

## Nebraskan Editorials:

**All-University Weekend**

The University, after staggering about for several years under the bad publicity and disrupting influences of annual panty-raids and riots, is about to settle down to some organized mayhem.

This mayhem—completely supported and encouraged by the Administration and various leading campus activities—will explode the day before Ivy Day, and will give the campus a week-end to rival that of CU Days or Veishea.

It is the first of what is hoped to be a long series of Spring Days. It is about time, too.

This Spring Day has been a long time in formulating. Last year, veiled in secrecy and mysticism, a group of students was assigned to organize a Spring Event designed to forever do away with riots, raids and the like. The Riot, however, disrupted plans, and left the campus with nothing but a few less students, some wreckage and a Wednesday dance.

This year should be different.

For one thing, any student with an ounce of sense would do just about anything before he would participate in the sort of riot that occurred

**Dropping A Course**

The disposition of the final date for dropping a course was given to the Student Council for consideration at the weekly Cornhusker Round-table with Chancellor Hardin and Dean Breckenridge.

The necessity for some standard concerning the final date of dropping a course is fairly obvious. Several instances have been reported, as strange as they may seem, in which the student had dropped the course in good standing after he flunked the final examination.

The Nebraskan favors the drop system which allows the student to drop a course a week before the semester classes end. This would be best for the majority of students for several important reasons.

First, the student would have sufficient time after the ten week examinations to pull himself up scholastically, if he was having trouble in a course. Otherwise, after a poor mid-term, he might be tempted to drop the course immediately—rather than run the risk of trying to get above water.

Secondly, it would give the student more time to make his final decision. Dropping and adding courses, especially dropping a course, is an important decision and should not be made hastily or on the basis of incomplete evidence.

The main objection to the later dropping date is that it would give the lackadaisical student more time to waste his time in a course.

But, it must be pointed out, he must still retake the course if he drops. And a few weeks longer in class for this student is far offset by the fact that the extra time gives the conscientious student a longer period to iron out his scholastic deficiencies.

Because students need the additional time to make a fair decision and because too many will be influenced to drop early by the unnecessary risk, the Nebraskan urges that the final drop date be set one week before the end of semester classes.—B. B.

last year. The Administration has proved they will not condone such a thing.

Also, by linking Spring Day with Ivy Day, the annual sorority-fraternity activities frolic under the elms will be turned into a weekend that can be enjoyed by the entire campus. Ivy Day will be a bigger and better thing.

So, the University has its first all-University weekend. It is all-university first because of the chance for every student to participate, either by biting the dust on Saturday or by leaping about in a gummy-sack race Friday afternoon.

Independent students and those outside the activities merry-go-round who previously had little to do but listen to the singing and watch the senior honoraries walk about stoically can now attend the street dance or variety show Friday after the barbecue, after recovering from the fun and games.

And it is all-University secondly because of the fine, whole-hearted support given by the student organizations involved.

The Union, by sacrificing its traditional Birthday Party formally scheduled the day before Ivy Day, has made the greatest contribution. The Union is also sponsoring a street dance for the Friday night of Spring Day, and possibly a variety show in the Ballroom the same time.

Almost single-handedly, this organization is holding up the evening part of the program, and deserves the heartiest of congratulations.

The Ag Exec Board is furnishing a barbecue at Ag College. The N-Club is organizing athletic contests and games of skill and daring for Friday afternoon.

Co-ordinating the entire day is the Student Council, who deserves a round of applause. Their four-member committee formed the first nucleus of the spring event committee, led by Chairman Don Beck.

It is true that last year's Spring Event was planned with the idea in mind to circumvent a repetition of the 1954 riot. It obviously didn't have a chance to work.

This year, however, when the juices run strong and the head gets light and foamy, local young bucks will hesitate many times before storming the gates at the Girl's Dorm.

So, the Spring Day can go about its business like it should—providing a day of relaxation and fun for the student body without anyone getting hurt beyond repair, and by making something better out of Ivy Day.

All this is being done for the student body. Busy people have given their time, and organizations have made donations, sometimes radically changing their own plans.

There is just one more problem to be met.

