

EDITORIAL PAGE

Unspecialization Move Needed

I don't know anything about politics; I'm an engineering student.

Thus we specialize. Thus we allow professors to poke facts about only one field, or two at best, into our heads.

We Offer Help

Oh joy unbounded! The iron rule of Ellen Smith Hall will be relaxed for one night this weekend.

The situation is at once preposterous and praiseworthy. It is preposterous to think that late minutes become moral when sponsored by an organization.

A common ground of complaint from foreign students at the University is that they want to meet native Nebraskans—not just each other.

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Consistent Excellence

Two books published by the University of Nebraska Press have received recognition as Top Honor Books in the Chicago Book Clinic's fifth annual exhibit.

This statement makes up the "lead" on a news story in today's Nebraskan.

The story, as many students will undoubtedly feel or say, does not carry earthshaking importance for the majority of University students.

The announcement does carry significance when it is noted that the University of Nebraska Press has consistently produced work of superior quality.

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Progress is astounding. It certainly is. The latest scientific sensation is the development of the hydrogen bomb.

The nuclear wonder resulted in a cloud 17 miles high.

Shock from the blast was felt 176 miles away.

Dust evidence was discovered 333 miles away.

Numbers of Japanese fishermen, and perhaps others, although many miles from the explosion, were burned by radiation.

And so the fearsome atomic bomb, which startled the world by the vast destruction it wreaked upon Hiroshima and Nagasaki,

begins to look like a toy next to this new giant. Fears, which first sprang into being with the unleashing of the new energy, that atomic warfare might eventually blast the whole world into eternity have been strongly fortified.

This, then, is progress—but which way are we progressing?

is missing the real meaning of the University. Likewise elementary education and ag majors who refuse to admit that history and art have something to offer are not in tune with the University.

For the word—university—comes from the Latin "universitas" meaning "all together, the whole, the universe."

The latter definition is the one which concerns The Nebraskan at the moment.

The convocation attracted a small handful of listeners; most of them were faculty.

The newspaper item told of the installation of a senior course for students of widely different major interests.

Seniors will discuss a variety of topics—topics confined to no one field.

The first happening is a result of overspecialization; the second may be a cure.

Specialization of vocations has led to an increasing specialization of interests.

A senior-level course aimed at broadening the interests and knowledge of students could be only a partial answer to the problem.

A freshman-level course—a survey of all phases of history, i.e., art, music, politics, governments—should be instituted here.

Specialization of vocations is necessary in this age. Specialization of interests is harmful in any age.

Language Machine

Machines, their abilities and seeming never-ending power to do things better, faster, easier than their makers have been the subject of several Nebraskan "Margin Notes"

The machine preoccupation seems to have spilled over to one (possibly more) nationally circulated "slick" magazine, Colliers.

In the April 2 edition of the magazine, the editors devoted a large section to an editorial about a machine.

In its trial run, the machine was given the task of translating from English to Russian and vice-versa.

The sad, perhaps pathetic side of an otherwise perfect operation was that the words "free elections," "democracy," "freedom," etc., went through the machine without so much as a flashing red light.

Perhaps the machine can give those who hope for understanding, peace and good will through words alone an object lesson.

It has not, however, solved any of the problems facing the men around the conference table.

The translating machine's lesson has another facet. Development of extraordinary new wonder machines whether for translating, flying, traveling or killing have not made material gains toward lessening the tensions between East and West.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"... I'm 'because it's way out of line'... and don't give me that 'bad eye' routine again' this year."

Slide Rule Study Of Calculus Useful As A Means To An End

By JOHN MARKS. Some time ago I wrote an article questioning the purpose of calculus in the engineering curriculum.

First of all, calculus serves as a discipline. By discipline I mean training or co-ordination of thought.

The second use of calculus is to permit the engineer to investigate physical phenomena and produce an accurate description of these phenomena.

Actually, engineers are not the courage groups of girls to come as a whole, and to remove the inhibiting influence on male yelling by the fair sex.

