

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

Convocation

Today an ex-Governor of Nebraska spoke to students, faculty members and parents at an all-campus convocation.

To most students, unfortunately, this convocation was little more than a chance to get out of class for an hour or so.

This convocation, aside from the presence of a well-known national figure, and a man certainly known in this state, has significance largely overlooked by the campus.

The few times during the year that the University significantly honors those with superlative academic achievement.

Persons who do well in their classes are either PBK's—a breed held much in awe—or rather odd persons who "bury themselves" in their textbooks.

Naturally, few persons in the University could or would wish to be called eggheads.

Religion On Campus

Newsweek Magazine this week has devoted a couple of pages on the study of religion on the American College Campus.

We won't go into the details of the discussion by the major news gathering of the churches on the college greens of this land.

There are, we dare to say, a number of students who earnestly believe and practice some sort of Christianity or Judaism.

Now the Daily Nebraskan is not in a position to dictate that any student embrace any religion.

The origin of man and the destiny of man—subject to the study of eschatology—have provided fruit for thought for the greatest thinkers the world has ever known.

We believe that college students respect the thoughts of ages past but are wary of embracing the results of lifetimes of study without some evidence upon which to base conclusions.

Students, then, would investigate every religious belief which has passed across the screen of human drama and seek some answer to the complex problem of existence.

We believe that faith comes only to those who would accept it. And many products of the present generation are not willing to accept ways of life which don't seem to have worked for the people of ages past.

War, torment, grief have all survived the ages and pester man as much now—and probably more—as ever before.

From The Editor's Desk:

A word or two before you go...

By FRED DALY Editor

Don't tell anybody, but it would seem to the casual, disinterested observer that Spring is finally here.

You know what this means, of course. No more studying all the time because it is too cold to go outside.

Instead, windows are thrown open for ventilation, a little balmy scent of the Great Outdoors wafts in across the sill, and with a course cry students belt from their rooms, out into the glorious sunshine and are not seen again for hours when they return to their domiciles at peace with the world.

Naturally, some people hold stock with "spring fever" and that sort of rot, claiming that a student's energy sags fright-

fully with the first sign of warm weather.

There is nothing to that at all. It's just easier to think lying here under a tree with the leaves coming out and the little birds hollering their fool heads off.

Work? Well, maybe tomorrow.

A fraternity at a West Coast college held a "We Hate Women" week. Members were their "mungiest" clothes, boarded up doors and windows of the house, and circled their lawn with barbed wire.

Those who were able grew beards, and all refrained from speaking to women, attempting to prove that "every man is an island."

Sure! And how much success do you think this editor had trying to convince The

Powers how nice it would be for me to grow a beard for the Grand Island Centennial?

Only five more weeks until school is out, not too late to pull up a few low grades, etc., but apparently a little too late to make PBK. And only seven more weeks until graduation, and the Big Start on the Road of Life. Brrrrrrrr!

The Student Council is still working on a proposal to bring a student tribunal to the University. This was brought up last spring, and was referred to a committee to consider the possibilities of such a plan.

We hope the Council comes up with something before school is out. Such things tend to die out over the summer.

Certainly is tired out today!



Nebraskan Letterips

To the Editor:

The University is desperately in need of additional revenue. The increase in enrollment and rising price levels have forced the University administration to seek a multi-million dollar increase in the University budget for the next biennium.

Unfortunately the greatly increased needs of the University come at a time of severe drought and declining farm prices. At such a time the Legislature is quite naturally hesitant to add to the tax burden.

The most common suggestion is that the tuition should be raised or even doubled! Promising as this might at first appear; it has one very serious drawback. The University was founded in order to give the people of Nebraska opportunity to receive a college education.

As an alternative to an equivalent tuition increase an increase in parking fees would have much to recommend it. Such fees could be founded on either the benefit principle or the ability to pay principle.

The benefit principle is one with which most students on this campus are familiar. It simply works on the basis that you should pay for benefits received. University students meet this principle in such non-educational functions of the University as the dormitories and the student health service.

Likewise providing parking space must be regarded as a non-educational function. In providing this service the University must acquire lots, divide these lots into parking stalls, surface them with crushed rock, and police and maintain these lots.

