LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

ENROLL HEREL

very good points in regard to the

Rag's supposed "yellow journal-

The Nebraskan has been criti-

cized often for front-page editorial-

izing and for bias in regard to the

Mitchell demotion, and is not in a

very good position to answer it-

First of all, the reason why some

of these letters have been printed

on the front page instead of the

editorial page is due to simple space limitations on the often ad-

ism" play of this Mitchell story.

Nebraskan Editorials:

The Last And The Best

All year The Nebraskan has been editorializing on the prevelance of student apathy and faculty lethargy at the University, Sometimes student minds and faculty intellects seem to either slumber heavily under the covers of academic preoccupation, or wander freely through nonscholastic fourth dimensions.

At the present time, however, there is quite a bit of justification for these attitudes.

It is the last week of school, when the whole scholastic load of a semester falls all at once on student and instructor alike.

It is spring at last, with balmy breezes and star-flecked evenings putting students' minds on subjects not actually academic. The lure of sandy beaches and cold beer make the struggle between duty and spirit a little unequal.

It is, for a certain wordly and mature element of the student body, almost time for graduation, and the clulmination of four years strain, pain and all-night study sessions.

It is the time during the school year when students are most anxious to just get the devil out of Lincoln and as far away from the learning process as they possibly can.

It is, in short, the last week in the semesterthe most frustrating, strenuous and wild-eyed week in the year, when everything happens at once and cannot, for pete's sake, ever be fin-

Put it all together-the last-minute term papers, reading reports, lab problems, hour tests and, of course, the picnics-and you have the best week of the year.

And, thank goodness, the last .- F.T.D.

New Vitality

policy by the president, has injected new vitality into this rich and often listless pep organization. It is about time.

Corn Cobs exists on this campus mainly to stir up enthusiasm and "pep" at University athletic contests. During the years of their existence they managed to pick up little duties like selling N-flowers, dance tickets and yearbooks, from which they garner a tidy profit for their own poffers.

In recent years it has seemed to casual observers that the Cobs were more interested in selling and making money than in how the Cornhuskers fared against Kansas. Cob workers made a good deal more noise selling yearbooks than when the football team made a touchdown.

Part of this attitude came from the method of selecting new members—the organization was required to take the top 16 workers according to

The Corn Cobs, according to a statement of points collected from work hours, attendance

Recently, however, the new Cob officers released a statement indicating that in the future the organization will not base their selection of members solely on activities, but will also consider qualities of spirit, enthusiasm, initiative and interest.

The Cobs will also make their membership more flexible, keep seniors active and not take any more than two members each year from one organized bouse.

The Cobs are making these moves in an attempt to bring back more of the "pep" spirit to their group. In this way they will try to be more in accord with their purpose and the needs of the student body. And, for the first time in the last few years, they might easily attain the position of prominence in the campus extracurricular world they seem to have lost.

Welcome back!-F.T.D.



... Will Not Tolerate Tampered Principles'

It has been my observation for sometime that Nebraska rests in a stranglehold of conservative elements.

Its most widely circulated newspaper, its large farm groups, its big political interests, its important economic factions appears almost invariably as an outgrowth of this fundamental Midwestern conservatism.

The temper of the state, the atmosphere of the institutions. the prevailing expression of its people are reflected in the arch conservatism of the traditional Nebraskan.

This is neither good nor bad, but simply an observation of the way of life with which Nebraskans are identified.

The only thing which is bad about this posture of affairs, it appears to me, is that a definite effort is being made by the groups in power to impress their conservative concepts upon the populace and especially the University,

Whether the view be liberal or conservative, whether it be reactionary or radical, whether it be Democratic or Republican, it is important that it not be imposed upon the people as gospel truth.

There is no bazard, no un-

certainty, in letting somebody else tell you what to think. It approximates sheer damna-

I have no quarrel with the fact that Nebraska is conservative, but I do have a quarrel with people who explicitly and implicitly, directly and indirectly, through official communication or casual suggestion, relentlessly push the philosophy of their vested interests upon the populace and upon the institutions which the populace supports.

