

Daily Nebraskan Editorials:

Budget Finals

Early next week the budget for the state of Nebraska for 1957-58 comes up for its final debate before the legislature. The budget has been steadily hacked at while in committee and by the Governor himself, as the state's ultra-conservative state legislature finds itself allergic to spending.

To the state, every portion of the new budget is important. To the University, there is one part pertaining directly to this institution that tends to overshadow all the rest. That is the University's budget increase request, originally set at \$5.5 million, cut to \$3.2 million by the Governor and destined to be cut even further by the legislator's budget committee.

Classes will be completed by the time the budget is finally accepted, as will final exams. Students, leaving for home, jobs, vacations or the service will tend to get out of touch with

their University. The budget will become something to be tended to by the administration.

But, when a \$50 per semester tuition raise is necessary to give the University at least a minimum operating span it is obvious that the University's budget is very much a matter of importance to University students. Even more important than tuition is the rather chilling fact that a good University must have ample funds upon which to operate.

Practically speaking, the future of the University's budget is out of the students' hands. Even school officials are limited to what they can do at this time, except to keep on explaining and asking for what they need.

The next few weeks will spell out much of the immediate future of this University. It can only be hoped that the future will be as successful as the past has been.

A Semester's Passing

Today, as is the traditional custom, the Daily Nebraskan is running the list of the staff's choice for the Ten Top Stories of the semester. Stories are judged on news value, significance to the University and relative importance with other stories.

This semester the tuition raise proposed by the Board of Regents rates the top position on the list. There are a number of reasons for this choice, all of which fall under the general heading of the trouble the University is having with the legislature.

The tuition raise itself has been discussed in the columns of this and other state papers. Students are generally opposed to the raise, as they would be to any increase in their living costs. This increase, however, need not have been levied if the state would be willing to shoulder more of the burden of its state university.

The second "top story" is really a series of developments relating to the gradual cutting of the University's budget requests. The University needs state funds to grow and to develop the

state's future citizens. This year these funds are getting more difficult to attain, as many state schools across the country can testify.

The third story relates the Faculty Senate's failure to vote on the proposal to allow students to vote on faculty subcommittees. The Daily Nebraskan has pushed the student vote all semester since it was removed at the end of the first semester. The student vote as such is more than an extension of student self-government—it is an excellent way to bring students and faculty closer together in considerations and decisions regarding student affairs.

There were other important stories, of course. Some of the related events involved one group, others involved the entire University. All together they spell out the ebb and flow of campus life over the semester. Some are significant and will affect future generations of Cornhuskers; others are only fleeting, and will soon be forgotten.

Still, when they occurred, they were very important.

Smooth Sailing

Last January after the sudden, spectacular, and rather shocking eruption in the political status of the Interfraternity Council the Daily Nebraskan was one of those who predicted poor sailing ahead for the fraternity system at the University.

Since that momentous hour when three Council officers resigned their positions under pressure from a majority of IFC members the "sailing" has been on the whole smoother than predicted.

While the Daily Nebraskan will not change its original conclusion that last January's coup d'etat was a serious mistake, it must concede that the IFC has progressed admirably since that time. Evidence of this was last Saturday's IFC Ball which from all reports was handled with utmost efficiency and enjoyed considerable success.

The IFC Ball outcome is especially significant when one stops to realize that one of the reasons the administration granted permission to the fraternities to reinstate the dance was to test their integrity. This test was in the form of a pledge which was signed by all fraternity presidents and which stated that there would be no drinking at the dance. The pledge was upheld with little

or no difficulty and all went well at the Ball.

The real test of the fraternity system in lieu of its January incident will be the outcome of this summer's rushing program. Starting early this June some 24 organizations will begin touring the state in an effort to find pledge classes for next year. The impression the fraternities make; the way parents of rushers greet the fraternity men; and when rush week finally subsides the number of new pledges fraternities acquire will decide finally the effect of the January 19 axing.

If all goes well through Rush Week the Daily Nebraskan surmises that next year's IFC political season will be void of the 1956-57 petty jealousies, rivalries, and general nonsense. This year's prevalent feeling of "rabid rabble-rousing" which some seniors held dear to their hearts and which caused more harm than good, will also have died an ignoble death.

Most fraternity members realize that even their own alumni forecast bad things for the future. With this premonition in mind it is up to the 1957-58 IFC to bear down and produce an indissoluble unity amongst its members despite past grievances and political upheavals.

From The Editor's Desk:

A word or two

before you go . . .

By FRED DALY
Editor

There have been people in here for the last five days trying to get their Cornhuskers from members of the Daily Nebraskan staff. The Rag staffers, after a few days of trying to sell old copies of their publication, have reverted to putting up large signs clearly pointing the way to the Cornhusker office, and have retreated into the protective shell of their inherent dignity.

