

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

Results At Last

Action is finally being taken by the Faculty Committee on Privilege and Tenure considering charges made by Dr. C. Clyde Mitchell, former chairman of the Department of Agricultural Economics.

Last week four top-ranking members of the University Administration—Chancellor Clifford Hardin, Dean of Faculties A. C. Breckenridge, Dean W. V. Lambert of the Ag College and J. E. Selleck, University business manager—appeared before the committee and replied to Dr. Mitchell's charges.

This meeting was closed, as will be future meetings. The matters discussed in these meetings are undoubtedly of very delicate nature, and will not be released until some conclusion is reached by the committee, if they are released at all.

The charges by Dr. Mitchell, including usurping of academic freedom and intervention by interests outside the University are serious, and cannot go unanswered.

The committee has now in its possession a 144-page report from Dr. Mitchell presumably concerning his charges. The committee is now hearing testimony from University officials on the matter.

The committee is also reportedly interested in hearing from any persons having additional information. If this is true, and there are persons having any qualified facts concerning the Mitchell case and are willing to give them to the committee, they should take steps to do so.

The "Mitchell Case," as it has been called, is an important one. Whether the charges are true or not true, or only true in part, they should be dealt with to clear up the issue as soon as feasible.

Whatever the outcome, it is good to see the committee in action. Issues are not cleared up by pigeon-holing them. And neither, of course, are they cleared up by acting in haste.

A Strict School

The University may be forced to become more selective in its admission of new students. At present, any graduate of a Nebraska high school may be accepted by the University. But the chances are two courses of action—and only two courses—will be open for the administration in the near future.

A weekly news magazine reported this week that big name campuses are becoming more selective already. Amherst Dean of Freshmen, Eugene Wilson, for example, says that "in five or ten years we may have 80 to 90 per cent of our students capable of honors work." At Harvard the number of students on the Dean's List has risen from 27 percent before World War II to nearly 40 percent.

In Oregon administrators feel that if increased numbers of students threaten college instructional quality they are obliged to control numbers.

The University of Massachusetts is studying a plan to consider only the top 20 per cent of state high-school students.

President Fred Hoyde of Purdue University, who claims his institution believes in the "doctrine of opportunity," has declared that "if students fail they at least know they had their chance."

Some educators maintain that the big competition for education is not a crisis but a cause for rejoicing. In classrooms professors can now insist on high achievement levels and dismiss the loafer.

Our University faces the problem of expanded enrollments and lack of facilities. One professor here has stated that he has become stricter in his demands of students because of the hordes of students. "During the war when enrollments were down professors 'slacked off' on their demands of students in order that the University might maintain a large enough enrollment to continue operation. Things have changed and we can be more strict."

The University has planned for more facilities in the next few years to accommodate increased enrollments. The expansion is contingent upon the boost in state funds for the University.

It is obvious that whether or not the University expands physically the standards will be raised. In line with these thoughts it might be suggested that students "wise up" and hit the books. That might be too obvious.

From The Editor's Desk: A word or two before you go...

By FRED DALY Editor

Religious Emphasis Week is now in the second year of its comeback on the University campus. Top religious leaders in three faiths from across the nation are here on the campus this week to talk to students in their religious organizations and living groups.

Too often, however, University students are likely to say "how nice," and then not do anything about it. They have a chance both to learn more about their own faith, if they profess one, and to learn about another's faith.

Last year I chanced to drop in on part of a discussion with a Catholic priest, and in a few minutes cleared up some misconceptions about the Catholic Church.

Religious Emphasis Week will be successful this year in the campus student religious groups, as would be imagined. Students belonging to these groups are generally interested in their religion. The speakers will also be brought into organized houses, and some campus organizations, to speak with interested students.

The question is, how many students will allow themselves to be interested in anything outside their narrow campus channels? A person's religion is one of the biggest things in his life. Yet it is often the first thing he abandons in search of meager interests.

