

Editorial Comment

High School 1955

The weakness of American pre-college educational institutions have been the subject of ever-increasing criticism by University faculty members and administrative officers.

students made 2,801 errors in grammar and 3,753 errors in spelling. The report goes on to say that four times as many classroom hours are spent in teaching the three R's today as 100 years ago.

As for changing purpose, the report points out that educational programs are aimed at a far larger group now than 50 or 100 years ago. Now that laws have been passed (and actively enforced) to insure that young persons attend some educational institution...

However loud these complaints may be or how valid they may seem, the facts simply don't back up the contention that our schools aren't what they used to be.

A report, recently issued by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and discussed in The New York Times, contains 96 pages of information pointing out just what improvements, changes and plans have been made over the years.

The report cites two major points. The first offers proof that our educational system has increased both in scope and quality of instruction.

To back up the first contention the report cites several examples. Children's essays written in 1845 were dictated to modern-day students. The children 110 years ago made four times the number of mistakes in spelling...

To The Bowl And Back

It may have been raining in Panama on New Year's Day but the sun was shining in Miami and temperatures were between 76 and 80 degrees.

The Orange Bowl came off as scheduled but the final score didn't turn out as expected—at least by loyal Nebraska fans. But the Huskers were there and they played the game they set out to play against the Duke Blue Devils with all the spirit and ability which they possessed.

The route to the Orange Bowl this year was considered unfair by some—fair by others. The runner-up in the Big Seven Conference was to be the Bowl delegate due to a new ruling by the NCAA which prohibited a team from participating in a Bowl game two years in succession.

Nominate Now

"Who's he? Why should he be up for Outstanding Nebraskan? I never heard of him." Is this you? Could be. In fact too many students don't know there are Outstanding Nebraskans each semester.

The Nebraskan tradition for presenting one student and one faculty member as Outstanding Nebraskans each semester of publication is once again to be carried out. But before The Nebraskan can present these honors there must first be nominations.

The Nebraskan has this tradition, not because it wants to stand in judgment, or because Outstanding Nebraskan winners furnish copy to fill an otherwise empty column on the front page. The Nebraskan has maintained the Outstanding Nebraskan award in the interest of University students and the staff feels that students should be willing—even eager—to nominate those persons among the student body and faculty who are most deserving of the honor.

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The study also outlined the four-year high school of the future as an organization which will require all students to take three or four years of English, four years of social studies, four years of health and physical education, one semester of intensive safety instruction, and one semester of business practice.

Though this high school of the future may be a long time in coming, ground-work for it has been laid. Our primary and secondary schools have shown considerable improvement over their predecessors; if the National Congress of Parents and Teachers is any prophet, even more is to come.

Certainly, some of the complaints that students are not receiving top-notch preparation for college-level work are based, sadly enough, on solid fact. Complaints that things are not as they should be is as old as mankind itself and really accomplish little unless the complainers are willing to help bring about the desired changes rather than only pointing out faults.

—thus the official Bowl delegates from the Big Seven. The Huskers had earned their Bowl bid as the season record of wins and losses showed. But from over the country came disapproval by sports writers and fans, calling the Nebraska team a second rate team and not a true representative of football excellence.

Being beaten by another team more superior does not necessarily mean the losing team is second rate—it means that in one particular game in one particular year one team is better than the other. This year Duke had a better team than Nebraska.

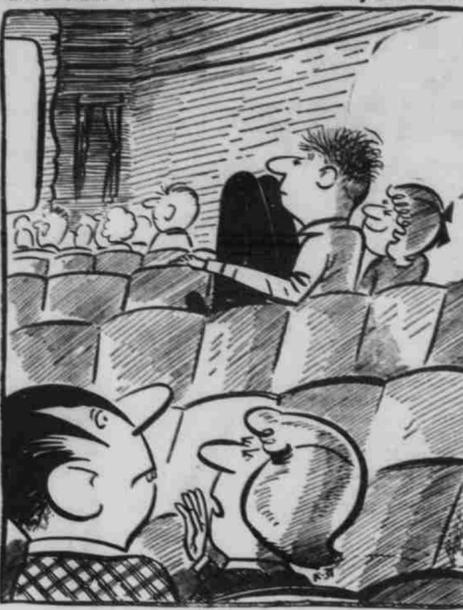
Nebraskans need not be ashamed of the Orange Bowl game score. That is a minor part of the Orange Bowl game. They can be proud of their team which fought hard all football season to earn a Bowl position and which fought hard in the Bowl game against heavier odds than locally encountered.

Afterthoughts

Many Nebraskans were slightly confused when their football coach suddenly changed his name on them during the recent Orange Bowl game publicity. It was startling to pick up a newspaper or listen to the sports casters on radio and TV who referred to Coach Bill Glassford as Biff Glassford.

