

EDITORIAL PAGE

Statement Of Policy

One of the more difficult tasks of any newspaper, student or commercial variety, is to admit making a serious error. Retractions, corrections, etc. often do not entirely clear up the mistaken impression created by an inaccurate news story or other type of coverage, and, at best, puts the publication in a bad light.

However, The Nebraskan must admit that it did make a serious error in connection with letters-to-the-editor concerning the controversy on religion that started with a Nebraskan editorial by Jancy Carman some weeks ago.

The editorial was aimed at showing the reasons why Religious Emphasis Week was not observed at the University this year. Several letters concerning the question followed, with Marv Friedman and F. J. Pepper taking two opposite views on the question. There were other letters, but Pepper and Friedman were the big names in the controversy. It has been proved to our satisfaction that several of these other "letters" from persons other than Friedman and Pepper were ghost write.

Ordinarily, letters are checked with the Student Directory and/or with the office of registration to make certain they were

written by legitimate students, or efforts made to definitely identify the author. However, the standard operating procedure in handling "Letterips" was not properly followed and the "ghost letters" got into print with non-existent "students" passed off as the authors.

The reasons for the slip up are not important—they can be placed under the general category of "carelessness." The checking procedure has been a regular part of Nebraskan policy, for the ghost writing attempts are not new things to staff members.

To insure that a similar error does not occur at a later date, The Nebraskan here sets forth the regulations governing future letters-to-the-editor.

First, letters shall not be more than 100-150 words long. In some cases, letters over this length might be fully printed; however, because of space limitations, they will ordinarily be edited. The Nebraskan feels that persons writing letters would much prefer to do their own editing, and encourage future letter writers to observe the length requirement.

Second, letter writers are urged to type their letters, double spaced, on one side of the paper. However, handwritten letters will be typed by Nebraskan staff members.

Third, the author's full, legal name must accompany his letter and must be signed in handwriting, not simply typed on. The author's name will be withheld if he desires, but in every case, the letter must be signed. Pen names must be accompanied by the author's legal name. If the author is not a University student, his address and telephone number must accompany the letter.

Fourth, letters to the editor become the property of The Nebraskan and cannot be returned.

The Nebraskan is truly sorry that its student readers were presented letters on any topic, especially one as important as religion, from persons who did not exist. The error is a serious one, and will not recur.

The Nebraskan also reminds its readers that there will be no exceptions to the above listed regulations governing "Letterips."—T.W.

Fun And Knowledge

Last summer two University graduates won \$1,200 on a New York quiz show for recognizing a song from Finian's Rainbow.

Two months ago a coed was able to answer an instructor's question in class because she had seen some demonstrations and displays in last year's E-Week.

Several years ago a coed attracted the man of her dreams by her ability to discuss and opine on a chorale work by Bach.

Perhaps these testimonies seem remote to most of us but practically speaking they deserve some thought.

This week on the University campus there are offered an overwhelming number of cultural and educational events. They are not just entertainment or traditional.

If the student attends the Kosmet Klub show he will be able to add to his storehouse of knowledge the plot and music of a top Broadway show.

If the student attends the E-Week program there is no end to technical knowledge he may pick up.

If the student attends the King David production he may experience understanding of a musical masterpiece studied and presented by persons who are of high standing in that field.

These events are all beneficial and any student who seeks to round out his understanding and knowledge by exploring what other professional fields have to offer has the opportunity at his fingertips.

The play is taken from a top notch book. King David relates to the Bible and is a musical expression of Biblical emotions. E-Week is the tangible product of technical knowledge resulting from study and careful planning.

On Agriculture campus students have planned Farmers Fair activities, not just for entertainment but for a display of skill in organization, competition and technical knowledge ranging from bronco busting to pie eating.

Practical? How could the opportunity to learn so much in one week-end not be practical?—J.H.

Ever Wonder?

Have you ever wondered how many words are in the English language? Our language is constantly changing. Some words are dropped from ordinary speech, while other words at the same time are being added.

When a new dictionary was made some years ago, it was found that the invention of electricity alone added 4,000 new words to our language.

Who in heaven's name, you might say, would ever waste his time counting all the words that might exist in the English language. To what extent this kind of study may have been made, we don't know, however some interesting observations have been made.

