

EDITORIAL PAGE

Too Much To Do

University students are well known as persons with too much to do, with not enough time to do it. Of course, there are those

De-emphasis Needed

A group of Nebraska educators were called together at the beginning of this week by State Superintendent F. B. Decker to discuss an interesting and important question concerning high school extracurricular activities.

The question was—have the schools gone beyond the limits in promotion of high school activities?

The general response of teachers, parents and school administrators who know is that there is definitely a need to slow down such extracurricular activities.

Some of the points brought up at the meeting were these: Students are making more and more demands for a broader activity program to a point where, as one educator put it, "we are supplying everything but dormitories at night." For a certain middle-sized town it costs taxpayers \$4,000 every day school is dismissed for band contests and other affairs. A high school is forced, whether it likes it or not, to continue the program because the schools around it emphasize it so greatly. Competition among high schools has become a dog-eat-dog affair.

These points and many more were brought up at the meeting. But one educator made an observation that probably comes closer to hitting the true significance of the problem. He said that perhaps high schools should emphasize the three R's more and thus let extra-curricular activities automatically be de-emphasized. Maybe high school students aren't being worked hard enough if they have all this time to run about.

No one believes that extra-curricular activities should be abolished completely. And none denies that these extra-curricular activities have a certain educational value in themselves. But, try as students may, nothing will ever take the place of good solid "booklearning"—the three R's—when it comes to education.

The typical high schooler hates to admit this. By the time he gets to college he finds himself regretting the fact that he did not spend more time with books in high school. For many students, this interest in education comes later than in high school. To realize that an important three or four years have been in part wasted is a tragic and frequent occurrence among high school graduates.

High school educators, then, have an obligation to force, if necessary, the three R's on high school students. The meeting of the educators was encouraging.—K. N.

Madam Senator

Through no fault of the people of Nebraska, but thanks to the political system that we live under, the State of Nebraska has recently sent a woman to represent the one and one-third million residents of the Cornhusker state.

To a lowly male, feeling personally hurt at the slap at the better half of the population, the appointment of Mrs. Eva Bowring to fill the term of the late Dwight Griswold came as somewhat of a blow—to pride and ego.

Yet to many people in the state, more than likely the other half of the population, which, we are told, is actually the superior, the appointment came bathed in the joy of the myrtle and the mirth of spring.

And to some few hundred University coeds, the selection of a woman to represent the state in the "most exclusive club in the world"—the U.S. Senate—should have given a ray of hope that kind find no equal.

Contrary to common practice, any smart, aggressive, attractive, energetic and alert young woman should forget about picnics, formal, home-ec courses, sororities and even the olympus of all campus activities—the Monday evening pinning session.

If a girl wants to get ahead, she has a chartered course.

- 1. Make a bee-line to the Ag campus.
2. Enroll in all the horse-riding, calf roping, cattle branding, cow punchin' courses the institution offers.
4. Take one course entitled, "How To Look Young and Charming At Age 62."
4. Marry a wealthy rancher in the wide open sand hills of Nebraska, begin to play politics and just sit around and hope.

Actually, The Nebraskan, knowing little about the record of Mrs. Bowring, wishes her well in her new job. We feel proud that the Governor selected a woman to fulfill the term.

Sen. Bowring, as the second woman in the 83rd Congress, will be under the scrutiny of many, many people throughout the state and throughout the nation.

This writer feels confident that the fair sex will prove itself up to the rigors of the job. Certainly Sen. Bowring can face a man's job any day—she's been doing it out in Merriman day in and day out.

Good luck, Madam Senator.—D. F.

The Nebraskan

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who would contest such a statement, summing up the situation by noting that they (University students) don't do anything. However, this week at the University could well be used as an example of the "too much to do claim."

To begin with, students are expected to continue with their usual study routine. Examinations are scheduled with the same regularity and classes are still held at the appointed time and place. Yet, with the spring weather, the University activity world has opened up with its biggest guns to vie for students' attention and participation.

E-Week, an outstanding University activity for the already harried engineering students, will be open this week to provide students and other Nebraskans with entertainment and information. The exhibits and information to be presented during the week are definitely worth the attention of students and have taken hours of preparation.

The Kosmet Klub show (reportedly one of the best ever) will open this week. Many University students have spent long, hard hours of practice in getting the production together, and the results of their efforts are something all students should take the time to see.

These two happenings alone would do much to fill up a week end, if the average student does some studying. But, in addition to E-Week and the KK show, the Ag campus will be the scene of great activity this week.

Plans made by Ag students include a rodeo, dance, parade, etc., all of which are well worth seeing whether the spectator is in Ag college or Arts and Sciences.

On the more sophisticated and equally important side, choral groups throughout the University have combined forces to present "King David." In addition to the massive group of singers there will be a "big name" of the theater, Basil Rathbone, to act as narrator. This production would be an outstanding occasion at any University and is one of the more outstanding presented at NU.

