

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Scholarship In Activities

Male students involved in extra-curricular activities have looked at their scholastic averages with sighs of relief or furrowed brows after the recent requirement hike voted in by the Innocents Society.

The problem, simply stated, is that too many above average students fail to be graduated or make scholastic averages because they become involved in extra-curricular activities of one type or another.

This fact has been stressed in psychology courses at this University, made a definite point in addresses delivered to new students when they first arrive at this University and written up in nationally-circulated magazines.

There is good evidence this condition exists on our campus. Administrative officials have said there are students each year who fail or lower their grade averages considerably because of over-involvement in extra-curricular activity.

A Good Change

The nomination of Judge John Marshall Harlan to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench created by Justice Jackson's death earlier this year has done much to enhance President Eisenhower's prestige with members of the judiciary and legal professions regardless of individual political affiliation.

This recent nomination, still to be approved by the Senate, is one of the few in recent years in which a member of the judiciary has been selected for membership on the high court.

Harlan, a Republican from New York City, has served on the United States Circuit Court of Appeals on a presidential appointment since March of this year. His background and qualifications for the position are of the highest.

This shift from the practice of appointing politically prominent men to the Court to selecting experienced jurists is a good one. It accomplishes two things: it shows members of the lower judicial levels that outstanding achievement on bench without national political prominence is recognized; it shows a willingness on the administration's part to make a needed change in custom.—T. W.

Naughty, Naughty

Taxpayers should be satisfied that they are really getting their money's worth this year. The only drawback is that they cannot be in Washington to see the Senatorial fireworks in the McCarthy censureship fracas.

According to latest headlines and news reports the Senator from Wisconsin is now in the hospital suffering from a contusion in his elbow. The injury resulted when an enthusiastic supporter shook hands so hard it rammed the elbow against a glass table top.

The absence of McCarthy in the Senate chambers seems to have created a bit of frustration on the part of his proponents in that the anti-McCarthy Senators want to speed up the censureship activities having gained an advantage with the absence of the defendant.

The strange thing is that taxpayers are not in the best of spirits over the McCarthy issue. Some are indifferent, some are slightly interested and most are disgusted with the whole affair. The latter group, whether they are Democrats or Republicans, generally refer to the Senate going-on as scandalous and indicative of grade-school pettiness on the part of adults who are supposed to be equipped with dignity, wisdom and tact.

If any topic of American life has been run into the ground it is the whole McCarthy story. McCarthy has forced himself and been forced upon the public for such a length of time that the old issues of whether or not he is right or wrong in his methods and accomplishments has been plowed under by the issue of whether or not he deserves as much attention as he has gotten and gets.

It appears to The Nebraskan that the Republicans made a very bad slip indeed in the McCarthy epic. Perhaps this slip was the result of party disorganization or McCarthy's temperament, both excusable to some degree. However, if the Republican party leaders had used their inherent power of party discipline on the Senator from Wisconsin perhaps the McCarthy-Army hearings, the Watkins Committee invest-

It is correct to assume that some individuals are successful in what they attempt whether the area of endeavor be scholarly or activity. It is equally correct to assume there are more than a few persons to whom this same "double endeavor" is scholastic suicide. However, these same persons who will and who have failed to be graduated or were low ranking graduates could have succeeded if their participation in activities had been curtailed.

In any case, the claim that activities help students is not valid. The statement that activities add interest in the University, hence a greater interest in doing good scholastic work, simply doesn't hold water.

The Nebraskan believes an examination of the activities on the University campus and the requirements to participate in those activities is necessary. Any system which might be traced as a cause for student failure or sub-average achievement should be investigated.

This investigation should be conducted by students and administration in a joint effort. The Student Council has been involved, for some time, in a program aimed at determining the value of campus activity organizations. This group is interested, rightly enough, in getting rid of some of the activity dead wood which definitely exists.

For those who would debate this fact, a look at the requirements now in effect is in order. A great majority of campus activities require an average of 5.0 to 5.5 for student participation. Most of these activities are open to students from every class. But there is nearly a two point division between the average grade for freshmen (4.0 to 4.5) and seniors (6.0 to 6.5)—the persons to whom participation is open.

This is one of several possible examples which show there is a definite need for re-examination of our activity system. The Nebraskan feels the University is over-activated because of organizations which have lost their function or are not fulfilling their purposes because of improper management and/or participation. The Nebraskan also feels something should be done to keep individuals who are not making satisfactory scholastic progress out of activities by bringing participation requirements up to date.

The former project is already under Student Council consideration; the latter is a logical, necessary addition to it.—T. W.

gation and now the special censureship session of the Senate would not have happened. It is this party discipline which could have saved the Republicans from the McCarthy headache and criticism from within the party and without. President Eisenhower kept very quiet indeed when he was asked questions about McCarthy's activities. And it remained for Republican Senators to state their own personal opinions without any supervision from the Republican higher-ups.

Perhaps some would say party discipline doesn't exist; that it is un-democratic. But this is not so. Party discipline exists and has been evidenced in many cases; for example the candidate substitution at the last minute in Utah, the apology made by Secretary of Defense Wilson for his now famous bird-dog, kennel-dog statement. The party must protect itself from outside criticism. Because it is made up of many people who continually represent it in the public focus, it must protect itself by keeping a loose control on these people, seeing that they do not draw criticism on the party as a whole when they draw criticism on themselves.

So in the case of Senator Joseph McCarthy, the Republicans slipped. If party discipline had been used when it was obvious that the Wisconsin Senator was becoming an unwanted national issue, the present situation, approaching the ridiculous, would not have evolved.—J. H.