Most of the words are purely technical words, but as the language grows many of them become common. If we include most of the "good old words" that are now on their way out, and most of the newcomers that have not yet formally been admitted, the total of the English words is over 300,000.

In ordinary reading and writing, we use less than a tenth of all the words in the dictionary. The average educated man or woman uses from 3,000 to 5,000 words, but a person can manage very well with a few hundred.

Even some famous authors have used a comparatively small number of words. Milton, for example used only 8,000. Shakespeare used 15,000.—J.C.

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The Slide Rule

Gaining Purpose Of Life Aim Of College Learning

By JOHN MARKS Dr. James A. McCain, the speaker at the recent honors convocation, gave us something to think about when he spoke. But first let me summarize his background so that we might know the basis for his thoughts.

Dr. McCain succeeded Milton Eisenhower as president of Kansas State College in 1954. From 1950 until 1954 he was president of Montana State University. Previously McCain served as dean of personnel at Colorado State College from 1938 to 1940 and was later director of Summer sessions there. In 1940, he received his doctorate degree from Stanford University.

I think that Dr. McCain's message might give a key to the question of what positive action might be taken, if any, to cultivate a degree of quality in ourselves before graduation.

Dr. McCain brought out a significant comparison when he stated that in the year 1952-53 Russia graduated 40,000 engineers as compared to some 24,000 graduated in the U. S. however, he asserted, the U.S. maintains a superior quality of human resources. "These qualities are our freedom and our system of universal education," said Dr. McCain.

He went on to note, "Freedom of inquiry, to follow the search for truth wherever it leads, has given us maximum benefits from human intelligence. The wide access our youth have to university education has enabled us to cultivate our human resources to a degree unequalled elsewhere."

McCain then pointed out that the larger Russian population makes it unlikely that we will ever match Russia numerically in graduates. Our sole course of maintaining superiority therefore lies in a superior quality of graduates, engineering and otherwise.

A serious underlying purpose then, we might say, should augment our time spent in college. We might go on to assume that our guiding principles are honorable as well as feasible; in short, that our purpose in life be developed while we are here at college.

But what do these phrases, "underlying purpose," "guiding principles," and "the purpose in life" really mean?

They mean just this: The integrity of the graduate should have been developed to the state at which he can be depended upon to function as a mature individual.

The mature individual might assume a number of characteristics according to his work, but there are a few characteristics

On The Light Side

At Loose Ends

By JOYCE JOHNSON Time is running out for that group of four-year students who will soon be disposed of. What is this entity labeled Seniors?

They belong to that group, which for four years could hardly wait to be seniors, and when they achieved this distinction would then like to pull a blanket over their heads and momentarily forget where they've been or where they're going.

They are also that group who have built four homecoming displays, listened to culture rules on "How to Treat a Date" for four years and have consumed approximately 3,000 cups of coffee.

Undoubtedly the 1954 class has shown no unusual earmarks of superiority over previous classes. However, I am sure this class will remember the extraordinary events which have made their four years different from any other.

The indecision of quitting school with the outbreak of the Korean War, the memories of the now famous panty raid, and the historical feats of Husker warrior, Bobby Reynolds, are all significant flashbacks to the class of '54.

Like every senior class, this group is busily or lethargically, eyeing the future. Senior coffee groups no longer ponder over next year's class schedule or whether there will be a Mortar Board Ball.

Instead future plans, as varied as the individuals, hold full sway in bull sessions.

Such plans range from the novel . . . as selling tomato juice on Mondays at Roca, to the ambitious . . . as repainting the painted desert.

Other planners are earnestly reducing their belltimes to fit into those Uncle Sam uniforms waiting for them after June.

Still others can't quite forget the smell of new textbooks and the pride in freshly written term papers as they pursue their graduate work plans.

There are also those whose initial plans involved touring the continents and perhaps remaining abroad to work who are now seriously contemplating a living becomes a closer reality.

Finally, there are just those! Whether it's an honor or a frustration to be tabbed a senior belongs to the individual.

However, at times the only group who is aware of the glory and superiority which supposedly accompanies senior standing are the seniors themselves.