Religious Emphasis Week is a good chance to revitalize one's religious interests. How many will be wise enough to take advantage of this opportunity is another question.

What will happen in the IFC meeting Thursday night is anybody's guess. Some interested parties would probably not think about it until they have to, considering what has happened and what has been said already.

There is still time for the IFC to start back on its way to its former status at the University. It will have to regain the respect of both alums and active fraternity men. It will have to prove it will act in the best interests of the fraternity system at the University.

The best interests of any fraternity at the university are those which make the system of value and credit to

school. Those interests are not gained by distrust and accusations.

What has been done is old business. Whether it was good or bad doesn't really matter anymore. The good or bad isn't too clear, since the acting parties have never come out and said why they did what they did.

A good deal of state-wide bad publicity has resulted from this IFC issue, and the meeting last Wednesday did not exactly spread sweetness and light over the organization. The matter sometimes tends to descend to the personal level, which is no good for anyone.

Fraternity men, and people interested in the welfare of the University in general, are looking for the re-birth of the IFC in an organization which realizes its responsibilities and is willing to shoulder them.

A funeral is no fun, even with a dixieland band playing "Didn't He Ramble!"

This week, Feb. 10-16, is National Advertising Week. Don't tell the business staff; we will look like the old Shopping Guide again.



with malice toward none...

Men, since the beginning of time, have been concerned with religion and religious experience. We live in a Christian society where we are taught to bring our religion into our daily living. At all times we are in the presence of an Omnipresent Being. This is a main tenet of both Christianity and Judaism.

During the past week, three examples of religion in daily living—or perhaps the absence of religion—have stayed in my mind. The first occurred at the Wednesday meeting of the Interfraternity Council when a candidate for office made a short speech to the effect that although he did not have the time, he felt that it was his "God given responsibility" to run for office.

This mild manifestation of blasphemy became evident when 10 minutes later, this same person stood up before the group of reasonably intelligent people and said that he felt forced to withdraw his name from consideration since he "couldn't get along with the advisers."

Ancients believed in the divine right of Kings, but it is somewhat ridiculous to assume that this divine right has passed down to the president of the IFC at the University of Nebraska.

The second incident that stays in my mind is a ban placed by Roman Catholic authorities in Albany, N.Y. and Omaha, Neb. on movie theaters which showed or are showing the picture "Baby Doll." This ban is intended to stay in effect for six-months after the showing of the movie.

This action has been prefaced by a squabble in Chicago over an attempted scheduling of the film, "Martin Luther," over a TV station in which the Catholic Church has been successful, so far, in keeping the movie off the air.

To many Protestants and some Catholics, these actions are almost unbelievable. It can be argued with some justification that the Church can exert some control over the minds of its members, but when action is taken by ecclesiastical authorities which is

in effect, economic pressure against members of the community, then any appeal to reason becomes unreasonable.

It should be stated that no pressure has been directed towards the local theater which is now must be also said, that Omaha is predominately a Catholic community and Lincoln is not.

The third evidence of religion in daily living which I would like to mention is Religious Emphasis Week at the University.

Throughout the week, representatives of the three major faiths will visit with student groups. The purpose is to reconcile the church of Sunday morning with the student life of Friday afternoon.

Philosophy 152, New Testament Ideals, is a well attended course, but fewer than 10 per cent of the student body ever come into even an academic acquaintance with religion while at the University. Religion is, or should be, a real and large part of our daily living. Four years at school is not meant to be a four year vacation from religion.

1956 Election: Students Think People Like Ike, But Not GOP

MINNEAPOLIS (ACP) — Many Republican politicians have attempted to interpret President Eisenhower's tremendous popular vote last Nov. 6 as an equal endorsement for the Republican party. Democratic politicians are prone to believe the people voted for Eisenhower rather than the Republican party.

