Precedent Established

The right of self-determination by University or anizations was assured in the Student Council meeting Wednesday when the Council voted to uphold a proposal by their own judiciary committee to prevent a merger of the Ag Exec Board and the Farmers Fair Board.

This right will keep any organization from being absorbed by another organization unless the first group is in favor of the merger, is financially incapable of carrying out its functions or is not interested in carrying out these functions.

The judiciary committee, and ultimately the Council, has said that the Farmer's Fair Board performs an activity and wants to keep on performing it. Where the Ag Exec Board has the authority to coordinate the activity of the Farmer's Board, it cannot step in to perform that activity for the Farmer's Fair Board.

Since the Farmer's Fair Board has fulfilled all the requirements for existence—carrying out its functions, having a desire to carry them out and being financially able to carry them outit will keep on existing with none but its own members to decide what shall be done.

The precedent set by the Council in their decision is an important one. A good deal of a change.-F.T.D.

care must be taken before one organization can assume the responsibilities of another. There will be no mergers, forced or otherwise, unless both parties agree, or unless the absorbed group is in some way unable to do its own business.

The Council's recent action may almost be thought of as a declaration of independence for every campus organization. In the knowledge that pressure cannot be brought on them to disband or merge with another unless they err in their own internal affairs, campus groups can work for their designed ends with a clear brow and a firm jaw.

The Council should be congratulated for their decision. Although the precedent set may not be one whose effects will be felt immediately, it is on the records as a definite statement of policy. This policy might easily be useful as campus activities and politics change and develop over the years.

Congratulations are especially due to the judiciary committee which had sense enough to see the importance lying behind the immediate issue of Ag Exec Board versus Farmer's Fair

It is rather nice seeing the Student Council doing something worthwhile and thoughtful for

Lexington attorney, to appear before a special Senate investigating committee brings a festering Congressional sore dramatically close to home.

The sore is simply that many people are becoming increasingly uneasy about the influence of high-pressure lobbying upon their elected representatives in Congress.

And rightly so. Many congressmen themselves, nationally syndicated columnists and respected newspaper editors have directly intimated that "a number of senators are beholden to oil interests for campaign contributions."

Thomas L. Stokes, widely read columnist, spoke the sentiments of many close to the Capitol scene when he noted that ". . . you could sense the anxiety here and there on the floor as Senator Hennings pressed for a full inquiry that would uncover such contributions."

Senator Aiken of Vermont, a respected senator of considerable longevity, told reporters that he had never before seen in his 33 years of service such a variety of intensive lobbying

In the other direction, Senator John Butler of

The subpoena of John Neff, a little-known that radio recordings have been made "by certain of my colleagues" for a big labor organization opposed to the bill. These recordings, Butler continued, were being played in Maryland

radio stations in an effort to influence his vote. Statements such as these, made by respected segments of the Senate and press alike, indicate strongly that an immediate reappraisal and selfexamination by both Congress and private interests is an urgent necessity.

But Congress must do more than talk if it is to completely assure public confidence and maintain its integrity. Instead, it must not isolate the Neff incident but must use it as provocation for a thorough investigation into the big lobbying interests in Congress, including previous campaign contributions and future "promise" contributions growing out votes on particular

Secondly, it should revise the election laws, according to the proposal presented by Thomas Jennings Jr. of Missouri. This measure would induce congressmen to publicize all campaign contributions and expenditures.

These two moves, induced by senatorial initiative, would do much to resolve the uneasiness with which many citizens are justifiably view-Maryland, a backer of the bill, told the Senate ing the United States Senate.-B.B.

The Right To Speak

particularly meaningful statement. ministration or anyone else who will listen.

His article said, in part: "Always in our midst is a new crop of young people. They, too, should find expression. Student voices have a place in right. this discussion."

He was speaking of the necessity to have diswhat a university is and what its aims and objectives should be.