Who said journalists don't work? The latest sad story from the annals of campus journalism came from a Cornhusker staff member who was relating her tale of New Years Day woes. It seems that the photographers dumped about 80 Cornhusker prints in the office during the first week of vacation and because of a late deadline for the cuts the Cornhusker staff members at hand spent New Years Day cropping the cuts so they could be sent to the engraver.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"I see Colleen finally got her date with that basketball player."

News In Review

1954—Year Of Crises

Editor's note: With the end of 1954 comes the traditional review of the world's happenings during the past year. Current events playing a big part in college students' futures, The Nebraskan presents its list of important international occurrences which made headlines in newspapers all over the nation during 1954.

January

- Jan. 3—UN insists Korea POW's be freed by Jan. 24. Jan. 20—Senate approves St. Lawrence Seaway. Jan. 21—Indian guards at Panmunjon release Korean war prisoners on both sides refusing repatriation.

February

- Feb. 4—Mario Scelba named to head coalition government in Italy. Feb. 18—Eisenhower limits U.S. participation in Indo-China war. Feb. 18—U.S. offers to train troops fighting in Indo-China. Feb. 18—Big Four Foreign Ministers deadlock on Europe, call conference with Communist China on Feb. East.

March

- March 1—Puerto Rican Nationalists wound five U.S. Congressmen in Capitol. March 26—East German Zone gets sovereignty but Soviet troops remain. April 3—French reinforce Dienbienphu post by parachute.

April

- April 7—Ray Jenkins named counsel for McCarthy-Army hearings. April 9—Attorney General Brownell seeks new laws to end Communist Party. Dulles off for London and Paris to discuss Indo-China war. April 16—U.S. promises to keep forces in Europe.

May

- May 2—Viet Minh wreaths three string points from French in Indo-China. May 4—Corporal Dickenson convicted of collaborating with Reds in Korea. May 17—U.S. Supreme Court rules racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional. McCarthy-Army hearings off one week as President Eisenhower bars reports.

June

- June 8—Molotov insists Geneva Conference consider political issues involving Indo-China. June 18—Pierre Mendes-France named French Premier in Indo-China crisis which resulted in the capitulation of the Lanai government. June 18—Revolt launched in Guatemala; rebels begin invasion leading to overthrow of leftist regime. June 20—UN votes cease-fire in Guatemala; Soviet vetoes hemisphere action; U.S. warns Soviets to keep hands off.

- July 22—Indo-China armistice signed; Viet Nam divided at 17th parallel. July 22—Dr. Otto John, Bonn "FBI" chief, vanishes in Soviet sector of Berlin. July 26—New York City welcomes Mlle. Genevieve de Galard Geraube, angel of Dienbienphu. July 27—Senate ends 13-day filibuster, passes atom bill. July 30—McCarthy censure debate opens in Senate. Dr. Sam Sheppard arrested and charged with the murder of his wife.

August

- Aug. 2—Senate votes six-man panel to study Senator McCarthy censure. Aug. 6—Emilie Dionne, one of the famous quintuplets, dies at 20 years of age. Aug. 9—Senate approves President Eisenhower's flexible farm supports. Yugoslavia, Turkey, Greece sign mutual defense pact. Aug. 12—Senate votes 85-0 to outlaw Communist Party. Aug. 17—House backs Senate to outlaw Communist Party. Aug. 19—Alcide De Gasperi, Italian Premier 1945-53 dies. Aug. 24—Brazil's President Vargas commits suicide. Aug. 30—French National Assembly rejects European Defense Community treaty for arming West Germany.

September

- Sept. 3—Dulles in Manila, gives Philippines a defense pledge. Gen. Christian de Castries freed by Reds in Indo-China. Sept. 8—U.S. and seven other nations sign Southeast Asian treaty in Manila. Sept. 14—Italy approves Eden's proposal to arm Bonn. Sept. 17—Full German role in NATO approved by U.S. and England. Sept. 27—Watkins committee of Senate recommends censure of McCarthy.

October

- Oct. 5—Trieste accord signed by Italy and Yugoslavia and ending nine-year dispute. Oct. 8—Eisenhower steps into campaign, urges election of all Republicans. Oct. 7—Owen Lattimore indicted for perjury again. AEC discloses approval of Dixon-Yates contract. Oct. 11—Russia and Communist China announce new accords including Soviet pledge to evacuate Port Arthur. Oct. 19—Egypt and Britain sign pact on British evacuation of Suez canal zone. Oct. 24—UN celebrates ninth birthday. Oct. 28—Ernest Hemingway wins Nobel Prize in literature. Oct. 31—Iran ships first oil under agreement with international industry group.

