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. 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. However, the Innocents have only made the first move in what should be a series by campus organizations to solve a problem existant in colleges and universities throughout the country.

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 activiites 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. Of course, there are other reasons why persons with above average ability "flunk"-many of these have been recognized as pesonality problems or cases in which psychological imbalance of some type is prevalent. However, the fact remains that some university students fail as students because they are too involved in extraclassroom activity, even though these same "flunkees" are above average in ability and should, by all practical measurements, have more average college careers.

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. These same men are quick to note, however, that the very successful activity man or woman is often the successful scholar, and that activities are seldom, if ever, the only reason behind failure of any student.

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, However, approval by the Senate is supposed to be a certainty.

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 jurors is a good one. It accomplishes two things: it shows members of the lower judic'-' levels that outstanding achievement on bench without national

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. This is not to say that any "flunkee" or barely passing student would necessarily have passed or improved had he been prevented from working in activities. This same individual might have directed his non-study time to some other less valuable effort.

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 Nebarskan 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 subaverage achievement should be investigated. This investigation should be conducted by students and administraiton 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. The Council, from minutes and reports sent to The Nebraskan, has not considered the scholastic requirement element of the activities. The Nebraskan believes the Council program should be enlarged to include the scholastic element.

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. In effect, freshmen are required to measure up to standards for above their average scholastic mark, while seniors are allowed to compete while they may have marks well below the average for their class.

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-activized 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.

Lincoln, Nebraska

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

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New Musical Falls Short

As dry leaves before the wild By ELLIE GUILLIATT T'was the day before Thursday, autumn wind fly When they meet with obstacle, (when this column is due), I searched through the paper mount to the sky,

for a show to review. So, I hoped, would this movie in Page after page I scaned with time start anew meticulous care With a burst of excitement

In hopes that the film section and some quality, too. soon would be there. And then in a twinkling this thought struck my mind 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.

Inside of the movie there arose such a clatter I sprang through the door to dance sequences were nice - this

see what was the matter. senile

Tore open the curtain and flew up the aisle. My seat, in the middle of the

theater row Give an excellent view of the credibly lacking in the necessary and Independents, but I had to held tonight in front of the coli-'Vista-Vision'' show. When what to my wondering By this I mean imaginative pro- flare when this subject is discussed,

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by Dick Bibler

Bermuda Shorts Hit **By Colorado Pollster**

By JANCEY CARMAN

ment program. A letter of interest appeared in shorts. Their figures were just not the Colorado Daily on the Editor- suited for any display of flesh. ial page. All girls should take

this campus? Dear Editor:

ciation of some of the various it was decided, was in its bare of the "Bermuda shorts."

da shorts," 6 per cent were pas- too damn baggy." sive in opinion (they being enginine form. The women had somewhat of a

different reaction and were quite Legs to be judged today! That decided in their opinion. The maheadline appeared on the front jority, 67 per cent believed the page of The Daily Californian. "Bermuda shorts" should become The winners of this particular an established dress for the style contest will be given the title conscious girls about the campus. "The Man With the Most Beauti- The remaining 33 per cent disful Legs". The contest followed liked the garments with an "utthe Talent Council's entertain- ter passion." I must admit though, of these girls, 21 per cent had

Now why the thorough opposiheed. Is this, or is this rot, the tion? The Perls poll discovered general opinion of the males on this, that the male felt, women have for the most part, extremely unattractive knee caps, the Being of the naive sex, appre- per centage being 98.2. The leg.

forms of our culture are a com- entirety, an unattractive formaplete mystery to me. A major de tion of epidermis. The leg covered ficiency in my scope of artistic by the ankle length dress or even knowledge became apparent, just by the fashionable "peddle pushrecently, when I observed (on ers" have their appeal. Something many occasions) the appearance hidden offers a great deal of allure. The Bernauda shorts though, The poll showed that 89 per- just destroy the beauty of the cent of all male students were leg. One gentleman also added, violently opposed to the "Bermu- "Besides everything else, they're

To my regret, one question was neering students), 3 per cent had not answered satisfactorily. WHY eye deficiencies and didn't even WOMEN ABOUT THE CAMPUS know of their existence, while on- PERSIST IN WEARING THE ly 2 per cent felt that this pro- "BERMUDA SHORTS OUT OF gressive style added to the fimi- COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR MALE FEELINGS ? ? ? ? Walter M. Perls

Jest Jestin'!

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Television M.C.'s Teach Bad Habits To Children

By JESS BROWNELL (Editors Note: Jess Brownell, a new Ne-braskan columnist, is a sophomore in Arts and Sciences. His column will appear reg-ularly in The Nebraskan.)

is very difficult to find. I considered several quite popu-In the above paraphrase of a lar campus topics as possible subpart of Clement C. Moore's "T'was jects for this column, but after The Night Before Christmas" I much cogitation, I was forced to have tried to give you an idea of my reaction to "White Christmas."

reject all of them. All I can possibly say in its favor The first of these, of course, was is that it was colorful and the the matter of a definite drinking is not to say however that they policy. However, this leads only to I handed my ticket to the usher were particularly good. In com- a tiresome repitition of the old parison to the really good musicals "No More Booze" theme and wouldn't interest anyone who is

that Hollywood has produced, i.e., 'American In Paris," "Knock On truly collegiate. Wood," and the wonderful "New Faces," "White Christmas" was in- the competition between Greeks matter. A mass meeting will be

Then I thought of writing about elements of good musical comedy. give that up too. Tempers always

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

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.