So, if there are any students around who haven't picked up their Cornhuskers, come down to Union Room 20, come through the double doors, turn right and go through another door. Don't ask anyone in the Daily Nebraskan office. They either won't hear you or will give complete and concise directions on how to find the furnace room.

The Bowdoin College placement director made an announcement recently that should be balm to the hearts of Arts and Sciences students.

"Liberal arts education is a practical education for one

choosing a business career," the gentleman said. "Liberal arts skills may not be so immediately applicable to a special situation as those with a technical background, but they can be just as fundamental, they cover a wider range of activities, and they usually are more adaptable.

"A number of firms," he goes on, "which previously considered an engineering degree a necessity have now revised their thinking and are willing to discuss career opportunities with well-rounded liberal arts men for their training programs."

Now that ought to fan a few fires in those endless arguments between engineers and all comers about the relative merits of their respective curriculums.

Dartmouth College has been gradually incorporating an honor system into its academic plan and the system was given its most significant recognition this year when the English department offered its semester exam to 700 freshmen proctored only by signed pledges of the student's honesty.

The reasons for the system are that it "will cut down on cheating" and will "put a new moral tone on campus." A man "will have his own integrity strengthened when working on his honor."

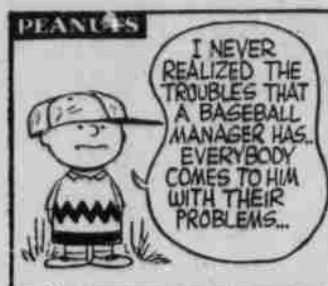
It is encouraging to see students taking on themselves the responsibility for their own individual honesty. It is even more encouraging to see an honor system endorsed by a large number of faculty members, as Dartmouth reports.

But it is a little sad to stop and reflect that this has only worked in a few colleges across the nation, and that students at the college level must be proctored continually while taking exams.

It would be nice to think that honesty would be an integral part of higher education. Maybe this is expecting too much.

The sun came out again. You could tell by the people staggering blindly out of Social Sciences, their hands clasped to their burning eyes.

But don't worry—the old sun will be there burning all over the place when graduation day rolls around.



the iconoclast . . .

—stave schultz

Lots of fun last night taking the Kosmet Klub, South Pacific, out to the Lincoln Air Base — tho' there was that time when we were making book on the possibility of the show being torn down out.

George Jean Daly suggests in his review this morning that this is the finest KK show ever. I haven't had Fred's experience in watching these things; I have no standards by which to judge this show against the previous years' products. At any rate the "out of town opening" crowd seemed to like it. You ought to like it too.

Actually, the show wandered all over the base. Probably the air men who were defending their country from a cockpit in the officers' club were more entranced when the chorus girls were eating dinner than they were by anything that went on stage. Well, the arts provided subordinate pleasures.

I notice that one of the local theaters is running an ad this week for the "movie everyone's talking about." I happened never to have heard of the particular motion picture they are talking about.

This leads to an interesting question: Just how far can you go in an advertisement to make people believe something which with a little observation they would know was not true?

For instance, for years the great state (Iowa) has been suggesting that all Iowans are lovable people who have not the slightest irritation with their envi. vaments. Now this — to use a figure of speech which is appropriate in discussing Iowa — hogwash.

Iowans spend more time griping about the pettifoggers on capital hill and the concrete cowpats than they do in farming. Nevertheless, they accept the gospel according to Public Relations and are content to believe that their homeland is floating in milk and honey.

This has some interesting aspects. Why doesn't the typewriter battalion which must be nestled somewhere in the bowels of the Nebraska capitol get together and turn out some copy telling us that while it was slashing the budget the legislature was considering the greater good of all concerned. My gosh, if they kept at it long enough, even some University students might be convinced.

The trouble is that there is always some malcontent who insists on thinking for himself and that spoils everything.

This is my last column of the year and — with any luck at all — any other year. I find myself asking myself if I would take anything back. There are a few things:

- (1) I would never again suggest that most college students are liberals. On reconsidering, I find that liberalism takes more effort — mental effort, if no other kind — than does conservatism. And because mental effort is not needed in the "Great White Father" kind of political set-up we are working under now, thinking has momentarily gone out of style.
- (2) I would forget that "Schultz's

Letterip

All letters to the Daily Nebraskan must be typed double space on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. Letters must be signed, but if the writer wishes, the Daily Nebraskan will not publish the signature.

To the Editor:

It is high time the Daily Nebraskan put some effort into proof-reading their copy. I have watched them stumble through an entire semester now without producing one error-free paper.

The jobs held by the Daily Nebraskan staff are positions of prominence in campus affairs so unfortunately we get many in these jobs who are looking only for the selfish gain the activity has to offer instead of conscientiously trying to do their jobs.

