

Editorial Comment

The News Game

Today is the first day of National Newspaper Week. As The Lincoln Star points out it is not time for newspapers "to pat themselves on the back for a job well done."

what has been accomplished. We can search our editorial policies to see that they are fair and truthful, just and forceful. We are in an unusual situation as a college newspaper. Extraordinary freedoms have been handed us by the administration to criticize and evaluate the policies of the University.

A Reminder

Interviews by the Student Council Nominations Committee for applicants for student positions on the Board of Publications will be Saturday.

tions been in line with student thought across the country? Is the Rag a radical newspaper? 5) What qualities would one look for in the selection of persons for positions of responsibility on a student publication?

And the nominating committee, so we are told, will consider those applicants "who have an interest in publications, the ability to express ideas, the ability to work with faculty members and a knowledge of the managerial aspects of publications.

These are just some of the questions which we feel should be able to be answered both by the applicants for Pub Board positions and by the members of the council who are serving on the nominating committee.

After all, we do not believe that they can honestly judge what aspects they have outlined until they realize "just what it entails to run a newspaper.

Unless the questions plus many others can be answered we fail to see the use in trying to attract the student vote back to faculty committees.

Last week the Daily Nebraskan pointed out that it will be up to the students in this critical year to pick members for the Pub Board who will merit by their knowledge and sincerity the power to cast a ballot on a faculty committee.

If the nominating group will truly be seeking to discover those who have an interest in the managerial responsibilities of the rag and the Cornhusker, its members must have a thorough knowledge of the problems facing the journals.

In turn this responsibility to vote points to the Council nominating group. If that body is aware of the problems of the student publications they will certainly have a better opportunity to voice authoritative opinions to the rest of the council.

On the other hand if the council will stick to the wise decisions which it has already made this year, open hearings may not be necessary to insure the students of the best possible choices for the all important posts on the Board of Publications.

We suggested to a council officer that the nominating committee hold open hearings on the applicants so that the entire student body could drop in to see not only what the candidates for the Pub Board but also the members of the Council know about the operations of the student publications.

We'll be waiting with outstretched hands at our doors for applicants and for council members.

And this could well happen if the nominating committee, not knowing what makes Sammy tick would select people for the pub board who aren't aware of the problems of putting out a daily newspaper or a 500 page year book.

The suggestion, made before the initial student council meeting, was not taken.

From this we can presume that the council will take definite action to see that the nominating committee knows what it is doing.

Some questions which the nominating committee could level at the applicants for the pub board are:

- 1) How many persons does it take to run a good student newspaper? 2) Are the salaries paid at the Daily Nebraskan commensurate with the salaries of students in similar posts at other Universities? 3) How could the costs of publication be cut for the yearbook or for the student paper? 4) Have the policies of the student publica-

tioning committee could level at the applicants for the pub board are:

How's That Again?

On the Unions: Hoffa Union is better than none. —Joe Fitz Gerald

from the editor—

First Things First...

by Jack Pollock

This is the week for painting sidewalks... One year ago this week two University students were suspended from classes for association with a secret fraternity and painting sidewalks.

State homecoming fracas this weekend at Manhattan. The K-Staters have won the last three out of four games with Nebraska and unless the Huskers perk up, the local squad will probably finish the season with undisputed claim on last place in the Big Eight.

Sidewalk painting, another fading art at NU, is presumably harmless in itself, and probably so is membership in the Pi Xi fraternity. Publishing an Ivy Day periodical, sidewalk painting, and promoting the group's social activities have been Pi Xi's main objectives thus far.

In a college editor's presidential poll, one editor from the corn belt couldn't resist the temptation to place Democratic Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota third on the list of GOP Republican leaders.

But the advantages of becoming a member of the organization seem to be pretty slim. Although reportedly active the past four or five years, last year's arrests were the first.

Although Vice President Nixon received the highest tally in the balloting for the party leaders in both parties, there were varied opinions of him. One editor lasted his first three choices as Nixon, Nixon, Nixon, while another placed Nixon first and added succinctly, "Damn it."

Big Eight polls may undergo considerable shuffling this weekend following the first conference tilt. Pre-season polls showed Oklahoma rated first, Colorado second, Kansas third, Missouri fourth, Nebraska fifth, Kansas State sixth and Iowa State seventh.

Texas A&M President M. T. Harrington has told the college executive committee the school will not close its doors because of a campus influenza epidemic—which has hit 1,600 students. Harrington said the college would continue its "normal operations" with provisions made for students missing classes due to illness to make up work without penalty.

The latter two deserve higher ranking if this past week's play is any indication. Kansas State dropped Brigham Young University 36-7 and Iowa State let Syracuse tie them, 7-7. Nebraska meets the hepped-up K-Staters at the Kansas

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The Coal Bin

by jim cole

Aside from intellect for another time.

The fashion is now ROTC. And the Galley Slave isn't the only one that gets letters. Last semester the colonel sent me a notice that I had missed lab.

That burned me up... cause I had been there all the time. And if there's anything I want, it's recognition for Thursday noon marching.