This situation is aggravated by the fact that generally speaking student car owners who receive such parking benefits for practically nothing are financially better off than students without cars. While it is true that many students need their cars in order to commute to class, it is also true that to a large percentage of students their car is merely a weekend convenience and a social asset.

An increase in parking fees could be productive of considerable revenue. During this school year the University has issued 4,171 student parking permits at \$1 a permit. At the present time the University owns 2573 parking slots on this campus and 644 slots on Ag campus.

Such differences in location and convenience would lead to the idea of scaled parking fees. Thus the University might charge \$20 per semester for the privilege of parking in the more desirable parking lots such as the Union lot, those in front of the Quad, and

the West Stadium lot. That such fees are not exorbitant is shown by the fact that private parking lots located similarly charge \$6.50 to \$10.00 a month.

The remaining parking space (University owned streets and the Elgin parking lot) would be open to all students who pay a \$10 per semester parking fee. This would entitle them to park in these areas on a first come—first served basis.

The parking plan I have outlined would raise \$80,000 a school year—a sum slightly greater than the amount raised by a \$5 per semester tuition increase. Such a system based on benefits received and ability to pay would be far more equitable than by raising the same amount of revenue by a blanket tuition increase for all students.

A special feature could be added to this plan to raise even more revenue. The University could use the plan of the University of Wisconsin and charge a \$1 parking fee for all University-owned parking slots on football Saturdays.

Another special feature might involve converting half of the South Mall into a parking meter area and charging 25c an hour for those who are late to class or who don't wish to walk the extra blocks.

The plan outlined here is necessarily a broad one and offers a great deal of flexibility. As a revenue raising device it could give the university finances a considerable lift without additional taxes and in lieu of some of the probable tuition increase.

Ernest Enke

To the Editor:

The University administration must be laughing up its sleeve. Not only has it been putting the axe to its faculty members with impunity—remember Bill Glassford and Clyde Mitchell—but now it has a faculty committee to handle the public relations end of the procedure.

They may exaggerate the efficiency of the committee investigating Dr. Mitchell, who was shipped off to Mexico, but who expects the group to reflect a gutless faculty (who either keep their mouths shut or run off to another school) with little more than a wrist slap?

I can see it now: Dean Breckenridge and Dean Lambert exercised poor judgment in the way which they handled the announcement of Mitchell's demotion. The committee discourages this sort of action and trusts it will not happen again."

D.B.

To the Editor:

The fraternity system must be on pretty soft ground now that they have said that spiking is legal.

What will become of the "honest, upright and true" frat man who used to think that hard rushing was the way to get a man? Now all that he will have to do is take the high school freshman into the woods and keep him there until school (four years hence) begins.

The frat men have done it again. They have stepped out on a limb and proved that they can't compete with one another honestly and must sneak around through the summer months and grab innocent little boys.

Lou Kraemer

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



The Campus Green who knows

Is it meant that we should wait, for liars, and would be guardians, (call them what you will) who in their own striving, gather about them the ones who will never understand, but I understand.

Is it meant that we should wait, for those, well I hate to say it, who don't drink, gather them about me, I'll listen to their story, not seriously I think, (but I'll understand.)

You're not serious, they do have belts on their pants. Don't they? Edwards

To Wordsworth

Blow gently soft, sweet breeze Make each tiny pedal twitch The yellow bees will buzz And the big-brown cow will moo . . . Bob Ireland

pandoria . . . .

Dick Shugrue

The "grader" system — one of the stalwart parts of any overcrowded department at our University — has a number of defects. And I suppose that those who get the crumbiest grades feel that the system is weakest.

For the sake of argument let's say a young man who considers himself a "brain" submits a test paper to the instructor who in turn smiles and says, "Nice day, eh, Swanson?" The next step for the paper is to the hands of the grader americanus, a species who is nocturnal and somewhat bug-eyed after slopping through a series of papers.

Swanson gets his paper back with a five on it and can't see why. He takes it to the teacher who "ups" the grade after a thorough examination of the work and a discussion with the grader.