This problem is whether or not the students will rouse themselves from their usual disinterest toward campus bus-work, and realize what a good deal they are getting. For the first time since the old Olympics were banned because the boys were repeatedly breaking each other, "the University has set aside a time especially for its students."

Thrusting mud at one another, pulling on ropes and scampering about in burlap bags may not be exactly in keeping with the highest aims of scholastic standards, but it can be a lot more fun.

Here's mud in your eye!—F. T. D.

## THE NEBRASKAN

## LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

by Dick Bibler

**The Upper Chamber**

(Eds. Note:) Because of space limitation, "The Upper Chamber," appeared last week, and was written by Dr. Adam C. Breckenridge, a new Nebraskan column written by faculty members, will not appear this week. The first column by Dr. Adam C. Breckenridge, Dean of Faculties.

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**Letterip****Seminar**

(Eds. note: Glenn Berry, a senior in Arts and Sciences, is writing a special column for the Nebraskan. This week he is writing a column on the seminar to attend a citizenship seminar in New York City and Washington, D. C.)

After the usual series of perilous adventures, Dick Tempero and I arrived in New York to catch our seminar just as the members were leaving for Sunday services.

We went to hear Dr. McCracken at the Riverside Church. The sermon at Riverside, a completely in the r-racial, interdenominational and international church, was Race Relations and the Church.

Dr. McCracken stressed that the racial issue is making hypocrites of us all and is one of the chief instruments of Communist propaganda.

We lunched at International House, which accommodates five hundred graduate students from 60 different countries. Moving on to Christ Church, we heard Dr. Ken Maxwell, department of international affairs, National Council of Churches, speak on the responsibilities of Christians in international relations.

According to Dr. Maxwell, to really exhibit Christian love, we must possess bold headedness along with soft-heartedness. "This is one of the most difficult things for us," he said.

**Hemlock Pen**

To the Editor:

We demand an apology for the article criticizing Mr. Kettering written by the goddess of grammar, Ellie Elliott.

In the several years that we have faithfully read The Nebraskan, we have never found within its pages a better article than that written by Mr. Kettering—rich with humor, virtue and good common sense.

That an article containing such fine and virtuous thought should be maligned by such as Ellie Elliott, whose wordy prose is so consistently worthless, sets our blood to boiling. If her hemlock-filled pen cannot draw a straight line we would suggest that she retire it. She has not learned to potentiate her literary time."

Elliott complains that she did not receive Kettering's message. We did. It can be heard when down in the valley of reality and not when on top the mystic mountain.

Elliott pictures Kettering as saying, "To hell with intelligence, history, or degrees." Kettering does not condemn these as Elliott would like to have us believe. We would suggest to Elliott a thorough re-reading of Kettering's article.

She would find that he "damns to hell" neither of the three. He condemns misuse and abuse. We should not hide behind the covers of a history book, but search it out for keys to the future.

A degree is not the final measure of ability. (Witness Mr. Shapiro.) Intelligence tests are not all-inclusive. This is what Kettering said. Elliott is guilty of gross misinterpretation.

We imagine Elliott should spend long hours, red pencil in hand, pouring over such literary works as Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address," meanwhile losing sight of its message.

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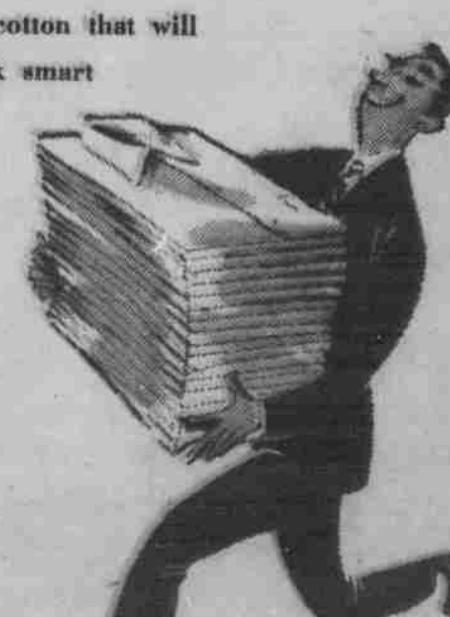
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