In order to get some opinion on the matter, as far as collegians are concerned, Associated Collegiate Press asked the following question of a representative national cross-section of college students:

President Eisenhower received an overwhelming popular vote on Nov. 6 BUT the voters still re-elected a Democratic Senate and House. Do you feel that Ike's re-election was more indicative of the people's faith in him as an individual, or their faith in the Republican party, or both, or neither?

Table with 4 columns: Faith in Ike, Faith in GOP, Faith in both, Faith in neither, Undecided. Rows show percentages for Men and Women.

The figures show that nine out of ten college students believe the people voted for Ike and not the Republican party. And the great majority of this ninety percent justify their response by pointing out that the people also elected a Democratic Senate and House. Here are a few typical remarks:

"They voted for the individual, or else they would have selected a Republican Congress also," is the statement of a freshman coed attending Moorhead State Teachers College (Moorhead, Minn.).

And a Villanova University (Villanova, Pa.) sophomore puts it this way: "I believe that Ike must have won because of his popularity since the people still re-elected a Democratic House and Senate." An Ohio University (Athens) sophomore states: "It's so obvious when the House and Senate are both Democratic."

Other students stress the point that Ike was re-elected because of his personal popularity, or because of his ability to handle the world crisis, his background as a military man, etc. Here are a few representative comments:

A Rochester Institute of Technology (Rochester, N.Y.) freshman feels that there is "very little difference in the issues of the two major parties and people tend to vote for the individual," while a University of Nebraska sophomore coed believes Ike's re-election is "indicative of the 'personality cult.'" A senior at Brooklyn College (Brooklyn, N.Y.) says simply: "Ike represents the 'father image'."

Faith in Ike is due "mostly to the world situation," is the feeling of an Arkansas University (Fayetteville) junior. A freshman at Jacksonville University (Jacksonville, Florida) says: "I believe people voted for Ike because they felt that he could keep the United States out of war."

The very small number of students who felt Ike's overwhelming popular vote was reflective of faith in the Republican party can best be represented by the statement of a freshman coed at the College of St. Catherine (St. Paul, Minn.): "It's a good party and they have proven that they can do a good job of running the country."

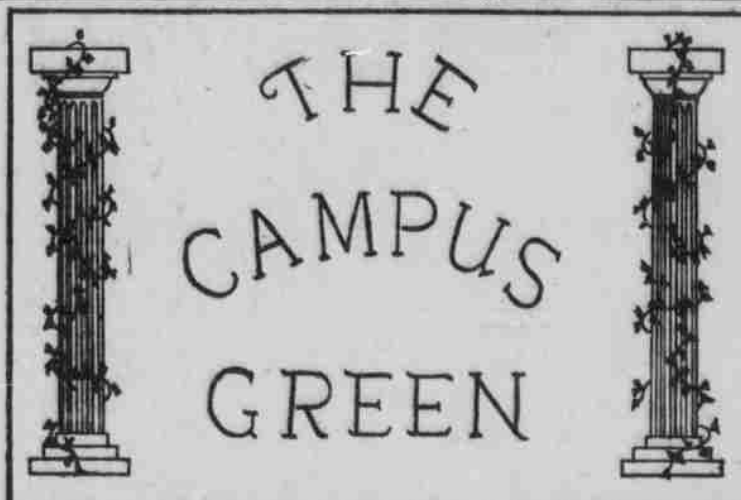
Some students feel the vote indicated a faith in both Ike and the Republican party. A junior at Northern Illinois State College (DeKalb) thinks the vote reflects "a faith of what Ike represents in the Republican party; he is something new in the Republican party and that is what the people want."

A few students felt the large vote was not indicative of faith in either Ike or the Republican party. For example, a Barnard College (New York City) freshman coed puts it this way: "The vote is due to a fear of change in the administration because of the Middle East crisis, plus a lack of interest in long range plans."

Builders Meeting

There will be a Builders mass meeting Wednesday in room 315 of the Union, according to Natalie Johnson, publicity chairman.

The meeting will be for old and new members. Committee work will be explained and workers may sign up for committees at this time.