Afterthoughts

Anti-McCarthy forces should take heart over the recent news of the Senator's recent hospital stay. According to the news reports on his most recent accident, an over-eager handshaker caused injuries which have made a two-day stay in the hospital necessary. Heaven save poor Joe, now that his weaknesses are public, when the annual rounds of receptions and parties begin. The Democrats will probably line up three deep to say hello to McCarthy in the reception to go for broke with their handshakes.

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White Christmas New Musical Falls Short

By ELLIE GUILLIATT 'T'was the day before Thursday, (when this column is due), I searched through the paper for a show to review. Page after page I scanned with meticulous care. In hopes that the film section soon would be there. The titles were nestled all snug on the page. Each, with a promise of loveliness, sought my eye to engage. I pondered and pondered on which film to see. And then "White Christmas" seemed appealing to me.

As dry leaves before the wild autumn wind fly When they meet with obstacle, mount to the sky. So, I hoped, would this movie in time start anew. With a burst of excitement—and some quality, too. And then in a twinkling this thought struck my mind. That in Hollywood musicals this is very difficult to find. In the above paraphrase of a part of Clement C. Moore's "T'was The Night Before Christmas" I have tried to give you an idea of my reaction to "White Christmas."

Copped Copy Bermuda Shorts Hit By Colorado Pollster

By JANCEY CARMAN Legs to be judged today! That headline appeared on the front page of The Daily Californian. The winners of this particular contest will be given the title "The Man With the Most Beautiful Legs". The contest followed the Talent Council's entertainment program.

different reaction and were quite decided in their opinion. The majority, 67 per cent believed the "Bermuda shorts" should become an established dress for the style conscious girls about the campus. The remaining 33 per cent disliked the garments with an "utter passion."

A letter of interest appeared in the Colorado Daily on the Editorial page. All girls should take heed. Is this, or is this not, the general opinion of the males on this campus? Dear Editor: Being of the naive sex, appreciation of some of the various forms of our culture are a complete mystery to me.

Now why the thorough opposition? The Perla poll discovered this, that the male felt, women have for the most part, extremely unattractive knee caps, the per centage being 98.2. The leg, it was decided, was in its bare entirety, an unattractive formation of epidermis. The leg covered by the ankle length dress or even by the fashionable "peddle pushers" have their appeal. Something hidden offers a great deal of allure. The Bermuda shorts though, just destroy the beauty of the leg.

Jest Jestin! Television M.C.'s Teach Bad Habits To Children

By JESS BROWNELL (Editors Note: Jess Brownell, a new Nebraskan columnist, is a sophomore in Arts and Sciences. His column will appear regularly in The Nebraskan.) I considered several quite popular campus topics as possible subjects for this column, but after much cogitation, I was forced to reject all of them.

usually gives the child a feeling of innate superiority. He can see no need for self-improvement and descends to indolence and complacency.

The first of these, of course, was the matter of a definite drinking policy. However, this leads only to a tiresome repetition of the old "No More Booze" theme and wouldn't interest anyone who is truly collegiate. Then I thought of writing about the competition between Greeks and Independents, but I had to give that up too.

If the child grows up, he will probably realize that the M.C.'s of most adult shows are equally foolish, but by that time it will be too late. If something is not done to halt this menace now, our nation will go to the dogs.

Homecoming is over, the Mallard Club is swiftly sinking into oblivion, and, like true love, the Cobs and Tassels go on. However, all of us should be interested in problems of national significance, and such a problem has recently been brought to my attention through the medium of television. Having spent many hours watching television, at the expense of my studies, I feel fully qualified to state that the masters of ceremonies of television programs for children constitute a definite menace to our society, and that all right-thinking people should take a stand against them.

Students arise! As the future fathers and mothers of the nation, it is our duty to act in this matter. A mass meeting will be held tonight in front of the coliseum. Wear a funny hat and carry a flaming torch. A brace of army-reject hand grenades will be given to each student present. Vive la liberte.

Letterip

Morse Or Cooper?

Dear Editor: I would hesitate to assault anyone for "botched expression of botched thought," as it is a trademark of those people who similarly attach the "reactionary" label to any person who opposes them. As this debate on the China question enters its twenty-first day, I can observe a rough comparison between Mr. Cooper and an Independent senator from Oregon. It must be tough for Mr. Cooper to find that not everyone agrees with him.

Social Life

Dear Editor: Classrooms bore me, textbooks floor me. Most professors make me ill. I really wish that they'd ignore me. Of academics I've had my fill. But college life has many branches. And who says "Beggars can't be choosers?" On social life I'll stake my chances, and leave the classrooms to the losers.

Viewpoints

Feminine Hair-Cutting Urge Attributed To Wars, Chaos

(Editors Note: The following were taken from the Readers Digest, selected for their interesting points and thought.) The idea of Santa Claus coming in a helicopter does not ring true. I must confess that modernistic Christmas cards leave me cold. I cannot appreciate any of the cute designs that leave out the traditional symbols of the star, the manger, the wise men on their camels. Angels there must be—but then need not be in evening dress and peroxide permanents.

Afterthoughts

rocketed across the entertainment landscape, typify the outbreak of a recurring feminine phenomenon—the compulsive urge of women, in times of social chaos that follow in the wake of wars or great disasters, to start cutting their hair. Lois Long N. Y. Times Magazine To fear war too much is the surest way to invite it. Aggressor nations choose their victims among the craven, not among those with stout hearts, great productivity, high ideals and ar. absolute determination to fight if they are trod upon. Henry J. Taylor Condensed from This Week

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