemy—what is good and what is bad about him. That is the job of the scholars, who cherish the unrestrained search for knowledge. A true scholar has learned that nothing must be accepted without examination. That is not to say that all scholars are skeptics without faith. It means that scholars are not easily hoodwinked by mass propaganda.

We must meet the challenge Soviet Russia is issuing daily. And, the only way we can meet them effectively is with understanding. This is so important that it should be shouted from the housetops. And that is just what Dr. Cherrington was trying to do Tuesday—impress upon the scholars of a great midwestern university that their place in this civilization is only valuable as long as they continue to search for the truth.

Because the truth—and only the truth—can beat Communism. Brute force can hold Communism down but it will take truth, and people who understand that truth, to really defeat Karl Marx' monster.

That is the job of the scholar. He must search for the truth himself and he must help others in their search.—D. P.

## NEBRASKAN EDITORIALS

### Victims Of The Machine Age

The iron hand of the absolute number has taken over the entire University. Courses are numbered, credits are numbered, hours are numbered, students are numbered. Numbers determine students' places in the registration lines and divide students into classes.

Today's college world is the realm of the IBM machine and the arbitrariness of numbers. No longer does the human element participate in divisions and decisions.

If the IBM machine places a student in a category, that is where he stays. No amount of logic can ever change his classification. He is a victim of the machine age.

At times the iron-numbered system appears a little ridiculous. Earlier this week six University juniors (third-year students with another year before graduation) were listed with seniors honored for superior scholarship. At least five of them refused to don cap and gown and parade across the honors day stage as graduating students.

Today the height of the ridiculous was reached when two applicants for senior class officers were denied the right to run—because they had earned two or three more hours than the 88 maximum allowed juniors under the administration's IBM system.

One of the rejected applicants, Marshall Kushner, in a letter to The Daily Nebraskan, writes: ". . . it is my misfortune to possess 90 hours, which, according to the breakdown, makes me a senior."

"This is my third year at the University of Nebraska. I will be graduated in June of 1954. As a 'senior' I cannot possibly be graduated this June, or next January, for that matter."

Mr. Kushner could have earned his 90 hours in five semesters without exceeding the Univer-

sity's normal limit of 18 hours a semester. He has, therefore, been penalized "because I happen to have a few more hours than my colleagues in the junior class."

In his letter, Kushner states, "We are all aware of the fact that the administration has designed a breakdown of students' hours which determines what graduation class they are in. This is right and perhaps even necessary."

But, as he implies, the Student Council need not—and in fact should not—follow the administration's definitions of juniors and seniors. To do so is unfair to students who have worked hard and carried heavier class loads.

The Daily Nebraskan earlier this semester warned the Council that such situations might arise in the spring elections. The problem was assigned to a Council committee three weeks ago, but no action has been taken.

As Dean Linscott said, "Nothing can be done." At least not this year. Borderline cases were allowed the benefit of the doubt last year (in the two cases known), but the new constitution and the administration's rulings on election filings are being followed to the letter this year—at least in this case. (The strict interpretation, however, may not include constitutional provisions concerning the length of time filings will be accepted.)

Kushner states in his letter that it is merely his intention "to right a situation which I think is very wrong." The Daily Nebraskan agrees with him. He and the other rejected candidate, Paul Laase, have not received a fair deal.

But 88 hours is the maximum. The rule is being enforced. And Kushner's and Laase's names will not appear on the ballot.

The wheels of the machine grind on. Its victims are crushed and forgotten.—K. R.

### Let's Start A Tradition

During the fall, a crowd of University students attended a banquet in honor of our athletes. Tuesday evening another crowd went to another banquet—this time to honor outstanding scholars.

The Tuesday meal was the first of what I hope will be a long succession of Honors Day Banquets. It is a fine idea and one which deserves the united support of the campus.

Many students, and faculty members, went to the banquet with chips on their shoulders. They were prejudiced against the banquet because they suspected a dull evening. On the surface, this prejudice was well-founded. After all, wouldn't the speeches be intellectual and the diners be students with horn-rimmed glasses? But, when they filed out of the Union Ballroom, nearly everyone commented on a delightful evening. Even intellectuals can be fun.

Dr. Gustavson campaigned for a tradition of

Honors Day and Athletic banquets Tuesday evening. He felt, just as The Daily Nebraskan does, that this campus is sorely in need of tradition—the solid type of tradition.

And certainly honoring our scholars is a type of solid tradition. It only takes a little imagination to conceive future Honors Day Banquets held in the Coliseum. The speaker could deliver his main address there and eliminate the morning convocation. And, possibly, the convocation attendance problem could be eliminated.

There were slightly more than 230 tickets sold for Tuesday's banquet. Many were sold to faculty members. But the number of students who bought tickets to the Honors Day Banquet is larger—in proportion—than the number of students who bothered to attend the regular convocation. And classes—two of them—were excused for the convocation.

