

Nebraskan Editorials:

Just The Facts

Finally, some facts. Certainly, not all the facts... Obviously, not many of the facts... But, finally, some of the facts—the first facts that have yet been presented by either side concerning the advisability of the one week exam proposal.

The photostated table on the front page, compiled by a special Faculty Senate committee in 1950, is a good example. Granted, this survey was taken five years ago. Students change. Professors change. Times change. But yet, the facts gathered by this faculty group nevertheless give an indication, and a good one, of two things:

- 1. THE MAJORITY OF PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS QUESTIONED IN 1950 FAVORED EXAMINATIONS EXTENDED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. In 1950, a nine day period of examinations was employed. A majority of faculty members and students voted for this 1950 system; the next largest grouping of faculty and students was for a ten day period, only one day shy of the present system.

Last Advice

The test of any system can be determined only after it has been in operation. Just as this maxim is true in every phase of government and industry, as well as human entanglements, so is it true in the Council's chambers.

It is plain to see the importance of this choice, for the entire University and for the Council itself. Therefore, let the Council grapple with the real worth of these applicants. The new members should possess all the qualities necessary for a high judicial post, for this is the function they will perform.

At the meeting there will be no need for useless comments. There will be no need for silly questions, requesting promises that will never be fulfilled. There is not even any need or reason for every member of the Council to feel he "must" stand up and be heard—i.e., unless he does have something worth saying and contributing to the other members of the Council.

The Council can be given some advice: 1. Keep your wits about you. 2. Don't over emphasize the importance of experience, journalism knowledge, business training, grades, activities or anything else. But do consider each one of these points individually.

More And Better Reasons

"Activities" — the word is somewhat of an anomaly to the average student. The general feeling seems to be that it is acceptable to be "in activities"—after all, it is required for house points.

Working with other people, closely and often under pressure, gives a person new insight into inter-person relations. Helping with a service project gives a heretofore rather self-centered person a new consideration for others.

But those who take an activity seriously enough to be classed as an "activity wheel" are regarded with a rather detached amusement, sometimes akin to suspicion.

AWS is suggesting that no coed sign up for more than three organizations. By selecting those activities which best express her individual interests, the freshman can add immeasurably to the value of her four years in college and prepare herself for a more useful and richer life in the years ahead.

Yet, strange as it might seem to those students who have never known the pleasure of licking stamps for Builders or soliciting for AUF, there are other and better reasons for participating in activities than the fact that "the house requires it."

There is more to activities than activity points, coffee in the Union and a calendar full of meetings; all the benefits to be gained from activities do not have any immediate tangible return, nor do they necessarily culminate with Ivy Day.—L. S.

The Student Union

This afternoon, freshmen women will have their first opportunity to sign up for activities at the AWS Activities Mart. Most of the coeds who will attend, if previous years are any indication, will have been thoroughly exposed to activities during meetings at their sororities.

In the last week the Union and the administration have announced two moves toward making sure that the million dollars going into a new addition will be used wisely.

They will have been told either where they can get the required number of points in the easiest manner, or, if such is their inclination, where they will have the best chance for making Murtar Board.

The house representatives picked by the board of managers are to help find out just what people who use the Union want in the new addition. They, of course, are to act in a liaison capacity as far as informing their houses and dorms what the Union's projects are—sort of a publicity staff. But, in their survey capacity, they will be doing a service to their groups and themselves as well as the Union.