November

- Nov. 2—Democrats capture control of Congress; Harriman elected Governor of New York. Nov. 7—U.S. photo plane downed over northern Japanese coast by Red fighter. Nov. 8—Eisenhower names John M. Harlan to U.S. Supreme Court. Nov. 11—Dixon-Yates contract is signed. Jean Monnet announces resignation as head of European Coal-Steel Authority. Nov. 14—Egyptian Premier Nasser ousts President Maguib on plot charges. Nov. 21—Andre Vishinsky, Soviet UN spokesman, dies of heart attack. Nov. 23—Peiping reveals imprisonment of U.S. airmen on espionage charges. Thirteen Americans get up to life terms in Red China as spies. Nov. 30—Britain fetes Churchill on 80th birthday.

December

- Dec. 2—Senate votes censure of McCarthy. Dec. 5—Paul Butler named Democratic Party chairman. Dec. 6—UN to debate Red China's jailing of 11 U.S. airmen. Dec. 21—Dr. Sam Sheppard, convicted of second degree murder of his wife, gets life sentence. Dec. 24—French National Assembly votes tentatively against West German rearmament.

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Music Lives In Mankind



By ELLIE ELLIOTT A pleasantly morbid thought occurred to me as I listened to the University Madrigal Singers' broadcast on Christmas Day. It is a comfort, however, slight, to realize that no matter how great a havoc any future war may cause upon this earth, as long as there are any people alive, there will be music.

in the ability to produce music, or in the ability to absorb it, we owe it to ourselves and to our fellows to develop whichever talent we possess.

We of the Midwest, and particularly of this University, are fortunate. We are a young people and our culture is still being developed. We are making rapid advancements in the arts, because the heritage is still fresh and exciting to us.

But music is a gift . . . from God to man, and from man to men. A gift is much more meaningful if there is someone to receive it; one might almost say that the more people who share in something beautiful, the more beautiful it becomes.

This pioneering spirit is still alive in the world of music at the University of Nebraska. Guided by such able and farsighted men as Arthur Westbrook, Emanuel Wishnow and David Foltz, we are able to give three concerts and recitals; our Madrigals gave a nationwide Christmas broadcast; we gave a presentation of King David that astounded even the cosmopolitan Mr. Rathbone; and we have the audacity to attempt a production of The Consul.

We are the new generation of pioneers. We all have a contribution to make to the advancement and recognition of the music and musicians of this University; and I firmly believe that our efforts will be repaid a thousandfold, in many ways, now and in the years to come.

Voice Of The Turtle

NU Vacationers Return With New Year Outlook

By FRED DALY The great rash of vacation time that interrupts the fall semester every year is finally over. After the brief confusion and indigestion of Thanksgiving and the greater confusion and filmed-over eyes of New Year's Eve, University students have returned to their scholarly tasks with freshened gait and firm handclasp.

ternity pins replaced by a far-away look of bewilderment and slightly unfocused vision are quizzed closely by their brothers as to whether or not they really lost their heads over vacation, and for Pete's sake buy better cigars than Clyde did, I almost choked.

The return to school after the annual winter break is an epic in itself. It lacks the color and bewildered cries of September, but there is something about the familiar look of the old campus under its winter blanket of dried grass that brings a tear to the eye and curl to the lip.

Books are unpacked from suitcases where only two weeks before they had been placed with firm resolutions and little flurries of strong will. Nine out of ten books never moved from the recesses of their trunks, and the tenth was opened only to satisfy the shrill cries of study-conscious parents.

The first back are those who beat the swell of Sunday traffic by returning to Lincoln a day early. There is great satisfaction in finding a parking place anywhere you want one, even if it doesn't do you any good.

Little groups of friends gather together to exchange anecdotes of New Year's celebrations, and occasional worried questions are posed as to just what happened after 10 p.m., because things got a little dim and inverted about that time for some.

There is that strange hollow look of 16th street with only a pile of dead leaves and a campus tourist or two to break the monotony that is a far cry from the usual Monday morning mob scene.

Among the resolutions are those vowing to usure in 1956 by a quiet evening in front of the television set, sipping a Mission beverage and warming the feet on the dog. Not the hair of the dog, you understand.

Girls run through the reverse of a process they underwent two weeks ago as they labor under the involved matter of bringing back to school everything they own, which at the beginning of vacation they took home for reasons known only to them and others of their kind.

Vic Vet says SOME POST-KOREA VETS STILL ARE APPLYING FOR GI INSURANCE BEYOND THE 120 DAY PERIOD AFTER SEPARATION. THE LAW GRANTS ONLY 120 DAYS; SO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THEREAFTER CAN NOT BE HONORED.

It is enough to make the perspiration break out on a strong man's forehead. Boys who return with their fra-

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