These men do not believe in freedom; these people put no faith in democracy; these forces place no premium on the dignity of man and his God-given right to question inherited values, challenge constituted authority and search through error to truth.

These interests have no other use for an institution of higher learning than to reproduce their own tailored objectives, instill their own narrow philosophy and protect their own vested interests.

That this is more than an illusion is attested to by the numerous pressures which have been impressed upon the intellectual freedom and academic independence of our

Those who fought for these principles long ago-the constitutional freedom for our country, the academic freedom for our universities, the intellectual freedom for our Western civilization, risked "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor."

We shall have no beneficiaries, and shall certainly deserve none, if we lack the resourcefulness and courage to preserve the heritage which

It is high time that wefaculty, students and responsible citizens-let people know that we don't like to be pushed

It is high time that we came to the realization that the price of freedom is retained only by eternal vigilance.

It is high time that we find out that the defense of freedom calls for vigorous action by people who "get angry when these rights are violated, and make themselves heard until the wrong is righted."

It's just about time that we tell the people who run this state that we will not tolerate them tampering with the principles which safeguard our in-

-From The Slot-

NU Academic Freedom Unlikely To Disappear

By SAM JENSEN Managing Editor

What is a University? By definition, it is an institution of universal learning. It is a testing ground for thought and theory and it is a battleground of ideas. A university is the meeting place of divergent views with the desired end being the realization of truth and natural law.

Our University is universal enough. Subjects of instruction range from animal husbandry to Greek philosophy and from medicine to the history of art. Our University provides the means to research—the work that goes on in most academic departments without heroldry. And If it is not realized that new truths are being found each day, it is certainly acknowledged that seeds of truth are being implanted in the minds of the University's 7,000 students each day. What then, is it that the University is not?

First of all, it is not a priwately endowed institution. It is dependent for its support upon the taxpayers of the state of Nebraska. And as is any public institution, the University is sensitive to public opinion. Very few state universities, if any, can be ranked, in terms of liberalism, with the private eastern colleges of the Ivy League.

Any adverse comment about a state institution is a black mark on the record of the officials who are appointed to be in charge of the institutionwhether or not the comment is grounded in fact. Therefore, it is to the credit of the University administration and faculty that there has been no question raised as to The Nebraskan's right to comment on the issue of Clyde Mitchell and his transfer of duties. Secondly, the University of Nebraska is located in the

center of the bread basket of the nation. Nebraska is not an industrial state nor is it an area of strict community culture. To most of the state's inhabitants, "academic freedom," is a term of vague significance, but the inference that "outside pressures" are influencing the state university's policy is a matter of concern for any citizen.

Academic freedom at our University may be the issue of concern at the present time and although the current debate is distasteful to all parties concerned, it seems unlikely that academic truth or freedom of expression will completely disappear from this state institution, conservative as it may appear to be, now or in the forseeable fu-

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its handling of the current controversy, but failure to realize this obvious fact is not one of them. The Nebraskan is aware, I am

sure, that the administration rightly did not clamp a censorship on the paper, but it is far from clear that in return The Nebraskan has taken a position which was irresponsible.

To the Editor:

One does not lightly take ex-

The principle error which The Nebraskan has made in connection with the current controversy was its failure to make sufficiently clear to its readers what was legal and what was not.

It should have emphasized more strongly the fact that the administration is within its legal right to remove a department chairman or any other administrative officer, from chancellor on down, for any cause whatsoever, or for no cause whatsoever.

It should have been emphasized that the attack on academice freedom from outside pressures was a legal one, and that therefore no complaints to the committees on academic freedom and tenure were to be expected.