It looks like a great tradition.—D. P.

### Yesteryear At NU . . .

By DICK RALSTON  
Staff Writer

Since the picnic season has been more or less informally opened by the advent of warm weather, I reprint in part an editorial from the 1933 Daily Nebraskan referring to regulations concerning picnics in that age of "innocence."

" . . . An extensive code of laws is to be found in the University catalog, in the division 'General Information,' and under the heading 'Rules and Regulations Governing Students.' Section 32 of these rules . . . has to do with picnics. It says: 'All parties, including picnics and social migrations where women are present, shall be officially sponsored. Notice of such parties shall be given to the dean of women, and the names of the sponsors submitted to her for approval at least two days in advance, preferably on the Monday preceding the party . . .'

"It is not particularly important, perhaps, that the regulation be abandoned because outmoded

and ignored. What is important is the disregard for all regulations which such a provision engenders.

"Everyone is aware that students desiring to picnic, stay not on the order of their going to hunt for chaperons. The very informal nature of picnics, to say the least, precludes the presence of any of any such representatives of formality as chaperones . . .

"It is very apparent that this particular 'rule and regulation governing students' not only fails to govern but has a very detrimental influence on the gravity with which students regard other regulations. The rule might very well be dubbed 'the rule which makes law-breakers of students.'"

A quick check with the dean of women's office informed me that this rule is no longer on the books and that it is no longer necessary to have a chaperone for an informal picnic. Thank God for progress!

## WORLD REPORT

### U.S. Editors Report On Trip To Russia

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in the April 17th edition of the Wall Street Journal.)

The American editors who had a peek behind the Iron Curtain for a week have returned home with stories of the high prices and shortages of goods in Russia.

The plight of the Russian worker or ordinary civilian, especially women, always has an impact on a Westerner visiting Russia.

The latest visitors noted that cheap print spring dresses put on sale in Moscow while they were there sold for approximately \$125 when figured at the Russian-set exchange rate of four rubles to the dollar. A synthetic fabric raincoat, first ever seen in Russia and which would cost under \$10 in the United States, was priced at the equivalent of \$137.50.

Nylon stockings are almost unheard of and working women usually wear baggy trousers. Stockings, when they have them, are of heavy lisle, and the price is \$3 to \$5 a pair.

In 35 years under Communist Government ownership here is what the United States State Department has reported about the "Soviet paradise."

Soviet workers have put up with whatever labor conditions their one and only employer (the state) dictates. Wages are fixed. So are the prices and working hours. Labor discipline is strict and any breach of its numberless provisions is severely punished.

Sir David Kelly, former British Ambassador to Moscow, not long ago noted in his wise and amusing book, "The Ruling Few," the tough life of the Russian under the Bolshevik rulers.

Sir David likes the Russian people, but not the regime whose keynote is undiluted seriousness. Russian citizens, he says can never relax. They must always concentrate on erecting a "mighty, industrial, mechanized, super-efficient Socialist Soviet empire."

He gave these instances of penalties for slackness: "A transport worker is liable to 10 years' imprisonment for tolerating accumulation of rubbish. 'A worker over 20 minutes late, or who is late for three times in a month for periods adding up to 20 minutes, gets six months' corrective labor and a fine of one week's pay every month."

## NUBB

### THURSDAY

- Fine Arts Ensemble concert at 8 p.m., Union Ballroom.
- Red Cross Senior Lifesaving course at 7 p.m., Coliseum swimming pool.
- NUCWA meeting at 7:30 p.m., Union, Room 316.
- AUF Board meeting at 7 p.m., Union, Room 307.
- Cornhusker Applications for copy writer due by 5 p.m., Public Relations Office.
- Francis A. Flood lecture at 8 p.m., Love Library Auditorium.
- Tri-K Club meeting at 7:30 p.m., Agronomy Bldg., Room 206.
- Spanish Club meeting at 4 p.m., Union, Room 313.
- WAA Banquet at 6:30 p.m., Colonial Cup, 735 So. 58 St.
- Soil Conservation Society meeting at 7:30 p.m., Agronomy Bldg., Room 206.

### FRIDAY

- Record Dance for Fine Arts Festival participants at 9 p.m., Union, Round-up Room.
- Red Cross Senior Life Saving course at 7 p.m., Coliseum swimming pool.
- Cotton and Denim Dance at 9 p.m., Ag College Activities Bldg.
- Farmer's Fair, Ag College.
- Daily Nebraskan applications for staff positions due at 5 p.m., Public Relations Office.
- Hearings on Cornhusker applications at 4 p.m., Union Parlor Z.
- Manuscripts for Daily Nebraskan Wednesday literary section due 3 p.m. in Daily Nebraskan office.