Also there will be several speakers on the campus plus theater productions by the Lab groups in the Temple building. Regular Ivy Day sing practices, costume fittings and party-planning go on as usual.

Obviously, to attend all these functions would be well-nigh impossible for persons who had nothing to do but entertain themselves. The fact is, however, that final examination week is rapidly approaching with "put-off" term papers, reports, etc., fast coming due.

Perhaps this weekend is no more crowded or overloaded than others, but the too-full, extra-curricular schedule of events makes itself overwhelmingly obvious. Without doubt, all the "entertainment" is worthwhile, and University students should take time to see it, but it doesn't seem possible that any one of them will have sufficient time to do so.

The Nebraskan feels that an examination of the scheduling procedure of these events is in order.—T. W.

Margin Notes

Begging Skills Here is the story of a practical man—one who would rather stick with his occupation than receive government charity.

A blind beggar, who has turned down Welfare Department help since 1946, told authorities that the \$4,000 annual income he earned from begging was more than he could draw through any of the aid programs.

One Way Only

The Lincoln City Council has approved plans for the inauguration of one-way streets on No. 16th and 17th streets.

Under the plan, traffic would flow north on 17th and south on 16th from O St. to Holdrege. The approved one-way system will be placed in effect on a 60-day trial basis following conferences in May with a consulting traffic engineer.

Once the plan is in effect, crazy, mixed-up students will be even more confused as they attempt to travel north on 16th and buzz campus.

Worthy Of Emulation

Lancaster County Assessor's office reports they received a little "conscience money."

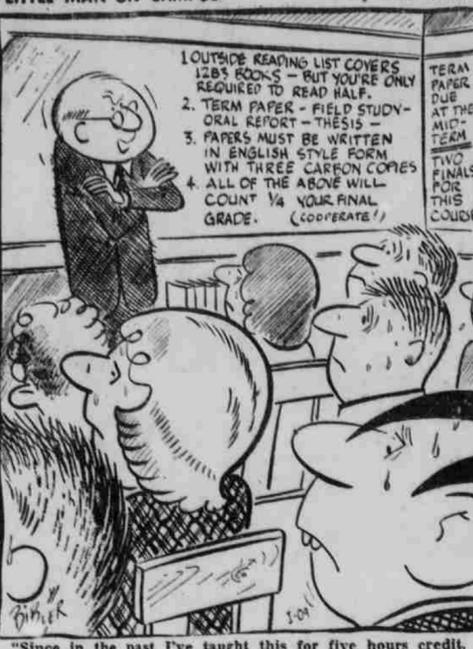
Assessor Arthur Davis received an anonymous letter with four one-dollar bills which were "omitted from my last assessment." The money will go into the general fund, Davis said.

Required: One Teetotaler

A bar operator cannot patronize his own establishment, a California superior court ruled recently.

The court was of the opinion that an operator should be strictly an observer. After all, how could an intoxicated operator look at the clock and tell when it's time to close up?

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"Since in the past I've taught this for five hours credit, it probably seems like a lot of work for a two-hour course."

The Challenge

Ag Dean Says Recruiting Big Faculty-Student Task

By DEAN W. V. LAMBERT College of Agriculture

A challenge which any University person—whether student or professor—should accept is that of recruitment. The word means to grow, to strengthen, to replenish or to restore. It may be applied in several ways to a University or College.

We think of recruitment in terms of enlisting new students to register in the various colleges. This is an important task. An educational institution gains its reputation by the students who attend and by the graduates who go out to make their mark in the world. Not all capable young men and young women feel the need of furthering their education. It is the duty of those who are associated with the University to use their efforts in encouraging able young people to continue their education.

Each staff member and student should become as thoroughly acquainted as possible with their University by knowing broadly about the work that is being done in all branches, as well as knowing what the University can do for them, whether as students or as citizens.

A good recruitment program could help to arouse the interest of the public as a whole in what the University is doing. This is a challenge to both students and faculty. Do your friends and neighbors know all the wonderful work that is being carried on at a great institution like the University? Do you know about this work so that you can tell them?

For instance, how many students and faculty members on the city campus know anything about the large important programs of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Agricultural Extension Service?

The University of Nebraska belongs to the people of the state. They should be thoroughly acquainted with its operation and maintenance and with its government. Each voter in the state may express his interest in the University at the time a member of the Board of Regents is elected from his district. He should be acquainted with the candidate and know his qualifications and objectives for the University.

A third, and perhaps more tangible, phase of recruitment is the financial one. As Alice in Wonderland has said, "You have to run as fast as you can to keep up; and if you want to get ahead, you have to run twice as fast." The same is true here. All of our

Dob's Dillies

Then there was the absent-minded sculptor who kissed his model and chiseled on his wife.