Then, if it wished, The Nebraskan could have continued by pointing out that the attack was no

Pfeiler's Comments On Nebraskan Criticized and some restriction of academic | quotation from C. P. Scott, one freedom inevitably accompanied

Nebraskan Letterips

by Dick Bibler

the attack. ception with a man whom he holds in the highest esteem and whose However, The Nebraskan is not, opinions he respects as being scholin my opinion, guilty as charged arly and responsible. However, this by Dr. Pfeiler of using loaded writer deems it something of a rewords, placing quotation marks imsponsibility to comment on the reproperly, and failing to print views cent letter of Dr. W. K. Pfeiler opposed to its own editorial views. which was printed in The Nebras-The work "demotion," which Dr.

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Pfeiler charges was deliberately used ulteriorly for its psychological As Dr. Pfeiler points out, it is influence, appears to be appropobviously true that there are usuriste in this case ally at least two sides to a question. In my opinion, The Nebras-It is certainly true that a writer kan has made some mistakes in

or a speaker should always be on his guard against using loaded words if he intends to be honest, but "demotion" is no doubt what Dr. Mitchell felt.

At this University, at least, where rotating chairmanships are nearly unknown, the position of department chairman carries a prestige which the position of professor does not, and almost any department chairman, Dr. Pfeiler more than likely included, will feel demoted (this seems to be exactly the right word) if he is asked to step down at a time when he does not desire to do so.

It is common journalistic practice to paraphrase part of tion for the purpose of saving space or clear presentation, When this is done, the part of the quotation not paraphrased is normally retained in quotation marks, so that the reader will know what words are quoted directly.

Dr. Pfeiler's objection to this practice on the part of The Nebraskan seems to be "frank, but

If one remembers that The Nebraskan serves as something of a laboratory for journalism students, and then uses the very same criteria for judging responsible jourless real, and that intimidation | nalism used by Dr. Pfeiler (the

Praised, Not Scolded

of the faculty, including the undersigned, would not wish, with Dr. Pfeiler, to jump so heavily, if at all, upon The Nebraskan and its capable and brave editor,

Nor would they feel it necessary to cast suspicion upon the integrity of the editor's motives. The issues of institutional autonomy and its relation to academic integrity are vital.

Without these things (autono-

I am sure that many members | my and freedom) a university in the proper and original sense of the term cannot exist. In raising here issues and promoting their discussion The Nebraskan and its editor have been courageous and contributed to a healthy intellectual atmosphere upon this campus.

> For these things they should not be censured and scolded, but praised. Edgar N. Johnson

Professor of History

Proud Pi Xi Writes Nebraskan

To The Editor:

As a graduate of Nebraska and a Pi Xi alum I found much interest and concern in this year's Pixie Press and counter articles in The Nebraskan. Down here in Miami I don't re-

ceive too much news coming from the campus, but I was very fortunate to receive a copy of the Pixie Press and two copies of The Nebraskan with "anti-Pi Xi" articles.

In the paragraphs that follow, I would like to relate a few things that came to mind after reading the Pixie Press and Nebraskan. These following paragraphs should be especially interesting to people who are "down on" Pi Xi.

First of all I would like to say that I was proud to be a member. It is probably evident from the list which is floating around Campus that a fine group of fraternity men are represented in the membership of Pi Xi.

This so-called "underground" organization made my senior year an unlorgetable one and the friends I made through the organization will prove as ever lasting friendships, as of course do all friendships in a closelenit group.

The Pixie Press this year was an extremely humorous publication, and I imagine even more so to the students. The editorials were excellent. The editorial "scolding" the Nebraskan about it's page fillers or space fillers certainly his home.

I realize, of course, that the Nebraskan in not a humor publication, However, I propose a small

wager with you and your staff. It is that the Pikie Press, although a smaller publication, was read by more people than the Nebraskan ever is and that the people who read it covered it completely from cover to cover, a trait the Nebraskan cannot boast about.