## Prayer

Offered By Rev. Rex H. Knowles  
At The Honors Convocation

We ask Thy blessing, O God, on all of us as we strive to teach. Grant us patience in our task, clearness in our instruction, fairness in our discipline and joy in our calling.

In the time of weariness and discouragement, refresh us with faith in the value of our vocation and with the hope of making the coming generation wiser, stronger and happier in Thy service, and in the service of our fellowmen.

We ask Thy blessing, O God, on all of us as we strive to learn. Make us worthy of our heritage in this home of learning. Quicken our minds in the love of knowledge and our hearts in the love of virtue. Free us from fear of that which is new and from scorn of that which is old. Lead us forward from this day in the spirit of understanding and confirm us in the confidence that all truth is for our good and to Thy glory.

In the time of weariness and discouragement, refresh us with the joy of growing wiser and with the hope that by work, by study, by play and by friendship we are being fitted for our calling in the service of our country, our world and our God. Save us from the sins of laziness, self-indulgence and conceit. Make us honest, diligent, loyal and humble so that we may do honor to our parents and to our university and may grow to the limits of our power in Thy service. Amen.

## It Seems To Me

### Columnist Offers Own Rules Of Safe Driving

Glenn Rosenquist

AUF pledges its support to The Daily Nebraskan safety campaign. Which campus organization will be next? Will it be Student Council, NUCWA? Come one, come all, jump on the bandwagon!

Some people believe I have done nothing but criticize, unjustly, this campaign. Perhaps I have been a bit outspoken in my resentment for gory accident pictures. Therefore I present the following as my contribution to safety—the ten cardinal rules of safe driving.

1. Do not drive your car unless your windshield is clean.
2. Do not speed.
3. Obey traffic signs and learn the arm signals. Stop at red lights. Also stop for octagonal yellow signals which say in black letters: "Stop." (Signs will be observed which say "Slow" and "Soft shoulder" and "Curve" and "wet pavement.")
4. Watch at intersections.
5. Especially look for children. They generally will not watch for you.
6. Make sure your brakes work.
7. Slow down on curves. Due to a certain amount of so-called centrifugal force, your car may overturn.
8. Do not drink, then drive. Alcohol slows down reaction time. Lots of alcohol reduces visibility and sensibility.
9. Keep a sharp look out.
10. Read the traffic violations column each day in The Daily Nebraskan.

## OKLAHOMA A&M

### Judges Rules Draft Board Acted Illegally

From the Oklahoma A&M Collegian

Male students who have been casting suspicious glances in the direction of their draft boards, got some reassurance recently.

A federal judge ruled that a draft board acted illegally when it inducted an honor student in New Jersey because he flunked a chemistry course. The student, now at Fort Dix, will be discharged from the army to return to Upsala college.

The court based its ruling on the fact that the student actually did not have to take the chemistry course, but enrolled voluntarily in summer school in order to graduate early.

## CUM LAUDE

### Alumnus Is Curriculum Authority

By JANE SAXTON  
Staff Writer

One of the outstanding authorities on curriculum planning for public schools living today. This is Dr. Hollis L. Caswell, dean, College of Education at Columbia University.

Caswell was graduated from the University in 1922. He received his master's and doctor's degrees from Columbia in 1927 and 1929, respectively.

While in school at the University, Caswell was on the University debate team and was a member of Acacia, Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi.

After graduation from Nebraska, Caswell held a number of positions. Among them are high school teacher, principal, superintendent of schools, field worker in educational surveys, consultant to state departments of education in Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Arkansas, Mississippi and Kansas.

It was while he was a consultant on instructional programs of city school systems at Columbia and George Peabody College in Kentucky that Dr. Saylor of the University educational curriculum met Caswell.

According to Saylor, Caswell is a very studious individual and a hard worker. Yet, said Saylor, he's known of many a problem that Caswell figured out while on the golf course. Aside from golf, Caswell likes to think of himself as an amateur gardener—especially of flowers.

Caswell is married and has two sons, Hollis Jr., 21, and Allen, 19. The elder son is studying atomic physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, while the younger one is specializing in foreign languages at Oberlin.

He is a member of the National Education Association, the American Association of School Administrators, past vice-president of the American Educational Research Association and a past first vice-president of the Department of Supervisors and Directors of Instruction.

Caswell is also a co-author of two books, "Curriculum Development" and "Readings in Curriculum." He has contributed educational survey articles to numerous educational journals as well.

Indeed, the University should be proud to call this most distinguished man one of its alumni.

### Coronation To Cause TV Boom In England

English television manufacturers expect nearly 30,000,000 persons in Britain to see the coronation of Queen Elizabeth June 2 on TV.

The Radio Industry Club in London estimated that approximately 2,750,000 TV sets would be operating on coronation day and that the number of viewers would average more than 10 per set.

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