Dissatisfied.

I saw in the Lincoln Journal the other day, a picture of an American flag which someone had heedlessly left in the trash can to rot.

Such disrespect for our flag is to be deplored. We lost over 30,000 killed in Korea to defend that flag and then some boob comes along and does something like that.

We are faced with one of the greatest menaces ever coped with by a single world power. The solidarity of the American people and their patriotism was never more needed. Can you imagine that picture appearing in "Pravda" or "Izvestia" with the caption "Americans respect their flag?" I'll bet old Joe is rolling in his grave with laughter. This is the sort of thing that will lose it all for us in the end.

Disgusted.

Use Nebraskan Want Ads

ACP:

Coeds Agree: Don't Ask College Men For Dates

(ACP)—Almost half the college men think coeds should feel perfectly free to ask them for dates. But the coeds don't agree. Many students of both sexes do agree however, that it is all right for the coeds to ask for dates for special functions.

The following question was asked by the Associated Collegiate Press of a representative national cross-section of college students in an effort to determine collegiate opinion on this issue:

Do you think coeds should feel perfectly free to ask college men for dates (assuming the coeds intend to pay for or help pay for the date?)

The results:	Men	Women	Total
Yes should			
feel free	45%	12%	32%
No should not			
ask	19%	40%	27%
Depends upon			
situation	35%	45%	39%
Undecided	1%	3%	2%

From the figures it appears the

men are very willing to have the coeds start asking them for dates, and helping them pay for them too. "Heavens Yes! I've been waiting for this for three years," is the reply of a junior attending Ohio University (Athens).

Some of the men feel that the sexes are pretty well on equal status today and therefore there is no reason for the coeds not to ask men for dates. Some students believe that there are an ever increasing number of social functions and events that require coeds to ask men for dates. Here are some remarks made by interested students:

"Why should the gals hesitate to ask for dates, they do just about everything else we men do these days," is the opinion of a junior at the College of Physicians & Surgeons (San Francisco, Calif.). A sophomore attending Yakima Valley Junior College (Yakima, Wash.) feels it's all right for a coed to ask for a date "because some fellow she may want to go with may not have the initiative and-or the means."

Doc's Diagnosis

Gary Rodgers

Poland indeed is a likely spot for it. Incidentally I play the favorites.



VALEDICTORY

With this column I complete my third year of writing for Philip Morris.

It has been my custom in the final column of each year to forego any attempts at humor, because you, dear readers, have had your funnybones so frozen by the cold wind of impending final exams that it is futile to try to get a laugh out of you; and because in this last column of the year we are saying goodbye, and goodbyes are occasions for sweet solemnity, not slapdash foolery.

Today my heart is full. I am grateful, first of all, to the Philip Morris Company who make this column possible. They have given me a completely free hand in the choice of subject matter; they have not tampered in any way with my copy; they have been unfailingly courteous and helpful. I wish to take this occasion to extend heartfelt thanks to the makers of Philip Morris for their most touching kindness, and to notify them that if we renew our association for another year, I shall require a substantial increase in salary.

Second, I should like to tender my thanks to you, dear readers. A writer's life is not an easy one. There are an appalling number of hazards—a drought of ideas, for one; catching your necktie in the roller of your typewriter, for another—and when a writer is blessed, as I have been, with an audience as alert, as bright, as intelligent as you, dear readers, then he must take his hat in his hand and his necktie out of the typewriter and humbly give thanks.



This, dear readers, I now do. Thanks for being dear. Thanks for being readers.

Finally, I wish to thank the tobaccoists of America who make it possible for us to buy our Philip Morris Cigarettes by the pack. If there were no tobaccoists, we should have to buy our Philip Morris direct from the factory in boxcar lots. This would present grave storage problems to those of us who live in dormitories and other substandard dwellings.

I hope, by the way, that you have been to your tobaccoist's lately and bought some Philip Morris Cigarettes. I have been trying to beguile you into smoking Philip Morris Cigarettes by means of what advertising men call the "soft sell." Indeed, I have occasionally gone beyond the soft sell into the "limp" or "flabby" sell. I hope my pulpy merchandising has had its effect, for here is an enchanting cigarette, pure, natural pleasure, a joy, a jewel, a haven to the storm-tossed, a bower to the weary. And in addition to being a haven, a bower, and all like that, Philip Morris is a boon to the absent minded. No matter which end you light, you're right!

And so goodbye. Go in peace, go in content. May good fortune attend your ventures, may love and laughter brighten the corners where you are. See you, hey.

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It's been a great pleasure for us, the makers of Philip Morris, to bring you this monument to the soft sell each week. Till next year, goodbye, good luck, and good smoking—with natural Philip Morris, of course!

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