It is especially fitting that such a statement should appear in The Nebraskan, long considered, at least by the staff, as the main outlet for utudent opinion and the "student voice" on

the campus. One of the main objectives of The Nebraskan is to provide such a sounding board for student opinion. In his article, Dr. Breckenridge asked for student opinion and discussion on the dayto-day problems that besiege an institution such a this university. It is only logical that the

student body be given a chance to form their opinions on University matters, and to express these same opinions. Ever since the founding of the University, this

In the first of a series of articles by Univer- has been the right of the students. It is the sity faculty members written for The Nebraskan, right of the students now to express their opin-Dean of Faculties Adam C. Breckenridge made ions and to offer their suggestions to the Ad-

The problem lies in whether or not students at this University are taking advantage of this

Naturally, no policy can be formed that will cussions, "honest, thoughtful expressions," on please everybody. Controversy and displeasure will arise from every issue, big or small. The important thing is to air these opinions, instead of allowing them to smolder and be warped by rumor and lack of information.

It is here that The Nebraskan can step in. By opening its letters to the editor's columns, and encouraging columnists to present varied opinions, it is hoped that many of the campus opinions can be brought out.

The Nebraskan will do what it can. It remains for the students to do the rest. As long as student opinion remains important, the least the students can do is to work on formulating a little of their own.

Student voices do indeed have a place in University discussion. It can be a very important

and influential place, as long as it is filled. Unhappily, this is not often the case .- F.T.D.

Almost The Real Thing

On March 14 through the 17th a mock political except that the mock convention will be nonpartisan.

Two nationally known political figures, one Republican and one Democrat, are going to be the main speakers. This will help give the convention an air of authenticity and will also serve to acquaint the delegates with close-hand information on current political controversies.

A convention such as this one is a good thing to see started at Nebraska. In many other Universities across the nation mock conventing have been going on for years. On some campuses conventions such as this even serve a useful purpose, nominations for student government offices being one way.

A general knowledge of how the national conventions are run and their purpose is probably enjoyed by all. But there are very few students who actually know the exact procedure followed in a political convention and the intense rivalry it provokes.

The appearance of a mock convention on this campus would not only supply students with a knowledge of the procedure used in state and national conventions, but would also give them a complete picture of current issues in politics. pus a chance to apply their political aspirations. mock convention we'd have this year .- M. U.

Even without considering the convention itself, convention will be neld on the University cam- the planning, organization and appearance on pus. This is to be an exact replica of the na- campus of prominent political figures should tional Republican and Democratic conventions, prove a valuable experience to University stu-

> It is one thing to read about famous politicians; it is another to see and hear them in person, discussing the issues which have made them famous.

> It is one thing to read about the political issues which are shaping the thoughts of the Democratic and Republican ranks; it is another to hear them presented in person by their outstanding exponents.

> It's one thing to hear a convention rumble on the radio or watch it explode on TV; it's another to generate a little of the steam yourself.

> Why, with a little work and boisterous enthusiasm, who knows but what a good group of Nebraska students can't toss as much confetti, stomp as many feet, create as much havoc and confusion, throw as much good, solid Lancaster County mud, stalk out of as many flood meetings and in general explore the possibilities of a political rhubarb as no national convention has

If the spectacle of last year's riot-with perhaps a dash of trumpet fanfare tossed in for good measure—could only be recreated within It also will give any young politicians on cam- the confines of the Coliseum, what a dilly of a

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By DR. ADAM C.

BRECKENRIDGE

Dean of Faculties

you may recall roadside histori-

cal markers starting invariably

with the words "This is the place";

I wonder whether we could agree

upon the proper wording for such a

sign here at the University of Ne-

braska. What would you have the

sign say? This is the place where

what? What is a university to you?

Surely, it is something more than

a place the folks sent you when you

Perhaps we could agree that a

are going to go in the future.

is to increase the value of time.

killing time is simply avoiding responsibility.

liver more than it did the mind of the student.

that is supposed to help you do that.

It makes an awful difference.

forecast what can be done.

where learning is the chief product, of it.

finished high school.

then follows the explanation.