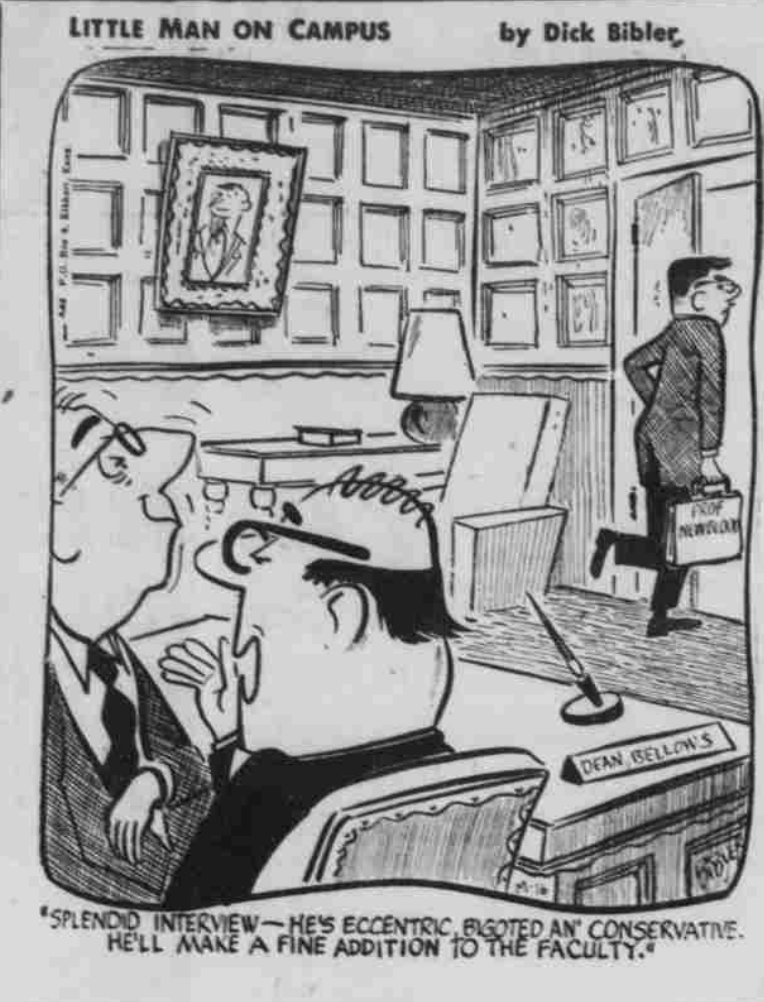
The few independents who will attend the Mart probably will attend at the urging of some upperclass friend or to sign up for a particular interest.

Last week the best-known authority on student unions, Porter Butts, was engaged in a three-day stint on the campus to help local planning groups. Butts' advice is expensive. The Nebraskan heard unofficially; the administration felt the money involved in hiring an expert was a good investment.

Whatever the reason the freshman coeds will have for attending, probably few realize the philosophy behind activities. The many organizations are tolerated on campus for essentially two reasons. First, the organization fulfills some worthwhile function; either to the campus, such as Builders and Tassels; to the Lincoln community and society, such as Red Cross and AUF, or, to its own members, such as NUCWA or WAA.

If Butts' view of student unions is any indication, the addition will increase the Union's usefulness as a college-community center. The cheering aspect of the developing Union plans is that it shows an evident desire to consult expert advice and student wishes, so that the parking lot will disappear under more than just another pretty building.—M. S.

But, secondly, in a larger sense, all activities ultimately serve their members. The average coed may consider activities an opportunity for broadening social contacts, but beyond that she doesn't expect much. Yet from typing letters for Builders to planning a Red Cross party at the orphanage, leading a YWCA discussion of marriage, or participating in a NUCWA conference, all activities offer opportunities for individual development.



Advertisement for 'Let's All Be Indifferent!' by Jess Brownell. It features a portrait of a man and text discussing indifference in the context of campus life and exams.

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It's clear that there's not much a student can do in this University toward improving his academic or social situation, or toward assuring the integrity of his degree. Many freshmen come to this school with the delusion that the student will have a part in the leadership of this University, and that some of the policy will be determined by his own student government organization.

And yet, there is something to be said in defense of my position, aside from the obvious advantage it has of making my life a little simpler. Indifference, after all, is the basis of almost all tolerance, and tolerance is a great American virtue. You will say that such tolerance is not the real thing, and this is true, but sometimes we must be satisfied with second best and consider ourselves lucky.

My Bootless Cries Teachers College and several Biz Ad professors hastened to make it clear that they weren't, as commonly believed, behind the one week exam.

O, Pioneers A recent issue of national women's magazine contained an article which derided the bugeness of the responsibility of today's woman. The article said: "Not only must today's wife and mother be an amateur g...met, chauffeur, gardener, carpe... electrician, seamstress and p...chologist, she must also be an active member of the Parent-Teachers' Association."

The Crusade Secretly, I consider myself a very stolid person. Only 6 grams of morphine will get me through a chem test and I easily survive moonlit nights by wearing dark glasses. You know the kind, cool as a cucumber, no feelings at all. But last Friday you've done it, you hurt me deep down inside.

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