Students arise! As the future fathers and mothers of the nation, it is our duty to act in this seum. Wear a funny hat and carry a flaming torch. A brace of army-

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political prominens s recognized; it shows a willingness on the administration's part to make Council consideration; the latter is a logical, a needed change in custom .- T. W.

The former project is already under Student necessary addition to it .- T. W.

Naughty, Naughty

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 gaainst a glass table tip.

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 goings-on as scandalous and indicitive of grade-school pettiness on the part of adults who are supposed to be equipped with dignity, wisdom and tact. In fact many would be willing to furnish the mud-pies for the Senators and have them once and for all get this slinging urge out of their system.

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 investi-

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Taxpayers should be satisfied that they are gation and now the special censureship sessoin 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 plied with 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

Poor Joe

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 Mc-Carthy in the reception to go for broke with their handshakes.

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eyes should appear But a movie on Christmas (a and clever dialogue. little early this year.)

dance and could sing old Bing.

horts they came and called them by name: Now Prancer, start yellin'! On, Danny! On, Clooney! on, Vera and Ellen!"

brightest of color progressively duller!

Letterip

Morse Or Cooper? Dear Editor:

I would hesitate to assault anyone for "botched expression of botched thought," as it is a trade- history" I shall expect some mark of those people who simiproof. Until then, I shall assume larly attach the "reactionary" label to any person who opposes specific examples in mind. I prethem. As this debate on the Chi- fer not to compromise with people na question enters its twenty-first who are only concerned with our day, I can observe a rough com- ultimate destruction. parison between Mr. Cooper and gon. It must be tough for Mr. Social Life an Independent senator from Ore-Cooper to find that not everyone Dear Editor: agrees with him. Classrooms bore me, textbooks

When Mr. Cooper decides that Mr. Sogandares - Bernal's "state- Most professors make me ill. ments in support of (his) conten- I really wish that they'd ignore me tion are awkward at best," he Of academics I've had my fill. should realize that his own letter But college life has many branches, of October 27 was awkward and And who says "Beggers can't be only slightly supported. His anal-

ysis of Mr. Sogandares-Bernal's On social life I'll stake my chances, remarks was distorted. How can And leave the classrooms to the he decide that "the subversive element of which he speaks is ap- Ah! Social life-to heck with parently the Communist Chinese government" when "subversives" To heck with studying-it drives obviously refers to our own local Communists? How can the "Com- And if I fail to gain some knowmunist Chinese government" be subversive to itself? I shall return-and take Biz Ad. What has been the American

duction numbers, catchy songs, One further criticism of this

That in Hollywood musicals this

the few semi-important sentiments oblivion, and, like true love, the I knew in a moment it must be expressed the pseudo-respect for Cobs and Tassels go on and on. the army and the emphasis on More rapid than comets his co- making a fine old soldier's Christmas happy, while intrinsically And he whistled and shouted worthwhile, were maudlinly and significance, and such a problem clumsily put forth. Do not think has recently been brought to my "Now, Singer! Now, Dancer! that I am against humanistic sen- attention through the medium of timents ,for I am definitely FOR television. Having spent many a decent expression of sentiment, but I had the same feeling after expense of my studies, I feel fully To the top of the stage in the seeing this movie that I have qualified to state that the masters toward the commercialization of of ceremonies of television pronot FAIR.

that Mr. Cooper doesn't have any

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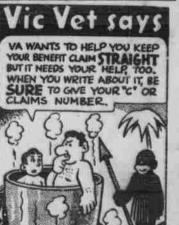
and I don't want to be a troublereject hand grenades will be given maker. Homecoming is over, the Mal- to each student present. Vive la

With a little old star, who could film-editor's mistake - I felt that lard Club is swiftly sinking into liberte.

However, all of us should be interested in problems of national hours watching television, at the In this movie each scene got Christmas in general, it just is grams for children constitute a definite menace to our society, and that all right-thinking people should take a stand against them. I realize that many of you were heretofore unaware of the exist-

ence of this menace and therefore record of success with Communist desire an explanation. Well, here governments since the New Deal it is: The master of ceremonies on first recognized Soviet Russia? a children's program simply acts The next time Mr. Cooper de- sillier than any self-respecting two clares an "abysmal ignorance of year old.

When a child sees an adult performing in such a fashion, it nat-





A Dress for the Military Ball-

cut from yards and yards of pure flattery -can so easily be found at



were taken from the Readers Di- landscape, typify the outbrez' of gest, selected for their interesting a recurring feminine phenomenpoints and thought.)

Christmas cards leave me cold. their hair, I cannot appreciate any of the cute designs that leave out the traditional symbols of the star, the manger, the wise men on their surest way to invite it. Aggressor camels. Angels there must be - nations choose their victims ambut then need not be in evening ong the craven, not among those

A trie of glamorous gamins, trod upon. Audrey Hephurn, Jeanmaire, and Leslie Caron, who have recently

on - the compulsive urge of wo-

Lois Long

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ANN DOUGLASS

Viewpoints Féminine Hair-Cutting Urge Attributed To Wars, Chaos

(Editors Note: The following rocketed across the entertainment The idea of Santa Cluas coming men, in times of social chaos in a helicopter does not ring true. that follow in the wake of wars I must confess that modernistic or great disasters, to start cutting