I had thought, though, that something like that was bound to happen. For that week the roll taking procedure was enough to mix anyone up. A dozen mouths called out names simultaneously. And each soldier boy was supposed to answer when the right time came. Now how a human being, let alone a cadet, could catch his name in assortments of twelve all at once, is beyond me.

Another thing about the whole affair. I don't understand why with every absence one letter goes straight to the dean and another straight home. I don't believe that happens in any other department. Of course ROTC is more important.

I guess the thing is cleared up, now. It certainly is a load off my shoulders. I doubt if the triplicate in the dean's office has changed files, though.

Oh well, that was last year. Maybe they're turning over new leaves this semester. Last year's incident really wasn't very important, however; just kinda funny and a little typical, perhaps.

Anyway, I'm ready for another hitch. Oops, I forgot... they're up to old tricks again.

I'll start at the beginning.

I thought I'd spend one coffee-philosophy hour over in M & N, for I needed a uniform. Was that ever a headache. I had to make three trips from the dressing room to the clothes rack to get some pants. And they still aren't right. I had to make three trips for a hat. I had to go back for another shirt size. I have one belt that is too short and one that is too long. The blouse is too tight under the arms, too short at the sleeves, too big in the stomach.

In about every case, the man at the end of the line gave me a different fitting than the one at the beginning. And they were both wrong.

I mentioned it. No help. No overcoat at all. None of the outfit is the same

size as any of my normal things. I'll probably get demerits as a result. And I'm not out of shape either. That is, my sizes are all pretty medium, if that means anything.

The whole trouble is that army is too gung-ho. If they can't give us clothes that fit, they shouldn't give us any at all. I always did think the army should go ivy.

So much for memorandum. Except... I hear in the hills a familiar sound. The ants go marching one by one; hurrah, hurrah...

I'm getting to feel picked on all the time.

It happened in one final last year. I'd worked the problem right; everything was in order.

Then I got my paper back, and it was checked all wrong. Five off: the whole value of the problem. The grader had failed to see the final answer, and he evidently thought that I had left out units—you know, apples per bushel and potatoes per sack. But I hadn't, and the problem deserved full credit.

Anyone can make a mistake. That's not the point. But in the first place, I can't see taking full value off for omitting units, anyway. Especially in my particular case, which I won't go into.

I went to the professor to straighten everything out. Now he agreed that my point was a good one. He added three to my grade. Five should have been added. He said I would not get full credit, though, because I hadn't crossed my t's, or something. An excuse was given, anyway.

The real reason for leaving these two points subtracted was to discourage students from coming in to get their grades raised.

Now I just sense this. For it was made clear to us in class that we should think twice before trying to get a test grade changed, for our papers would be scrutinized for something else to count wrong. Well, for me he just counted two off right from the start.

Now I had the best possible instructor, I believe. And I like him, too. The situation is not sooth a fuss; I'm just disturbed. I think it's unfair not to give credit where credit is due, just to keep people out of hair. If an authentic error in grading is made, it should be fully corrected.

I want to caution students to watch out for this kind of monkey business, and to argue for the right score. It could mean a difference in the final grade. It didn't for me.

Thoughts of a Plebian Clod

Rex Menuey

A friend of mine was explaining to me that there was something about this University with which he was dissatisfied. He couldn't, however, put it into words.

All during the conversation, he kept coming back to attitudes. The students are only for themselves. There is little loyalty to be University. There is little concern with really learning things. That is, the object is to pass and get the degree.

It seems to me that it is unfortunate for this fellow to feel this way and not be able to reconcile the situation in his mind. His concept of what a desirable attitude is, I think, is what the attitude used to be at one time. That is, people were interested in learning and there was great loyalty to the University and esprit de corps.

However, this University is not the same. Before I go into that, let me explain what I think the University is right now. It is the world. When you come here, you find that you must get your own education. Now this is a desirable thing but because of the size of the University, it is carried too far.

Let me explain my position on this. Everyone needs help and guidance to reach any great degree of perfection in anything. It is only by discipline that one increases his abilities or talents. Self-discipline, however, is one of the most difficult things a person can attain. It requires constant practice and considerable training by an imposed discipline. And even at that, one rarely reaches a complete self control.

So I wonder how the students here who, by the large, have had no or little direct training in the art of self-discipline can be expected to get a good education for themselves. The threat of tests is not adequate to stimulate a desire for knowledge, let's face it.

I have taken for granted that if knowledge and wisdom were considered desirable then the student

might conceivably go a long way to acquiring it, but even at that he would need considerable guidance and help. He cannot do it by himself.

As to why the University has changed from the good old days, so to speak, I think that this is due mostly to the increase in size. It is impossible to have a close personal relationship between teacher and student because there are too many students and not enough teachers. The student of today does not realize the necessity of submitting himself to authority and seeking out help. How barren pride is. How cold and insufficient independence is.

What can be done about this right now? I see two things. First you might swallow your pride and admit that you do need considerable help all the way around and do your best here, or you might go to a small college which is rigidly controlled. Independence is a fine thing until it gets in your way.

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