The system has failed. For the grader is supposed to relieve the teacher of the pitiful job of correcting papers.

And yet in doing so he creates a number of complex problems. Teachers pride themselves on the "long hours and careful preparation they put into their classes. If they miss correcting papers they are missing half the fun of being a teacher (maybe) and on the other hand, a student feels that he has established a certain rapport with the "head man" and can write his tests placing a special emphasis on the elements which he feels are appropos to the teacher's style.

An example? Well, a certain prof stated in class that little magazines were begun because much fine literary work — and particularly poetry — was not being accepted by the "Big" magazines such as Post and Colliers. The grader then places his red pencil marks around the word "big magazines" and draws question marks in the margin indicating that he didn't catch on to the thought the teacher — and student — were trying to convey.

Some folks say that readers have no sense of humor. Generally true. And when they try to crack a joke, most students feel that they are just being smart alecks.

Recommendations: 1) Have all readers take the course from the teacher who is teaching it so that they know what's being discussed. 2) Have the graders available for consultation.

3) Have the readers visit class meetings once in a while so they can understand the view points which the students are discussing. Oh yes, I do grade papers.

convention last week deep in the heart of Texas, a brother named Igor from California mentioned that the Communists are trying to infiltrate the fraternity system on the west coast.

Bro, Igor said that the Reds are paying top guys top prices for getting into fraternities and breaking down the unit rules of the organized houses.

The Communists must see that there is a definite place for the fraternity system in a democratic society.

After all, the frats allow a man to be selective about his companions, to be expressive about his ideas and to be at odds with the government of an institution in a truthful way.

Down in the same place (Texas) the University has a very interesting way of supporting itself. The know-it-alls say that when the educational institution began the state gave it some worthless land in the western portions of the state. Now that oil has been found out there the U of T is fabulously wealthy.

The fraternity and sorority houses are doing all right for themselves. One Big Tex bragged said that the oldest house on the campus was built in 1948.

That, of course, couldn't be true. After all, if we could be staying in a place that was 40 years old and my mathematics are right 1948 wouldn't be a true date.

The independents have it pretty nice, too. A new dormitory is being built which will house hundreds of young people who want to get an education. The cost for the place is astronomical.

But the poor professors still have to rely on the state legislature, for their bread and butter. And from all indications the same problems that face educated persons up here face the Texans. It wouldn't be surprising, however, to discover that the Texans have a Century Club for the teachers. That's the least they can do.

A closing note. Spring fever has hit the University of Oklahoma. The student senate passed a resolution 23-5 asking the university officials to allow the wearing of Bermuda shorts at certain meals in the women's dorm cafeteria.

The students asked that the shorts be allowed at breakfasts, to Friday and Saturday suppers and Saturday lunches on non-football days. They argued that shorts are accepted as proper wearing apparel for women, that the approach of warm weather increases the comfort problem for quad residents and that shorts are more convenient and comfortable than dresses.

I've never stopped to ask the women around here what the rules are on wearing shorts around the campus for meals. I suppose that it never gets warm enough in Nebraska for the girls to get up in arms about such a problem. Boys just seem to do it. They're all aggressive.

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The Fifth

This is another in the series of thought-provoking editorials which have appeared in newspapers in this country. The present ideas appeared in the Omaha World Herald.

The American Association of University Professors has reaffirmed its stand—though not quite so flatly as before—that invocation of the Fifth Amendment by professors questioned about Communist activities should not be cause for dismissal.

Reporting on the case of a University of Kansas City professor, the Association said:

"A refusal to answer questions about possible Communist affiliations is ill-considered but, standing alone, it does not merit dismissal."

The slight hedging in this statement might be because of its timing. It was issued hard on the heels of the AFL-CIO Executive Council's expulsion of Dave Beck because he refused to answer questions about what he did with Teamsters Union money. So far as we know, nobody save Mr. Beck and his lawyers has contended that his refusal to talk meant absolutely nothing.

If most professors agree that Mr. Beck should lose his job—and we surmise that such is the case—then the stand of their association can be justified only on the assumption that Communist activity is less reprehensible than misuse of a union's funds. That is a dubious assumption, to put it mildly.

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