If you have traveled into Utah,

University Atmosphere

Challenge To Intellect

(Eds. note) The following article by Dr. Adam C. Breckenridge, Dean of Faculties, is the first of a

weekly Nebraskan series featuring columns written by outstanding faculty personnel in the many de-

partments at the University. The purpose of the series is to bring the written expression of various

faculty members before our University community. The series is intended to cover a wide range of

topics-dealing possibly with the individual profes sor's special field, his special definitions of a Uni-

versity, his special "gripes," crusades, suggestions -anything which he might wish to discuss and which

would be of interest. The contributors to the series are hoped to represent a cross section of depart-

where opportunity exists to explore

It is a place where learned peo-

ple are eager and able to assist

young men and women in man's

constant search for knowledge. It

is a place where the curious mind

seeks some high degree of satisfac-

tion, and where those who work and

depart find a better understanding

A university is an atmosphere. It

challenges the intellect. It stim-

ulates thought and provides the en-

vironment for reflection about the

world in which our forefathers

lived, the same world in which we

live now and will live tomorrow.

ways is to insure that young men

A great task for a university al-

the world's civilizations.

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er education. It is indeed a place | mission and why they are a part

—The Challenge-

Forward Look

In Education

By CHARLES KETTERING

General Motors Research Consultant

(Eds. Note:) Today's Challenge was submitted to The Nebraskan by Charles Kettering, noted scientist and research consultant for General Motors. Among his greatest inventions are the electric cash register, the electric automobile sept-starter and the electric automobile ignition system.

inventor and the average person. Most people are interested in where

I believe it was the Brookings Institute that made a study that said

the more education you had, the less likely you were to make an

invention. Well, that shouldn't be. It should be just the other way.

backwards, where they came from, that they lose the whole point of of view of trying to look forward, and the more they look backwards.

the more dangerous it is to try to look forward. You can't do anything

about the past, outside of getting some points of view as to where you

Why An Education?

a recent survey in Connecticutt they got twenty-seven different answers

to this question and they were all very narrow in their implication.

I think if you took it broadly, you would find out that an education

twenty-four hours worth more. That is the value of education.

Why do people want an education? What is an education for? In

Now education should potentiate time. It should make your

How much of our education is channeled in that line? I think if

you analyze education, you will find out that some of it is to organize

creative thought, and the other is to teach you how to kill time, and

Fiction In Education

there are in everything else. We have at the present time a great

play on degrees. If you don't have a degree, you don't amount to

have always thought that the I.Q. tests measured the torpidity of the

it is a test of what the guy that made up the questions thought he

ought to be. It hadn't anything to do with the kid at all, not a thing,

and if you don't fit that, it isn't what you are, it is what the fellow

wishes you were. A person should be thankful that he is not that way.

For The Future

In the first place, education is for the future. What are you going to

do in the future. It isn't what the world was one hundred years ago

and tomorrow, most people's arrows strike that curtain and turn right around and bounce back. They won't penetrate it because they are

afraid to penetrate it, and the thing that is called research is a device

Researchers Are Amateurs

doing things. Research is a bad word, because it gives you the idea

It is the parlor word for amateur, because researchers are people

It mkes a difference when you are walking down a un't road,

So we need to learn how to explore the future. What are the possibilities? That is what an education should help you do, but unfortun-

whether you know whether there is a wildcat behind that tree or not.

ately it is so much easier to read what has been done than it is to

who are doing a thing for the first time, and that is what an amateur is,

and his job is going to be just as lousy as any other amateur.

of intelligence, accomplishment and so forth, which it should not do.

Now how do you plan for the future? Research is a method of

is what is going to be in ten, fifteen or twenty years?

But the whole question of education is how to potentiate time.

So many people are afraid of tomorrow. If a person was shooting an arrow, he wanted to shoot it through this curtain between today

· There are many fictions in the great industry of education, like

We have these intelligence tests, these I.Q. tests and so forth. I

What is wrong with I.Q. tests? It isn't a test of the kid at all,

they came from. The inventor is interested in where you are going.

There is a difference in the point of view between the average

Almost all of our education has to do with where we came from.

The principal reason for it is that people get so used to looking

Average, Average

ezra pound, \$ strawberries

most recent addition to The Nebraskan's corps of columnists, is an artist of some note. He painted the murals in the recently redecorated Union Music Room, and his work has been displayed in Chicago, Wichita, Kan., Omaha and Lincoln. His column, "The Image," will be run every week on the edi-torial page of The Nebraskan.