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At Oklahoma University a photographer decided to learn just how money-minded the students were. He glued a half-dollar to the sidewalk and hid in a nearby building.

In the Arkansas University student paper was a front page story of a freshman whose car was pushed off a lot by campus police.

At Hardin-Simmons University, Col. Howard F. Rice was lecturing merrily to his ROTC students when an alarm set for the proper time went off.

At Washington University, attempts are being made to divide basketball seating into women's and men's divisions.

The Student Forum

A Second Glance

By PAUL LAASE. From the atmosphere in Washington, D.C. one would almost believe that the Communists were ready to start a revolution in the United States tomorrow.

There can be no doubt that externally the Communists are a serious threat to our national security.

Internally, however, the situation is somewhat different. Communist espionage is a real and ever-present threat.

But we would be making an equally serious mistake to assume that the Communist revolution in the United States will come tomorrow or at anytime in the near future.

Changes which occur within the earth over a period of years cannot be accurately represented except by use of calculus.

Exchange Definition

Here It Is Gals—College Men Get Their Caricature

To sort of even things up the following piece of sarcasm gleaned from the University of Saskatchewan "Sib" is printed as something of a rebuttal to an article written in "The Nebraskan" reprinted a week or so ago.

"Between the senility of second childhood and the light-hearted lechery of the teens we find a loathsome creature called the college boy."

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To Get In On Time Use Rope, Dramatic Ability

By BRUCE BRUGMANN. At Oregon University a coed who had been recently pinned found it increasingly difficult to make it back to the dorm by 12:30.

Making a quick change and securing the discarded evening clothes to the rope, it quickly and mysteriously disappeared from sight.

At Kansas University Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was listed in the paper as having lost its charter, advertising that "everything must go" and that an auction would be held the next day.

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Letterip

Native Southerner NU Student Says Dances Held Here 'Stuffed Shirt'

Dear Editor: I want to know what is wrong with the dance situation around the University of Nebraska.

I have been of this opinion since I arrived here at school in September, but thinking I was the only one of such an opinion and that the opinion was contrary to custom, I kept my mouth shut.

I have been to all the major dances and have not been tagged yet. In fact, I haven't heard of anyone being tagged—why?

I think it's being very nice and very loyal to dance with your true love all night, but how much fun is it? Fun, I mean, compared to that which could be had by getting to know more people and gaining a more "liberal" education on campus.

In my part of the country, which is the Delta Land of the South, things are done on a much different scale. It is considered the thing to do to dance with every girl you know at least once for courtesy's sake.

If one takes a more popular girl to a dance, he will rarely get more than a couple of steps before someone tags him.

I have a little voice over in the corner saying that he likes the situation the way it is and that it is just as much fun as dancing with people other than one's date.

I would like to remind those who don't know, that this type dance (with tags) was incorporated at the Union and that everyone had a wonderful time. I say that there is the comparison.

University Bulletin Board

- TUESDAY Dr. Gerrett Bevelander, Dentistry Lecture, 3:30 p.m., Room 301, Andrews. Phi Beta Kappa-Sigma Xi Meeting, 6 p.m. Union. Kosmet Klub active meeting, 7 p.m., Union. Art Lecture, "The Sources of Form," 8:30 p.m., Gallery B, Morrill Hall.
- WEDNESDAY Dr. Gerrett Bevelander, Dentistry Lecture, 2 p.m., Bessey Hall Auditorium and 3:45 p.m., Andrews 301. ASME Meeting, 7:13, Richards Lab. Provost Corps, 7:30 p.m., Military and Naval Science Building.
- THURSDAY Ernest Munter Lecture, 7:30 p.m., Ag Engineering Building. Dr. Gerrett Bevelander Lecture, 3 p.m., Andrews, 301.
- FRIDAY Orchestral Spring Program, 8:13 p.m., Grant Memorial Hall.
- SATURDAY All Sports Day, all day, Coliseum and Stadium. Orchestral Spring Program, 8:15 p.m., Grant Memorial Hall. Audubon Series, 8 p.m., Love Library Auditorium.

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