The Music Of Her Peers

How could we survive If Time did not exist, If in the furor of the pages Of fine Miscellany mist We could not have discovered (Unless the Muse had hovered Which she seldom does, for spite, Except, perhaps, in the Diamond Bar at night) That Miss Glenna B. (Berry), Phi Beta K., Awardee of Most Georgeous Prose of the Day, Is going away?

What impasse would we reach If Time did not inform us That she would take a warm bus To the station Where the nation By the shores of Guitchigoomi Waving flags of Barbara Fritchie, Singing "Happy, Happy Birthday" In the style of Forth of Firthway, Singing "Ave atque Vale," Would fling noble twigs of holly At her ship?

Without the cathartic catharsis of Time, How could we bear the separation Of this daughter of our nation, Who goes steaming off to Chile Where she hopes to study Shelley By a torchlight in the tropics, Finding fascinating topics In "Th' Influence of Percy B. On the Headhunters of C." Who speak only Portuguese While intoning on their knees Hosannas in the Highest To the genius who is highest (Although slightly, now, myopic, For it is not really tropic), Glenna B.?

Rooty Toot Toot for Time!

Eduardo D'Guesivo

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through these doors...

—george moyer

George Moyer, Daily Nebraskan Copy Editor, will take issue with the world in general in his "Through These Doors." Moyer is a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences and is a member of Kappa Sigma.

Dag Hammarskjold, Secretary General of the United Nations, warned Monday that any U.N. steps to punish Israel at this time might complicate the Middle East situation. Hammarskjold said that he made no progress in getting Israel to withdraw from Egypt and the Gaza strip.

The U.N. failure in the Gaza strip is the latest of a long line of U.N. failures leading from Korea and Indochina to Kashmir and Budapest. Surveying the major crisis which the U.N. has tried to decide since the end of World War II, one comes to the conclusion that the world organization simply hasn't served its purpose.

The U.N. was conceived as an organization to transcend the power politics played by the "Big Four." Instead, the U.N. has become a useless debating society where the great powers wrangle and bicker in a manner unheard of even in the days of Hitler and Churchill.

Thus have the "one world" dreams of Roosevelt and Wilkie "succeeded," just as they "succeeded" for Wilson after World War I.

However, there is one difference between the world of today and the world of Wilson. The United States is taking a lively interest in the affairs of the world instead of pulling their oceans around them like a shield, in the words of Senator Borah.

It is from this interest, the interest of a strong democratic power, which eventually will accomplish world peace. It does no harm to argue with Russia in the U.N. so long as the United States does not tie its hands by supporting too strongly and organization whose idealism is commendable, but whose strength is questionable.

Fellow flunky Gary Rogers and I will attempt to give an intelligent analysis of the events of the outside world in this column. Since statements made here will be opinion drawn from current events, you dear reader (if we have any) have a perfect right to disagree.

The Eternal Dimension

What are the measurements of your life? Just what are you doing here at the University, and why? I think probably we all need to stop a minute to examine what we're doing here. It's more than easy to get so involved in doing things that we seldom if ever stop to ask ourselves why? We don't bother to examine the dimensions of our lives, by maybe we ought to.

Here at the University, each of us must examine his life and determine its dimensions. We may find ourselves on a merry-go-round, just going around and around and around, up and down, up and down, getting nowhere. Or we may find our lives more like a barren desert where all perspective is lost and there is no meaning in what we do as we wander here and there without direction or a destination. In both cases

we must each examine our situation. Somehow we must decide which things to leave undone. We can just do what's easiest, most convenient or most acceptable, or we can allow ourselves to be guided by something beyond ourselves, something of eternal dimension. We can be on a road, headed for a destination, with directions and encouragement along the way. We won't always be sure which turn to take and the way won't always be free of obstacles, but we can be sure we're headed in the right direction if we're being guided by the eternal God and sharing in His eternal love. Our lives can show forth His eternal dimension.

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