Sam Jensen's article, accompanied by pictures, was almost as humorous as the publication by the Press. In that particular article, it was stated to the effect that Pi Xi had too few literate members to publish a decent paper. . .

This brings two quick thoughts to mind. 1) that Sam must not read decent publications because it is evident that he read the Press through from cover to cover and 2) if Sam has taken the time to look at the scandal list which is around Campus, (and I'm sure he has) be should look hard, for this is the list of so called illiterates.

These people hold offices that Sam is incapable of holding and all the members are at least on the same level with him.

I would also like to give a pat on the back to the writer of the editorial on Dean Frank Hallgren. A fine tribute to a very fine man.

In conclusion I would like to say that Pi Xi is no different than any other fraternity or organization except that it is a little more secret and that it is extremely selective. It is bused on the same principles of other fraternities and I for one was very proud to be an active

David E. Jones W.



Rag 'Crusade' Story Justified

I imagine that many of you are waiting hungrily for me to blast out ruthlessly at the Administration as my parting gesture of defiance before graduating.

I decided, however, to wait on that until they send me the first request for money as an alum, because right now I imagine the administration is a little touchy and short-tempered. They're in a corner and they know it.

When the Mitchell report comes out this week, the cowardly and the brain-washed and the misinformed will probably all run to the Nebraskan's side anyway, so there's no need to try to prosely-

However, a couple of things need to be said, and, as you know, I'm not adverse to saying them.

First of all, Dr. Pfeiler's rather showy but still well-done letter in Friday's paper brought up some

time editor of the Manchester

Guardian) it seems clear that

one will be forced to agree that

Dr. Pfeiler's charges against The

Nebraskan are substantially with-

Dr. Pfeiler's letter upholds the

administration mainly by the clev-

er use of an attack on the paper,

yet in spite of this The Nebraskan

printed his letter in its entirety,

gave it a front page news story,

and used two photos of the profes-

This is not the first statement

opposing the editorial stand of the

paper which has been printed, and

there have been many times when

the paper reported that the ad-

ministration refused to comment.

This hardly seems to be an act

of irresponsibility of the kind

Contrary to the opinion of Dr.

Pfeiler, it is my opinion that, de-

spite its shortcomings, The Nebras-

lan should be praided for a credit-

able piece of journalism, by those

whom they have opposed editorial-

ly, as well as those with whom

and the commercial press of Ne-

braskan would do well to consider

the job done by The Nebraskan

d of this kind of journalism,

A Faculty Member

charged by Dr. Pfeiler.

they have agreed.

out foundation.

The headlining of this Mitchell story on page one is more than

filled editorial page.

My Bootless Cries

justified since it is the only important issue the Rag has had in two years. It is a vital issue which should be loudly proclaimed from the housetops until the apathetic students and faculty and townsmen get the idea and do some-

thing about this sort of thing. This has been an example of crusading journalism. They give Pulitzer Prizes only for that sort of thing, you know, and if you take the trouble to read Pulitzer's own paper, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch or even the New York Times, won will see that they, too, headline and build up their crusades on the front page as much or more than the Nebraskan has.

Is this yellow journalism? I doubt it. The line is pretty thin between plain coverage and yellow journalism. At any rate, this is all legitimate news, this is what most people read The Nebraskan for, it is what has given the Nebraskan more readership and attention than it has had for three years or will have, probably, for several years to come

And since the Lincoln papers have been suspciously asleep on this for some time, someone has to print these things.

The second thing I would like to get off my chest is the pox of cowardice for a lot of the coffeehour valiants around this campus, The editor of the Nebraskan has received no support or very little from people who could and should help him.

Apparently most students and citizens of this state would just as soon see this University knowtow to a few Omaha middle-aged hoodlums. However, I can only, in this connection think of two apropos quotes.

The Manchester Guardian would One from deMaistre, who said. 'I'm comminced that every gets the kind of government it deserves," and the other from Ecclesiastes:

"Vanity of vanities; all is van-

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