For example, one senior discovered her "has-been, fading away" status when a freshman busy-body bludily approached her to work in activities.

See you at the freshman workers' mass meeting!

The Student Forum

What Next . . .

By BILL DEVRIES There certainly has been a lot of hustle and bustle around school this week. Baggy-eyed Kosmet Klubbers have been working night and day making final preparations for their Spring Show, energetic Engineers have been assembling their weird demonstrations for E-Week, and the Cow College Crew have been busy polishing their spurs for Farmers Fair. Also this week, the air was filled with the excitement and disappointment that always accompanies the NROTC Awards, the selection of the new Cornhusker staff, and the presentation of the new Corn Cob Officers. Corn Cob initiates were seen parading around wearing corn cob necklaces which the seniors had placed on them, and one or two discouraged juniors were later seen hobbling.

All of the above, and more events forthcoming, indicate that the year is drawing to a climax as well as to a close. From now on, most students will be going from crisis to crisis until the last exam is over.

But getting back to the organized entertainment scheduled for this week, I think that the Farmers, the Engineers, and the Kosmet Klubbers all deserve a round of applause and certainly full-fledged student support in their endeavor to contribute something worthwhile to our University.

I haven't as yet had an opportunity to partake in E-Week or Farmers Fair, but I did see "Finian's Rainbow," the

Kosmet Klub show. To say the least, I was quite impressed: I was amazed at the quality of talent displayed, and awed by the size and splendor of the undertaking.

However, I was not surprised when I learned that Nick Amos, the boy lead, has appeared professionally with the Chicago Music Theater in such top musicals as "Kiss Me Kate," "Allegro," "Carousel," and "Brigadoon." I also learned that Jan Harrison, the girl lead, has done summer stock work the past few seasons with the Springfield Municipal Opera Company. In addition to such shows as "Desert Song," and "Vagabond King," Jan played the lead in Victor Herbert's "The Only Girl."

I hardly recognized Mary Stromer, who plays the title role of Finian, for he looks truly like a little old Irishman. Other performers appearing in the show such as Hank Gibson, Dick Marsh, Elaine Hess, Peggy Larson and several more are veterans of the University Theater.

And incidentally, there is a cute little red-head, who takes the part of a tobacco sorter, that dances like something you would see at Minsky's Rialto.

I am given to understand that "Finian's Rainbow" is the biggest production Kosmet Klub has ever attempted. It seems that in the past, Kosmet Klub has produced hit Broadway shows of the twenties, such as "Girl Crazy," "Good News," and "Anything Goes."

All in all, "Finian's Rainbow" is a great show. May I recommend it to you?

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SPECIAL NOTICE: GRADUATE STUDENTS Graduate students will be accepted in the Residence Halls beginning this fall. One entire section of the Residence Halls will be set aside for graduate students.

A CAMPUS-TO-CAREER CASE HISTORY



"There wasn't a dull minute!"

DICK WALLNER, '52, left a trail of work as he whirled through a year of telephone training. Here he recalls the variety of his training job. (Reading time: 36 seconds)

"Training can really be interesting. I found that out when I joined A. T. & T.'s Long Lines Department after getting my B.A. at Cincinnati and my M.A. at Michigan in '52. Long Lines is the organization specializing in Long Distance communications. I was put in the training program, and there wasn't a dull minute.

"For instance, one of my jobs in the Traffic Department was estimating the exact number of calls that would be placed in a city on Christmas Day. My estimate was off by only 68 calls!

"Then in the Plant Department, I made a study of damage done to a certain cable. Found out that the most damage occurred in an area used by hunters. Some special public relations work among hunters helped improve that situation.

"And in the Commercial Department, I helped analyze the communication problems of one of the largest textile companies—it had widespread offices and plants. The recommendations made are now in use.

"The variety in my training has carried over to my regular job here in Cincinnati. My job is to see that good service is maintained for private line customers—pipeline and power companies, theater TV and the like. Every day is different. "As far as I am concerned, I've found my career."

Like so many college people who have joined the Bell System, Dick has a job he enjoys. There are also job opportunities with other Bell Telephone Companies, the Bell Telephone Laboratories, Western Electric and Sandia Corporation. This is a good time to see your Placement Officer for full details.



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