Two old maids were watching a young mother they both knew shopping with her young twins. "There goes that nice Mrs. Jones and her twins," said the first old maid. "You know, I read in an article the other day where it said twins is something which only happens once in 36,679 times."

"Indeed," said the other. "I don't see how she ever had time to do her housework."

Definition of a gold-digger: A girl who breaks dates by going out with them.

Prof: Are you cheating on this exam?

Student: No, sir, I was only telling him his nose was dripping on my paper.

During a church service a woman in the balcony leaned so far over the balcony railing that she slipped over and fell. Her dress was caught on the chandelier, and she hung in mid-air. The minister, noticing her awkward position, thundered at his congregation: "The first man who turns to look will be stricken blind!"

A man in the fifth row murmured to his friend: "I'm going to risk one eye, Jack."

Friend: "I hear you gave that girl a wonderful present." Student: "You're wrong. I've given her a wonderful past."

"Why is your friend so silent?" "He can't seem to find a spittoon."

Beta: "The girls run after my kisses." Sigma Nu: "So what? After mine they're limp."

The Student Forum

Where Are We?

By BERT BISHOP

One wonders, now that the trees have leaves again and the lilac bushes have pretty purple blooms, how far spring madness will go this year. Of course, there is already the rash of beer busts (discreetly labelled "picnics"), necking fests ("quiet drives in the country") and increases in suspicion of everything concerned with books ("love").

But the madness to worry about has nothing to do with these normal, enjoyable pastimes. The things which have remained in a hibernated state of confusion and quiet mayhem while spring approached are the ones most worthy of watching.

Naturally, there will be no more panty raids here. We can do without the pompous frowns of our superiors—and without the accidental violence which wasn't meant, but happened anyway. There will be a few nervous breakdowns and shattered constitutions, however, all because we haven't yet learned to take ourselves in hand.

The juicy combination of plays, concerts, Ivy Day, finals, summer plans, classes, etc., won't take long to make most of us wish for winter again. Every spring leads in the same direction—everywhere. Most of us try to do too much for too many different apparent reasons, with the result that we never quite know where we are.

WE PLASTER ourselves with schedules if we are sane enough to make them out) which three people couldn't keep with any self-respect. For every hour which has some planned activity, six unexpected jobs come up demanding the time. For every mo-

ment of rest there is a bushel basket of plans, ideas, hopes and worries to torment and bedevil.

It is no wonder we all have slightly demented gleams in our eyes, or that we act as if we should be running instead of walking wherever we go. Nor is it any wonder that, much of the time, we never get there.

There is no real solution to this dilemma unless it is a great amount of courage. We need courage enough to face ourselves in a dark room and alone, courage enough to do away with all of the tingling, paralyzing "situations" which both tide us over those rough spots when we don't know what we are doing and keep us far enough away from our selves that we will never find out.

IT IS NO small task to be truly honest with one's self, especially for those who are not equipped with enough self-knowledge to think that with any authority about what they are. It is not easy to throw aside our white backs and our "real cool's" and the rest of our clichés of act and speech to find out just what is behind all of the accessories we have bolted on our personalities.

But now is certainly the time to do just that. Now is when we should find out if we like pie because we like it or because it is easier to eat it than explain why not. Now is when we should find out who really cares more how we act, a society which is no more nor less, with us or without us, so long as we are the same as everyone else; or ourselves, who may, some too late day, wake up to find that, if we had known, we really might have wanted to act a little different from the pat rules.

Letterip

Graduate Student Ellingson Clarifies His Position On Religion Controversy

Dear Editor:

Apparently I should clarify my stand on my recent article. I was not concerned with whether or not anyone had gone to school, but with the uselessness of arguing faith against knowledge.

If terms were defined and agreed upon, there would be no debate. If not, there would be no end to the debate. No one can ever determine whether most of the Bible or of anything else he ever reads is valid. He must accept what to him seems logical.

Unfortunately, man lacks the intelligence to be sure of his logic, and therefore of his knowledge. Therein lies the only danger of knowledge.

Religion is not opposed to knowledge. It only warns man to keep his limitations in mind. What is not perceived through the senses can not be imagined. Therefore the complete truth can not be attained.

It has been suggested that I dissolve. I believe my protein to be too highly polymerized for this, unless, of course, my source of information is not valid.

JAMES G. ELLINGSON.

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AWS Workshop, 7 p.m., Union Ballroom.

AUF Speakers' Bureau, 5 p.m., Union Parlor X.

Provost Corps Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Military and Naval Science Building.

Dr. Alfred Washburn Lecture, 1:30 p.m., Faculty Lounge.

Love and Marriage Series, "Marriage in College," Rex Knowles, 7:30 p.m., Love Library.

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