By CORBAN LA PELL Let us have a round for Pound, Ezra Ezra sAve the western world \$ destroy it for no ones salvation. elect eZra pound for president ..! "you remember Smalter, don't you dear?" and our economy remember 2 also, i feel, that being a believer in our \$ great, red, white and blue american way-("praise the lord and pass the Ammunition") not giving etc...i owe a vote to ezRa pound-it's my duty, but it's not your duty-EZ hates you, as i do. ez is for Kulchur-so is this stimulating university...just look at all of our greek columns. we're

I think it is wholesome to have

discussions - honest, thoughtful ex-

pressions - on what a university is

and what its aims and objectives

Always in our midst is a new

crop of young people. They, too,

should find expression. Student

voices have a place in this discus-

Our views may differ. Some may

look upon a university as a meal

ticket. To others it is a route to a

The Upper Chamber

preferred position. Others may

look upon a university as a place

to stay until they pass into some-

I think of a university as a

place where knowledge is the first

objective, a facility where ideas

are examined, tested and freely

explored. To me it is a place of

easy access, unhampered by petty

thing called maturity.

should be.

(Eds. Note:) Corban La Pell, | happy about our poets artists and musicians...look at their salaries. vet sir rebob, EZ knows we luve kulchur.) (item ezra pound's new york committee chairman is Bruce Conner, tinkle those far away green crested clouds and think of the bell tower spouting 40 tons of Strawberry Preserves. item: i understand Ellie Guilliatt is back working for the safe free press rag. cheers. a revue: Andres Segovia plays compositions of Sor and Tarrega in his consistantly

The Image

tasteful and artistic manner on

Decca DL 9794. Ezra Pound is \$

our answer. Strawberry) (Preserves. students who are dead with crimson tripped flowers in their fresh young hair, wanting babies or an appertainment thereof ... to wit ...) (people, here sitting with eversharps and paintings of cowboys above their rubbished topped cracked sensualized desks, hoping things \$ go well any irregularities are intolerable, bravissimo. For you Ezra Pound. "Hey Man, don't cut off your ear." blood cut time spoils our sidewalks, hope you enjoy learning what other people are doing ... but, etc...those who do cannot know what they are doing. knowing what you are doing is intolerable, go ahead and enjoy itwe don't give a damn ART is not for those who still worship their navel. item: i see "Guys And Dolls" was passed by the national board of revue. cheers. art is always clean and red blooded american. Just what is dada? "sorry maam, your son was killed." Mustn't be smudged)(edit, censor, cut, kill, you do it, string him up...he's crazy, the majority rules, Average. AVERAGE. AVERAGE? AVERAGE...Did you hear? send in your dollar and you're average, don't live too long, strawberry pre-

Letterip

Apology

As commanding officer of Comfrom what was otherwise

I had hoped to interject a note would cause the reaction it did.

John H. Copenhaver Captain, P-R

(Eds. Note:) This letter was written to the Editor in regard to a small editornal page story titled "It happened at NU" which appeared in Tuesday's Nebraskan. Any article appearing under that title is not to be taken as serious comment on campus affairs. In writing on the Pershing Rifle's line exhibition, the Nebraskan was only recognizing a fine bit of humorous hyplay by one of the squad members. restraints. I think of it as a place where you live and work, study and play; where you come to have a most unusual adventure; where you find a love for search and exploration and in so doing gain an enduring vision of tomorrow.

Surely, this can be such a place.

It Happened At NU

Bob Elwood, versatile Husker mile and two-mile ace, has acquired a new honor to tack to his steadily growing pile of blue rib-

Selleck Quad associates tell us that, after meals, he can race from the edge of the dining hall, climb three flights of stairs and turn on his room light in less than 25 seconds.

pany A-2 I would like to apologize for those parts of the performance of the Pershing Rifle Crack Squad at the Nebraska-Kansas State basketball game halftime intermision which may have detracted skillful performance.

of humor, but did not realize it

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